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Chelsea Public Schools chorus students were honored by a resolution from the Chelsea City Council.

CPS chorus students receive resolution from City Council

Special to the Record

Recently, 41 Chelsea Public Schools chorus students were honored by a resolution from the Chelsea City Council for performing at Boston Symphony Hall with the Boston Children’s Chorus (BCC). The leadership team at BCC and CPS staff were also recognized in the resolution for their partnership that created this opportunity for stu-

dents in Chelsea. CPS Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta presented the resolution, acknowledging by name every student who sang at the concert. City Council President Leo Robinson commented that, to his knowledge, this group of students joined Chick Corea as the only other Chelsea residents to perform at Boston Symphony Hall. Other city councilors shared perspective on how

impactful this moment was for the city. The performance happened on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 16, at BCC’s annual MLK Tribute Concert. This group of singing sensations, who represent all four elementary schools in Chelsea, became the inaugural CPS-Boston Children’s Chorus group to sing at this concert that featured students from across the Greater Boston

area that participate in the BCC program. The day-long experience at Boston Symphony Hall was one the kids will remember forever. A first-of-its-kind partnership between Chelsea Public Schools and the Boston Children’s Chorus created an opportunity for 41 students to perform at the MLK Tribute Concert. Students from the

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Additional residential units sought for former Y

By Adam Swift

The owner of the former YMCA building on Shurtleff Street is seeking to add five new additional residential units to the first floor of the building. Chelsea Commons at 207 Shurtleff St. provides affordable housing units for men, with wraparound services such as educational and vocational training provided by Bay Cove Human Services. At Tuesday night’s Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, building owner James D’Amico said he is looking to replace recreational space on the first floor with five microunits of 250 to 300 square feet. Those units will also be part of the affordable housing program with

services overseen by Bay Cove. The project needs zoning relief for parking and for alterations to a non-conforming use. The proposal will be before the Planning Board on Feb. 28, and back to the ZBA for a potential vote on March 14. “Since we purchased the building in 2017, we haven’t stopped with improvements in the building,” said D’Amico. “We were here previously in 2017 and we developed seven units on the second floor and it’s been very successful.” Each of the new units will have its own kitchen and bathroom, as well as an open space and will primarily be meant for one

occupant. D’Amico noted that currently, there aren’t any issues with parking, and that many of the occupants either use bikes or public transportation. D’Amico said that the first floor was previously home to an Explorers Club, but that it was no longer feasible to house it in the building. Theresa DiPietro, the director of permanent supportive housing for Bay Cove said many of the current residents of the building have been referrals from Chelsea HUB, the eviction task force, and the neighborhood task force. “It’s been a really good success helping Chelsea individuals live in affordable housing,” she said.

DiPietro noted that there is common space on the third floor of the building for recreation and educational purposes that is used by the residents and Bay Cove. In other business Tuesday night, the ZBA approved a special permit allowing Enterprise Rent-a-Car to use a lot at 245-257 Marginal St. for overflow parking for its business. Enterprise has used the lot in the past, but gave up its lease for a time during the height of the Covid pandemic. The ZBA also approved a curb cut and driveway for the St. Mary Orthodox Church at 8 Addison St. that will allow the church to park two to three more cars on its property.

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Concerns raised about traffic from Innes construction

By Adam Swift

Several City Councilors are concerned about the traffic impacts of the Innes Development project. At last week’s meeting, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero introduced an order requesting Interim City Manager Ned Keefe update the council on the demolition of the American Biltrite building and the Innes Complex in the area of Willow Street, Central Street, and Marginal due to the ongoing traffic issues in the area. “They knocked down all the housing projects, now they are knocking down all Biltrite, the old American Biltrite company, it’s coming down all over the place,” said Recupero. “So now, there’s lots more traffic, and Highland is a small street.” Although there is a sign in the area, Recupero said there should be more measures to help with traffic. “I would like the people in the area to know the situation, what’s going on, because every day I see it, I see school buses go through there, I see everything go through there and it’s too small,” said Recupero. “Maybe there should be some sort of supervision so people are watch-

ing when these buildings come down there is plenty of room for all the cars to move around. They are going all over the place because they can’t go the old-fashioned way because everything is coming down.” Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said the construction and demolition has had a huge impact on residents of that community. “From residents not being able to get nurses or deliveries coming to their street because the street is blocked on two sides, to the noise, to they feel that their houses are shaking,” said Vidot. “I know that we needed to invest in this project and this project had to happen in order to preserve the 96 affordable units that were there, that is no question. But I think that there is something that we can learn here about the next time we have a major project happening in a residential area to better inform the abutters of what is to be expected.” Vidot said she thinks a lot of people were excited about the investment in the Innes Development, but didn’t realize the long-term impact it was going

DIDOMENICO HOSTS CHELSEA YOUTH FROM LA COLABORATIVA



Sen. Sal DiDomenico hosted Chelsea youth at the State House who are working with La Colaborativa to advocate for legislation that would expand access to housing and provide a pipeline to vocational schools. Senator DiDomenico was inspired by the group’s passion and energy, “our young people are working hard to get results for families across our communities and throughout the Commonwealth. Their families and our district should be extremely proud, and I thank them for their passion to make lives better for everyone.”

EBNHC introducing the Office of the Patient Advocate

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Equity is one of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center’s (EBNHC) biggest focuses this year in all facets. With equity in mind and to improve patient service, the EBNHC is creating the Office of the Patient Advocate. In a press release, Greg Wilmot, EBNHC’s President and CEO said the of-

fice will “provide patients, a significant number of whom are immigrants and non-English speakers, with an additional access point to address and resolve any concern that may arise.” Elida Acuña-Martínez, EBNHC’s Senior Director of Interpreter Services and the Office of the Patient Advocate, described what its creation means for over

100,000 patients that the health center serves. “By creating this office, we send a clear message to our patients and empower them to advocate for themselves and their families. Our team is here to support them in doing just that,” said Acuña-Martínez in the same press release. The creation of this office will undoubtedly be massive in the health center’s emphasis on equity in that it will serve patients that may face barriers in the healthcare realm. For example, according to statistics provided by EBN-

HC, 71% of its patients are below 200% of the federal poverty level, and 70% of patients are served best in a language that is not English. Along with creating the Office of the Patient Advocate, the EBNHC has been hard at work in other areas to promote equity in its care. The health center has created a diversified staff to better understand and serve its patients, with 50% of its 1,500 staff members being from its service area, 32% speak-

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Filmmaking classes offered for local youth

Do you know a child or teen who loves movies? TV? Telling stories? Do you know a creative young person? Apollinaire Play Lab is offering filmmaking classes, beginning March 4, for ages 6-9 and 10-14.

New to the Apollinaire Play Lab team is filmmaker Natalie Peracchio. Ms. Peracchio is finishing her MFA in Film and Media at Emerson College and is excited to bring the art of filmmaking to youth.

“I grew up with a lot of cousins and brothers and sisters and we played pretend together and made up elaborate stories,” Ms. Peracchio shares. “I would play with action figures with my little brother, and we would create dramatic soap operas with them. As a kid there were not any video phones. If there were, I would have been obsessed!” Ms. Peracchio says with a laugh.

It was in a college photography course that Ms. Peracchio was first inspired by image making and storytelling through images. Then came her love for filmmaking and “creating a world for a story to live in” as she explains it. Ms. Peracchio has gone on to write, direct, and produce numerous short films, including a Canada International Shorts 2019 winner, and



Natalie Peracchio.

a film featured in the Discovery Indie Film series on Amazon Prime Video.

“Filmmaking is storytelling and kids have so much imagination. I can’t wait to see what my students come up with when they try different mediums,” Ms. Peracchio shares. She has designed exciting classes for the two age groups that will culminate in short presentations of their film work on May 6.

In filmmaking for ages 6-9, students will test out a variety of filmmaking mediums to create short videos in a collaborative and fun environment! Students will learn to use green screen, stop-motion techniques, and editing to put their videos together and create finished works.

Filmmaking for ages 10-14 will empower students to express themselves and their stories

with filmmaking fundamentals. Students will collaborate to write scripts, choose costumes, design shots, and edit their videos to create their own short film pieces.

Ms. Peracchio names several ways in which filmmaking is beneficial for youth. In her classes they will learn collaboration, communication skills, storytelling, technical skills, and how to plan and see a project through as part of a team, all in a fun and creatively open environment.

Filmmaking classes run Saturdays March 4 to May 6 at the Riseman Family Theatre, 187 Winnisimmet Street in Chelsea.

Registration is now open.

The Apollinaire Play Lab offers an EBT Card to Culture discount as well as scholarships to all who need them. Visit: www.aplaylab.com, or call 617-615-6506.

In-person registrations are being held at the Riseman Family Theatre, Chelsea Theatre Works, 187 Winnisimmet Street in Chelsea, Saturdays, until Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. – noon, and Wednesdays, until March 1, from 4-6 p.m.

For more information about the Apollinaire Play Lab visit: www.aplaylab.com.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LOCAL DEAN’S LIST STUDENTS

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2022 Dean’s List students. In order to qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below “C,” have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following Chelsea students have met these requirements:

Ava LaBella, Exercise Science, daughter of Kristen LaBella and Antonio LaBella

Gerson Yanes Benitez, Business Management

About Endicott College
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can be read here.

Regis congratulates the following students named to the fall 2022 Dean’s List:

Emily Espina Miranda of Chelsea

Jacqueline Hernandez of Chelsea

Jaqueline Lopreto of Chelsea

Erica Smith of Chelsea

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Second Honors
Jarah Alvarenga-Melendez
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Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation’s most renown universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic’s codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xavarian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

Storefront upgrades arriving soon downtown

The City of Chelsea’s Department of Housing and Community Development, under the leadership of Chelsea City Council, is pleased to announce that the Storefront Improvement Program is supporting eight downtown small businesses with signage, lighting, awning, and facade upgrades. Funded through Chelsea City Council, the Program strives to increase the visibility, prevent displacement, and empower the growth of locally owned small businesses throughout the downtown.

In total, seven (7) out of the eight (8) selected businesses are minority owned, while 2 out of eight (8) are owned by women. Through the Program, small businesses direct the design of new signage and other upgrades, in consultation with an architect and signage company. As a result, the Program will yield a number of projects that realize the vision of small business owners, while enhancing the downtown.

“Small businesses are integral cultural resources serving the needs of the community, while providing residents with pathways to upward economic mobility,” announced Alex Train, Director of Housing & Community Development. “We’re extremely grateful for the leadership of Chelsea City Council in making the resources available to support the small business community in realizing their objectives, as well as the enduring partnership of the Chamber of Commerce.”

“It is a pleasure for the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce to work with the City of Chelsea and the small businesses owners participating in the Storefront Program. We are all very excited for the outcome.” - Jennifer Hassell, Executive Director, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce

“This is one of the City’s most effective programs for small businesses. We’re giving money for improvements back

to the businesses and assisting them with the designs.”- Omar Miranda, Small Business Development Specialist of Housing & Community Development

In Fall of 2022, the Department oversaw a competitive application cycle for the Program, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. The partners completed extensive engagement to downtown small businesses, hosted application preparation workshops, and provided one-on-one support to small businesses. In total, 48 applications were received and evaluated by the City, utilizing an objective evaluation rubric. The selected small businesses participating in this phase of the program include:

Los Cipotes Market
Park Street Mini Mart
Sabor Latino
Variedades Amador
Delicias Salvadoreñas
Katz Bagels
Populus Tapas & Bar
M&Y Jewelry

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ing Spanish, and 45% being Latinx.

EBNHC has also done tremendous work with its Interpreter Services Department, offering interpretation in-person, over the phone, and via video. EBNHC statistics revealed that the health center provided over 205,000 interpretations to patients in its last fiscal year with these services – a figure comparable to Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH).

As a new year gets underway, it is evident that with the creation of the Office of the Patient Advocate, the EBNHC is taking significant steps to provide the best and most equitable care to its patients.

“I know that East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is not just a medical provider, but a trusted-community-based organization that provides our neighbors with hope, care, and critical resources,” said Acuña-Martínez

in the press release.

“We want our community to know that there are people in every corner of our organization who are here to advocate for them and help them achieve the best health care for themselves and their families,” said Wilmot in the press release.

For more information about the new office, you can visit <https://www.ebnhc.org/en/visitorpatient-info/patient-experience.html>.

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Berkowitz, Hooks, Kelly and Sokolowski Schools comprised the chorus, who rehearsed for the first time on Thursday, December 1. It was the first of six rehearsals before the concert. BCC staff travelled to the Mary C. Burke Complex weekly to practice with the kids after school to prepare the chorus for their debut show.

MLK Day was a busy one for the Chelsea kids. Students arrived at Boston Symphony Hall at 11:00 a.m. to ensure they had plenty of time to rehearse and prepare for the 4:00 p.m. concert. Students received their BCC concert t-shirts upon arrival, and rehearsed for about three hours before breaking for lunch. The kids performed in two locations, the main stage and from their balcony seats. During their main stage performance, Chelsea students were in the front row for the entire crowd of 1,800 to see.

What made a special day extra special for the students was the opportunity to perform in front of their families. ALL families who attended received two free tickets courtesy of BCC. BCC also collaborated with CPS to offer

free transportation from Chelsea for families who needed it to attend the concert. Family members arrived in droves; filling up two buses and making the crowd feel like a Chelsea home. It made an amazing experience that much better. The names, strengths, and stories of Chelsea were felt throughout Symphony Hall.

The partnership between CPS and BCC will continue this school year with the hope to increase the involvement between the two organizations for years to come.

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to have on them.

“I think this is a learning experience for us for the next time we have these projects,” said Vi-

dot. “It’s great to have abutters meetings to get them on board, but also to have realistic expectations for what is down the

road and how this is going to affect their quality of life. I think it was a blind spot going into that project.”

Several forums scheduled for Downtown Broadway project

By Adam Swift

Several meetings are scheduled in the coming month related to the Downtown Broadway project, including a MassDOT design hearing on March 9, and a forum geared toward small businesses on Feb. 23.

The community session for small businesses is on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce at 308 Broadway from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The goal of the session, according to city officials, is to help improve the downtown Chelsea experience for small business owners, visitors, and shoppers. Those who attend are being asked to offer input on how they think the downtown road, sidewalk, and streetscaping can improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular travel.

The Re-imagining Downtown Broadway project will be broken up into two construction phases, with the construction of underground util-

ities beginning in early 2024, and the construction of roadway and surface improvements in 2025.

The meeting at the Chamber will be in English with Spanish translation.

Anyone with questions about the project is encouraged to contact Alex Train at atrain@chelseama.gov or Hilary Dimino at hdimino@chelseama.gov, or call (617) 466-4180.

MassDOT (the state transportation department) is holding a design public hearing on the Downtown Broadway project on Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Williams Middle School.

MassDOT and the MBTA are working towards adding improvements along the Broadway corridor, including the permanent addition of the Broadway bus/bike lane pilot program. Earlier this month, the city's Traffic and Parking Commission voted to make the bike and bus lane permit, but the

City Council still has to approve the requests made by the commission.

The downtown corridor plan rethinks the traffic and circulation of the downtown Chelsea area with the goals of improving access, safety, and mobility for everyone, according to city officials.

The proposed project consists of adding MassDOT and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) improvements along the Broadway Corridor from City Hall to Williams Street, including the permanent addition of the Downtown Broadway Bus/Bike Lane Pilot, intersection safety improvements, and the re-configuration of the Bellingham Square signalized intersection," the meeting notice from MassDOT states. The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Chelsea Downtown Broadway Project."

Licensing Commission soliciting feedback on marijuana licenses

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea Licensing Commission is soliciting feedback from the public on how it issues retail marijuana licenses in the city.

The city currently has three active licenses, and thanks to the recent census, there are three more licenses that are available for retail dispensaries.

At last week's Licensing Commission meeting, Chair Marnie MacAlpine said the commission will be soliciting input from the public about regulations surrounding the issuance of those new licenses at its March 16 meeting at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

The biggest issue might be that there are more worthy applicants than there are available licenses come the March 16 meeting.

City solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher noted that there are three pending applications for a retail marijuana license, and that a fourth potential applicant has recently gained zoning approval and could be ready by March 16.

During last week's meeting, Police Chief Keith Houghton said that there have been no issues with the three current retail establishments, and that all the pending applicants have passed security reviews and have been cooperative with the department and the city.

"Whoever gets the licenses deserve it, I don't think the police have is-

sues with any of them," said Houghton.

MacAlpine said it will be down to the Licensing Commission as to how it wants to proceed with issuing the available licenses, adding that the public feedback will be important to help with the process.

"It will be productive for us as a commission to ask for feedback from the public and ask them to come before us at next month's meeting," said MacAlpine.

MacAlpine noted that in the past, the commission has issued liquor licenses on a first-come, first-served basis, although the commission recently made some changes to diversify the process of issuing liquor licenses.

"I don't know if that is necessarily a possible thing when it comes to the marijuana licenses," she said. "I don't have a huge opinion either way on the matter, which is why I think it is important to hear from the community. Our job is to represent them and what is best for the community."

MacAlpine said she wants the commission to be fair when it comes to issuing licenses, especially since there may be more applicants than licenses that are immediately available.

"Every single group has spent a lot of money on this, and it's terrible to say no to any of them," said commission member

Mike McAteer.

City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher said the City Council has prioritized Chelsea residents, social equity applicants, and those most affected by drug policies when it comes to issuing retail marijuana licenses.

However, Fisher noted that even local applicants often have funding partners that might be from outside the city.

"So it's not that simple to say you just want residents or social equity applicants, you are going to have to balance it," said Fisher.

MacAlpine said it might have to come down to which applicants had their full applications completed first when it is time to decide to issue the licenses.

"If everyone is in a fair space when it comes to their connections to Chelsea, we want to make sure we are following who got everything done properly first to try to be fair, since it is all going to hit the commission at the same time," she said.

In other business, the commission granted an amusement and entertainment license for a radio at Como en Casa on Shurtleff Street.

Fisher also noted that the City Council is considering some regulation changes that might affect how the Licensing Commission issues special permits for outdoor events on city property.



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Northeast Metro Tech senior Carpentry students stand with a kiosk they renovated for the Battle Road Woodlands in Woburn. From left are Nick landolo, of Malden; Shane McLaughlin, of Wakefield; Alexander Bedrosian, of Wakefield; Jason Natareno, of Chelsea; Nick Pal-ladino, of Revere; Instructor Bobby Calla; Heidi Perlera, of Saugus; Thalia Picon, of Woburn; and Francesco Guarino, of Saugus.

Northeast Metro Tech students rebuild kiosks for Woburn trails and conservation areas

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech Carpentry students repaired and rebuilt four kiosks to welcome visitors to conservation areas in Woburn.

Carpentry students gained experience repairing, rebuilding and restoring the kiosks while working as a team in the community.

Under the direction of instructors Richard McGinnis, Robert Jepson, Armen Khodaverdian and Bobby Calla, students applied what they learned in class about framing, roofing, finishwork, and setting posts as they worked on and reinstalled the kiosks.

Rebuilt kiosks are located at the Battle Road Woodlands, 165 Cambridge Road; the Tarky School Trail entrance, 225 Russell St., and at the



A renovated kiosk at the entrance to the Battle Road Woodlands in Woburn.

Community Gardens entrance, 96 Lexington St. A fourth kiosk that is being rebuilt will be installed later at the city's new fire headquarters.

"A major part of our teaching at Northeast Metro Tech is encouraging students to use what they are learning to benefit

their communities because it's so valuable for those communities and the students alike," said School Committee Chairwoman Deborah Davis, of Woburn. "These Carpentry students did exactly that and I congratulate them on a job well done."



Northeast Metro Tech junior Carpentry Students stand with a kiosk they made for the Tarky School Trail entrance. From left are Carly Miller, of Saugus; Jeffrey Lonks, of Reading; Burke Peters, of Winchester; Lucas Subtil, of Woburn; Eric Martinez, of Saugus; Angel Santana, of North Reading; Anthony McPherson, of Stoneham; and Diego Ruiz, of Chelsea.

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THE SKY IS FALLING?

With U.S. jets shooting down numerous unidentified flying objects seemingly every day over North American air space in the past week, we’re all wondering, “What the heck is going on?”

As this is being written, the only thing we know for sure is that the first object that was shot down off the coast of South Carolina was a Chinese spy balloon.

Our military reportedly has adjusted its radar to try to spot more incursions -- which explains why the last three objects were picked up, whereas previously they may have gone unnoticed -- but one thing that these incidents have taught us is that our radar detection apparatus needs a serious upgrade.

It’s tempting to joke about it -- Saturday Night Live did a funny skit about the Chinese spy balloon. And for our part, as we were watching the home videos and comments made by civilians, it made us think of the episode from the old TV show “F Troop” from the 1960s (yes, we are that old) when a balloon was shot down with bows and arrows, whereas this balloon was shot down by an F-22 Raptor fighter jet.

But there are so many unanswered questions and so many theories. Were the three other objects that were shot down also spy aircraft from another country? And if so, from where? Or were they owned by a private entity that also might be doing some sort of covert surveillance? How about aliens from outer space?

We’ll only know the full story when all of those aircraft are recovered and analyzed. And it wouldn’t be surprising if a few more objects are shot down in the coming days.

But in the meantime, let’s hope we don’t become a nation of Chicken Littles.

THE VICTIMS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA NEED OUR HELP

The ongoing tragedy because of the devastating earthquake that struck the nations of Turkey and Syria is the worst humanitarian disaster the world has seen in many years.

More than 35,000 people have died and that number is sure to rise even further in the coming days.

Natural and other disasters in our part of the world have been barely a blip compared to what the people of Turkey and Syria are dealing with. To put the earthquake in perspective, the combined death toll from the Surf-side condo collapse in 2021 and Hurricane Ian in 2022 was 250. Both were terrible tragedies, but that number is less than one percent of the earthquake’s death toll.

In addition, tens of thousands have been injured and millions more have been left homeless -- all told, this is a disaster of unimaginable proportions.

There are many international organizations from which to choose to assist with disaster relief efforts and we urge all of our readers who have the ability to do so to make a donation.

FOR PATS FANS, THE SUPER BOWL JUST ISN’T THE SAME

This past Sunday’s Super Bowl game between the Eagles and the Chiefs certainly lived up to its hype.

But for those of us who were New England Patriots’ fans for the two decades from 2001-19, the Super Bowl season just isn’t the same.

Yes, on Sunday we marveled at Mahomes the Magician and rooted for Jalen Hurts, whose story has been so inspiring since his days at Alabama.

But the days when Foxboro was the center of the football universe -- the Pats were in nine Super Bowls in 18 years -- seem like only a distant memory, the likes of which never will be equaled again.

It was a good run, way better than anyone could have imagined when Adam Vinatieri kicked his game-winning field goal as time expired to win the 2002 Super Bowl.

Watching this past Sunday’s Super Bowl served as a bittersweet reminder of our home team’s former glory and the joy it brought to our region when our children wore their favorite Patriot player’s jersey to school and everyone, it seemed, was glued to their TV sets.

But as we all know, all good things must come to an end.

And, not to be cynical, but with young quarterbacks like Mahomes, Josh Allen, and Joe Burrow in the AFC, it will be a long, long time before New England gets back to the big game.

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GUEST OP-ED

School bullying must stop, everyone must work together

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Four New Jersey teenagers have been charged in connection with the attack of a 14-year-old girl who later took her own life after video of the incident was posted on social media.

One juvenile is charged with aggravated assault, two juveniles are charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated assault and one juvenile is charged with harassment, Ocean County prosecutor Bradley D. Billhimer told CBS News in an email. (cbsnews.com)

Adriana Kuch, 14, was found dead in her Bayville home on February 3, two days after the disturbing video of the attack at Central Regional High School was posted online. The video showed girls throwing a drink at the teen, then kicking and dragging her down school hallways. They pushed Adriana into red lockers lining the school hallways and one of the girls in a pink shirt punched Kuch repeatedly. (Source CBSNews.com)

When I was an elementary child riding the school bus, we had a few fights on the bus. One young man who didn’t live that far from me was constantly getting into fights on the school bus. One day he had a kid down repeatedly punching him in the face. The bus driver stopped the bus and escorted both boys off the bus while still a couple of miles from their homes. We then drove off and left them on the road.

I don’t recall seeing the fight continue as they now had to walk or hitchhike a ride to get home. Since the one boy was being beaten so bad, I don’t think the driver made the best decision since the other kid could have finished him off on the rural road we were traveling. However, it did appear the fight had stopped as we drove off. Most likely not having a bus audience, bleeding and having to walk home changed the scenario.

In the sixties and seventies there were bad things that happened in schools that often got swept under the rug. With no social media kids usually ended up working it out or staying away from people we didn’t like. Often many of us never took our school problems home because our parents had enough problems without having to worry about our school fusses. Or, we were afraid we might get in trouble at home.

School children face challenges. There are ongoing pressures from bullies who must be corralled and disciplined, dismissed from school or in some cases put in a place where they can get rehabilitation and help for their psychotic issues. Locking a 14-year-old up in jail for years solves nothing. However, kids that bring about injury or death to another student need mental help and rehabilitation before being freed to invoke pain on someone again. Most likely if your family has lost a family

member to a bully you want the offender locked up for life.

Even though my school era was not a perfect world Schoolteachers and principals had authority to paddle our butts. They had authority to discipline us, suspend us from school and could put bite with their bark. We knew the teachers ruled and we respected them. I can remember see paddling’s that I never wanted to get and received a couple myself.

No school has the ability to patrol every corner of a school facility. Bullying, fights and bad things typically occur in unsupervised spaces. Schools can’t hire enough security guards or have enough monitors to patrol ever corner.

Every day in every state in America a private school is starting or the ground work is being formulated.

Ten years from now almost every city and even small community in America will have a private or faith-based school. Some of these will only be elementary schools but many have or will develop junior and senior highs. Such schools are not free of their own issues but parents across America are desperate for safe places for their kids. Parents want a place where there is zero tolerance of bullies and an administration who means business about protecting the children. They want an environment where their children can be mentored,

taught and prepared better for life, college or to move into adult jobs.

Parents don’t want a school who they feel is working against them or hiding things from them.

Life is like this. The world is like a jungle most days. There are bullies in the workplaces, neighborhoods and mean people can be found all over. This is why we have the right to call 911. We can file charges against people with the police. We should have the right to carry a firearm and defend ourselves. We have to work to help each other and protect each other.

Teachers, administrators, parents and students must work together for safety and security. Children and teachers must feel safe with an environment free from bullying, hazing or intimidation. Kids should not have to wake up every day fearful of going to school. Neither should the school staff and parents.

The issue of bullying and school safety requires school boards, all staff, parents and students to work together. It’s not a task for a few to accomplish but a job for us all.

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GUEST OP-ED

Tired of hearing about China? Stop the cash flow

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do you get tired of hearing about China? Now we have floating surveillance balloons over our country. We are yet to know for sure what this is about but time will tell. China is probably scouting out the next land or business purchase. They may have come up with an easy way to determine which military bases have available adjacent land. It doesn’t matter if it’s for sale they can come up with enough money to buy the property. All they have to do is to keep piling up the money from everything they sell to the United States.

Alarms went off in Washington when the Fufeng Group, a Chinese agricultural company, bought 300 acres of land and set up a milling plant last spring in Grand Forks, N.D. The plant is a 20-minute drive from an Air Force base that, according to North Dakota Sen. John Hoeven, hosts a space mission that “will form the backbone of U.S. military communications across the globe.” Source WSJ

Ten years ago Smithfield Foods was purchased by China’s leading pork producer, Shuanghui International Holdings Ltd. (now called WH Group Ltd.), for \$4.72 billion.

Keep in mind China has 1.5 billion people. This

requires a lot of people to feed. China would love to gain as much of our farmland as possible to gain more control of our food production. This is one area where China really needs us. Our agricultural exports to them increased by over 27% from 2020 to 2021. They would need us if they can gain control of our farmland. It’s also a plus for them if they can have it close to our military bases. This provides a two-fold benefit for them. In the middle of the cornfield, they can watch everything we are doing or even attempt to thwart what we are doing

The U.S. trade summary reveals the depth of our trade with China.

In 2021, U.S. exports to China were \$151.1 billion, a 21.4% (\$26.6 billion) increase from 2020; U.S. imports from China were \$506.4 billion, a 16.5% (\$71.6 billion) increase; and the trade deficit with China was \$355.3 billion, a 14.5% (\$45.0 billion) increase from \$310.3 billion in 2020.

China was the United States’ third-largest trade partner in 2021.

In 2021, 8.6% of total U.S. exports of \$1.8 trillion were exported to China and 17.9% of total U.S. imports of \$2.8 trillion were imported from China.

Mechanical Appliances, Sound Recorders and TV sets were the most

traded commodity sectors. In the last five years, U.S. exports of those commodities show an upward trend from \$25 billion in 2017 to \$36.1 billion in 2021. The percentages of imports of those commodities from China out of total imports from the World are impressive with 37.0% in 2017 and 29.3% in 2021.

In 2021, U.S. exports of Agricultural Products

to China continue to show an upward trend. In 2021, U.S. exports of Agriculture Products were \$31.6 billion, an increase of 27.5% (\$6.8 billion) from \$24.8 billion in 2020.

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CHELSEA COMMONS HOLDS RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

Chelsea Commons, formerly known as Chelsea Community Center, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception Jan. 26 at its beautiful, new space on Shurtleff Street. Chelsea Commons provides permanent housing to 50 individuals who had previously experienced homelessness. Chelsea Commons is a program managed in partnership between Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (MHSA) providing leasing services and Bay Cove Human Services providing supportive services for the tenants.

Property owner James D'Amico of Century 21 North Shore, who has been praised by local leaders for his efforts in the landmark, permanent supportive housing project, was one of the speakers

during the program. Joe Finn, executive director of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, was the master of ceremonies.

City Council President Leo Robinson, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Chelsea Fire Chief Len Albanese, Chelsea Police Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, and Chelsea Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train represented the City of Chelsea at the event.

Staff from the MHSA, Bay Cove, and other community partners joined many tenants of the building at the celebration.

Long-time Chelsea residents will remember the building as the former home of the Chelsea YMCA.



Among those pictured at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Chelsea Commons are Monica Regueiro, Director of Leasing Programs, Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance, Theresa DiPietro, Theresa Young, Senior Director of Housing and Homeless Services, Bay Cove Human Services, Carley Lubarsky, Chief Operating Officer, Chelsea Housing and Community Development Department Senior Project Manager Ana Sofia Amieva-Wang, Bay Cove Human Services, Sarah Coombs, Vice President of Addiction and Homeless Services, Bay Cove Human Services, Betsy Arroyo, Leasing Specialist, Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Kaye Wild, Vice President, Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, Joe Finn, President and Executive Director, Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, and (front row, center) Property owner James D'Amico, and City Council President Leo Robinson, and back row, from left, Chelsea Police Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train, Chelsea Fire Chief Len Albanese, and Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton.



Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train (left) and City Council President Leo Robinson welcome Joe Finn, President and Executive Director, Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, to the city.



Diane Cambria, Theresa DiPietro, and James D'Amico.



Chelsea Police Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez and Police Chief Keith Houghton are pictured at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Chelsea Commons.



Front row, from left, City Council President Leo Robinson, Property owner James D'Amico of Century 21 North Shore, Police Chief Keith Houghton, and Fire Chief Len Albanese. Back row, from left, are Theresa DiPietro, Director of Chelsea Commons, Chelsea Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train, Housing and Community Development Senior Project Manager Ana Sofia Amieva-Wang, and MHSA President and Executive Director Joe Finn.

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JORDAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB LEADERS ATTEND ANNUAL BGCB ANNUAL DINNER

Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Gina Centrella led a group of staff leaders who attended the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston Annual Dinner at the Omni Hotel in the Seaport District.

Josh Kraft, former executive of the Chelsea club and CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, was a special guest at the dinner, receiving a warm ovation from the large crowd at the event.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu brought the official greetings from the city and congratulated BGCB officers and board members for their outstanding work and commitment to the youth of the city at their 22 clubs in Boston and Chelsea.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu greets JGBC member Ayla Romero, who performed with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston band at the dinner.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu commended Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston President and CEO Robert Lewis Jr. for the organization's outstanding efforts in providing excellent after-school programming to youths in Boston and Chelsea.



Josh Kraft, former Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston president and CEO, with Robert Lewis Jr., current Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston president and CEO.



The McNamee family and friends join Josh Kraft for a photo at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston Annual Dinner at the Omni Seaport Hotel. From left, are Michael McNamee, Sean McNamee, Shelagh Mahoney McNamee, Josh Kraft, Terry Kelly, John Kelly, and Joe McNamee.



JGBC Music Manager Sean Lavigne, Music Assistant Nadira Batista, Ayla Romero, who performed music at the BGCB Annual Dinner, and her mother, Mayra Romero.



From left, Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Gina Centrella, BGCB Vice President Michelle Perez, Widaly Acevedo, and Josh Kraft, president of the New England Patriots Foundation.



Pictured at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston Annual Dinner are, from left, JBGC Teen Career Pathways Manager Anthony Rubiera, Director of Operations Kelly Lawler, Kraft Family Executive Director Gina Centrella, and Director of Community Administration and Development Lisa Gillis.



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Sports

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL RED DEVILS BOYS BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING SENIORS NIGHT

Last Tuesday evening prior to the start of the GBL match-up between Chelsea High and Mustangs of Medford High School, the senior cheerleaders and players were recognized for their dedication to the team and the community.



Senior Alison Bermudez with family and friends.



Rachel Feliz with her mother.



Senior Jaysen Hightower with his family and Coach Cesar Castro.



Senior Anthony Bones with his family and Head Coach Cesar Castro.



Senior Herman Esquivel Mendez with Head Coach Cesar Castro and his staff, and the 2022-2023 CHS Varsity Basketball Team.



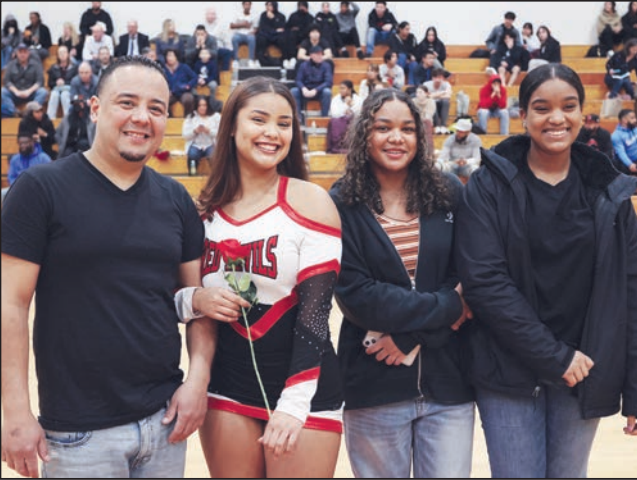
Senior Dariana Lopez with friends.



Senior Glendy Cortez with her father.



Senior Brian Artica Santos with family and Coach Cesar Castro.



Senior Mairy Ruiz with family and friends.



Senior Mannix Resto Jr with family and friends and Coach Cesar Castro.

CHS ROUNDUP

CHS BOYS BASKETBALL TOPS WATERTOWN, 54-51

The Chelsea High boys basketball team overcame a 46-36 deficit in the final period to roar back for a 54-51 triumph over Watertown Sunday afternoon in the CHS gym.

“The kids fought hard on the defensive end to hold Watertown to only five points, which allowed us to mount a comeback,” said CHS head coach Cesar Castro, whose Red Devils lost their first encounter with Watertown, 51-44, earlier in the season, but who turned the tables in the rematch. “I was very proud of them because prior to the game we had three days to prepare and I was just emphasizing, ‘Defense, defense.’ That’s all we worked on.

That fourth quarter proved we can be scrappy and defend.”

Castro and his crew, who came up short in a subsequent contest this past Tuesday at Cambridge Rindge and Latin in the first-ever meeting between the schools on the basketball floor, will close out their 2023 season tomorrow (Friday) at East Boston.

“It will be like a playoff atmosphere there,” said Castro. “The team and coaching staff are really excited about this game. It will be a good one.”

NADOW SETS NEW CHS RECORD IN 600

Nate Nadow turned in a stellar performance in the 600 meter dash at this past weekend’s MSTCA Qualifier Meet. Nate’s time of

1:28.38 not only qualified him for the upcoming state meet, but also established a new Chelsea High record, breaking the mark of 1:28.58 that was set by Jazmany Reyes in 2019.

Nadow will be joining teammate Ali Warsame, who will be competing in the 300 dash, and Lady Red Devil Gizelle Rodriguez, who qualified in the girls’ 600, at the state meet.

CHS TRACKSTERS WIN MEDALS AT RISING STARS; GIRLS WIN 4 X 200 RELAY

A large contingent of Chelsea High athletes from the girls and boys indoor track teams competed in the Rising Stars meet and brought home medals with some out-

standing performances.

The girls’ 4 x 200 relay quartet of Darily Sanchez, Thania Simon, Marçaylla Louis-Jean, and Keiri Hernandez entered the competition as the ninth seed, but sped to a first-place finish to win the race in a clocking of 1:57.88.

In the girls’ shot-put, Dhalia Christmas had a huge personal record (PR) throw of 29’-9.5” -- which was more than a foot and a half better than her season-best and eight inches further than her all-time best -- to finish in fourth place.

Teammate Lamari Davis finished right behind Dhalia with a toss of 29’-1.75” to earn a fifth-place medal.

In the boys’ 600 meter dash, Austin Freeman achieved a personal record by almost a second

to finish in fifth place.

CHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM HONORS SENIORS

The Chelsea High girls basketball team honored its three seniors at this past Monday’s contest with Lynn Tech with Senior Day festivities.

Captain Edissa Ndayikea, captain Joselinne Moran, and senior Maria Gracias were recognized for their contributions to the CHS girls program.

Although Chelsea came up on the short end of a 53-35 decision, the senior trio played well in their last home game as Lady Red Devils. Ndayikea scored 12 points and Moran and Gracias both chipped in two points apiece.

Freshman Monica Ces-

pedes hit for 22 points and fellow freshman Meliza Siliro drained a pair of three-pointers to finish with six points. Junior Keara Chevez added two points.

“We’ve had a great year,” said first-year CHS head coach Leslie Santiago, whose squad will conclude their 2023 campaign at Mt. Alvernia tonight (Thursday). “These girls show up everyday and play their hearts out.

“When we leave the court even after losing, they are in good spirits,” Santiago added. “It’s easy to be happy when you’re winning, but to keep your spirits up and to come back day after day while losing is incredible and I commend these girls -- assistant Coach Ben Jette and I are so proud of them!”

CHELSEA HIGH VARSITY WRESTLER STEVEN CALIX-BUSTILLO IS A GOLDEN TORNADO

Steven Calix-Bustillo have combined their talents into one GBL Team. Last week at Malden High was the one and only home match. Chelsea, Revere, Everett and Malden High



Chelsea High School wrestler Steven Calix-Bustillo (right) is shown with his friend and teammate from Revere High, Yousef Hassan.



Steven Calix-Bustilo is shown with his teammates and Coaches Rin Van, Nick Erban and Omar Khatimi.

CHS RED DEVILS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM HONORS THEIR SENIORS AT FINAL HOME GAME

Last Monday afternoon the Chelsea girls’ basketball team had their final home game against Lynn Tech, prior to the start of the game the senior players and the team manager were recognized for their dedication to the team.



Team Manager Joselyn Moreira with Coach Santiago and teammate Keara Chevez.



Senior Maria Gracias with Coach Santiago and teammates Dieunie Cademus, Nina Reyes, and Keara Chevez.

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Senior Captain Edissa Mdayikeza is shown with Coach Leslie Sangtiago and teammate Merlize Siliro.



Senior Captain Joseline Moran with Coach Leslie Santiago and teammate Monica Cespedes.

ISRAELI LEADERSHIP GROUP VISITS CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT



A leadership group from Israel visited the Chelsea Police’s Department to learn about its professional procedures and highly acclaimed Chelsea HUB, which has become a national model for police departments in the United States. The contingent from Israel also attended a Downtown Task Force Committee meeting led by Police Officer Maria Barboza. In the photo above, Police Chief Keith Houghton, Capt. Thomas Dunn, and Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez welcome the contingent to Chelsea.

News in Brief

CHELSEA HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS GRANT APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

Supports a broad range of cultural events, street fairs, art shows, festivals, and related activities such as murals, sculptures, and film series that promote Chelsea’s heritage, quality of life, recreation, and cultural activities. The grant range is \$5,000 - \$20,000. Online application and guidelines are available at www.chelseama.gov/ccc. Paper application and guidelines can be picked up at Chelsea City Hall, Dept. of Health & Human Services, Room 100.

Deadline: Completed application must be received by Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Projects awarded must be implemented by December 31, 2023. Information Sessions will be virtual and in-person. Virtual: Tuesday, February 21 from 6:30-7:30pm. A link will be sent to those who RSVP to culturalcouncil@chelseama.gov and In-person: Tuesday, March 7 from 5:30 - 7pm at Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea. For additional information call (617) 466-4070 or email culturalcouncil@chelseama.gov.

Chelsea receives funding for public art

Chelsea is among 11 communities across the state that was selected to participate in Making It Public, a public art program presented by the New England Foundation for the Arts, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council’s Arts and Culture Department, and Minneapolis-based nonprofit Forecast Public Art. The Making It Public initiative’s goal is to foster more equitable opportunities for public art, while also preparing more artists to respond to calls for public art across the state. Making It Public for Municipalities includes a five-week workshop series to support, create, and promote more vibrant and just public art making. The workshop will cover practical and tactical subject matters for administrators at all stages of their career facilitating public art, such as stakeholder considerations, community engagement, preparing a call-for-artists, equitable selection processes, contracting, and more. Sessions include guest public art professionals, both local and national, adding a depth of knowledge about the field of public art, the profession, and its contemporary issues. As part of that initiative, Chelsea received \$15,000 to put its new skills to work by conducting a call for temporary public art in 2023. The deadline for that call for public art is the beginning of Decem-

ber, with Chelsea and the other municipalities publicizing the public art by the end of the year. Representing Chelsea in this program are Mimi Graney, who coordinates public art and events for the City of Chelsea under the City’s neighborhood initiative, Chelsea Prossers; District 3 Chelsea City Councilor Norieliz DeJesus; Communication and Community Outreach Manager Lourdes Alvarez; Director of the Chelsea Public Library Sarah Gay Jackson; and Chair of Chelsea’s Historical Commission Matt Frank. The three organizations are also teaming up for the Making It Public for Artists program, a free five-week virtual workshop series designed to support artists of all disciplines in exploring and expanding their public art making practice. At the conclusion of the workshop series, participating artists will be better equipped to respond to a Call for Temporary Public Art and foster more vibrant and equitable public spaces through artmaking, according to the New England Foundation for the Arts. Registration for the artists’ program runs through Feb. 13, with workshops scheduled to begin on March 14. Artists interested in registering can visit <https://www.nefa.org/MakingItPublic>.

National Grid offers savings initiative

National Grid is proud to serve a diverse community of Massachusetts residents and provide bill help solutions 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. 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 to learn more. National Grid se enorgullece de prestar servicio a una comunidad diversa de residentes de Massa-

chusetts 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. 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 para obtener más información.

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China constituted 32.6% of the total U.S. imports of Textile products. Additionally, in 2021, China remained the major source of U.S. imports of Furniture, Bedding, Lamps, Toys, Games, Sports Equipment, Paint, and other Miscellaneous Manufactured Items. In 2021, the U.S. imports of \$68.5 billion of Miscellaneous Manufactured Items from China constituted 53.2% of total U.S. imports of those commodities. Source: Government info data What can we do about China? Try to buy prod-

ucts not made in China. You have to shop but it’s possible. Shrinking the cash flow to China is crucial to reducing their growing economic and military power. By all means, please do not sell them your land. Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

Maria Di Vasta She will be greatly missed by all who loved her

Maria (Colaruotolo) Di Vasta entered eternal rest Sunday morning, February 12 at the Kaplan Family Hospice Home in Danvers, surrounded by the love and comfort of her family. She was 76 years of age. Born in Castelonorato, Italy, she was the daughter of the late Agostino and Annina (Albano) Colaruotolo. Maria grew up in Gaeta, Italy where she attended grade school and then attended seamstress school. She married her beloved husband, Mario Di Vasta in 1970 and together the couple moved to the United States to raise their family. As a homemaker and mother of four children, Maria also worked outside of the home as a seamstress. She worked in various factories and businesses in Chelsea throughout the years -- a few of which were Louis A. Green Corp., Forbes Lithograph and Jean Roberts Co. Maria retired at an early age in 2006. During her retirement, she enjoyed cooking for her family (especially Sunday lunch), gardening and watching some of her favorite game shows, Family Feud, The Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. As a seamstress, Maria enjoyed knitting and sewing and would make clothes for her children. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her. The beloved wife of Mario Di Vasta of Peabody with whom she shared 52 years of marriage, she was the devoted mother of Lynda C. Di Vasta of Chelsea, Sylvia C. DiVasta of Chelsea and her sweetheart, Anthony Norman, Anna B. Tejada and her husband, Steven of Maryland and Mario Vincent DiVasta and his wife, Jodi of Dedham; dear sister of Salvatore



Colaruotolo of Italy and the late Erasmo Colaruotolo and Assunta Albano; cherished grandmother of Anthony V. Norman and his wife, Elyse of Virginia, Malcolm A. Norman of Chelsea, Yameli E. Tejada, Cristian S. Tejada, both of Maryland, Ava J. DiVasta of Dedham and the late Savannah-Maria C. O’Neill. She is also lovingly survived by one great grandson, Alexander J. Norman and several nieces, nephews and other family in Italy. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Friday, February 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. Her Funeral will be from the funeral home on Saturday at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at the Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish, Our Lady of Grace, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. Donations in Maria’s memory may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St. Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923, on-line at www.caredimensions.org, or to a Charity of one’s choice. We encourage family and friends to visit carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Catherine Lanzillo Longtime Chelsea Schools Cafeteria Manager

Catherine E. (McNeil) Lanzillo of Saugus, formerly of Chelsea, died on February 10. Born in Chelsea and a resident here for most of her life, Catherine passed away at the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston where she was receiving supportive care for illness. A graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1972, she worked for over 30 years as Cafeteria Manager for the Chelsea Public Schools. The devoted wife of Robert L. Lanzillo, she was the beloved mother of Kimberly Lanzillo and her partner, Nebyou of Saugus, Kelly Martin and her husband, Felipe of Saugus and Kristen Hayward and her husband, Bill of Weymouth; loving daughter of the late David and Mary (Enos) McNeil, dear sister of Mary Olson and her husband, James, Barbara DeSimone and Ruth McNeil, all of Chelsea, John McNeil and his wife, Nadine of Marlborough and the late David McNeil and his surviving wife, Sandra of Malden; cherished grandmother of Aundraya Martin, Nevaeh Jean Baptiste, Amaya Martin, William Hayward, Jr. and



the late Arianna Martin. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews. Family and friends are kindly invited to attend Visiting Hours in the Smith-Carroll Funeral Home, 721 Salem Street, (Maplewood Square) Malden on Saturday, February 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. Committal Services will be private. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name be made to the American Cancer Society at the link listed below. To send a message of condolence, please visit www.smithfuneralhomes.com or www.carrollfh.com.



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Chelsea RECORD

National Grid offers series of winter customer savings events

As the new year kicks off, National Grid is continuing to host in-person Winter Customer Savings events across Massachusetts where customers can meet directly with National Grid and other community representatives to find to manage increasing energy costs this winter heating season.

To date, National Grid has held six in-person Winter Customer Savings events, reaching nearly 700 customers, and providing them with program and payment options to meet their unique circumstance and need.

National Grid will restart these in-person events on January 10th in Lynn and will be joined by other partners to provide customers with the ability to:

- Sign up for bill payment programs
- Hear about options for direct energy assistance
- Schedule energy audits

• Speak to customer service representatives

- Meet with regional assistance program leaders

“National Grid understands the increased financial burden rising energy costs have on our customers and communities and, with these events, we want to continue showing up for customers and let them know we are here to help,” said Helen Burt, Chief Customer Officer, National Grid. “We recognize this winter is challenging for a lot of people throughout Massachusetts, and National Grid is committed to helping customers get the assistance they need to manage their energy costs during this difficult time.”

Since launching our broader Winter Customer Savings Initiative in September, some 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.

Customers who attend in-person events will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from National Grid, who will be on-site to assist with billing issues and provide the following help for customers:

- Enrolling in the Energy Discount Rate (for qualifying customers)
- Enrolling in payment assistance programs
- Enrolling in Budget Billing
- Enrolling in the Forgiveness Program (for qualifying customers)
- Educating on available energy efficiency and savings opportunities for their homes and businesses

National Grid Kicks Off 2023 with New Series of Winter Customer Savings Events

Meetings planned for Lynn, Marlborough, Everett, Quincy, Lawrence.

In locations where National Grid provides only electric or gas service while another utility provides the other, representatives from both utilities will be available.

Along with the advocates, partner agencies will be on hand to meet with customers, including:

- Local Community Assistance Program agencies for the federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and other fuel assistance services
- Local Community Assistance Program agencies to assist with low-income energy efficiency services
- Representatives for Mass Save

In addition, agencies such as rental assistance organizations, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, and other agencies that assist low-

and moderate-income families and individuals will be available in some locations.

Dates and locations for energy fairs are:

- Tuesday, January 10 – Demakes YMCA, 40 Neptune Blvd., Lynn
- Tuesday, January 24 – Senior Center, 40 New St., Marlborough
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 -- Senior Center, 90 Chelsea St., Everett
- Thursday, Feb. 23 -- Senior Center, 440 East Squantum St., Quincy
- Tuesday, Feb. 28 -- Senior Center, 155 Haverhill St., Lawrence

In addition, an event will be scheduled for Lowell, after a previously planned meeting was postponed.

All events will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Events are continuously being added, and updated information can be found at ngrid.com/heretohelp. In addition, National Grid customer advocates are available to meet one-on-one with customers on the first Tuesday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Worcester Sustainability Hub to discuss options to manage energy bills and help customers find assistance. The Sustainability Hub is located at 912 Main Street in Worcester.

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 to learn more.

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Submit application to Chelsea Public Schools Personnel Office, 500 Broadway Rm. 221 Chelsea, MA 02150 or personnel@chelseaschools.com

Application Deadline: February 27, 2023

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Questions: Kimberly Geraci (617) 466-5124 (Office)
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-10
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 Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Verdynt c/o Doug Meduetz For a determination, in accordance with Condition #1 of the approved Special Permits and Variances, 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 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 2/9/23, 2/16/23 C

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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: Verdynt – 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. 2/9/23, 2/16/23 C

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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 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,

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CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION RENOVATION
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION RENOVATION”. Invitation for Bids will be available on or after February 16, 2023 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION RENOVATION” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM, Thursday, March 9, 2022. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapters 149. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 2/16/23 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA
PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY INPUT ON CITY MANAGER POSITION
On Tuesday, February 28, 2023, the Chelsea City Council will be holding a community meeting for input in hiring the new City Manager. Anyone interested in attending will be allowed two minutes to comment. If you intended to submit an Online Feedback Inquiry for the new City Manager Position visit: www.chelseama.gov the submission deadline is March 3, 2023. Leo Robinson, President Chelsea City Council 2/16/23 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
Duct Cleaning Services at the Public Buildings The City of Chelsea Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids to provide “Duct Cleaning Services at the Public Buildings”

Invitation for Bid documents are available on or after February 23, 2023 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Duct Cleaning Services at the Public Buildings” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM, Thursday, March 9, 2022. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapters 149. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 2/16/23 C

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home A hard copy set can be made available for viewing in DCAMM's Bid Room located at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA during normal business hours by appointment only by contacting DCAMM's Bid Room. In order to access bid documents and submit bids through DCAMM's E-Bid Room potential bidders must first be verified by DCAMM's Bid Room and then register with the E-Bid Room vendor. Instructions on the processes can be found on DCAMM's website www.mass.gov/dcomm/bids or contact DCAMM's Bid Room at (617) 727-4003 or bidroom.dcomm@mass.gov. Carol W. Gladstone COMMISSIONER 2/16/23 C

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
DOCKET NUMBER: SU23D0100DR
Cecilia Emperatriz Martz nez Moreno Plaintiff VS. Juan Carlos Ramos Moreno Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Cecilia Emperatriz Martinez Moreno, 689 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 your answer, if any, on or before 04/06/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 23, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 2/16/23 C

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 Docket No. SU23P0220PM In the matter of: Norma J. Morton Of: Chelsea, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Eastpointe Rehabilitation and Skilled of Chelsea, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Norma J. Morton is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is

appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/23/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 03, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 2/16/23 C

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(LEGAL NOTICE)
CITY OF CHELSEA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
North Suffolk Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Plan The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for “North Suffolk Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Plan”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after February 16, 2023 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “North Suffolk Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Plan” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, March 2, 2023. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 2/16/23 C

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU23P0217GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Norma J. Morton Of: Chelsea, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Eastpointe Rehabilitation And Skilled of Chelsea, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Norma J. Morton is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/23/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 03, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 2/16/23 C

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
PROJECT: Island End River Flood Resilience Project
LOCATION: Beacham Street at Market Street, Chelsea and Everett, MA
PROPOSANT: City of Chelsea – Department of Housing & Community Development The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form (“ENF”) to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before February 15, 2023 This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (“MEPA,” M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Katie Moniz, kmoniz@fpa-inc.com, (617) 279-4388 Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Chelsea and Everett. The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental

Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project. By Alexander Train, City of Chelsea, and Erik Swanson, City of Everett 2/16/23 C

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有关环境需要审查的公示
项目: Island End River Flood Resilience Project
地点: Beacham Street at Market Street, Chelsea and Everett, MA
支持者: City of Chelsea – Department of Housing & Community Development
签署人将在 February 15, 2023 当天或之前向能源与环境事务部长提交环境通知表 (以下简称“ENF”表)
根据麻萨诸塞州环境政策法案 (“MEPA,” M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L) 本信将开启对上述项目的审查。有关 ENF 表的副本可从以下渠道获得:
Katie Moniz, kmoniz@fpa-inc.com, (617) 279-4388
有关 ENF 表的电子副本也将抄送给 Chelsea 和 Everett 的保护委员会和规划委员会。
能源与环境事务部长将在环境监测中发布 ENF 通知, 该通知将告知有关公众对项目的意见接受。然后决定是否需要环境影响报告。也可以安排对该项目的实地考察和/或远程咨询会议。
所有希望对项目发表评论或收到现场访谈和/或远程咨询会议通知的人应发送电子邮件至 MEPA@mass.gov 或环境监测中列出的 MEPA 分析师。语言翻译或其他便利的请求应发送至同一电子邮件地址。
所有关于上述项目的邮件应寄至能源与环境事务部长, 地址为: 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office. 署名 Alexander Train, City of Chelsea, and Erik Swanson, City of Everett 2/16/23 C

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AVI PIBLIK POU REVIZYON ANVIWONMAN
PWOJÈ: Island End River Flood Resilience Project
LOKAL: Beacham Street at Market Street, Chelsea and Everett, MA
PWOMOTÈ: City of Chelsea – Department of Housing & Community Development Moun ki siyen an ap soumèt you Famile sou Notifikasyon Anviwonman (“ENF”) bay Sekretè Enèji ak Afè Anviwonman an oswa anvan. February 15, 2023 Sa pral kòmanse revizyon pwojè ki anwo a dapre Lwa sou Regleman Anviwonman Massachusetts (“MEPA,” M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Ou ka jwenn kopi ENF nan: Katie Moniz, kmoniz@fpa-inc.com, (617) 279-4388 Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Chelsea and Everett. The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental

gov oswa analis MEPA ki nan lis nan Siveyans Anviwonman an. Demann pou tradiksyon lang oswa lòt aranjanman yo ta dwe dirije nan menm adrès imel la. Yo ta dwe voye korespondans pa lapòs bay Sekretè Enèji ak Afè Anviwonman an, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Atansyon: Biwo MEPA, fè referans a pwojè ki endike anwo a. Selon Alexander Train, City of Chelsea, and Erik Swanson, City of Everett 2/16/23 C

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AVISO PUBLICO DE REVISÃO AMBIENTAL
PROJETO: Island End River Flood Resilience Project
LOCAL: Beacham Street at Market Street, Chelsea and Everett, MA
PROPONENTE: City of Chelsea – Department of Housing & Community Development
O(A) signatário(a) está enviando, pelo presente documento, um Formulário de notificação ambiental (“ENF”) a(o) Secretário(a) de Energy & Environmental Affairs (Questões Ambientais e de Energia) no dia February 15, 2023

Isso iniciará a revisão do projeto mencionado acima de acordo com a Lei de Política Ambiental de Massachusetts (“MEPA”, L.G.M. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Cópias do ENF podem ser obtidas com: Katie Moniz, kmoniz@fpa-inc.com, (617) 279-4388 Cópias eletrônicas do ENF também estão sendo enviadas à Comissão de Conservação e ao Conselho de Chelsea and Everett. O(A) Secretário(a) de Energy & Environmental Affairs publicará o aviso do ENF no Monitor ambiental, receberá os comentários públicos sobre o projeto e, depois, decidirá se um Relatório de impacto ambiental é necessário. Uma visita ao local e/ou sessão de consulta remota sobre o projeto também poderá ser agendada. Todas as pessoas que desejem comentar sobre o projeto, ou serem avisadas de uma visita ao local e/ou sessão de consulta remota, devem enviar um e-mail para: MEPA@mass.gov ou para o(a) analista do MEPA listado(a) no Monitor ambiental. Solicitações de interpretação ou outras acomodações devem ser direcionadas para o mesmo endereço de e-mail. A correspondência postal deve ser direcionada para: Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Atenção: MEPA Office, referenciando o projeto acima. Por Alexander Train, City of Chelsea, and Erik Swanson, City of Everett 2/16/23 C

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on January 3, 2023, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations: Agenda Item # 9 – To post a handicap sign at 13 Blossom Street. Jeannette Cintron White Parking Clerk 2/16/23 C

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on February 6, 2023, the

City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Order introduced by City Council President Leo Robinson in regards to the four (4) recommendations for grant for the Community Preservation Fund.
1. \$100,000 for Chelsea Restoration Corporation (CP23-01);
2. \$30,000 for Comunidades Enraizadas/ Community Land Trust (CP23-02)
3. \$100,000 for Housing Families (CP23-03);
4. \$246,000 for Temple Emmanuel (CP23-04)
Order introduced by City Council President Leo Robinson to rescind the Financial Order 23F2 adopted on September 26, 2022. That the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$539,200 for the General Stabilization Account, Fund #7020 to a new FY23 DPW Sewer Dept. Storm Water Management Account #600058-584900 for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (“IDDE”) work in Mill Creek. 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 2/16/23 C

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
PETITION AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU22P2062GD
In the interests of : Digna E. Mejia Alvarado of Chelsea, MA Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
1.Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 9/14/2022 by Jessenia Y Soriano Alvarado of Chelsea, MA will be held 03/03/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 24 New Chardon St. Probation Flr.3, Boston, MA. 02114
2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:File the original with the Court, and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five(5) business days before the hearing.
3. Counsel for the Minor: The Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: January 17, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 2/16/23 C

Chelsea youth learn how to create their own podcast

The Chelsea Resilient Podcasting Project brought together a group of Chelsea youth to learn about podcasting and through this process to create their own series of audio programs. La Historica Viva Podcast is now available on-line. Workshops at the Chelsea Public Library were led by staff of the Somerville Media Center, using new podcasting equipment that will remain a permanent resource for library patrons to borrow for their own projects.

The series of four recordings is available through the podcasting channels of two of the program partners. Listen anytime via the Boston Free Radio Podcast Network and on the Chelsea Public Library's new podcast channel at <https://chelseapubliclibrarypodcasts.omeka.net/>.

For the audio series students conducted three interviews that illuminated aspects of the mural in Bellingham Square installed a year ago entitled



Chelsea youth receive training on how to create a podcast through the Chelsea Resilient Podcasting Project.

“Chelsea Resilient: Call and Response Through the Ages.” They met the artist who created the mural, David Fitcher to talk about his process and career as a professional artist. Part of the mural references the 1908 and 1973 Chelsea fires and the work of the

Chelsea Fire Department. Fire Dispatcher Paul Koolloian, a local historian preserving this history, share these stories and life experience. The students met, too, with Arnie Jar-mak, whose photographs from his days working for the Chelsea Record news-

paper in the 1970s and 80s were reference images for the mural’s design. The conversations are richly wide ranging as these men shared personal stories and life advice along with local history.

This set of programs is only just a start. The

equipment and expertise acquired through this project has launched the creation of a fully functional podcasting center at the Chelsea Public Library.

Both the mural and podcasting project were presented by Chelsea Prospers, the City of Chelsea’s neighborhood initiative, with financial support of the City and the Chelsea Cultural Council’s Heritage Celebrations grant. Somerville Media Center brought their decades of experience in community storytelling to provide training and production assistance.

Library Director Sarah Gay Jackson said, “We’re thrilled here at the Library to partner with Chelsea Prospers and the Somerville Media Center to host and participate in this podcasting project.” She continued, “Podcasting as a public service is a way to engage with our community in an exciting way. With this project we learned a new way to engage with students, created a mobile podcasting

equipment collection that will be available to the public and now have a community resource to archive and share podcasts and oral histories.”

Through the fall of 2022, the group of Chelsea youth, along with two library staff, received twelve weeks of training on new audio recording equipment purchased by the library and learned the skills required to create a compelling podcast such as storytelling, interview techniques, and the use of music.

As the young producers explain at the start of their “La Historica Viva” episodes, the podcasts were produced entirely for the students of Chelsea, by the students of Chelsea. People of all ages will enjoy listening to the wide ranging conversations of teens and three elders. The Fifth Street mural and the local history within the mural are just a loose theme as the talk meander across a number of topics.

ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA & NORTH SHORE



Bonnie Fishman is celebrated by the Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore. A brunch in Bonnie’s honor was held at The Marina at the Wharf in Revere on January 22nd. Bonnie has been a long-time member of the Zonta Club. She and her husband, Ron are relocating to San Diego. We all wish them the best on their move! Pictured (seated left to right) are Janice Sikorski, Bonnie Fishman, and Mary Jane O’Neill. Standing (left to right) are Pam Miller, Georgia Green, Liz Fama, Christine DePrizio, Janice Tatarka, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, and Barbara Lawlor.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins show signs of resilience



The Bruins have become masters of suspense and intrigue, featuring drama. Taking their show to Dallas last night (Tuesday), they provided suspense by losing 50 of their 62 faceoff attempts, something that rarely happens to this team, led by the Captain Patrice Bergeron who usually owns the faceoff circle. Adding to the intrigue was the interference penalty assessed to Brad Marchand that came just 32-seconds into the overtime, drawn by former Bruin Tyler Seguin. Boston’s outstanding league leading penalty kill seemed to inspire the team who came into the overtime with renewed energy, while still in a

4-on-4 matchup following Marchand’s OT penalty. Pavel Zacha corralled the puck and rushed up ice following the penalty kill, allowing Charlie McAvoy access to the offensive zone, and put him in position to make a perfect pass to Pastnak for his trademark one-timer, and the 3-2 game-winning goal (#39). Pasta now trails Connor McDavid whose 42 goals now gives him a three goal advantage over Pastnak, who holds the fifth spot in NHL point leaders, with 74 points (39-35).

It wasn’t all fun and games on the night, as the Stars put a couple of goals through the five-hole and behind Linus Ullmark, the NHL’s leader in goals-against-average (1.90), which would usually be routine saves for him. Despite allowing the pair of goals, Ullmark bounced back strong, and his 29-save win upped his impressive totals to 27-4-1. The awful night in the faceoff circle was compounded with the inability of the powerplay units who both went scoreless in their three total chances, extending that powerplay dry spell to now reach the 0-20 mark. On the plus side, Bruins head coach Jim Montgomery notched his 100th win as a head coach, ironically enough with victories

he earned in Boston and while coach of these same Dallas Stars. The victory keeps the Bruins at the top of the NHL standings with a record of 40-8-5, and also marked the first team to achieve 40 wins this season.

Jake DeBrusk is close to returning to the lineup following his injuries (thumb and leg) during the Winter Classic win. Coach Montgomery has mentioned on a couple of occasions the fact that the team especially misses DeBrusk’s speed, and his ability to track down pucks. The chances are good that he will be back on board tonight (Thursday) versus the Nashville Predators. Despite missing 15 games, DeBrusk’s 16 goals keeps him tied with Marchand and Taylor Hall for third in goals on the Bruins roster. Following tonight’s game with the Predators, the Bruins will return to TD Garden, to begin a brief two-game homestand during which they will host the New York Islanders on Saturday (5:00pm), and a Monday (1:00pm) matinee versus the Ottawa Senators. The Sens’ goaltending tandem of Cam Talbot and Anton Forsberg has taken another hit after Talbot was out injured, now Forsberg has suffered MCL tears to both knees, and is likely out for the remainder of the season. Boston will follow up this short homestand by returning to the road to begin a tough four-game road trip with stops in Seattle, Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary.

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