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## Sen. DiDomenico's St. Patrick's Day celebration a huge success

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick's Day event hosted by Sen. Sal DiDomenico has become one of the most anticipated events of the year and this year did not disappoint. Over 500 people attended the St. Patrick's Day Roast and saw the top elected officials in the state roasting themselves and each other. Speakers included Governor Maura Healey, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Massa-

chusetts State Senate President Karen Spilka, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Senator Lydia Edwards, Representative Dan Ryan, and Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta. In addition, over 75 elected officials from state and local government attended, including a large group of DiDomenico's colleagues from the Senate. County officials also included Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Suffolk County District

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Sen. Sal DiDomenico thanks all who attended.

## Developers update council on Soldiers' Home project

By Adam Swift

State officials and the private developer of the Chelsea Soldiers' Home updated the City Council on the progress of the project at a special subcommittee meeting on Monday night. The update highlighted some potential changes from the project as originally presented for 240 studio, one-, and two-bedroom units that will be built over four phases. All the units will be affordable, with 100 percent preference given to veterans. In addition, all 133 vet-

erans who currently live at the soldiers home will be able to live on site during the phased construction, and will have a guaranteed unit when construction is complete. The first phase of the construction is slated to be ready for occupancy by 2026, with all four phases of construction completed by 2029. In addition to the rehabilitation of the historic buildings on the campus, there will be a new connector building between two of the main buildings providing better accessibility, as well as the construction of 18 townhouse units on the prop-

erty. Veterans will continue to receive services from the state as the project developers Pennrose, which specializes in affordable developments for veterans, works its way through the phases. Once the project is completed, Pennrose will oversee the property management and an outside vendor, Soldier On, will be onsite to provide a wide range of services for the veterans. During Monday night's meetings, several city councilors expressed their concerns about the veteran residents receiving the same level of care at the

newly branded Veterans' Home in Chelsea as they currently receive. "We want to make sure we roll this out as smoothly as possible with the current residents as well as the neighbors, because obviously it is a big project and it is a sensitive population," said Karmen Cheung, a senior developer from Pennrose. Cheung said there was a recent meeting with residents to go over the project and the timeline, and noted that there will continue to be quarterly meetings with the residents.

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## Secretary Santiago visits Veterans' Home in Chelsea

Special to the Record

Executive Office of Veterans' Services Secretary Jon Santiago met with leadership, employees and resident veterans at the Veterans' Home in Chelsea,

sea, and toured the Community Living Center, a state-of-the-art long-term care facility at the Chelsea Veterans' Home. This new 154-bed facility was designed in accordance with federal VA standards for

Community Living Centers and will open later this Spring. Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll on March 1 filed their FY2024 budget propos-

al, the first to reflect the Executive Office of Veterans' Services' (EOVS) new Cabinet-level status. To ensure that EOVS can properly serve the Com-

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## Garcia will keep council seat through city manager process

Special to the Record

Chelsea City Councilor Judith Garcia has announced that she will remain on the Chelsea City Council until a new city manager has been selected. The search for a new

Chelsea city manager has been ongoing since January, 2023. Candidates will be interviewed by the City Council, who will then vote to select the next city manager. "Our last city manager did a fantastic job of keeping the city accessible and

responsive, and we want to make sure the next one will continue to meet our needs as a community," said Garcia. "I have every intention of seeing the selection process through as a Chelsea City Councilor." Garcia has been a Chelsea City Councilor since

2015, and she has spent her career championing issues ranging from fair wages to environmental justice. She was sworn in to represent the 11th Suffolk district in the Massachusetts Statehouse earlier this year.

## Council considers tweaks to linkage fee ordinance

By Adam Swift

The City Council needs to make a few minor tweaks in order to enact its new linkage fee ordinance. The ordinance will require developers to pay a fee to the city for developments that meet certain size requirements. Those fees would then be used by the city for programs such as youth sports or other programs to improve the city. The home rule petition for linkage fees was introduced by then-City Council President Roy Avellana in early 2022. The ordinance creates linkage fees for any commercial, industrial, or mixed-used development, and any residential developments of 24 or more units. Those fees would then go into a separate fund, and the City Council would then be able to decide how the funds could best be used for the neighborhoods impacted and the city. In a letter to the City Council, City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher said the home rule petition recently passed by the state misclassified which fund

the monies should be appropriated to, and also failed to clarify the waiver section. At its next meeting, the council will be asked to amend several sections of the ordinance to clarify those issues. The fees will go into a community impact linkage fee fund and subject to appropriation by the council. The fee for commercial and industrial developments will be determined by multiplying the rate of \$12.50 per square foot times the total number of square feet in the project over 25,000 gross square feet. For residential and mixed-use developments, the fee would be \$10 per square foot times the total number of square feet in the project over 25,000 gross square feet. The City Manager may also recommend a waiver or reduction of the linkage fees if the City Manager determines that other project development cost and concessions warrant such a waiver or reduction. Such a recommendation would have to be approved by a majority of the council.

## Online meeting planned for Zero Carbon Action

By Adam Swift

Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere are in the midst of creating a Zero Carbon Action Plan for the region through the North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). The two organizations are planning an online virtual climate action prioritization forum on Tuesday, March 28 at 6 p.m. Any residents who wish to take part can register at mapc.ma/northsuffolk. The goal of the action plan is to reduce carbon emissions and reach net zero in the North Suffolk communities by 2050, and reduce carbon pollution and other greenhouse gasses that impact climate change as well as air quality, said Sasha Shyduroff-Gutman, MAPC's senior clean energy and climate planner. "We are in the midpoint of the planning process, so we kicked off our community engagement in the early fall and did a few virtual and in-person community events and worked to do an initial visioning session, and hear

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### EMMANUEL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 800 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students honored include:

Daysi Buruca Pacas of Chelsea

Rebecca Connors of Chelsea

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Cath-

olic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

### LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Fall 2022 semester.

Among students earning dean's list honors is/are:

Karina Avalos of Chelsea, Class of 2024

Guadalupe Romero Celaya of Chelsea, Class of 2023

Toni-Chanelle Suncar of Chelsea, Class of 2026

Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

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from community members about what their concerns and thoughts are related to climate and energy," said Shyduroff-Gutman.

The forum planned for March 28 will be a presentation on the work that has been done thus far on the action plan and potential actions the three communities can take to reduce emissions, she said.

"There's a lot of desire for more trees and greenspace and access to outdoor spaces and improvement to outdoor air quality," said Shyduroff-Gutman about the responses to the process so far. "That came up a lot especially in Winthrop, where there is proximity to the airport and other industries."

There has also been discussion about the need for incentives for solar power and reducing energy costs in their housing and in developments, she added.

The plan is to have a draft of the Zero Carbon Action Plan this spring and have it finalized by June.

At that point, it will be up to the North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability to implement the action items within the plan.

"There will probably be a range of near-term actions that they can prioritize in the next one to three years as well as action over the next five to seven years and longer-term actions," said Shyduroff-Gutman.

There will also likely be recommendations about when to revisit the plan, aligning with carbon neutrality benchmarks in 2030 and 2050.

Shyduroff-Gutman said the plan is a bit unique for the MAPC, since it covers three communities, and will need sign off and efforts from the administration and staff in all three communities.

The recommendations from the plan will span six different sectors, including buildings and energy, mobility and transportation, solid waste, open space and environment, municipal buildings and fleets, and collaborative government.

Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input during the March 28 meeting, and Shyduroff-Gutman said there will also be a survey after the meeting so participants can expand on their input for the action plan.

## DIDOMENICO HOSTS CHELSEA STUDENTS



Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico hosted the Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative of Harvard Law School as they held a legislative briefing entitled "Students Speak: Rebuilding Community in our Schools" with State Representative Ruth B. Balser. Students from several communities, including Chelsea, shared personal stories about the need and importance of the Safe and Supportive Schools initiative. "After the briefing, I was happy to meet with Chelsea students in my office and the Senate Chamber and listen to more of their suggestions to make our schools even better for their classmates and teachers," said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I was impressed by their passion, and our future is in good hands."

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"Everyone will have a home at the Veterans Home in Chelsea, whether it is during the redevelopment or after," said Cheung. "Our commitment with the state is to have onsite relocation even during the redevelopment of the buildings."

Cheung said the earliest the developers are projecting anyone would have to be relocated within the campus is the fall of 2024.

The main proposed changes to the project since it was last before the council last year come at the recommendation of the National Park Service, with the elimination of additions to the Sullivan and Keville House buildings. The additional units planned for those buildings will be built on land that was originally intended as a park.

All nine buildings on the site will be preserved, and the only structure that is slated for demolition is the existing incinerator.

The headquarters building will be a veterans resource center, and the Commandant's House

will be home to the onsite property management. There are also plans for a veterans victory garden near the Commandant's House, according to Cheung.

"The goal is to create more green space and more active and passive recreation space on the site," she said.

Cheung also talked about how the services and resources for existing and new veteran residents would be handled.

Currently, the 123 residents live in single room occupancy units and are provided with three meals per day in addition to other resources from the state.

In the new development, all units will have their own kitchens and bathrooms, with one outside meal per day provided.

"Existing residents that live at the veterans home will continue to receive services from the Commonwealth until they move into their new affordable units as managed by Pennrose," said Cheung. "When they

move into the Pennrose development, they will be supported by property management staff, our resident service coordinator" as well as services from Soldier On.

Cheung said there will be coordination and communication between Pennrose and the state as the soldiers transition to the new units, and that the goal is to create a one-stop resource center at the headquarters building.

The affordable units will have 100 percent preference given to veterans. Since there will be larger units, there will also be some opportunities for veterans to occupy some of the units with their families.

"This is veterans housing, that's our plan and that's our goal ... the goal is that there will be 220 veterans here, that it will be attractive enough that veterans will want to come and live here," said Pennrose Regional Vice President Charlie Adams. "That's why we are doing this project, because we believe in veterans' hous-

ing."

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot was among several councilors that said she was concerned about current residents losing some services, especially since the number of meals provided to the residents will drop from three to one.

Even though there will be kitchens in the units, Vidot noted that some veterans may be uncomfortable preparing their own meals, or may have special dietary restrictions.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor noted that the project itself will be a large and long construction project, and asked the developers not to skimp on their community outreach and construction mitigation plans for the neighborhood and the city.

Taylor also requested that the next time the developers update the council, they included representatives from Soldier On so they can provide more information on the resources and services they will provide for residents.

## Santiago / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

monwealth's veterans, the Healey-Driscoll administration in its FY24 H.1 budget recommendation is recommending \$185.6 million for the new secretariat, an increase of \$11.3 million from FY23.

"Visiting the Veterans' Home in Chelsea is an opportunity for me to see the incredible care being delivered to veterans at the Home by our dedicated team members at every level," said Secretary Santiago. "Governor Healey's budget for veterans' services truly meets the moment as it is designed to ensure that veterans get the care, benefits and services they rightfully deserve and have earned through their bravery and service to our nation. I am

grateful to Acting Superintendent Robert Engell and his entire team for their unwavering efforts on behalf of the American heroes living here. I look forward to partnering with members of the Chelsea delegation and legislature to advance this important budget proposal," said Santiago.

Established in 1882, the Veterans' Home in Chelsea, formerly the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, offers residential and long-term care programs to eligible Massachusetts veterans. Its mission is to provide the highest quality of personal healthcare services to Massachusetts veterans with dignity, honor, and respect. Currently, the Home serves a total



Chelsea Veterans' Home Acting Superintendent Robert Engell (left) welcomes Executive Office of Veterans' Services Secretary Dr. Jon Santiago for a visit and tour of the Veterans' Home and the new Community Living Center Wednesday.

of 200 veteran residents, including those in long-term care and domiciliary living.

The Veterans' Home in Chelsea's 136-bed long-term care Quigley Building will be phased out and replaced by the new Community Living Center (CLC) set to open this Spring, increasing its long-term care capacity, which includes skilled nursing beds, long-term care beds, and dementia units. The

CLC is roughly 80,000 square feet larger than the ward-style Quigley Building, and the Home expects to house an additional 41 long-term patients per day in FY23, a 17.3% increase in capacity. The new CLC at Chelsea will provide 154 long-term care beds for veterans, all with private bed and bathrooms as part of 14-bed "homes" that have a community living room, dining room, and kitchen.

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# Boston ranks number 4 on list of America's most congested cities

Special to the Journal

The most congested cities across America have been revealed with motorists driving at an average of just 17.5 mph during rush hour.

Car rental experts at StressFreeCarRental.com have crunched the numbers to find the drivers who are spending the most time sitting in their cars.

New Yorkers experience the worst congestion in the country - travelling at an average of just 12 mph during rush hour.

Motorists in Washington DC and San Francisco experience the second and third worst congestion across the US, with an average travel speed of 14 mph and 15 mph respectively, during peak times.

Boston makes the top five of the worst congested cities, taking on average 18.4 minutes to drive six miles.

Drivers in Pennsylvania also experience long wait times sitting in traffic, as both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh make the top 10 list also.

Chicago and Baltimore rank at the fifth and sixth worst congested cities in the country, spending almost 20 minutes to travel six miles during peak travel times.

Seattle and Miami also have some of the most jam-packed roads across America, with drivers travelling at an average speed of 21 mph during rush hour.

A spokesperson for StressFreeCarRental.com said: "It's unsurprising to see the most densely populated city at the top

Rank	City	Average time to travel 6 miles (minutes)	Average speed in rush hour (mph)
1	New York City	24.3	12
2	Washington DC	20.4	14
3	San Francisco	20.3	15
4	Boston	18.4	16
5	Chicago	18	16
6	Baltimore	17	19
7	Seattle	15.3	21
8	Philadelphia	15.2	19
9	Pittsburgh	14.3	22
10	Miami	14.3	21



Gridlock along Saratoga Street in East Boston, is causing public safety concerns among residents during the morning commute.

of the league table - with New Yorkers travelling at an average of 12 miles an hour at rush hour.

"Of the top 10, it's only drivers in Pittsburgh and Miami who can make a six mile journey in less than 15 minutes.

"For motorists in the most congested cities of San Francisco, Washington DC, and New York, the journey will take 20 minutes or more.

"Drivers are experiencing slow moving traffic every day - with an average speed of only 17.5 mph during rush hour across the US as a whole.

"And many motorists are spending over 40 min-

utes doing their daily commute because of how congested the city roads have become.

"This is frustratingly slow and none of us particularly enjoy spending longer than we already do sitting in our cars while we miss out on things we would rather be doing instead.

"But it is surprising not to see some of America's busiest cities on the list - Pittsburgh ranking above Los Angeles is surprising when you consider the reputation LA has for congestion.

"What we might be seeing is the result of differing levels of investment

into improving roads and public transport city to city.

"As the US tries to improve its air quality, pollution, and reduction of emissions, we need more investment to help traffic flow more freely.

"This might involve introducing more congestion charges for motorists in these cities and pumping more funding into improving roads and public transport systems to tackle the issue."

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# Chelsea

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## COVID-19: STILL A MAJOR THREAT FOR SENIORS

President Biden declared recently that the COVID-19 pandemic officially will be over in May, but in our view, that is just wishful thinking.

In January, the number of COVID-related deaths fell after a holiday spike, but nevertheless numbered about 2,100 among those ages 65 to 74, more than 3,500 among 75- to 84-year-olds, and nearly 5,000 among those over 85. If you add up those numbers, more than 10,000 Americans over the age of 65 died from COVID-19 in January, accounting for about 90 percent of the nation’s COVID deaths that month.

To be sure, this is a much-smaller number than we experienced during the height of the pandemic, but 10,000 deaths per month among America’s senior citizens is still a huge number and there is no indication that those numbers will be declining.

The desire of President Biden and the American people to put the pandemic behind us is understandable, but it is dishonest to do so when so many of our senior citizens are succumbing to this disease.

For the first time in decades, life expectancy in the U.S. has declined over the past three years and continues to do so. The statistics make clear that our nation’s senior citizens are especially vulnerable to COVID-19.

But unless our federal government and all of us take steps to ensure that our seniors are protected, older Americans will continue to die in unacceptable numbers.

### SAFE CONSUMPTION SITES ARE THE ONLY WAY TO STEM THE TIDE OF DRUG OVERDOSES

The so-called War on Drugs, which began in the administration of Richard Nixon, has been ongoing in America for more than 50 years.

Putting aside the fact that Nixon began his war on drugs primarily as a means for incarcerating Black and brown Americans (especially for simple marijuana possession), the War on Drugs has failed by every metric imaginable.

We spend roughly five times as much incarcerating people with substance use disorders as it would cost us to treat them, and the return on that expenditure has been meager at best.

The economy loses an estimated one trillion dollars per year (about five percent of G.D.P.) in lost productivity, health care costs, and criminal justice expenditures, among other things.

More ominously, thanks to the recent wave of an opioid crisis that was initiated by our legal drug industry and our faulty regulatory apparatus, more than 100,000 Americans, an all-time high, died from drug overdoses last year. Life expectancy is declining in the United States for the first time in generations largely as a result.

Drug use is soaring and drugs being purchased on our streets are more lethal than ever thanks to the introduction of fentanyl into just about every type of pill and powder that is manufactured and sold by drug dealers, for whom fentanyl is cheaper to produce and easier to transport than heroin. Fentanyl is so potent that a typical car trunk filled with fentanyl would be enough to kill every single American.

Think about that figure for a moment -- and you realize that trying to interdict fentanyl shipments, wherever they might originate, is a game only for fools.

However, there is a solution to this problem which has been used in Portugal and Switzerland for almost two decades: The time has come for our society to treat substance abuse like a public health crisis. We need to repeal outdated laws that push too many people into jails and prisons and not enough into recovery; invest in treatment so that those who want and need help can get it; and replace abstinence-based policies with ones grounded in reality in order to minimize the worst effects of drug abuse.

This would include providing users with clean needles so that they don’t contract or spread H.I.V. or hepatitis C and giving them overdose reversal medications like naloxone.

However, the most significant step we can take is to promote supervised consumption, which is standard in Portugal and Switzerland, so that if users overdose, they don’t die. Supervised consumption programs also entail assisting drug-dependent persons with receiving access to housing and basic medical and mental health care so that they can live in relative stability even when they are not abstinent.

In short, we need to replace the futile goal of eradication with the concept of what is known as harm reduction.

Yes, we realize that some people adamantly are opposed to this point of view. But given that their solution has a proven track record of five-decades of failure, we suggest that a different way of looking at the problem of drug abuse in our country is worth trying.

# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Silicon Valley Bank and your life savings

Dr. Glenn Mollette

If you have worked hard and saved money all your life you may have over \$250,000 in a bank. Or, maybe one of these days you might if you keep working and saving.

You most likely know that only \$250,000 of your money is federally insured. In other words, if you bank fails you might lose any amount above \$250,000. Let’s say you have one half million in your bank. The assets of the bank would eventually be liquidated. If enough money was collected you might receive the rest of your half million or you might never see a penny above the federally insured amount unless you are in Silicon Valley.

The second largest bank failure in U.S. history occurred March 10 in Santa Clara, California. The Silicon Valley Bank failed after a bank run on its deposits. The Department of Financial Protection and Innovation revoked its charter and transferred the business into receivership under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

SVB is the country’s 16th largest bank with \$209 billion in assets and more than \$175 billion in deposits.

A number of businesses had millions of dollars in the bank.

Roku had just under \$500 million of its 1.9 billion dollars of cash assets in the bank.

Roblox, a video game company said 5% of it’s 3 billion in cash was held at SVB.

Toronto-based AcuityAds Holding had US \$55 million in SVB, and just US \$4.8 million elsewhere. That means more than 90% of the company’s deposits were held in SVB.

Aerospace manufacturer Rocket Lab held almost 8%, or approximately \$38 million, of its total cash at the collapsed bank, it said in a Friday filing.

Crypto lender BlockFi, which filed for bankruptcy in November, disclosed it held \$227 million with SVB in a bankruptcy fil-

ing Friday. BlockFi said in November it had halted withdrawals after facing “significant exposure” to Sam Bankman-Fried’s FTX exchange, as well as its sister hedge fund Alameda.

BlockFi’s money in SVB is not FDIC-insured because it was in a money market mutual fund, the company learned from its bankruptcy trustee early this week. (Source CNN. Com)

Move the calendar from last Friday to this past Sunday.

Federal regulators stepped in Sunday March 12, to back all Silicon Valley Bank deposits, resolving a key uncertainty surrounding the second-largest bank failure in U.S. history hours before global stock markets resumed trading.

The U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said the government would back Silicon Valley Bank deposits beyond the federally insured ceiling of \$250,000. The decision addressed concerns around the fate of uninsured funds held at the Santa Clara, California-based bank.

“Depositors will have access to all of their money starting Monday March 13,” the agencies said in a joint statement Sunday evening. “No losses associated with the resolution of Silicon Valley Bank will be borne by the taxpayer.” (Source NBC.COM)

If you have a half million dollars in a bank, you might consider dividing it up into two banks. Maybe the U.S. Treasury will treat you and the people at your bank the same as the millionaires of Silicon Valley. Don’t risk your life savings on this hope.

*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.*

## News in Brief

### GET UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTER OR VACCINATION

COVID-19 vaccination clinics offering a \$75 gift card incentive are scheduled in Chelsea on Saturdays and Sundays in March, providing a free, convenient and accessible way for adults and children to stay up to date on COVID vaccinations.

No ID or health insurance is required. To find additional clinics that are offering the \$75 gift cards, go to [mass.gov/GetBoosted](https://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).

### OLD NORTH CHURCH SIGNAL RE-ENACTMENT

On Thursday, April 20, Old North Illuminated in Boston’s North End will re-enact the famous signal that lit the way for the American Revolution. The celebration recognizes the 300th anniversary of Old North Church and the historical events of April 18, 1775, when allies of Paul Revere hung two lanterns from Old North Church’s steeple as a warning to their fellow Patriots that British troops were on the move.

After passing critical information to the signal

holders, Paul Revere began his iconic midnight journey to Lexington and Concord.

The courageous actions of Revere and the lantern bearers are an inspirational reminder of the power of active citizenship to create a more perfect union that reflects the promise of liberty and justice for all.

This year’s event will be held in person from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Old North Church & Historic Site, located at 193 Salem Street in Boston. The celebration will feature the Middlesex County Volunteers Fife & Drums; a rousing reading of the poem “Paul Revere’s Ride” by Susan Tran, Emmy Award-winning

Anchor and Reporter for NBC Boston; remarks from the 2023 Lantern Award honoree Annette Gordon-Reed, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and MacArthur “Genius Award” recipient; and a lively reception with lantern signals lighting up the sky.

Proceeds from the event will support Old North Illuminated’s virtual and on-site programs, which aim to inspire children and adults alike to consider the ways in which they can build a more just and equitable world. Tickets range from \$75 to \$200 and must be purchased in advance. To register, visit: [www.oldnorth.com/lanterns](https://www.oldnorth.com/lanterns).

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# MEDICAL MINUTE FROM THE MGH CHARLESTOWN HEALTHCARE CENTER

## National Nutrition Month: Fuel for the Future

March is here and with spring just around the corner, it is a great time to focus on healthy and sustainable eating. For older adults, it's essential to make informed food choices and maintain healthful eating and physical activity habits. But no matter your age, good nutrition is important, and everyone can do more than they realize to create a healthier lifestyle while promoting a healthier planet.

This year's Nutrition Month theme is Fuel for the Future—reminding everyone to fuel their bodies at every age in a way that is also sustainable for the planet.

### 8 ways to incorporate the Fuel for the Future theme in your home:

#### 1. Work on a backyard garden.

You can keep this as simple or ambitious as you like. Quickly create small gardens by choosing a container and packing it with your favorite blooms, or tackle a larger project such as redesigning your backyard and opening up space for a vegetable garden. Gardening is one of the healthiest hobbies you can develop—for yourself and the planet! Research shows that working the soil improves land and air quality, and it is also classified as exercise by the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention).

#### 2. Keep hydrated and swap sugary beverages for water.

By choosing water or zero calorie drinks like tea and coffee, you can avoid many health problems associated with high blood sugar, such as diabetes, obesity, and hypertension. Avoiding soda, which comes in cans or plastic bottles, reduces the waste produced by these products. Instead of buying highly sugary juices and soda, try investing in a reusable water bottle. Fewer pollutants and harmful chemicals will enter the ground and atmosphere, and you will save money and energy for more important things. Carrying a reusable water bottle with you throughout the day is a great reminder to regularly hydrate, a healthy habit.

#### 3. Visit local grocery stores and make sure you are in tune with what is in season.

This will help promote healthy food choices when grocery shopping. Buying in-season produce is not only more nutritious and delicious, but more sustainable for the environment and the economy. If you buy local, you will get nutrients that are richer in vitamins. Just think about all the gas required for produce to travel across the country. By buying local in season foods, you can reduce the energy and resources needed to transport the product

from the farm to your supermarket, and you can support local farmers and food trade companies. The greater flavor and texture of fresh, local produce will be a great incentive to keep eating healthier, too.

**4. Eat as a family a few times each week.** Set a regular mealtime and turn off the TV and phones to encourage mealtime talk. Generally, when you eat as a family you are cooking at home and relaxing around your dining table. Family style meals also tend to be higher in fruits and vegetables. And, many times when we buy takeout or eat on the go, we add to the food waste problem. . It is not surprising that diet is one of the biggest sources of climate emissions, one reason why sustainable agriculture that includes fruits and vegetables is key not only for a healthy diet but also for a healthy planet.

**5. Eat seafood twice a week:** Seafood – fish and shellfish – contains a range of nutrients including healthy omega-3 fats. Salmon, trout, oysters and sardines are higher in omega-3s and lower in mercury. We've all heard that seafood has great benefits, but in recent reports there is increasing evidence that eating sustainable seafood can help support a thriving environment along with making a positive impact on public health. Seafood has one of the lowest negative environmental impacts of all the animal protein markets. Other types of seafood like oysters, clams, mussels, and seaweed can be harvested without negative effects on their ecosystems and habitats.

**6. Make an effort to reduce food waste:** Take inventory of foods you have on hand before your next trip to the grocery store. Plan meals based on leftovers, and only buy perishable foods you will use or freeze within a couple of days. Managing food resources at home can help save nutrients and money.

**7. Explore new foods and flavors:** You can add more nutrients when you expand your options. Next time you are at a store, select a fruit, vegetable or whole grain that you have never tried. This can increase the demand for different foods and promote a more diversified farming system. Smart nutrition tip: Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables, especially those that are colorful, dark green, red and orange, for more nutrients. (Beans, peas and lentils are also a good choice!) If you choose to buy canned or frozen vegetables, make sure you choose "low salt" or "no salt" options.

**8. Always include a variety of foods, focusing on Vitamin B12 and calcium as you get older.** Look for fiber-rich cereals--they are fortified with vitamin



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B12, which is a nutrient that decreases in absorption as we age or due to some medications. Improve bone health by consuming more calcium. Older adults need more calcium and vitamin D to help keep bones healthy. Be sure to include three servings of fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt or cheese each day.

Try putting these tips into practice, and you will see that healthy eating with the environment in mind is easy to implement in your daily routine! It can help keep food costs down and increase nutrient density in your diet.

To find out more about this year's Fuel For the Future Campaign visit: [https://www.eatright.org/-/media/files/campaigns/eatright/nnm-2023/english/tip-sheets-english/nnm\\_2023\\_20-health-tips.pdf](https://www.eatright.org/-/media/files/campaigns/eatright/nnm-2023/english/tip-sheets-english/nnm_2023_20-health-tips.pdf)



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FRESH AND LOCAL

Tinned fish

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Lately, we’ve enjoyed more meals and snacks using tinned fish. When pandemic delivery and supply chain issues made protein hard to find, we had stocked up on canned tuna, salmon, clams, smoked trout, sardines, and even some canned chicken.

Now we’re in the process of rotating our supplies. We’ll continue to buy these products because we’ve learned just how handy it is to have them on hand and have developed meals to make with them.

Expanding Our Options

In 2020, New York Times editor Sam Sifton wrote about his delight in using canned fish. His column sent us looking for more recipes and reference material on the topic. We found “The Magic of Tinned Fish” by Chef Chris McDade. The range of canned seafood that he included was in the subtitle, “Elevate Your Cook-

ing with Canned Anchovies, Sardines, Mackerel, Crab, and Other Amazing Seafood.”

We found even more options as we explored the best sources for these products. Beyond the canned fish products in our pantry, we discovered sources for tinned mackerel, crab, mussels, oysters, sea urchin, squid, octopus, scallops, cuttlefish, cod, cockles, and swordfish.

Sharing Tinned Fish

When a neighbor brought a lovely spread to share on a roof deck gathering, we discovered smoked trout. It was simply a can from Trader Joe’s mixed with a bit of yogurt, and lemon served on multi-grain crackers. It was delicious and healthy.

In his article, Shifton quoted acclaimed Chef Erin French, who owns the Lost Kitchen in Freedom, Maine. She has said of tinned fish, “It’s not bunker food. It’s sexy picnic food.” As opportunities for alfresco fun return, consider a tinned fish

party. This is an excellent way to expand your experience and discover which canned fish options you want to buy again.

Miye Bromberg from America’s Test Kitchen has offered guidance on what you might feature. “Budget one tin per person—one and a half if people are hungry,” she wrote. “If you’re a bigger group, get a variety so that people can try different types: not just sardines and tuna but also mussels en escabeche, octopus, squid, clams, etc.” That, with lots of good bread, crackers, crunchy crudité, briny pickles, capers, cornichons, and pickled peppers, would give you the basics.

Find the Best

Since 1853 tinned fish has been part of Portugal’s culinary heritage. We’ve just begun to see tinned fish on local restaurant menus. However, Lisbon is known for restaurants and shops specializing in canned seafood. In this culture, well-conserved



As opportunities for alfresco fun return, consider a tinned fish party. It’s easy. Pop open the cans and enjoy!

canned seafood has been a trusted and favored source of protein for meals and snacks. You could start exploring by choosing a premium Portuguese brand.

Consider a day trip to Fall River and visit Portugalia Marketplace. Sauer magazine called them “America’s Best Portuguese Market.” They also offer online ordering and delivery.

Recently, Island Creek Oysters in Duxbury has

partnered with companies in Portugal, Spain, and Canada to add canned products to their fresh seafood offerings. In January, they announced they would open their own canery in New Bedford.

Patagonia Provisions is another trusted brand with a wide range of tinned seafood offerings. This speaks to the usefulness of this source of protein when dining in the great outdoors.

Make 2023 your year to expand your experience with tinned fish in restaurants, sharing with friends at home and alfresco. And, as we’ve learned, these products are perfect to keep on hand as both pantry and emergency supplies.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

Supplemental budget funds DiDomenico’s priorities for children and families

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate in passing a \$368.7 million supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). Several DiDomenico priorities were included in this legislation to fund vital services that support vulnerable populations and address food insecurity, housing in-

stability, the state’s long-term COVID-19 response, economic development, essential support services for incoming immigrants and refugees, and more. Notably, the bill also extends initiatives first implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as outdoor dining, remote public meeting access, and support for assisted living residences. The bill further authorizes

\$814.3 in bonding to bolster the Commonwealth’s clean water and other public works projects for cities and towns, as well as to support the Commonwealth’s ability to compete for competitive federal grant funds.

“I was proud to vote for this supplemental budget which prioritizes feeding, housing, and financially supporting people across backgrounds in our state,”

said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “I am also especially pleased that we have included funding for several of my priorities including the extension of Universal School Meals through the end of the year, supporting early education providers, extending SNAP benefits, and providing wraparound services for immigrants and refugees. I want to

thank Senate President Spilka, Chair Rodrigues, and their staff for bringing the supplemental budget to the floor.”

DiDomenico spoke during the Senate debate and highlighted the fact that the bill invests \$368.7 million to address several time sensitive needs for an array of programs relied on by some of the most vulnerable residents of the Commonwealth,

including \$130 million for SNAP food assistance benefits to provide a glide path for families who were receiving enhanced SNAP benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic, \$68 million for the Early Education C3 stabilization grant program, \$65 million for the continuation of free school meals, \$45 million for emer-

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Public Comment on Proposed Title VI Policy Changes

The MBTA is proposing changes to our **Disparate Impact and Disproportionate Burden (DI/DB) Policy** and **Public Engagement Plan (PEP)**. These policies are a part of our compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits the MBTA from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin, including limited English proficiency.

We’re collecting public feedback to ensure that these policy updates are understood by riders and will benefit the communities we serve. You can submit comments through **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

Learn more about the changes and ways to provide feedback at [mbta.com/draftpolicies](https://mbta.com/draftpolicies)

Public Meetings

We’re hosting public meetings in March to share the proposed changes with you, answer your questions, and listen to your feedback.

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6pm

Location: State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116 (hybrid via Zoom)

Chinese and Spanish interpreters will be provided for this meeting.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6pm

Location: QARI, 275 Hancock St, Suite 202, Quincy, MA 02171

Chinese interpreter will be provided for this meeting.

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6pm

Location: La Collaborativa, 318 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150

Spanish interpreter will be provided for this meeting.



Accessibility accommodations and additional language services can be provided upon request, as available.



# Boston Children’s Chorus names Kenneth Griffith the new music director

Boston Children’s Chorus (BCC) is proud to announce the hiring of Kenneth Griffith as its new music director. A dynamic conductor and educator with more than a decade of experience and a commitment to highlighting diverse musical perspectives, Griffith becomes just the third person in BCC’s 20-year history to lead the organization’s overall musical vision.

Griffith is no stranger to BCC, its singers and their families. He joined the organization in 2021 and most recently served as associate director of choirs, crafting and executing BCC’s creative direction for all its major concerts, managing staff and serving as the primary conductor for the chorus’ Premier Choir.

“Kenneth is an incredible educator, a visionary leader and an inspiring and talented musician,” said BCC



Kenneth Griffith.

Executive Director Andrés Holder. “After scores of applications and hours of community interviews and rehearsals, it became apparent that Kenneth was the perfect fit for this role. Having had the pleasure of seeing him in action every day for the last two years, I am confident Kenneth is the right leader to shepherd BCC into our next decade of transformative artistry both in performance and rehearsal.”

“From the moment I ar-

rived at BCC, I knew this was a special place,” said Griffith. “The BCC community is resolute in its pursuit of justice through youth activism and artistry and is filled with folks who care deeply for the wellbeing of each other and the organization. I look forward to building on the foundation of amazing programs BCC currently offers as well as re-examining our music education curriculum to ensure that it is accessible, inspiring and affirming to all. I’m also deeply committed to providing unique offerings for our elementary and middle school-aged ensembles, to spark the next generation of artists and changemakers across this city and beyond.”

Prior to joining BCC, Griffith served as director of choral and chamber music and director of chapel music at Brooks School in North Andover, Mass.,

where he led multiple choruses, chamber ensembles and winter musicals and gave private lessons in piano and voice. A valued member of the Brooks community, he served on the school’s Diversity Leadership Council and subcommittee for diversity, equity and inclusion for the Board of Trustees. He was also a faculty advisor to the Black Student Union and Gender-Sexuality Alliance.

Griffith has also worked as an assistant conductor for the storied Collegiate Chorale in New York, where he prepared four concerts at the Verbier Music Festival in Switzerland under conductor James Bagwell, and as an assistant conductor with the Concert Chorale of New York. He has served as chorus master at Bard Opera Chorus, associate conductor/bandleader at CATCO Theater in Columbus, Ohio, and assistant conduc-

tor at Bard Chamber Singers and Symphonic Chorus in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. While still in college, Griffith worked as music director at CATCO is Kids children’s theatre in Ohio and assistant conductor of Capital University Chamber Orchestra.

Griffith holds a Bachelor’s of Vocal Performance degree from Capital University Conservatory of Music in Columbus, Ohio, and a Masters in Choral Conducting from Bard College Conservatory of Music.

Boston Children’s Chorus (BCC) was founded in 2003 by Hubie Jones, a civic leader who has worked for six decades to address the social problems facing Boston’s underserved children and communities. Named Boston’s “Ambassadors of Harmony” by The Boston Globe, BCC harnesses the power of music

to connect Boston’s diverse communities, cultivate empathy, and inspire social inquiry. BCC choir programs include 10 choirs with singers from 110 different zip codes in and around Boston. BCC presents over 50 performances per season in a wide range of public and private events. They have performed in venues from Boston Symphony Hall, and Royal Albert Hall in London, to Sydney Opera House, and the White House.

BCC is supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and in part by a grant from the Boston Cultural Council, a local agency which is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, administered by the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture.

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agency shelter assistance, and over \$40 million to support affordable housing for immigrants and refugees. Other measures funded in the bill include:

\$8.3 million for judgments, settlements, and legal fees

\$7 million for coordinated wraparound services for incoming immigrants and refugees

\$2 million for the reimbursement of SNAP benefits for victims of benefit theft

\$2 million for the preparation and execution of the 114th National NAACP conference, which is taking place in Massachusetts in 2023, which was adopted via an amendment from

Senator Liz Miranda

\$1 million for a public awareness campaign to educate the public about the misleading tactics of so-called crisis pregnancy centers and their lack of medical services

\$250,000 for Reproductive Equity Now’s free abortion-related legal hotline

The bill also authorizes \$814.3 billion in capital expenditures to support economic development projects. Notably, these include \$400 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, which provides grants to cities, towns, and other public entities for infrastructure projects, and \$200 million

for state matching funds to compete for federal grant opportunities, including those funded through the CHIPS and Science Act, which encourage innovation in Massachusetts. Other bonding items authorized by the bill include:

\$104 million for the Clean Water Trust Fund

\$34 million for a program to revitalize underutilized properties

\$30 million for state matching funds to compete for federal broadband expansion grants and improve state broadband infrastructure

\$15 million for the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initia-

tive, which supports innovation within the state’s manufacturing industry, including by offering technical assistance to manufacturers and attracting talent from outside of the state

\$14 million for the Massachusetts Manufacturing Accelerate Program

\$9.3 million for broadband middle mile supports

\$8 million for the Smart Growth Housing Trust Fund

Recognizing the societal shifts that have taken place during the pandemic, the bill also addresses several pandemic-era related measures, including:

Permanently allowing public corporations and

nonprofits to hold meetings by means of remote communication

Permanently allowing notaries public to conduct remote online notarization using communication technology

Extending the ability of graduates and students in their last semester of nursing education programs to practice nursing in accordance with guidance from the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing

Extending the ability of municipalities to allow outdoor dining services

Extending the ability of public bodies to allow remote participation by members in public meetings

Extending flexibilities given to cities and towns that allow for town meetings to be held in hybrid or fully remote capacities and that ease the threshold for a quorum

Extending the ability of nurses employed by assisted living residences to provide skilled nursing care in accordance with valid medical orders, provided the nurse holds a valid license to provide such care

As a previous version of this legislation has passed the House of Representatives, the two branches will now reconcile the differences between the bills.



## Comentario público sobre los cambios propuestos en la política del Título VI

La MBTA está proponiendo cambios en nuestra **Política de Impacto Desigual y Carga Desproporcionada (DI/DB)** y en el **Plan de Participación Pública (PEP)**. Estas políticas son parte de nuestro cumplimiento con el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que prohíbe que la MBTA discrimine por motivos de raza, color u origen nacional, incluido el dominio limitado del inglés.

Estamos recopilando comentarios del público para asegurarnos de que los pasajeros entiendan estas actualizaciones de políticas y beneficien a las comunidades a las que servimos. Puede enviar comentarios hasta el viernes **14 de abril de 2023**.

Obtenga más información sobre los cambios y las formas de proporcionar comentarios en [mbta.com/draftpolicies](https://mbta.com/draftpolicies)

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## Reuniones Públicas

Organizaremos reuniones públicas en marzo para compartir los cambios propuestos con usted, responder sus preguntas y escuchar sus comentarios.

### Martes, 21 de marzo de 2023 a las 18:00

Ubicación: State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116 (híbrido a través de Zoom)  
*Se proporcionarán intérpretes de chino y español para esta reunión.*

### Miércoles, 22 de marzo de 2023 a las 18:00

Ubicación: QARI, 275 Hancock St, Suite 202, Quincy, MA 02171  
*Se proporcionará un intérprete de chino para esta reunión.*

### Martes, 28 de marzo de 2023 a las 18:00

Ubicación: La Colaborativa, 318 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150  
*Se proporcionará un intérprete de español para esta reunión.*



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Calvin Brown, Jr.

He will be remembered for his good heart, keen sense of humor and quick wit

Funeral services were held privately for Calvin N. “Cal” Brown Jr., 58, who passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 6.

Cal was born in Malden on April 28, 1964, the loving son of the late Carole

A. (Leidinger) Finn and Calvin N. Brown Sr. His family moved to Chelsea, where he was raised and educated. He attended Chelsea High School.

Throughout his life, Cal had worked and mastered all different types of roofing. He was very passionate about everything he did. He was a cab driver for Royal Taxi in Revere and worked for a time at Everett Aluminum.

Cals passion was living one day at a time. He will be remembered for his good heart and keen sense of humor, along with a quick wit. Cal was a cat lover who enjoyed rock music and video games. He loved his bike and was rarely seen without it. Above all, he was a loving son, husband, brother, uncle and friend who will be missed by all who knew



him.

He was the beloved husband of the late Alysia (Pelletz) Brown, brother of

Christine S. Puccilli of Everett, the late Belinda D. Miscioscia, Stephen D. of Odessa, FL, the late William J. Brown, Korinna J. McGinley of Everett, Lisa-Marie Cyr of Stuart, FL and Dominic F. Brown of Revere. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com).

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio, Smith and Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals of Revere.

William Valinch

A man of his word, his family will forever miss and cherish his compassion, love and devotion

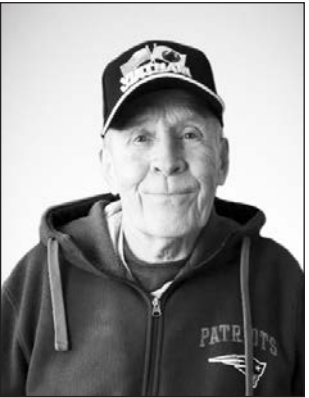
William M. “Bill” Valinch passed away on a sunny Friday afternoon, March 10 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He was surrounded by the warm love and comfort of his family. He was 75 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the son of the late Joseph M. and Margaret (Burke) Valinch, Bill attended St. Rose School in Chelsea and graduated from Don Bosco High School in Boston. He attended one year of college at Wentworth for aerospace engineering. Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army serving during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged as Sergeant on August 21, 1968.

A Master Mason by trade, Bill dedicated his working career as a mason at the Massachusetts State House for 30 years, building and mending the infrastructure for the Commonwealth’s legislature, before retiring in 2009. He was a proud union member throughout this time.

Bill was a lifelong resident of Chelsea and had a passion for reading and learning. He wrote a handbook on masonry to teach students the trade which he loved. He loved sports, particularly football and hockey. He also loved to garden, cook, discuss politics, play pool, and spend hours at Revere Beach enjoying time with his children.

He enjoyed watching the History Channel and was proud of his lifelong membership to the National Geographic Society. Bill inspired humor, curiosity, and integrity in each of his children. He was a man of his word. His family will fondly remember him by his contagious sense of humor and his ability to assign each of them silly nicknames. His family will forever miss and cherish his compassion, love, and devotion.



The beloved husband of Maria R. (Rivera) Valinch of Chelsea with whom he shared 44 years of marriage, he was the devoted father of Kathleen A. Soltish and her husband, Christopher of Boxford, Kristen E. Venezia and her husband, Jason of Charlestown, Joseph “Joe” M. Valinch and his wife, Alicia of North Andover, John P. Valinch and his partner, Aiden Nguyen of Cambridge and William M. Valinch and his fiancé, Paige Healey of North Andover; cherished Papa of seven grandchildren: Joseph and Charlotte Soltish, Lincoln and Harrison Venezia, Audrey, Eva and Olivia Valinch. Bill is also lovingly survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Bill’s visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., CHELSEA, on Friday, March 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. Funeral Services will follow the visitation in the Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill’s memory may be made to The Chelsea Soldiers’ Home Activity Fund, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150 and/or ALSAC/ St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or on-line at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

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

Thomas M. Reppucci aka Antonio (Tony) Navarro

A resident of Revere and a North End legend for over 40 years

Thomas Michael Reppucci, aka Antonio (Tony) Navarro, entered eternal rest on March 8 at age 96 after a long and wonderful life.

He was born on August 27, 1926, the son of the late Michael and Lena (DeMarco) Reppucci of Revere; brother of Barbara Houghton of Chelsea, the late Carl Reppucci (Carol) of Peabody and he resided in his family home on South Irving Street for his entire life.

He was married to the love of his life, Virginia Reppucci, for over 30 years until her passing in 1993 and he mourned her loss every day since.

A product of the Greatest Generation, Tommy enlisted in the United States Navy at 17 and served his country during the Asia-Pacific War/ World War II from 1943 intervention for sparing his life when kamikaze pilots attacked their ship in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, one of many attacks that killed over 100,000 American soldiers. Tommy recounted that the plane was so close to him he could see the pilot

He was employed by the city of Revere DPW, retiring in 1991 after 24 years, but the arts were his passion. Tommy was musically inclined, having learned to play the piano and the accordion at a young age. His love of the arts began a legacy of music and happiness for everyone around him. A professional dancer, musician, and screen actor, Tommy acquired his Screen Actors Guild card and took the stage name of ANTONIO (TONY) NAVARRO. A star was born. His most memorable role was the grandfather and narrator in the 2002 comedy film Ciao America, where he was cast alongside Paul Sorvino and Giancarlo Giannini.

Forever proud of his Italian heritage, Tommy, Caroline welcomed Antonio into their establishment and family, and he would entertain patrons with his accordion and songs there for decades. Franco and Antonio were an iconic singing duo, and the two tenors together hit the high notes, bringing Francodinner guests to their feet with applause. Franco and his restaurant



family were the highlights of Antonio “was regularly shouted by first responders, street workers, servers, and passersby of all ages as Tommy strolled down the street. He had a beat on the neighborhood and was a friend to everyone.

Before his evening gigs at Dolce Vita, Tony made his rounds to Modern Pastry. He ended the nights at Caffè Vittoria, where servers, kitchen staff, and visitors spent time hearing his stories and songs or watching out for him on his bus rides home. They were his very special extended family.

Antonio was an icon whose passing marks an end of an era where tradition, loyalty, friendship, and kindness were paramount in society. A kind and gentle soul, his legacy lives on in the streets of the North End, and his music will play in our hearts forever.

Besides his beloved North End community, Tommy leaves his dear sister, Barbara Houghton of Chelsea, his nieces and nephews, and their families, with whom he was extremely close: Carl Reppucci of Andover, Diane Argentieri of Needham, Stephen Fiore of Revere, Laurie Pelosi, Keith Houghton and Lisa Houghton of Chelsea, Robert Houghton and Karen Lodeon of Peabody, Susan Houghton of Melrose, and Karl Houghton of Littleton, NH.

Graveside services with Military Honors were held at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett on Tuesday, March 14.

The family of Tommy Reppucci would like to thank the healthcare workers at The Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea for their kindness and care toward their dear uncle in his final months.

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Karen Molina

June 14, 1970 – March 9, 2023

Karen E. Molina, a lifelong resident of Chelsea, passed away on Thursday, March 9.

Born in Revere, she was raised in Chelsea and was a beloved daughter of Carole (Grant) Cross and the late Raymond J. Cross, Sr.

Karen attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1990. She was married to Santos Molina for 34 years and raised her family of two sons.

Karen worked for the Social Security Administration Office in Boston as a Hearings and Appeals Administrator for 25 years. She was a longtime member of the Women of the Moose, Chapter 1910 in Malden.

In her lifetime, Karen enjoyed traveling on several ocean cruises, vacationing in Puerto Rico, participating in radio contests, being

In addition to her father, four years ago, Karen was predeceased by her sister Roseanne. M. Ciaramella.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 34 years, Santos Molina of Chelsea, her loving sons and their spouses, Joseph Molina and Darlene



Rodriguez, Cobi Molina and Luna Gonzalez, all of Chelsea.Sr.; dear sister of Cheryl L. Zawaski and her husband, Robert of Revere and Raymond J. Cross, Jr. and his wife, Susan of Maine and the late Roseanne M. Ciaramella.. Laura Godin of Leominster and Bear Volosevich of Cape Cod.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours and a remembrance service in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Wednesday, March 15. Services concluded in the Funeral Home. Karenprivate

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Ralph Rizzo, Sr.

Owned Habine Printing Press

Ralph M. “Tony” Rizzo, 86, passed away on March 7 after a battle with dementia and Alzheimer’s.

He was the loving husband of the late Marie Rizzo, with whom he shared 37 years of marriage.

Born in Revere, he was the son of the late Mary Louise and Anthony Rizzo. He proudly served in the United States Air Force prior to becoming a printer and later the owner of Habine Printing Press.

Ralph was a sweet old soul who made friends wherever he went. He enjoyed spending time at Revere Beach, fishing, bowling, and spending time with his family. Revere Beach held a special place in Ralph’s heart since it was where he first met his wife, Marie, and where they spent most of their time together. It continued to be his favorite place to walk, sit, and people watch.

Ralph loved being out on the ocean and catching fresh fish.

He spent many years as an avid bowler at the Town Line bowling alley in Malden, where he spent countless Saturday mornings teaching his three grandchildren to bowl. Ralph loved to celebrate the holidays with his family and always enjoyed the family dinners that were filled with love and laugh-



ter. He cherished the time he spent with his six great grandchildren.

Ralph is survived by his three children: Donna Diamantopoulos (Rizzo) and her husband, George and Ralph Rizzo, Jr. and his wife, Donna (Hinterleitner), all of Lynn and Eric Rizzo of Clearwater, FL. He also leaves his three grandchildren: Charlie Diamantopoulos of Las Vegas, NV, Gina Diamantopoulos and her husband Peter Grassa and Toni Diamantopoulos Reyes and her husband, Ismael Reyes, all of Lynn, as well as his beloved great grandchildren: Emely, Sofie, Emiliano, Zoe, Niko and Georgio.

There will be a small service for immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com).

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE DOES NOT EXTEND CONTRACT

EVERETT -The Everett School Committee, in

a controversial vote, decided by a 6-4 margin not to extend Superintendent Priya Tahiliani’s contract to 2026 after more than 20 residents and several members of the School

Committee spoke on the issue. Former City Councilor Fred Capone seemed to echo the feelings of many in the audience saying that he supports the superin-

tendent, while noting that the “current school system is the most diverse.” Referring to an internal review of the superintendent two months ago in which many school committee

members gave her a proficient rating, Capone said, “Her performance is more than proficient, and the extension of the contract is easy work” for the school board.

Everett resident Mary Fortin said, “She’s a keeper.”

Damian Allan, a resident and parent of children in the Everett public schools said, “I support Priya, she is doing good work.”

Another resident Wendy Post noted, “Politics has no place to get in the way here.”

After more than an hour, the public speaking part of the meeting was closed and several members of the School Committee gave their opinions.

Jeanne Cristiano urged her colleagues to put students and family first. “The superintendent has been honest with me,” Cristiano said, adding, “I respect the team that Priya put together.” She concluded, “I can work with the superintendent under any circumstances, and I am more than happy to advocate and vote for the extension. She reminded her colleagues that “two months ago, we gave her a proficient rating.”

Several committee members took the time to blast the baseless rumors that have been circulating in the city on the social media about alleged jobs and appointments that would be given to members who voted against the extension of the contract.

One of the targets of the smear campaign was Cynthia Sarnie who said, “My vote is never bought or sold. I was never offered a job. The city is so divided, and we need to stop the hatred.”

Millie Cardello said on the extension of the contract, “I vote the way I see fit. I like and respect the superintendent, and I am elected by the people. I vote based on facts and this is about the students and teachers.”

Tahiliani said that she still has a desire to lead the schools and is “more motivated to work on your behalf.”

Six members voted in opposition to extending Tahiliani’s contract to 2026. Those voting not to extend the contract included Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Cynthia Sarnie, Joseph LaMonica, Michael McLaughlin, Jason Marcus and Millie Cardello.

The four members voting in favor of extending the contract were Jeanne Cristiano, Mike Mangan, Marconi Almeida Barros and Samantha Lambert.

The idea of extending the contract was first brought up more than a year ago when some School Committee members thought that Tahiliani was not given a fair opportunity to lead the schools under normal conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They said that many of the programs that Tahiliani proposed in her interview for the position in late 2019 were sidelined due to the pandemic. Added fallout due to the pandemic, such as the drop in the MCAS scores as well as remote learning issues, prevented Tahiliani from accomplishing many of her educational objectives for the Everett Public Schools. She officially started her job as Superintendent in March 2020.

Mangan, chair of the Everett School Committee, said Tuesday, “I wish the vote would have gone

in her favor. “Based on the things we asked the superintendent to do, in terms of school security, CTE development, the cleanliness of the schools, her work in addressing the social-emotional learning impact on students following the pandemic - and seeing and hearing the overwhelming support she received from students and parents - I wish the vote would have gone a different way, but unfortunately it didn’t. I respect everybody’s opinion and decision. But personally, I wish she would have gotten the contract extension.”

BPDA PRESENTS UPDATES ON ZONING

EAST BOSTON - At its Neighborhood Residential Workshop on Thursday, March 2, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) presented updates to its zoning recommendations initially revealed to residents in October.

The original zoning recommendations in October called for zoning to focus on the dimensions of a building rather than its use. The updated recommendations discussed at last week’s meeting include setting unit density limits, reducing allowed building size, changing off-street parking requirements, and more.

These revised recommendations come from months of community engagement meetings with numerous neighborhood and civic associations to better gauge feedback regarding the initial draft proposal.

“It probably will not surprise you that what we heard in response really ran the gamut. From folks who strongly opposed any changes to how zoning works today to folks who actually felt like our recommendations did not go far enough in some ways,” said BPDA Senior Planner Kristina Riccio.

“These are proposed changes to draft recommendations intended to directly address the feedback we’ve received.”

Regarding the unit density limits, the BPDA proposes that for a majority of East Boston, most lots would allow no more than three units and an additional dwelling unit (ADU) inside a building. However, lots greater than 50 feet wide would allow for no more than six units and an ADU.

Additionally, elsewhere in East Boston, such as the top of Orient Heights Hill, parts of Bayswater, and a portion of Harborview, every lot would be limited to buildings with no more than two units and an ADU.

ADUs, which allow homeowners to create an extra unit in their homes by converting rooms like basements and attics, could potentially serve as a way to preserve existing housing. Especially considering the city offers to provide loans to build ADUs to those who qualify.

In conjunction with the unit density limits, the BPDA is proposing limits on allowed buildable area. These restrictions for lots themselves would include requirements on front, side, and rear yard setbacks and the introduction of a maximum lot coverage.

As for the building’s restrictions, they include the height and would introduce limits on width, depth, and a maximum floorplate.

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“Limits on buildable area plus the unit density restriction work together to create the sort of – not only the form, but the density that I think are familiar to people,” said Ricco.

For example, Ricco explained that for most parcels in the neighborhood, new buildings would be similar to three-deckers that are prevalent in East Boston. As for larger lots, they would contain buildings similar to a paired three-decker.

“It’s the intention that we really focus on a building form that is very familiar to people,” said Ricco.

Similarly to the unit density restrictions, the area at the top of Orient Heights Hill, parts of Bayswater, and a portion of Harborview differ from the rest of East Boston. The new proposal limits the height for buildings in this area to 2.5 stories rather than three and reduces the allowed building footprint.

In addition to the unit density and building area restrictions, the BPDA is also proposing to waive the off-street parking requirement for buildings with three units or fewer. This recommendation is in an effort to “retain and expand tree canopy, preserve on-street parking, and reduce impervious surfaces.”

For those residents who gave feedback during the question and answer portion of the meeting, it seemed like the updates left much to be desired.

One of the main issues residents had, especially those from Orient Heights, was with the plan’s ability to preserve single and two-family homes.

“I think a lot of what you heard was that we would like to preserve our single and two-family housing, and I did not see that listed as anything that you’ve heard, but I’ve been copied on at least 40 emails that I know have been sent to you – so I know you’ve seen it maybe you haven’t heard it, and I think its time that you

start to hear it,” said resident John Casamassima.

“If you look at the objective of this plan, it was to preserve, enhance, and grow, and all I’m seeing is grow, grow, grow.”

Several residents also had a problem with the proposal to remove the off-street parking requirement for certain buildings.

“For those people who think – as a planner – that two cars in front of one of these buildings will more than satisfy the need for parking – to me, that’s laughable,” said resident Mary Berninger.

“We want to be able to use our cars the way that we want to use them, and that means they should continue to require on-site parking for anything that gets built or gets changed.”

Another big issue that was brought up was the lack of trust in the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and its actual enforcement of the potential zoning changes in terms of granting variances.

One resident said, “There’s nothing that says that they [the ZBA] won’t provide variances like they have been doing for the last 10 to 15 years. There’s no guarantee that you can provide us for that, and that’s why a lot of us are angry because we’ve had to deal with these, and you’re making it sound like it’s a guarantee.”

As there will surely be more feedback on this newest draft for zoning in East Boston, the following steps for this planning endeavor include a Spanish-language community meeting in April. Also, a final draft of the recommendations is slated to come sometime in May.

VISCONTI, KEEFE, ANNOUNCE RUN FOR MAYOR

REVERE - With news of Mayor Arrigo not seeking reelection getting around, local officials have begun to announce their intentions

to run or not to run for the office of Mayor or Revere. The following are their statements.

**Patrick Keefe, Jr.**  
City Council President Patrick Keefe released the following statement about his candidacy for Mayor of Revere:

“The announcement made by Mayor Arrigo is still relatively fresh, but my family and I have taken the last week to process what this news means for us and our city.

The city’s accomplishments over the last few years have been transformative, and I’m proud to support and advocate for our continued progress. With all of our current successes we’ve had, it is important to remember that the work must carry on. It is the only constant.

The next leader of our city should use our last eight years as our foundation and continue moving the city forward.

I know that my calling has come and that I have the experience, leadership, and unmatched work ethic to get the job done.

In the coming weeks and months, I will continue to speak with the many stakeholders in Revere. Everyone, from our residents, business owners, and city staff, will help establish our plans moving forward. I look forward to meeting with and listening to all of you.

But for now I want Revere and all of its residents, young and old, to know that I bleed Revere, I believe in Revere, and I’ll be there for Revere. The City of Revere has been at the center of my family’s life for the past 20 years and that’s not going to change.

I’m all in.  
KeefeForRevere2023  
#BelieveInRevere”

**Gerry Visconti**  
Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti released the following statement about his candidacy for Mayor of Revere:

It has been humbling

to receive so many calls, emails, and texts encouraging me to run for Mayor of Revere. This city is my home, where my wife and I have chosen to raise our 4 children and own a business in. I love this community and I am proud of the work we’ve done thus far. With a transition coming this fall, I believe now is the time for new vision and leadership. As a result, I am announcing my candidacy for Mayor.

From speaking to fellow residents at athletic fields, restaurants, and even city council meetings, one thing has become clear; far too many of us are identified by who we voted for in the past elections.

Our national politics have crept into local elections. Hate and vitriol have consumed much of our time and held us back as a city. If given the opportunity, I will be a Mayor for each and every Revere resident; whether it be a lifelong resident or a new resident that chose this city to call home. In the coming months, I look forward to talking with residents, sharing my vision for Revere, and earning their support. I want to be the candidate to get us past political divisions, working together for a better Revere.

**Steven Morabito**  
Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito released the following statement about his candidacy for Mayor of Revere:

“A mayoral run is definitely on my radar. Currently, I am having lots of conversations with family, friends, residents, and people across the political spectrum before I make a formal announcement.”

**Jessica Giannino**  
Representative Jessica Giannino (D-Revere) announced she would not seek election for Mayor. The recently appointed House Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities stated, “I am humbled by the calls

and messages of support encouraging me to run for mayor. I love my job as State Representative, and believe I can serve the people of Revere best in the House. I am thankful to Speaker Mariano for appointing me to a leadership position and I am eager to get to work on legislation to improve the quality of life for the residents of my district and the Commonwealth.”

COUNCILORS SEEK MORE EDUCATION ON RODENT ISSUES

WINTHROP - Winthrop residents aren’t immune to the scourge of rats and other pests that have plagued other cities and towns in the Greater Boston area.

At Tuesday night’s Town Council meeting, Town Manager Tony Marino asked the council to authorize \$15,000 for the town’s inspectional services department to use for rat baiting and other pest control measures in the town.

Several councilors suggested that the town needs to take a closer look at educational efforts to help curb the rat and pest problem.

“We need a little bit more information on how they are using that money and how we are sort of replenishing that line item almost what seems like twice a year,” said Precinct 6 Councilor Stephen Ruggerio. “I’ve advocated for this in the past, and I’ll ask for it again, but I really think the education piece is almost just as important as the baiting. If we are doing the baiting, we already might have a problem, it already might be too late.”

Preventing the presence of rodents might be a route the inspectional services and solid waste departments could take by providing informational

guides to residents, Ruggeiro added.

“I know that in years past, I have been contacted by constituents who have had some of these issues and ask what is the town going to do for me,” he said. “I pointed out, well, you might want to get rid of that bird feeder in your front yard. I’m not an expert, but it might be good to have some of our experts put together something like that so there is an educational piece.”

Councilor-at-Large Tracey Honan said she agreed with Ruggeiro when it comes to improving education in regards to rodent control.

“Spring is approaching, more compost, more planting, more birdseed, as well as more people are outside eating, disposing in public bins and there is a need for a more preventative approach to rodent control,” Honan said. “I was a health inspector for eight years with two different municipalities and our focus was on prevention, because prevention might cost more up front, but in the long run you are teaching your municipal staff how to deal with rodents before they are a problem and before we just keep baiting and baiting.”

Another issue the town might want to address when it comes to rodents is the effect that next generation rodenticide has on the raptor and bird population, Honan said.

“If our rodents are eating these, and then our raptors are eating the rats or mice, our raptors are dying,” said Honan. “That’s important, especially with Belle Isle and Deer Island we’re seeing a regeneration of our raptor populations. People have seen owls and bald eagles and brown eagles around Winthrop, which is amazing, but rodenticides can quickly take those out.”

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All interested parties seeking to provide public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking portion of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting.  
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To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Elaine Boudreau of Chelsea, MA and Stanley Nemerowski of Chelsea, MA request-

ing that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Elaine Boudreau of Chelsea, MA and Stanley Nemerowski of Chelsea, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/20/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative

and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 09, 2023  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
3/16/23 C

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 38N, the Chelsea School Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Chelsea City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments on:  
1. School Choice for the 2023-2024 school year.  
2. The proposed 2023-2024 school budget.  
Copies of the budget proposal will be available for inspection no later than 2 days prior to the hearing on the Chelsea Public Schools website at https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2433, at the Chelsea Public Library, and the Office of the Superintendent. Please call 617-466-4456 to request a hard copy or to have a copy emailed to you.  
If you are unable to attend in person, but wish to submit public comment, you may send it to: publichearing@chelseaschools.com or

call 617-466-4456. The meeting will be live streamed for the public at: Chelsea Cable TV and https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/ 3/9/23, 3/16/23 C

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REUNION PUBLICA  
De acuerdo con el Capítulo 71, Sección 38N, el Comité Escolar de Chelsea llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el jueves, 23 de marzo del 2023 a las 6:30 p.m. en la Sala del Consejo Municipal en la Alcaldía de Chelsea con el propósito de recibir comentarios sobre:  
1. La Elección de las Escuelas para el año escolar 2023-2024.  
2. El presupuesto escolar propuesto para el año 2023-2024. Las copias de la propuesta del presupuesto estarán disponibles para su inspección a más tarde 2 días antes de la audiencia en el sitio de web de Las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2433, en la Biblioteca Pública de Chelsea y la Oficina de la Superintendente de las Escuelas. Llame al 617-466-4456 para solicitar una copia impresa o para que le enviemos una copia por correo electrónico. Si no puede presentarse en persona para los comentarios públicos, pueden enviar sus comentarios por correo

electrónico o por teléfono a los siguientes: publichearing@chelseaschools.com o 617-466-4456  
La reunión se transmitirá en vivo para el público en: Chelsea Cable TV https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/ 3/9/23, 3/16/23 C

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers  
500 Broadway  
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of five (5) parking spaces for one (1) year at the Shawmut entrance to the Garden Cemetery.  
Per Order  
Chief Keith E. Houghton  
Chairperson  
3/16/23, 3/30/23 C



St. Patrick's /

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Attorney Kevin Hayden, Middlesex County Clerk of Courts Michael Sullivan, Governor's Councilor Terry Kennedy and more!

Rock & Roll, Vocal, and Grammy® Halls of Fame group, The Platters® ("Only You", "The Great Pretender", "Twilight Time") flew into Boston for a special performance that included several Irish favorites. In addition to the traditional Irish dinner, blessing by Bishop Robert Brown of Zion Church Ministries, live Irish music, and bag pipers, there was the presentation of the Golden Shamrock Award to Liliana Patino of the Eliot Family Resource Center.

Proceeds from the event go to The DiDomenico Foundation, which funds educational scholarships for graduating high school students, as well as a large toy drive during the holiday season for domestic violence and homeless shelters throughout the Greater Boston area.



Popular Chelsea residents Minna Karas-Marino and Nick Marino, who will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary on St. Patrick's Day.



Former Chelsea School Committee member Rosemarie Carlisle greets Gov. Maura Healey at the DiDomenico Foundation's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico, his wife, Trisha DiDomenico, who is the president of the DiDomenico Foundation, his mother, Marie DiDomenico, and members of the DiDomenico family.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico, La Colaborative Executive Director Gladys Vega, School Committee member Yessenia Alfaro, Mayra Valdez, and Patty Ebanks.



Rep. Dan Ryan, Dr. Sarah Neville, School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera, and Rep. Sam Montano.



Gladys Valentin-Agnetta, Larry Elgart, Richelle Cromwell, Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville, Joan Cromwell, Celeste Williams, Beverly Martin Ross, Nicole McKoy, Maureen Lee, and Cary Havey.



Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, Chelsea City Councilor Melinda Vega, School Committee member Yessenia Alfaro, Chelsea City Councilor Norieliz Dejesus, School Committee Chair Kelly Chaney Garcia, Mayra Valdez, Chelsea City Councilor Tanairi Garcia, and Patty Ebanks.

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