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Shown (from rom left), are Georgia Katsoulomitis Executive Director Mass Law Reform Institute, State Representative Judith Garcia, Chelsea resident Evangelina, her children Amber and Alejandra, and School Committee Member Yessenia Alfaro.

La Colaborativa and Massachusetts Law Reform Institute launch Feeding Our Neighbors campaign

Special to the Record

La Colaborativa and The Massachusetts Law Reform Institute hosted an event to launch their Feeding Our Neighbors campaign on Wednesday, February 15..

The campaign’s purpose is twofold: to raise awareness to the plight of the immigrant community who lack access to basic needs and benefits, and to highlight the need for both legislation and funding to restore basic food and cash assistance benefits for legally present immigrants.

The launch of the campaign was held at La Colaborativa’s food pantry at 63 Sixth St., Chelsea. La Colaborativa, under the leadership of Executive Director Gladys Vega, distributes emergency food to roughly 5,000 families from Chelsea and surrounding communities each week.

“Our organization has been at the forefront of the challenges our families face pre- and post-pandemic. At the top of the list of needs is food insecurity, which comes to no surprise as most of our community members serve our state as essential workers and were drastically impacted economically,” said Vega. “We see hundreds of families form our food lines for hours



Pictured at the press conference in Chelsea announcing the Feeding Our Neighbors campaign are, from left, Norieliz DeJesus Director of Policy at La Colaborativa, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Georgia Katsoulomitis Executive Director Mass Law Reform Institute, La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega, State Rep. Judith Garcia, and Senior Policy Analyst of MLRI Pat Baker.

DiDomenico pushes for establishing a Child and Family Tax Credit in Massachusetts

Special to the Independent

This session, Senator Sal DiDomenico has sponsored a bill that would create a Child and Family Tax Credit (CFTC) in Massachusetts. This topic is all over the national news after President Joe Biden used his State of the Union address to speak about the monumental benefits of the federal Child Tax Credit and the need to reinstate it across the country. DiDomenico is leading the charge to re-establish a similar kind of family tax credit in Massachusetts with his bill so we can provide more financial support to families throughout the Commonwealth.

DiDomenico’s Child and Family Tax Credit (CFTC) bill would benefit children by simplifying the family tax credit process and increase benefits for families that need support. This legislation would combine the existing Household Dependent Tax Credit and Dependent Care Tax Credit into a single credit (a CFTC), increasing the value to at least \$600 per dependent child.

“I agree wholeheartedly with the President that we need to bring this tax credit back and I am proud to sponsor legislation that would establish a similar child and family tax credit in Massachusetts,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “Low-income parents and children were some of the hardest hit individuals during the pandemic, and we saw how much the federal tax credit helped to slash child poverty and improve our residents’ lives. We must do everything we can to bring this program back to our state and across the country.”

The 2021 federal tax credit sent a monthly check to parents with young children that provided them with an economic cushion and helped cut the child poverty rate by nearly half in 2021.

“Extend the child tax credit, so no one has to raise a family in poverty,” said President Biden during his State of the Union speech in Congress.

Public input sought in City Manager process

By Adam Swift

Chelsea City Councilors have stressed the importance of community input when it comes to hiring a new City Manager.

The council has two current initiatives to gather public input for the search process.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, Chelsea residents are invited to a council subcommittee meeting beginning at 6 p.m. at City Hall to provide input on the search for a new City Manager. Residents will have two minutes to speak to the council.

For residents who are unable to attend the meeting, there is an on-line form available on the city’s website at [www.chelseama.gov](#). The deadline to complete that form is Friday, March 3.

The form includes questions about challenges facing the city and that will face the new city manager, as well as the characteristics, training, and experience needed for the job.

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Everett Ave. research building back before Planning Board

By Adam Swift

The developers of the Floramo’s Restaurant site will be back before the Planning Board for a hearing at the board’s regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Last summer, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the variances and special permit for the construction of an 11-story research and development building at the Floramo’s Restaurant site at 213 Everett Avenue.

Next week, the developer of the building, Verdynt, is seeking a determination of whether proposed changes to the plan constitute minor or major changes, and approval of the changes.

According to the public hearing posting, the changes include a reduction in the footprint of the building and a reduction in the number of parking spaces.

However, City Planner John DePriest said the building height and number of stories for the project will not change.

“The proposal included a small lot owned by the City,” DePriest stated. “The City is working on transferring the parcel, but since it will take some time, the applicant has opted to redesign the building by removing that portion that is on the City-owned parcel.”

The 150-foot plus building will be used for research and development.

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DIDOMENICO REAPPOINTED SENATE ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER



Last week, Sen. Sal DiDomenico was appointed, once again, to Senate President Karen Spilka’s leadership team as Assistant Majority Leader. This will mark the third consecutive legislative session that Senator DiDomenico will serve in that leadership position. DiDomenico was also appointed Chair of the Bills in Third Reading Committee, Vice Chair of the Education Committee, and member of the Labor and Workforce Development Committee, Steering and Policy Committee, Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, Personnel and Administration Committee, and State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee. “I am proud to continue my tenure in Senate President Karen Spilka’s leadership team as Assistant Majority Leader,” said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. “Thank you to Senate President Spilka for your trust, confidence and friendship. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues this session to move our Commonwealth forward.”

Chelsea chosen to take part in state’s Complete Neighborhoods Partnership

Staff Report

Chelsea is among the communities recently selected to participate in a new state program aimed at supporting walkable, affordable neighborhoods near downtowns, transit, and local jobs and daily necessities.

In Chelsea, the \$150,000 in funding over the five years of the program will be targeted at the area surrounding the Mystic Mall Silver Line Station and Everett Avenue.

The Complete Neighborhood Partnership is a new state program administered by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership. The Chelsea award will be overseen by the city’s Department of Housing and Community Development.

omment. Funding for the program comes from the state’s 2021 economic development bond bill.

Over recent years, the area near the Mystic Mall Silver Line Station and Everett Avenue bordering Everett has experienced market rate development, but lacks a strategic plan to responsibly inform future housing growth and prevent displacement, according to state and city officials.

“The Complete Neighborhoods Partnership is a terrific opportunity for our city to envision equitable, affordable housing and upward economic mobility opportunities near public transit,” said Alex Train, Chelsea’s Director of Housing and Community Development. “We look forward to collaborating

with MHP and the community at large to equitably plan for the future of this neighborhood.”

The Housing and Community Development will be looking to advance affordable and mixed-income housing development opportunities in the district on underutilized land, especially on land along Everett Avenue, Third Street, and Carter Street. As part of the effort, the city will perform site planning, architectural design, financial modeling, and general pre-development work on priority sites to unlock a range of affordable housing opportunities.

The project will be closely coordinated with the West Chelsea Economic Development Study, which seeks to

create a community driven blueprint for responsible growth in the district ahead of the Silver Line Extension.

“We look forward to working with the City of Chelsea to advance our shared goals of increasing affordable housing and creating walkable neighborhoods that address the Commonwealth’s housing, transportation and climate priorities,” said MHP Director of Community Assistance, Laura Shufelt.

She added that through this program, Chelsea aims to increase a range of affordable housing opportunities, centered on shrinking the racial wealth gap. In particular, this includes initiatives to boost the local homeownership rate, especially for first

generation residents of color, as a tool to close the racial wealth gap, while improving the quality and range of choices in affordable housing. In addition, the city plans to preserve existing industrial uses while promoting sustainable and green industrial uses, particularly along the Beacham/Williams corridor.

Chelsea was recently honored by MHP with one of its Housing Hero Awards for its work keeping residents housed during COVID-19. Chelsea served as a leader during the pandemic when they established an innovative emergency rental assistance program, deployed a robust housing legal services program, created a rapid rehousing system, and designed and

established an emergency shelter program to ensure all residents, regardless of immigration status, have a safety net, according to the MHP.

MHP is a state non-profit organization that uses bank funds and other capital sources to support affordable housing. The Complete Neighborhoods Partnership is part of MHP’s Complete

Neighborhoods Initiative, which is supporting state efforts to promote more housing near transit, town centers and jobs. It includes “3A-TA” technical assistance to help MBTA communities comply with the state’s new multifamily zoning requirement.

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ence residents would like to see in a new manager. The form is in English and Spanish.

Earlier this month, the City Council officially voted to make Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe the interim manager as the search process gets underway.

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown has said that Keefe’s experience in the city will allow him to

focus on a lot of projects over the next six months that are already underway, and that having the deputy city manager in place will help make the transition to a new city manager easier when the time comes.

Earlier this year, the council also approved hiring the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management to consult and assist with the City Manager search process.

The Collins Center is based out of UMass-Boston, and helps municipalities with a number of local government efforts, including recruiting.

Late last year, former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino left his position after more than seven years to take a new position as the Court Administrator of the Trial Court for Massachusetts.

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ing will include three stories of parking within the building above grade rather than underground because of water table and soil issues.

The project had an estimated construction cost of \$267 million when approved by the ZBA, according to Doug Medvetz, the principal from developer Verdnyt. He said it will likely take three years before the project is completed and ready for occupancy.

The city administration has voiced its strong support

for the project. Former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino said the project is exactly the kind of major commercial development it wants to see in its commercial district and would provide good paying jobs for the community and provide numerous economic benefits for Chelsea..

The project will be the first one that falls under the city’s new community mitigation guidance, and could bring in over \$4 million in linkage fees for Chelsea, money that can

be used for any number of community improvements, according to city officials.

Part of the original proposal by Verdnyt included school science space, a conference room, and a restaurant open to the public on the first floor. The developers have expressed an interest in working with the school district on science initiatives, and possibly bringing the Floramo family back into the ground floor restaurant space.

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on a weekly basis and it’s only getting worse.”

Over 25 years ago, the 1996 Welfare Reform Law slashed core food and cash assistance benefits to thousands of legally present immigrants across the nation -- including victims of violence, “Dreamers,” immigrants with pending asylum, and immigrants with Temporary Protected Status. The bulk of immigrants are working low-wage jobs, but are unable to meet their basic food needs for their families. In 1997, the Massachusetts Legislature authorized basic cash and food assistance for needy immigrants, but the benefits ended in 2002. Six states in the nation currently provide state-funded benefits to eligible immigrants, including California, Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota and Washington State.

On January 19, 2023 State Senator Sal DiDomenico and Representatives Judith Garcia Antonio Cabral filed bills in the Senate, SD 507, and House, HD 2684, to address this issue. Both bills would enable the Commonwealth to provide legally present immigrants, who are ineligible for federal programs, with access to both state-funded supplemental

food (SNAP) and, for families with minor children, cash assistance benefits.

“To say I’m proud of the legislation we filed is an understatement,” said Sen. DiDomenico. “These bills push us toward a higher standard for not only Massachusetts, but for the entire United States when it comes to assisting legal immigrants.”

The Feeding Our Neighbors campaign comes at a critical time. During the summer of 2022, more than 2,000 individuals arrived in Massachusetts, double the number who arrived a year earlier. That trend is expected to continue as numerous global economic challenges and political conflicts force more people to flee their home countries. The legislation will provide a framework for critical basic needs to help these individuals acclimate to their new surroundings and provide supplemental nutrition benefits to their low-wage earnings as well as help other immigrant families who are continuing to struggle economically since the onset of Covid.

“Many of our residents in Chelsea have to deal with a myriad of issues

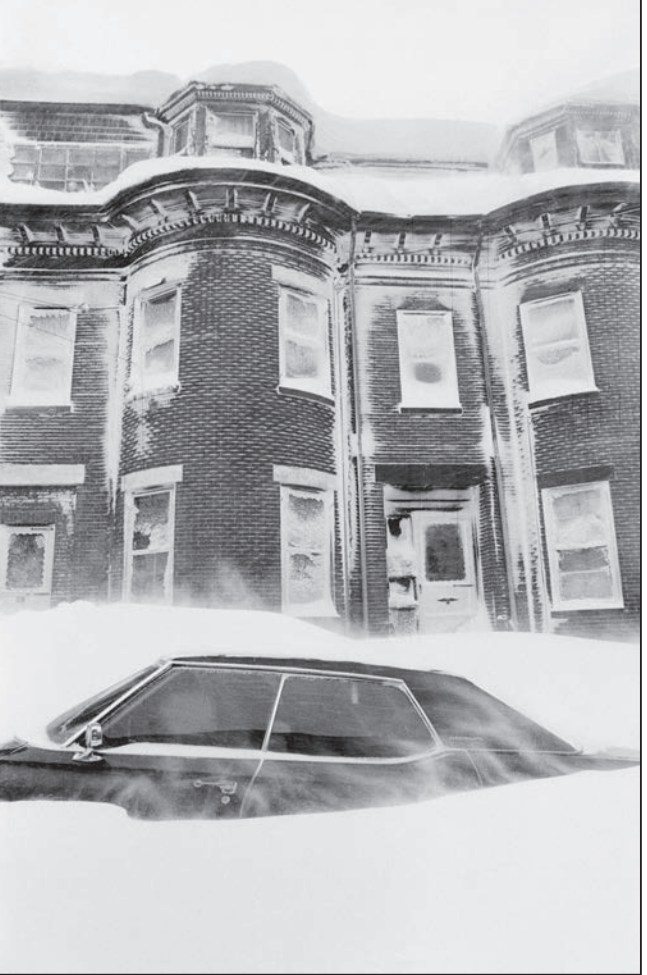
when they arrive,” said Rep. Garcia. “The legislation filed will help them meet some of their core living expenses.”

“New Bedford and the Commonwealth are receiving many newly settled immigrants, said Rep. Cabral. “We are a nation of immigrants who are the backbone of this country. I am proud to have secured funding for these critical benefits from 1997 to 2002. I firmly believe it’s time to restore access to some of these benefits, such as nutritional support and other basic needs, as these newly arriving families get their feet on the ground.”

“We are thrilled to partner with La Colaborativa on this vital campaign,” said Georgia Katsoulomitis, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. “Two decades is far too long to not have protections in place for legally present immigrants in this state, the majority of whom are already contributing to the economy but with very low-wage jobs that don’t support their families. This is the beginning of rectifying the issue.”

FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES OF ARNOLD JARMAK

This month marks the 45th anniversary of the Blizzard of 1978, an epic storm that caused widespread damage and loss of life when it struck the East Coast on February 6-7. The storm featured hurricane-force winds, 30 inches of snow (top photo), and a coastal storm surge that brought the highest-ever recorded tide in Massachusetts history, inundating low-lying coastal areas. (It subsequently was exceeded by the high tide of January 4, 2018.) Thousands of motorists who had little warning about the severity of the storm as they headed home from work that Monday evening were forced to abandon their vehicles along the state’s major highways. Fans who attended the Beanpot hockey games in Boston Garden that evening stayed in the Garden for up to three days. Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis declared a state of emergency and banned automobile traffic for the next four days. President Jimmy Carter also declared a state of emergency, which allowed the National Guard to come into the area to assist overwhelmed state and local officials with snow removal. However, the blizzard did not stop Chelsea Record photographer Arnie Jarmak, who covered the blizzard for the Record, which published a special Blizzard Edition. We are pleased to present two of Arnie’s many outstanding photos from that week. Please note in his photo of a pedestrian-filled Broadway (bottom photo), the many notable businesses that lined Broadway at that time, including Murray and Eddy’s Restaurant, Bloomberg’s Furniture, the Shawmut Bank, and Gorin’s Department Store,



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La Colaborativa receives funding for housing code app

Staff Report

Chelsea’s La Colaborativa was one of four communities that recently received funding from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to help improve public health in Environmental Justice communities.

The \$25,000 for La Colaborativa will address the environmental health impacts of poor housing conditions by expanding its “Up to Code Toolkit,” a multilingual web-based toolkit for residents to document housing code violations and hazardous living conditions.

The multilingual housing code toolkit was introduced last spring and allows tenants to fill out a form with housing complaints that is then sent to Chelsea building inspectors and the landlord.

In total, the DPH announced \$100,000 in funding to four organizations, including Everett Community Growers, which will build on its “Heat, Health, and Housing – Organizing for Resident-led Strategies for Development Without Displacement” project, a series of community workshops focused on developing climate-resilient solutions that do not lead to gentrification and displacement.

These funds are part of

a US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant awarded to DPH’s Bureau of Environmental Health to build on efforts to detect, prevent, and control environmental hazards through investing in evidence-based decision-making tools, workforce training, and community outreach.

Also receiving funding were the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts in Springfield and the Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts in Worcester.

These funds are part of a US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant awarded to DPH’s Bureau of Environmental Health to build on efforts to detect, prevent, and control environmental hazards through investing in evidence-based decision-making tools, workforce training, and community outreach. Each organization will receive \$25,000 between January and June 2023 to implement interventions aimed at reducing environmental exposures and potential health impacts. DPH will provide technical assistance and solicit grantee feedback to inform the development of analytical tools, resources, and collaborative networks to better address environmental and climate justice issues across Massachusetts.

“This award underscores our ongoing efforts to prioritize and address disparities in social determinants of health, which include environmental health,” said Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. “These four projects will provide us with valuable insight into how community-level interventions may be leveraged to build environmental health capacity across the state.”

For this pilot, DPH sought proposals from organizations providing services to a select group of municipalities that have borne the disproportionate burden of both COVID-19 and exposure to environmental health hazards.

This funding is supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a larger financial assistance award totaling \$500,000. The remaining funds will be used to support project management, online public health workforce training focused on specific environmental hazards in Massachusetts, and to develop guidance to provide a framework for identifying people or populations who are the most vulnerable in Environmental Justice communities and develop best practices to achieve equitable health outcomes.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

BONNER OF CHELSEA NAMED TO THE DEAN’S LIST

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Yasmine Bonner of Chelsea has been named to the Dean’s List for Fall 2022.

Spread across seven dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades. On our 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut’s capital city, approximately 4,000 undergraduate and 1,800 graduate students representing 48 states and 45 countries come together for a common purpose: to collaborate across different disciplines, diversify perspectives, and broaden worldviews. We’re a four-year private university focused on advancing the public good through meaningful connections within our communities. Our unique approach to comprehensive education gives us the critical perspectives that lead to impact change, regionally and beyond. With degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions, we focus on doing the work that matters.

DAYSI MARTINEZ CELAYA EARNS DEAN’S LIST HONORS

Daysi Martinez Celaya, of Chelsea, has been named to the Fall 2022 Dean’s List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average

of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean’s List that semester.

About RWU: At Roger Williams University, students are prepared to be thinkers and doers ready to solve challenging problems with innovative solutions. RWU offers 50 majors and robust offerings of graduate and professional programs across eight schools of study including Rhode Island’s only law school, with campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I. With small classrooms and a focus on undergraduate and graduate research and community engagement, a Roger Williams education blends the strength of liberal arts and professional studies, providing all students with the depth and breadth of interdisciplinary thinking and well-rounded knowledge necessary to succeed in our interconnected, global world. RWU is committed to strengthening society through engaged scholarship so that students graduate with the ability to think critically and apply the practical skills that today’s employers demand.

CHELSEA RESIDENT TO HAVE ROLE IN THE DEAN COLLEGE THEATRE PRODUCTION

Shania Velleca of Chelsea has earned the role of Maria in the Dean College production of “Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play,” beginning Thursday, February 23 through Sunday, February 26, 2023.

Permeated with the idea that we turn to art in times of immense difficulty, this 2013 black comedy by Anne Washburn tells the story of a group of survi-

vors shortly after a global catastrophe. As a way of making sense in a world that no longer makes sense, they recreate their vanished world through storytelling (some of it featuring Bart Simpson) and turn pop culture of one era into the mythology of another.

“Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play” is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

The Dean College production of “Mr. Burns” will take place in the Main Stage in the Dr. Paula M. Rooney Student Center at Dean College, 109 West Central Street, Franklin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with 2:00 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

Dean College welcomes children and families to all of our performances, provided patrons have complied with all safety guidelines. However, infants and children under 2 years of age are not allowed in the theatre, and children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All patrons must have their own ticketed seats; lap sitting is not permitted.

To learn more about the show and to purchase tickets, visit www.dean.edu/boxoffice.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

CITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING SET FOR FEB. 28

Chelsea residents are invited to a City Council Sub-Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to provide input on the search for a new City Manager. Residents will have two minutes to speak to the City Council.

Residents who are unable to attend the meeting can still share their input online by completing this form. The deadline to complete the form is Friday, March 3.

https://www.chelsea-ma.gov/.../new_city_manager_inquiry.php

Los residentes de Chelsea están invitados a la reunión del Subcomité del Concejo Municipal el martes 28 de febrero a las 6:00 p.m. para brindar comentarios sobre la búsqueda de un nuevo City Manager. Los residentes tendrán dos minutos para hablar con el Concejo Municipal.

Los residentes que no asistan a la reunión aún pueden compartir sus comentarios completando este formulario en línea. La fecha límite para completar el formulario es el viernes 3 de marzo.

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CHELSEA SELECTED FOR “MAKING IT PUBLIC” TRAINING

The New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) selected 11 communities state-wide including Chelsea for “Making it Public” 2023, a training developed by Forecast Public Art (FPA) and offered in partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) Arts and Culture Department. Next month, the municipalities will begin their free, five-week virtual training that is designed and facilitated by FPA to equip administrators in strengthening local capacity to support, create, and promote more vibrant and just public art making. The competitive public art training and facilitation program, will include a \$15,000 grant to fund local artists.

At the conclusion of the training, municipal administrators will have the tools needed to create their own call for temporary public art and, with guidance from MAPC, an understanding of how to apply those tools within the context of Massachusetts. Participating municipalities also receive a \$15,000 grant from NEFA to fund artists selected through a call for temporary public art in 2023.

“‘Making it Public’ empowers municipalities to foster vibrant and engaging places, and the focus on temporary public art – which is installed/exhibited for up to eighteen months – creates more equitable access to the program,” said Director of Arts and Culture at MAPC

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Annis Sengupta.

“Making it Public” covers 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.

A parallel track of the program, “Making it Public for MA Artists,” will take place concurrently during the five-week workshop series from March 14 through April 11. Artists in Massachusetts of all disciplines interested in exploring and expanding their public art making practice can register for this free program on NEFA’s website: <https://www.nefa.org/MakingItPublic>.

GET UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTER OR VACCINATION – AND \$75 GIFT CARD

New COVID-19 vaccination clinics offering a \$75 gift card incentive have been scheduled in communities across the state during school vacation week, providing a free, convenient and accessible way for adults and children stay up to date on COVID vaccinations.

As part of a special promotion, all Massachusetts residents ages six months and older who get vaccinated (first dose, second dose, or booster) at participating Get Boosted clinics will receive a \$75 gift card, while supplies last.

In Chelsea, vacation week vaccination clinics are being offered at the Chelsea Senior Center, 10 Riley Way, on Saturday, Feb. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 26. All clinics are scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and ASL interpretation is available.

Staying up to date on vaccines, including boosters, is the most effective way to prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. While vaccine protection goes down over time, boosters keep you protected. Boosters also help keep you safe from serious COVID-19 even if you’ve already had it.

No ID or health insurance is required. To find additional clinics that are offering the \$75 gift cards, go to mass.gov/GetBoosted. The gift card offer is only available at clinics on the Get Boosted webpage, while supplies last. If you have questions or need help finding a clinic, you can call 211 (or 877-211-6277) and press 1.

WALK FOR HUNGER RETURNS

One of Massachusetts’ most iconic events is back! Project Bread’s The Walk for Hunger, the Commonwealth’s largest and oldest day of community action against hunger,

is seeking walkers for a new 3-mile route. Back in-person for the first time since 2019, the one-day fundraising event is set for Sunday, May 7 at the Boston Common, featuring plenty of family-friendly activations along the 3-mile loop. The Walk for Hunger is a fundraiser that supports Project Bread’s work to raise awareness for food insecurity and increase food access for people of all ages in Massachusetts. In its 55th year, Project Bread invites you to help us raise more than \$1 million to support food assistance resources and sustainable policy solutions to end hunger. Likeminded anti-hunger organizations can enroll in our co-fundraising program, The Commonwealth, forming teams to raise money to support their own work, while also furthering the statewide effort. To register for the event and create a personal or team fundraising page for the Walk for Hunger or to make a donation, visit projectbread.org/walk or call (617) 723-5000.

MWRA TO TEMPORARILY SHUT DOWN FLUORIDE SYSTEM

Starting in late February, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority will be replacing portions of the equipment that feeds fluoride into its drinking water. During this period, MWRA will not be adding fluoride to the water. This work is expected to take about three months to complete.

MWRA has worked closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on this issue. While fluoride is important for dental health, health officials believe that this short-term shutdown will not pose any risk to dental health and will not require any special action by consumers.

Fluoride has been added to the region’s water since the 1970s. The US Centers for Disease Control recommends its usage for reducing tooth decay and promoting community public health. MWRA also consulted with the Department of Public Health Oral Health Office and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, both of which approved this temporary fluoride shutdown.

MWRA treats drinking water from the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs at the John J. Carroll Treatment Plant in Marlborough. In addition to fluoride, water is treated with both ozone and ultraviolet light for disinfection, and the pH is adjusted to make the water less corrosive and less likely to leach lead from home plumbing.

If you have any concerns, check with your dental care provider. For more information on your drinking water, please visit www.mwra.com or call MWRA at 617-242-7283.

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JIMMY CARTER: A WONDERFUL, AMAZING MAN

The reports that former President Jimmy Carter has returned home for hospice care came as sad news for all Americans this week.

Ever since the self-described peanut farmer burst onto the national scene shortly after he was elected governor of Georgia, it is not an overstatement to say that Jimmy Carter served as the conscience of America for the past half century.

Jimmy Carter served four years as president from 1977-81. But that term of office was just a small mark left by this wonderful man during his decades of service to our country and the world.

He became the face of Habitat for Humanity, the organization that builds housing for low-income persons. He served as an official who oversaw numerous elections in foreign countries to ensure that they were run honestly and above-board. He also undertook a campaign to eradicate the Guinea worm, a human parasitic infection that plagued 3.5 million people across the globe annually 40 years ago, but thanks to the efforts of the Jimmy Carter Center, there were just 13 reported cases world-wide in 2022.

For his many years of service to the world, Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 “for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development.”

It is fair to say that no former American president had as great an impact on the world after he left office than Jimmy Carter -- it’s not even close.

But the most remarkable aspect of Jimmy Carter’s life has been his incredible humility, which no doubt was informed by his faith as a Christian minister in his small hometown church in Plains, Georgia, where he gave a sermon every Sunday.

It often is a cliché to say that someone will be missed. But in the case of our former President, Jimmy Carter, a man who spoke the truth -- even if America did not want to hear it (such as when he said in 1979 that America must end its dependence on fossil fuels) -- his absence truly will be a great loss for all of us.

OUR SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE MUST NOT WAVER: WE MUST REMAIN THE ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY

This week marks the first anniversary of the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by the government of Russia and its sociopathic leader, Vladimir Putin.

The Ukrainian people have demonstrated to the world that freedom isn’t free. The enormous sacrifices they are making in order to fight off the Russian war machine have served as an inspiration to freedom-loving peoples around the world.

Russian atrocities against Ukrainian civilians -- the rapes, executions, forced deportation of children, and the attacks on civilian infrastructure -- have risen to the level of genocide and crimes against humanity.

Those in our country who question our commitment to help the Ukrainians resist the Russian invaders suffer from a combination of being incredibly naive, selfish, and shortsighted.

The Ukrainians, not Americans or anyone else, are the ones on the front lines. They are making the ultimate sacrifices in defense of both their country and the free world. Our allies in Europe, especially in Poland and the Baltic countries of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania, know all too well that Russia, if left unchecked in Ukraine, will focus on them and that they will be next in line to feel the weight of the Russian oppressors, who will seek to undermine their democratic governments.

Vladimir Putin has gone on record as lamenting the dissolution of the former Soviet Union empire, for which he served as a KGB agent, and his invasion of Ukraine, in his eyes, is the first step in restoring the U.S.S.R. to what he perceives as its former glory.

We would note that the war in Ukraine is fundamentally different from that of every other conflict since WWII. This is the first time that an independent, democratic nation has been invaded by a foreign power since Hitler invaded European countries in the late 1930s starting with Czechoslovakia, then Poland, and then the rest of Europe.

With England remaining as the lone bulwark against the Nazis, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave a fire-side chat in late 1940 in which he spoke to the American people these words.

“The people of Europe who are defending themselves do not ask us to do their fighting. They ask us for the implements of war, the planes, the tanks, the guns, the freighters which will enable them to fight for their liberty and for our security. Emphatically, we must get these weapons to them, get them to them in sufficient volume and quickly enough so that we and our children will be saved the agony and suffering of war which others have had to endure.”

Later in his talk he coined a phrase that has remained true ever since:

“America must be the great arsenal of democracy.”

President Roosevelt’s words are as true today as they were then. We urge all of our elected leaders to ensure that American support for Ukraine continues to be strong and unquestioned.

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GUEST OP-ED

Police officers and citizens must have mutual respect

Dr. Glenn Mollette

American citizens need police officers. Our state police, county sheriff’s department and city police all deserve our help, respect and decent pay. None of us like being recipients of speeding or other motor vehicle violations. However, often a warning or a ticket may be what it takes to get our attention and might even save our lives.

When someone is threatening us we want the police. We expect them to come and help us. These are the men and women who often risk their lives to protect us. So, praise the good ones because they are deserving of honor.

The defund the police movement has been fueled by horrific incidents such as when Minneapolis police murdered George Floyd on May 25, 2020. This cruel and disturbing murder has been replayed over and over on national television. Most recently the horrific killing of Tyre Nichols in

Memphis, Tennessee has fanned the flames of police hatred. These and other police brutality events continue to severely damage the image of America’s police forces.

The behavior of five Memphis police officers toward Mr. Nichols was beyond criminal. This does not justify defunding the police. Such behavior reinforces the need that all those in law enforcement must have routine mental health tests. Only qualified people who have been thoroughly examined and trained should ever be allowed to wear a badge. Training and mental health evaluations must be ongoing.

The Five former Memphis police officers were charged with murder over the death of Tyre Nichols but pled not guilty in their first court appearance.

The arrest of Mr. Nichols on January 7 has been reported throughout the national media.

They were fired after an internal investigation by the Memphis Police Department.

“Memphis and the whole world need to see that what’s right is done in this case, and it needs to happen sooner rather than later,” lead prosecutor Paul Hagerman told reporters.

The officers were arrested and taken into custody on January 26, after the Memphis police reviewed bodycam footage of the violent arrest.

In the footage, 29-year-old Mr. Nichols can be heard calling for his mother as he is beaten by police after being pulled over for alleged reckless driving. He was pepper-sprayed, kicked and punched by the officers and died in hospital three days later.

Memphis Police Chief Cerelyn Davis said the incident was “not just a professional failing”, but “a failing of basic humanity toward another individual”. (Source BBC news)

I believe that 99 percent of the men and women wearing badges are good people who are looking out for our welfare and safety. The actions of a few should not discredit

it all law enforcement. Whether it’s politics, medical doctors, attorneys, business persons and more there are always a few bad apples that make others look bad.

Police officers have the upper hand. They have a badge and a gun. We should give them respect and they should respect all citizens. Having a badge never gives any law enforcement officer the right to pour out their frustrations, racial hatreds or their own personal demons on another citizen. No one is ever in a position to put up a defense as sadly shown by Tyre Nichols, George Floyd and too many others.

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.

GUEST OP-ED

Start solving the vocational admissions problem: Improve access, create more seats

By Steven C. Sharek

It’s no longer a secret that Massachusetts vocational-technical and agricultural high schools are a great option for students of all backgrounds who want to learn a trade and pursue a career. Unfortunately, there simply isn’t enough space in these schools to accommodate the huge demand.

Right now, there are roughly 55,000 students in Chapter 74 state-approved vocational-technical and agricultural programs, with another 6,000 students on wait lists. At the same time, business and industry are crying out for skilled workers.

We can be proud of these schools. They excel in academic performance, graduation rates, and expanded programming that includes fields like environmental science; information technology; and medical, health, and dental assisting. Students excel because they enjoy the engaging, hands-on learning.

We are at a tipping point. With this lack of available seats and strong demand for vocational education, advocates, elected officials, and editorial writers are understandably concerned about whether students are being admitted

equitably into our schools. Vocational school leaders are, too.

The current debate is centered on admissions policies and whether the adoption of a lottery system is the silver bullet for fixing any inequities, real or perceived. The reality is that a lottery does nothing to address the lack of capacity and it does not guarantee desired enrollment outcomes.

As educators, we’d like to offer enrollment to everyone. We simply can’t. We don’t have the space. No lottery will ever change that. A lottery will just rearrange who sits in the seats, with 6,000 kids still on the outside looking in. With that in mind, we are working hard to conduct our admissions processes as fairly and equitably as possible:

-Since admissions regulations were revised by the state in 2021, 97% of vocational-technical and agricultural high schools have made changes in their admissions policies, personnel, or training. Clearly, our schools are serious about this effort.

-Grades are now less of a factor. Many schools now give equal consideration for grades of C or above, unlike before when student grades were more

heavily emphasized.

-Disciplinary issues are now less of a factor. Minor disciplinary issues are no longer factored into the admissions process.

-Most schools require a recommendation, typically from a guidance counselor, and a brief interview to gauge a student’s interest in vocational education. We are training interviewers on eliminating bias and are providing supports and accommodations for those applying, including easier access to interviews and translation services.

-The admissions changes only took effect recently so we have limited data to gauge whether the changes we’ve made are making a real difference. One year of data doesn’t make a trend. Moreover, our schools have no access to demographic information

about the students who do not enroll. We need help from the state on this so we can make best-informed decisions.

-Finally, there’s no guarantee that a lottery would actually help the protected groups of students that all of us want to help. In fact, simulations run by some of our schools have demonstrated that a lottery would yield exactly the opposite result. That is, a lottery would result in lower numbers of enrolled students in some protected groups (just as one school experimenting with a lottery recently discovered).

Vocational-technical schools are continuously striving to serve under-represented populations. Consider special education. Five of the 10 school

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MALDEN CATHOLIC NEWS

Jess Piracini hired as Girls Varsity Lacrosse coach

Malden Catholic Director of Athletics, William Raycraft, has announced that the school as hired Jess Piracini to head its Girls Varsity Lacrosse program.

According to Piracini, “I am fortunate to be taking over a very good lacrosse program. This is an incredible opportunity to lead the Malden Catholic program forward with the desire and competitiveness to become the best in high school lacrosse.” Piracini added, “Malden Catholic is a school that not only embraces athletics, but also truly cares about the growth of their students and school community. This genuine commitment to growth goes well beyond the fields and classroom.”

Piracini emerged out of a strong pool of applicants, and she is a coach looking to bring this young



Jess Piracini.

program to new levels. “Coach Piracini has done a fantastic job working with our girls in the hockey program and she was a standout athlete herself. I am confident she will lead our lacrosse program with outstanding skill and eventually to MIAA distinction,” stated Raycraft. “Our program currently has nearly sixty members in its fifth year of existence, and we believe that Coach Piracini will fuel it

with a wealth of knowledge, passion and enthusiasm.” Raycraft went on to say, “She understands our mission, embodies the core values of the athletic department, and I am confident she will make a very positive connection with our student-athletes.”

Coach Piracini is a graduate of Catholic education having attended Arlington Catholic High School where she was a three-sport athlete, excelling in both hockey and lacrosse. While at AC she was a four-year member of the varsity lacrosse team, captain, and CCL All-Star her senior year. Jess then continued her education and hockey career at women’s hockey powerhouse, Norwich University where she was a four-year member of the varsity team. She is currently an assistant coach for the MC Lancers Girls Hockey Team.

Michael Colombo hired as Girls Varsity Soccer coach

Malden Catholic Director of Athletics William Raycraft has announced that MC has hired Michael Colombo to head its Girls Varsity Soccer program.

Michael Colombo has served the Malden Catholic Girls Soccer program over the past three years as both the Junior Varsity Head Coach and Varsity Assistant Head Coach. He has extensive education, coaching experience and has demonstrated tremendous enthusiasm over the years at MC.

According to New England Futbol Club Technical Director Peter Motzenbecker, “Michael is one of the finest coaches with whom I have had the pleasure of working.” Motzenbecker added, “His technical knowledge of the game is top notch,



Michael Colombo.

and probably more importantly, he understands how to work with players and get the very best out of athletes.”

“Michael has a terrific ability to connect with people. He has also demonstrated a strong drive to succeed while developing talent the right way, which makes him a terrific fit for Malden Catholic and our mission. As we went through the

search process, Colombo checked off all the boxes,” stated MC Athletics Director William Raycraft.

Coach Colombo has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame and holds a USSF D License, in addition to numerous certifications from a diverse suite of providers including United Soccer Coaches and Massachusetts Soccer. His coaching career includes time with Mass Youth Soccer’s Town Select program and over the past four years he served as a Staff Coach with the New England Futbol Club (NEFC). Over his coaching career, student-athletes have experienced great success and have flourished both as teams and as individuals.

USPS warns the public about surge in use of counterfeit postage

In recent years, a surge in the use of counterfeit postage has been found in the mail stream. The intentional use, or sale, of counterfeit postage is a crime because it seeks to obtain services without payment. This activity reflects an intentional effort to defraud the Postal Service of the funds it needs to provide services to the public.

In response to this problem, the Postal Service is filing a federal register notice about changes to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®), that will allow the Postal Service to treat items found in the mail stream bearing counterfeit postage as abandoned. “As the most trusted government agency in the nation, we will continue to work together with other law enforcement and government agencies to protect the sanctity of the mail,” said Chief Postal Inspector Gary Barksdale.

The Postal Service’s

proposed changes will provide the public notice of the handling of items bearing counterfeit postage. Under the revision to DMM 604.8.4, articles found in the mails with counterfeit postage will be considered abandoned and may be opened and disposed of at the Postal Service’s discretion. The mission of the Postal Inspection Service is to ensure the safety, security, and integrity of the U.S. Mail. The implementation of these new regulations will continue to support and enhance this mission.

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districts in Massachusetts with the largest percentages of students with disabilities are vocational-technical and agricultural high schools.

While there is strong sentiment on the both sides of the lottery debate, what all advocates of high quality vocational-technical education can agree on is this: The state can do more to help vocational schools and our potential students:

First, the state needs to make a massive capital investment in vocational school construction to create more seats. Second, our schools need unfettered access to our middle schools so we can inform students, especially those from disadvantaged back-

grounds, about the value of vocational education. Put another way, we need better access to reach the very students our detractors say are being excluded.

As demand for limited seats continues, we must work together to create opportunity and bright futures for all our high school students. Vocational-technical and agricultural high

schools in Massachusetts will continue to do their part.

Steven C. Sharek is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, a professional association of educational leaders who administer and advocate for high-quality vocational-technical and agricultural education.

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Last year, money raised at the splashed sponsored

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This year, with your help, Save the Harbor will be able to award \$300,000 in Better Beaches grants to local organizations.

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In addition, Save the Harbor recognizes the Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn, and Representa-

tive Adrian Madaro of East Boston and the legislative and community members of the Commission as well as Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano for their support for our beaches and our communities. We also thank the Baker-Polito Administration, the Massachusetts Legislature, Save the Harbor's partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families the YMCA of Greater Boston, and the hundreds of people who take part in the Shamrock Splash for their support.



Participants of the 2022 Shamrock Splash run into the cold water of East Boston's Constitution Beach.



Splashers dress up in all kinds of costumes for the event, and the best costume wins roundtrip JetBlue tickets.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Steam it!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

If all you're steaming is vegetables, you are missing out on a world of easy cooking. Just think of all those Dim Sum carts filled with bamboo steamer baskets of dumplings, fish balls, buns, and cakes.

New England cooking includes many steamed favorites. We love clam shack "steamers," the local name for soft-shelled clams steamed in salt water, wine, or beer. Steaming is our preferred way to cook lobsters or crabs. Traditional Boston brown bread is steamed in a coffee can. This makes sense when you realize that many colonial homes did not have an oven.

Steaming is a great way to cook fish at home. Classic Asian recipes for scallion ginger fish and French fine dining Paupiette de Sole are both steamed. Delicate fish can be steamed off the burner in just the residual steam

in the pan. This helps prevent overcooking.

Double Duty

Melissa Clark recently published her recipe for One Pot Salmon and Rice in the New York Times. She started by steaming a pot of coconut rice with a bit of green curry paste added for zest. When the rice was about half cooked, she added the fish. She wrote, "...since salmon's so easygoing, draping the filets right on top of the rice to steam struck me as the simplest way to go, with the fewest dishes to wash afterward."

Clark is right about clean-up. Not only will you use fewer pots and pans when you steam things but this wet cooking method also makes those things you use easier to clean. Another trick used by those who do a lot of steaming is to protect the steamer with parchment paper with holes to let steam move about. You can make your own or buy

these premade to fit popular steamer sizes.

Equipment

You can spend money and take up space with specialized steaming appliances. However, there's a good chance that your kitchen will have something that can be used to steam food. A soup pot with a folding steamer basket will work fine for many items. Other food can be steamed on a heat-resistant dinner plate.

Most companies that sell pans offer a multi-pot with a couple of baskets that let you steam more than one item at a time. These come in various materials and price points from aluminum to stainless steel. Some cooks use their rice cookers as steamers. Instant Pots have steamer settings.

Simple multi-level bamboo steamers let you cook different food on each level, and you can remove each item from the stack when it is cooked to



Steamed dumplings are always a treat! (photo by Rasmus Gundorff Sæderup)

your desired doneness.

If you have a wok, you could use it for steaming. Although wok guru, Grace Young warns that this might ruin the seasoning patina. She suggests a second wok just for steaming and boiling.

Steaming Tips

Never underestimate the danger of burns with steam. Use protection for your hands when you touch the pan or steamer.

Always lift covers away from your face, so the cover protects you from the steam.

Make certain any plate or bowl you use in a steamer is heat resistant. To encourage good steam circulation, put an upside-down saucer under your food dish to lift it from the bottom of the cooking pot.

Make sure the water does not boil away. You

can open the steaming vessel to check the water level. While this is most important when steaming a whole chicken or large pudding, it can also happen with shorter cooking times.

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IN CONTROL: Brian Artica Santos (12) keeps the ball away from East Boston's Leroy Martin while looking to pass.



WATCH YOUR BACK: Chelsea's Roify Otanez Del Rosario looks to pass the ball as East Boston's Leroy Martin reaches in from behind.



TAKING AIM: Roify Otanez DeRosario attempts a shot over East Boston center Christian Sanders.



MY BALL: Chelsea freshman Jonathan Williams Jr. (11) gains possession of a loose ball as East Boston's Xander Boutros tries to take it away.



STAY AWAY: Chelsea's Mannix Resto Jr. (5) knocks a rebound away from East Boston's Robin Cartegena.



NOW WHAT? Braulio Zueza Tinea looks to pass the ball as East Boston's Christian Sanders looms behind.



HIGHER GROUND: Jonathan Williams Jr. (11) gets between East Boston's Leroy Martin (left) and Angel Franco (right) on the way to two points.



HARD LANDING: Islam Allouane goes to the floor after grabbing a rebound as East Boston's Christian Sanders (30) tries to avoid landing on him.



HELD BACK: Herman Esquivel Mendez is closest to the loose ball as he reaches in front of East Boston's Leroy Martin and teammate Islam Allouane.



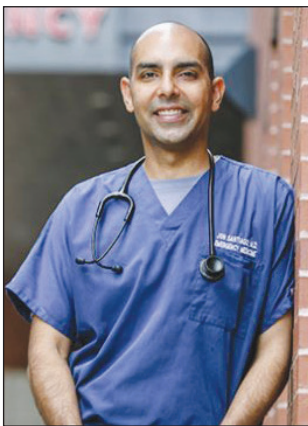
PLANNNG A COURSE: Chelsea's David Wright (0) looks up court as he gets retrieves a loose ball.

Rep. Santiago named as First Cabinet-Level Veterans’ Secretary in Massachusetts

Governor Maura T. Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll announced that they are appointing State Representative Jon Santiago to serve as Massachusetts’ first ever Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services. Representative Santiago is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center, a former volunteer in the Peace Corps, and has served as State Representative for the 9th Suffolk district since 2019.

In 2022, the Massachusetts Legislature passed An Act relative to the governance, structure and care of veterans at the Commonwealth’s veterans’ homes in response to the devastating tragedy at the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home in 2020. The legislation made a number of key reforms, including creating the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services to be led by the Secretary of Veterans’ Services. Among the Secretary’s responsibilities include serving as the ultimate appointing authority of the superintendents of the state’s two veterans’ homes. The secretariat will be established on March 1, 2023, which is when Rep. Santiago will be sworn in as Veterans’ Services Secretary.

“Representative Santiago has dedicated his life to serving his country – whether that’s volunteering for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, working in the emergency room throughout COVID,



Jon Santiago appointed the Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services.

being deployed overseas with the U.S. Army Reserve, or advocating for increased access to housing, public transportation and substance use disorder treatment in the State House,” said Governor Healey. “His public health expertise and military service make him uniquely qualified to serve as Massachusetts’ first ever Secretary of Veterans’ Services. I’m confident that he will be the leader our veterans need and deserve and will always stand up for their health, safety and wellbeing.”

“As the daughter of a Navy veteran, I’m so proud that Massachusetts is taking this critical step to ensure that our veterans are well cared for and prioritized by creating the Executive Office of Veterans’ Services,” said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. “I’m grateful to the veterans, legislators and advocates who worked so hard to see this through – and I’m grateful to Representative Santiago for stepping up to take on this

enormous responsibility. I know our veterans will be in good hands under his leadership.”

“I’m honored that Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll have placed their trust in me to assume this historic position,” said Representative Santiago. “Our veterans deserve the absolute highest quality of care, but they are far too often underserved. The Healey-Driscoll Administration is committed to meeting the complex needs of those who have bravely served our country, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue my own service as Secretary of Veterans’ Services.”

Jon Santiago was born in Puerto Rico and received his undergraduate degrees in biology and religious studies from the University of Texas at Austin. After college, he volunteered for the Peace Corps where he organized sugarcane workers and communities in the Dominican Republic, and later was a Fulbright Scholar in Paris. He completed a Master of Public Health from the University of Washington at Seattle after returning from abroad. A graduate of Yale School of Medicine, he now works as an emergency medicine physician at Boston Medical Center, the city’s safety net hospital. He also serves as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve and has been deployed overseas twice.

In 2018, he was elected State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District

located in Boston. During his time in the Legislature, he advocated to increase funding and services to address the substance use epidemic, affordable housing, and tackle health disparities. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Representative Santiago doubled his hours in the emergency room and served as a member of the House of Representatives COVID-19 Working Group and Vice-Chair of the COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness & Management to advise policymaking and ensure state government accountability.

He lives in the South End with his wife Alexandra and son Rafael.

The Veterans’ Services Secretary will work closely with the newly constituted Veterans’ Homes Council, which was also established by legislation. The Council’s responsibilities include recommending improvements and policies for veterans’ homes to the Secretary of Veterans’ Services, submitting recommendations for appointments and removal of Veterans’ Homes Superintendents, and developing an annual report reviewing the Veterans’ Homes’ demographics, finances, staffing levels, efficacy, equity, and resident well-being. Governor Healey and Acting Health and Human Services Secretary Mary Beckman announced their appointments to this council last week.

Statements of Support: “Representative Santia-

go’s service to his country, as a healthcare professional, and in the House of Representative makes him uniquely qualified to serve in this new position. I want to thank Representative Santiago for his hard work during his time in the House, and I wish him all the best going forward.” -House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy)

“The Healey-Driscoll administration should be commended for moving quickly to elevate Veterans’ Services as a stand alone agency with direct report to the Governor. We congratulate them for selecting Jon Santiago as its new leader. Rep. Santiago is an Army veteran, dedicated legislator and an accomplished medical physician. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to our Country and Commonwealth and his leadership and compassion for helping those in need is unquestioned. The Disabled American Veterans look forward to working with him to serve and support our veterans and their families. DAV also wishes to thank current Secretary Cheryl Poppe for her many years of service and dedication during very challenging times and we know our veterans will continue to be well served by Secretary Santiago.” -Coleman Nee, former Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans’ Services (2011-2015) and National Line Officer for Disabled American Veterans.

“Representative Santiago’s medical background will be a significant asset

to the role of Veterans’ Services Secretary, as he has firsthand knowledge of what it takes to meet veterans’ complex health needs. I’m confident that he will always put the health and wellbeing of our veterans first.” -Dr. Thea James, Vice President of Mission, Associate Chief Medical Officer, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, and Director of the Violence Intervention Advocacy Program at Boston Medical Center

“Representative Santiago has been a strong, effective representative for our South End district, as well as for the Latino community throughout his career, and I’m excited to see him take on this important role in the Healey-Driscoll Administration. He will bring empathy, integrity and expertise to the job, and our veterans and Commonwealth will benefit enormously from his leadership.” - Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, CEO of Inquilinos Boricuas in Acción

“Representative Santiago has been a champion of equity throughout his career, and he will bring compassion and expertise to this new role. We can count on him to make sure veterans are receiving the care they need and deserve, especially veterans of color.” -Tony Molina, President of the Puerto Rican Veterans Association of Massachusetts.

Statewide poll finds most salient issues among the state’s Latino population are related to affordability

Amplify Latinx, Massachusetts-based nonprofit non-partisan, collaborative convener advancing Latino leadership representation, economic prosperity, and civic engagement, along with the MassINC Polling Group released the findings of a recent poll among about 1,200 Latino residents of Massachusetts. It is the largest ever Latino focused poll on civic engagement and economic prosperity in Massachusetts. The project also included two focus groups of Latino residents and a series of interviews with Latino elected officials.

The survey found Latino residents want state leaders to focus most on economic issues. Housing costs and healthcare costs were the top priorities followed by jobs and unemployment. Education was fourth on the list. A series of focus groups among Latino res-

idents and interviews with elected officials found the same issues of concern. Immigrant rights fell in the middle of the list of issues, while transit improvements and climate change were near the bottom.

Full topline, crosstabs, slides, and quotes from elected officials and focus group respondents are available here.

A key part of the research project was exploring ways to boost civic engagement among Latino residents including activities such as participation in campaigns and public meetings, and contacting elected officials. A quarter or less report participating in each of these activities in the last year. Currently, civic engagement is higher among English speaking only households, those with higher education levels, and those born on the US mainland.

“We are thrilled to unveil this informative landscape of Latinos in Massachusetts, the most expansive of its kind, that presents a snapshot of our community’s priorities, such as economic development including affordability, jobs, and education, among others,” says Amplify Latinx CEO & President Eneida Román. “Amplify’s commitment to highlighting this data presents an opportunity for our coalition to increase Latino civic engagement by leading advocacy efforts statewide. Our ongoing research projects give us the necessary tools to advocate for transformative initiatives that drive pathways for economic prosperity for all residents and business owners of our great Commonwealth.”

Other results of activities reported include: posting about political views on social media was most

common (26%), followed by attending government meetings (23%) and displaying a campaign sign, button, or bumper sticker (22%). One of the least frequent activities was contacting an elected official (17%). Out of all eight activities, Latino residents took part in an average of 1.43 in the last year. Activity levels decreased among residents who only spoke Spanish, lived outside of the U.S. and Puerto Rico and those without a college degree. The highest engagement was from Latino residents who identified as LGBTQ+.

The focus groups found that for many, a key hurdle was the sense that their voices were not heard or represented in the political process and that they were disappointed in past political outcomes. Even so, 73% think their community could make “a lot” or

“some” difference if they pushed for change.

When polled about voting, there was considerable optimism, with 82% saying they agree voting “has a real impact on the way decisions are made” (52% strongly agree). The poll suggests boosting registration rates will require both addressing structural barriers to registering and overcoming disaffection and distrust of the political system among potential voters. Those who could potentially register but have not done so cited a range of barriers including a lack of time and little interest or faith in the political system.

About three-quarters (76%) said electing more Latinos to office was somewhat or very important. In a series of focus groups with residents and interviews with elected officials, the issue of representation came up frequently as essential to boosting civic engagement among Latino voters. Some described voting exclusively to support Latino candidates. One elected official said Latino residents would sometimes reach out to their office even if they were not their constituents.

When it comes to specific policy proposals, over three-quarters (78%) of Latino residents support “making buses and trains free to ride in Massachusetts.” A majority of Latino residents support limiting rent increases (79%), helping families pay for childcare (87%), and expanding programs that support small businesses to access funds (90%).

Among other major findings:

- Abortion is not the most salient issue to most respondents, falling below many other issues in terms of priorities for state lead-

ers. Even so, 59% say abortion should be legal in all or most cases, while 34% say it should be illegal. Support is highest among college degree holders, (71%), people under 30 (67%), Democrats (64%), and those who are registered to vote (65%). Its lower position on the priority list suggests it’s less salient than other issues in Massachusetts, where abortion rights are more secure than elsewhere.

- Elizabeth Warren is the most commonly known Massachusetts politician while Katherine Clark is the least well known of those included in the poll. Those who were familiar with these officials were also more civically engaged and more likely to contact their public officials. Registered voters and the senior population were more likely to have heard of each of the elected officials.

- More respondents say they prefer Hispanic, Latino, or refer to their place or country of origin to describe themselves. Just 5% identified with Latinx. On this and on many other items, there were considerable differences by nationality / ancestry.

- Overall, 10% identify as LGBTQ+. Among younger Latinos (those under 30) the figure is 19%. This echoes national surveys which have suggested younger Latinos identify as LGBTQ+ at higher rates than others, a figure which has grown in recent years.

“This effort is absolutely unique in scope and scale,” said Steve Koczela, “President of The MassINC Polling Group, which oversaw the poll. “The survey includes a very large sample size of Latino respondents in Massachusetts and sits alongside resident focus groups and elected official interviews.”

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Irma Louise Eaves

March 26, 1924 – February 12, 2023

Irma Louise Eaves passed away on Saturday,, February 18 in the peaceful surroundings of her home with her loving family at her side. She was 98 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was one of four children of the late Daniel H. and Maude A. (Thomas) Cunningham. She was married for 57 years to Thomas F. Eaves, Sr. and raised four children of her own.

Irma worked as an operator for New England Telephone in Chelsea. She was a proud homemaker and after her own children were grown, she worked as a Lunch Mother at the Williams School in Chelsea.

Irma was a devoted wife and mother and loved her family more than anything. She was a busy woman who always had Hydrox Cookies and gingerbread at the ready when her children returned from school, and the continuous flow of their many friends.

She was so proud of all of her children and grandchildren and never missed an event.

In true Boston form, she was a big fan of the Red Sox and New England Patriots. She was such a loyal fan that she had to follow Tom Brady after he left the Patriots, and so added Tampa Bay as a weekly need to watch a game. If, however, they were playing New England, she would shut the television off and waited for the results on the news.

She was a beacon of love, kindness, and generosity. Ever the optimist, she kept everyone entertained with her colorful stories and adventures. She loved to laugh and shared her “Irma-isms” so



frequently that her children recite them still.

In addition to her parents, Irma was predeceased by her beloved husband, Thomas F. Eaves, Sr. and was the devoted mother and mother-in law of Donna Eaves-Finnie of Revere and her late husband, Russell, Thomas Eaves and his wife, Susie of Round Rock, TX, Paul Eaves and his wife, Joanne of Saugus and Dr. William Eaves and his wife, Chris of Revere; cherished grandmother of Christopher and Valerie Finnie, Michelle and Keith McKenzie, Samantha Eaves, Paul Eaves II and Nicole Eaves, Ashley Eaves, Christian Eaves and Jillian Eaves. She was also the adoring great-grandmother of ten and the dear sister and sister-in-law of the late Maude and John McKenna, Henry and Helen Cunningham, Edward and Rosalie Cunningham and Robert and Louise Eaves.

Her funeral services were private.

Should friends desire, contributions in Irma’s name may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Ste B-102, Danvers, MA 01923 Donate: Care Dimensions Danvers

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James R. Goode, Jr.

May 16, 1944 – February 10, 2023

Jimmy Goode, Jr., at 78 years of age, passed away on Thursday, February 16 after a brief decline in health.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he was the cherished son of the late James R., Sr. and Jane M. Goode. He attended Chelsea schools and loved to be called Jimmy.

A resident of Chelsea for most of his life, he has been living in South Boston for the last few years enjoying the company of new friends.

His passion was his music, he loved to cook and liked watching the food network and he is fondly remembered as gentle man with a very big heart.

He is survived by his first cousins: Frank J. Schettino of Peabody, Robert J. Simmons and his wife, Maria of South Carolina and AnnMarie

DiNapoli and her husband, Robert J. of Tewksbury. He is also survived by many next generation cousins and friends.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday February 24 from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. The visitation will be immediately followed by a funeral service at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment and Jimmy will be placed to rest with his parents in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

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Nitza Magali

Arroyo-Oswald

August 12, 1968 – February 15, 2023

Nitza Magali Arroyo-Oswald lived courageously for several years with several ongoing illnesses and passed away following a brief decline of health in the peaceful surroundings of her home on Wednesday, February 15 with her family at her side. She was 54 years of age.

Born in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, she arrived in Chelsea at nine weeks of age and was a lifelong resident of this city. A beloved daughter of the late Carmen Nilda Arroyo-Nieves, she attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1986.

She married Michael I. Oswald and raised her two daughters and one son in Chelsea. As a young lady, she was an owner and proprietor of Latin Sound on Everett Avenue for 16 years, selling and installing car music equipment. For many years, Nitza would lead the annual Latin Festival Parade in Chelsea, an event she always enjoyed. A year ago, Nitza moved to Gardner to live in a home better suited for her life challenges. Undeterred by living with MS for many years, her lifelong devotion was to home and family welcoming six grandchildren and several fur-babies. She also enjoyed antique cars.

She is survived by her husband of 14 years, Michael I. Oswald, Jr. She



was the devoted mother of Yesenia Saldana and her husband, Nelson of Chelsea, Matthew Molina and his wife, Ashley of Gardner and Aliyah Oswald at home in Gardner. She was the cherished grandmother of Ivan and Melody Saldana, Arianna Molina, Aaliyah Arnold, Matthew Molina, Jr. and Adryanna Molina; dear sister of Gladys Arroyo of Chelsea and she is also survived by her two fur-babies, Patchies and Scrappy.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Tuesday February 21 and her visitation was followed by a service of remembrance and life tributes. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers:

To honor Nitza’s love for animals, contributions in her name may be made to the SPCA, PETA or any animal welfare and protection charity. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.



Donna Lee Murray

Mary 15, 1956 – February 6, 2023

Donna Lee Murray passed away at home on Monday, February 6 surrounded by her family and caregivers. She was 66 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was the beloved daughter of the late Raymond and Isabelle C. (Kiejna) Dombrowski. Donna attended Chelsea schools and graduated from Chelsea High School. She worked for several years as a nurse’s aide at local nursing homes.

She raised her two sons, Robert Dombrowski and Joseph Valentin, Sr., and was the beloved wife of Michael Murray. A longtime resident of Chelsea she has been living in Everett for the past 15 years where she became endeared to Jean and Thomas Troville and their family. Three years ago, Donna was widowed by the passing of her husband, Michael.



She enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, was a devoted mother and dear friend and was most enamored with her grandson, Joseph Valentin, Jr. She is also survived by her longtime friend, Jaime Santos and was a second mother to Carlos Bardales and the Troville children and grandchildren.

Funeral services were private.

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Joan Frances Bocchino

Of Chelsea

Joan Frances (Borstel) Bocchino, 89, of Chelsea, formerly of Somerville and Revere, passed away peacefully on February 19 at Whidden Hospital after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Angelina (Capuccio) and Charles S. Borstel; devoted mother of Frank Bocchino and daughter-in-law Maria of East Boston, Teresa A. (Bocchino) Linde of Bridgewater and Susan Hanley of Indiana. She is survived by her sister, Patricia Miller of Malden and her late husband, Robert D. Miller and was preceded in death by her loving brother, Charles (Bud) Borstel who was very fond of her.

Joan loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren, with lots of trips to parks in the area to many home-based musical events and to arts and crafts. Her loving grandchildren are: Steven Owens, Marissa Owens and her fiancé, Eddie, Christina Gibson and her husband, Eric, Frank Bocchino and his wife, Stephanie. She also leaves her treasured great grandchildren: Jackson Owens, Eric and Anthony Gibson.

She was a resident of Captains Row for over 25 years and leaves dear friends Chris Kenney and Joan Northway, along with many friends at her residence. Joan was very active in her building as the parking representative and participated in many other administrative activities.

Joan loved playing cards and having her nephews, cousins and friends come to play almost every week where she lived in Somerville; with fond memories, Robert D’Amelio and his



wife, Kate, Steven Capuccio and his wife, Patti Maryann D’Amelio and her husband, Andy, Barbara White and her late husband, Doug, Donald Capuccio and his wife, Jill, Robert J. Miller and his wife, Zita, Janie Ruddock and her husband, Tommy, Charles Borstel and his wife, Angela, Sean Borstel and his wife, Lisa and Rose Richards, Raymond Taurasi and Janet Standish.

Joan loved to send cards to her family and friends and always remembered birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions. She was fond of stickers with hearts, butterflies and bees, flowers and sayings that meant so much to us on each envelope she would send.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Whidden Hospital, especially Dr. Kim and her part time nursing staff that came to her home three times a week to care for her, especially Sony.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joan’s name to the Sjogren’s Foundation, 10701 Parkridge Blvd, Suite 170, Reston, VA 20191

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Joan’s Celebration of Life gathering at the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave. Chelsea on Friday, February 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Hayden announces recent appointments to leadership team

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden today announced several appointments to his leadership team as he shapes the direction of the office for his four-year term. The appointments include:

- Byron Knight, Second Assistant District Attorney—Byron has been in private practice specializing in criminal defense since 2015. Prior to that he served deputy legal counsel in the office of the governor’s legal counsel and held numerous prosecutor and investigator positions in the Suffolk district attorney’s office and Massachusetts attorney general’s office.
- Maria Romero, Chief

Legal Counsel—Maria has served as assistant general counsel in the Suffolk sheriff’s office since 2001. Maria began her career in the Suffolk district attorney’s office, first in Dorchester district court and then on the general felony team and the narcotics and asset forfeiture unit.

- Joseph Janezic, III, Chief, Crime Strategies Bureau—Joseph has led the gang and community prosecutions unit in the Plymouth district attorney’s office since 2016. Prior to that he served as deputy chief and then chief of the Suffolk DA gang and Safe Neighborhood Initiative units and

as an assistant attorney general.

- Jennifer Zalnasky, Chief, Integrity Review Bureau—Jennifer has been chief of the appeals unit in the Berkshire district attorney’s office since early 2021. She served as an assistant attorney general from 2014 to 2021 in the criminal bureau-appeals division and from 2008 to 2014 as assistant general counsel for the Sex Offender Registry Board. Prior to her state service Jennifer spent seven years in private practice.
- David McGowan, Chief, Appeals Unit—David began his career in the Suffolk district attorney’s

appeal unit in 2007 and subsequently served in the major felony bureau, narcotics and asset forfeiture unit, domestic violence and sexual assault unit and senior trial unit, and homicide unit. He has also served as chief of arson and fire investigations since 2013.

- Marc Tohme, Chief of Municipal and District Courts—Marc has served as deputy chief of district courts since January 2020 and has been acting chief since December 2022. Marc started his career in 2013 as an assistant district attorney in Dorchester BMC and also served on the gang unit.
- Linda Champion, Mu-

nicipal and District Court Legal Counsel—Linda has served as assistant general counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents since 2013. She worked as a superior court and district court assistant district attorney in the Suffolk district attorney’s office from 2011 to 2013 and has extensive private practice experience.

- Tracy Litthcut, Special Advisor, Youth Initiatives and DEI—Tracy has over 20 years of public sector experience with the Boston mayor’s office and other organizations in policy development, coalition building, proposal writing, violence prevention

programming and family/youth engagement.

“I’m extremely fortunate to have such an accomplished group of professionals helping me to achieve the many objectives I have for the office, including greater community engagement, continued emphasis on firearm crimes and juvenile and young adult alternative resolution initiatives, data-based prevention and intervention strategies, and conviction and sentencing integrity,” Hayden said.

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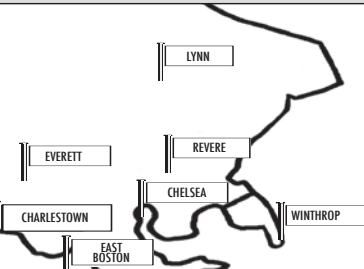
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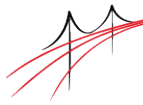
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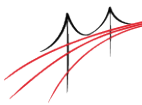
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Submit application to Chelsea Public Schools Personnel Office, 500 Broadway Rm. 221 Chelsea, MA 02150 or pesonnel@chelseaschools.com


Questions: Kimberly Geraci (617) 466-5124 [Office]
Application Deadline: February 27, 2023

The Chelsea Public Schools District is an equal opportunity employer committed to recruiting, appointing, assigning, training, evaluation and promoting personnel on the basis of merit and qualifications, without regard for race, color, national origin, sex, religious affiliation, age, ancestry, marital status, handicapping conditions, gender identity, sexual orientation or any other applicable unlawful discriminatory standards. [Title VI & Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII & Title VIII of the Public Health Services Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as well as other relevant federal and state laws].


LEGAL NOTICE


CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, the Chelsea Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 6:00 PM via Zoom video conference to review the Notice of Intent submitted by Ben Hoag, Glyptal of New Hampshire, Inc., to install a stormwater management area, remove pavement and re-pave portions of a parking lot within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage at 305 Eastern Avenue. All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the Notice is available for review in the Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning, Rm 106, City Hall, during City Hall business hours. Per Order Stephen Sarikas Chair 2/23/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE


LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA PUBLIC HEARING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2024-2028
In accordance with Section 5-4 (c) of the City Charter of the City of Chelsea, notice is hereby provided of a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, March 13, 2023 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts at 7:00 P.M. regarding the City of Chelsea Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2024-2028. Examples of CIP Projects include major building and roadway projects, climate resiliency efforts and open space improvements. A copy of the materials are available for review at the Chelsea City Council Office, City Hall, 500 Broadway #306, Chelsea, MA 02150 during City Hall business hours. Or email jcarmenatty@chelseama.gov to request materials. Leo Robinson, President Chelsea City Council 2/23/23, 3/2/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE


NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2023-05
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: Causeway Development LLC For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a five-story building with twenty-eight (28) affordable home-ownership units which does not meet the minimum requirements for rear yard setback, open space,

minimum off-street parking, and minimum off-street loading at the premises known as: 440 Broadway A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 2/23/23, 3/2/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Project File No. 609532 A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to present the design for the proposed project involving targeted safety improvements and related work on Broadway, from Williams Street to City Hall Avenue (Downtown Broadway Project) in Chelsea, MA. WHERE: The Williams Middle School 180 Walnut Street Chelsea, MA 02150 WHEN: Thursday, March 9, 2023 @ 6:30 PM PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Downtown Broadway Project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of adding improvements along the Broadway Corridor from City Hall to Williams Street (0.543 miles), including the permanent addition of the Downtown Broadway Bus/Bike Lane Pilot, intersection safety improvements, and the reconfiguration of the Bellingham Square signalized intersection. The completion of these improvements advances key goals of the 2018 City of Chelsea Re-imagining Broadway Plan, which rethinks the traffic and circulation of the Downtown Chelsea area with the goals of improving access, safety, and mobility for everyone. Standard safety countermeasures such as improved signage, lighting, traffic calming streetscape elements, curb extensions, signal upgrades, sidewalks, pavement and markings, and bus transit amenities will be included with this project. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. The City's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing. Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 609532. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is held. This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters

in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing. This Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at www.mass.gov/mass-dot-highway-design-public-hearings. JONATHAN GULLIVER CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E. HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR CHIEF ENGINEER 2/23/23, 3/2/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE


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 2/23/23 C

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MAILING DOCKET NUMBER: SU22D1956DR Sonia Figueroa Plaintiff VS. Alejandro Figueroa 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: Sonia Figueroa 62 Floyd St. Apt. 2 Boston, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 04/12/2023. 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: February 7, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 2/23/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE


Re: House of Ermias, LLC d/b/a House of Ermias 267 Broadway Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 16, 2023 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of a Retail Marijuana Establishment to House of Ermias, LLC d/b/a House of Ermias, 267 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 2/23/23, 3/2/23 C

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU23P0250EA Estate of: John Francis Ridge, Jr. Also Known As: John F. Ridge Date of Death: 10/12/2021 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Lorraine Ridge of Chelsea, MA A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Lorraine Ridge of Chelsea, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 2/23/23 C


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Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING DOCKET NUMBER: SU23D0100DR Cecilia Emperatriz Martinez 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 2/23/23 C

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Re: Los Olivos, Inc. d/b/a Los Olivos 10A Central Avenue Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 16, 2023 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an Amusement & Entertainment License application (TV) for Los Olivos, Inc. d/b/a Los Olivos at 10A Central Avenue, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters of this hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 2/23/23, 3/2/23 C


LEGAL NOTICE


Re: Marijuana Licenses Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 16, 2023 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for the public to comment on the issuance of more Marijuana Retail Licenses throughout Chelsea. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 2/23/23, 3/2/23 C

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING DOCKET NUMBER: SU23D0100DR Cecilia Emperatriz Martinez 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 2/23/23 C

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Re: Rancho Las Pupusas, Inc. 36 Second Street Chelsea MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 16, 2023 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a Transfer of a Wine and Malt Beverages License application (On Premise) from Las Pupusas del Chino, Inc. to Rancho Las Pupusas, Inc. at 36 Second Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify all abutters, via Certified Return Receipt mail, of this hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 2/23/23, 3/2/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
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Dogs at transition points

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Throughout our lives, we encounter transition points, both positive and negative. We’ve noticed that these are often moments when people think about adding a dog to their lives. In each case, there are pros and cons you should consider.

Some common transition points are reaching a significant age; setting up your first home; moving in with someone else; getting married; becoming a parent; changing jobs; retiring; or losing an important person or animal.

Job Change

The transition to remote work during the pandemic made it possible for many people to add a dog to their lives. As some of these folks return to the office, they and their dogs must learn to live with that change.

A job change can also mean moving, longer hours, and more or less

travel. These can impact your relationship with current animal companions, and in some cases, may raise the possibility of adding an animal to your family.

Retirement

Leaving the world of work or moving to a semi-working status is a transition point that can have a massive impact on your lifestyle and your ability to make choices that can be good or bad for your mental and physical well-being.

Research has found that dogs positively impact the lives of people of retirement age. Patti Murphy, writing for www.travel-awaits.com, said, “After I retired I noticed that I had a lot more free time and occasional boredom creeping in. Having a dog has helped fill some of that time and given me company on days when not much else is going on. We play, we walk, we do training, and I take him to visit

family members who no longer have their pets and miss having a lively creature around.”

Research has shown that dogs provide a reason to exercise and become part of a community. These are important factors for heart health and cognitive function. Increased social interaction, companionship, daily routine, and the unconditional love of a dog can do wonders for our quality of life and mental health.

However, there are factors that must enter into your decision-making. Murphy suggests that retirees consider the size and strength of a dog who might pull on a walk and sometimes need a lift from you. She also recommends a more mature animal who might need less training and have less energy to burn off daily.

Moving to a New Home

Over the years, we’ve conducted home visits for various rescue groups.



Research has found that dogs positively impact the lives of people of retirement age. (Photo by Ave Calvar)

Quite a number of these were for young individuals or couples setting up their first home or home together.

One of the first questions in the adoption process is whether or not dogs are allowed in the building and under the lease. We gave a top approval rating to a couple from the Midwest who moved to Boston. They had leased

a dog-friendly apartment, planned where they would walk a dog, and found a nearby veterinary hospital. Both were engaged in the adoption process and were enthusiastic about having a dog.

If you already have animals in your home when you relocate, let those critters get used to their new place before introducing an additional family mem-

ber. Moving is stressful for our furry companions, just as it is for the humans in the family. It will be harder to give a new dog the time and peaceful atmosphere needed to transition to a new home and family.

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

THE DANDEE DONUT FACTORY
HOLDS GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Cary Shuman Photos

The Dandee Donut Factory held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new business located at 1141 Revere Beach Parkway.

The Dandee Donut Factory serves more than 50 varieties of delicious,

old-fashioned donuts. It also has a menu of homemade breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. There is a drive-thru window.

Mayor Brian Arrigo, Rep. Jessica Giannino, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Regional School Committee member Anthony Caggiano, and Kait-

lyn Carter, aide to Rep. Jeff Turco, welcomed General Manager David Ferrara and his staff to the city.

This is The Dandee Donut Company’s first store in Massachusetts. There are three locations in Florida.



Pictured at the grand opening celebration for the Dandee Donut Factory in Revere are, from left, Courtney Solimini, Vanessa Page, Shelley Evirs, General Manager David Ferrara, Alex Guevara, and Caitlin Piskadlo.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins honor Krejci and keep pace



In the 2004 NHL Entry Draft, the Bruins selected with their second round pick (#63 overall), David Krejci from the Kladno Jrs. of the Czech Republic. Probably few of us were thinking that 16 years later, this young man would still be making his presence felt on the ice, as one of the top playmakers in the Bruins franchise. Despite leaving the NHL and Boston, to go back home and play a full season in the Czech Elite league, his return to Boston and the signing of a 2022-23 one million dollar contract, proved to be a welcome addition to the locals roster, already in search of a top center. Proof of his worth is shown in his numbers to date, 12 goals and 32 assists for 44 points in 51 games.

Krejci achieved the 1,000 games played plateau on January 16, and the Bruins scheduled the date to honor Krejci be-

fore their Monday contest with the Ottawa Senators. In attendance were Krejci’s family, his wife, Naomi, and his children Elina and Everett, along with his parents Zdenek and Renata, here from Czechia. There was no lack of tributes during the ceremony, as the video tribute not only highlighted his many achievements over his career, but also appearances of the teammates he has played with – including Patrice Bergeron, Zdeno Chara, Brad Marchand, Tuukka Rask, Milan Lucic, Torey Krug, Jaromir Jagr, and Pastrnak, . The respect accorded to him was visible at the end of Monday’s 3-1 victory of the Senators, when David Pastrnak had a wide open empty net in front of him, and needed one goal to post his 15th career hat trick, but instead attempted to feed Krejci for the empty-netter, and the opportunity for Krej to get his name on the score sheet. Despite Krejci’s chance being nullified, Pastrnak with his two goals (40 & 41) in the game, did achieve hitting the 40-goal mark for the third time in his career. That mark put pasta in exclusive company in the Bruins’ category for having at least three 40-plus goals seasons, with Ken Hodge, Rick Middleton and Cam Neely. Krejci received the traditional silver hockey stick from Bruins general manager Don Sweeney for his achieving 1,000 games played.

The victory, the Bruins’ first in three meetings with the Sens provided them with a four-game win streak, and a current record of 43-8-5. Highlights, of which there were many, had Jake DeBrusk, recently returned from injury after missing 17 games, again opening the game by scoring the first goal (18) of the game. Goaltender Linus Ullmark continuing his consistent play, cranking up his league-leading record to 29-4-1 to lead the NHL, a goals-against-average of 1.88, and a .937 save percentage. Also in the mix is Jeremy Swayman the second half of the Bruins’ stellar goaltending tandem, whose impressive numbers include: 13-4-4, goals-against-average of 2.21, and a .918 save percentage (fourth in the NHL). Another reason for Boston’s successful season, has been the balanced scoring from the forwards and the defense. The roster includes nine players in double-digits with goals scored, and the ten top point leaders for the locals have: Pastrnak 41-36-77 (56 games); Marchand 17-32-49 (48); Krejci 12-32-44 (51); Bergeron 20-21-41 (56); Charlie McAvoy 4-35-39 (43); Pavel Zacha 13-25-38 (56); Hampus Lindholm 6-30-36 (56); Taylor Hall 16-19-35 (56); DeBrusk 18-15-33 (38); and Charlie Coyle 11-18-29 (56).

Upcoming Bruins schedule on the road continues with: tonight (Thursday 10pm) at Seattle Kraken, Saturday at Vancouver Canucks (7pm), Monday at Edmonton Oilers (8:30pm), Tuesday at Calgary Flames (9pm) to end the current road trip. Followed be a return home to TD Garden ice to begin a four-game homestand versus, the Buffalo Sabres, New York Rangers, Edmonton Oilers and Detroit Red Wings. As of press time (Wednesday), the Bruins were still seeking a defenseman before the March 3 trade deadline. Players most mentioned included: Jakob Chychrun (Arizona Coyotes), Luke Schenn (Vancouver Canucks), and Vladislav Gavrikov (Columbus Blue Jackets).

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