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The Chelsea School district’s custodial and buildings and grounds crew were recognized for their work year round, as well as for their efforts during February’s record cold spell.

School Committee honors alumni, staff

By Adam Swift

There were plenty of feel-good moments at last week’s School Committee meeting.

As part of the school district’s recognition of Women’s History Month, Chelsea High School freshman Maria Adam was invited to the meeting to read an original poem, presenting her original piece, “The Hidden Treasure.”

“It makes me so happy to see all your accomplishments and all your talent,” School Committee member Jeanette Velez

old Adam. “Keep up the great work and the sky is the limit. I know you will do great things, and we are so proud of you here in the community.”

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta also praised Adam for her hard work and dedication.

“Every time I hear you, I am inspired and I know there is such a bright future for you,” said Abeyta. “We have our eyes on you.”

Abeyta and the committee also recognized and thanked four Chelsea High alumni who recently took part in the tremendously

successful Chelsea Gives Back program at the high school.

“The near-capacity gymnasium listened to (musician) Joe Resnek, state Representative Judith Garcia, city councilor and local business owner Tannairi Garcia and community organizer and Chelsea Poetry Walk founder Lorenzo Recupero as they spoke about their time at Chelsea High School,” said Abeyta. “They addressed how what they learned at Chelsea High School helped them in life. Joe Resnek gave out five

scholarships and our students were given the opportunity to appear in his latest music video.

Abeyta said the students and staff were excited to hear from the alumni.

“It’s amazing to hear what our alumni are doing, and we need to do it more often,” she said.

The school district’s custodians and buildings and grounds crew were recognized for the work they do year round, but especially in the light of the work they put in during

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Council wants more information on Everett Ave. traffic plan

By Adam Swift

City councilors want more information from the Traffic and Parking Commission before signing off on a plan to use parking spaces for an additional weekday morning traffic lane on Everett Avenue.

The plan was approved by the traffic commission at its Feb. 7 meeting.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero made the motion not to approve the request, and Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot agreed that she would like to see more information about the proposal.

Council President Leo Robinson said the request seeks to add the restrictive lane on Everett Avenue southbound between Arlington Street and the Rte. 1 onramp between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday based on a request made by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The parking lane would act as a vehicle lane of traffic during the designated hours to reduce congestion and facilitate access to Rte. 1.

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown said he understood the spirit of the request, noting that the area of Everett Avenue can be very congested in the morning.

“They are trying to alleviate some of the congestion, but because there are businesses over there, I’m not sure if we have made it known or have reached out to all of the businesses to see what kind of impact it would have on them,”

said Brown.

District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia said she agreed with Brown’s concerns.

Housing and Community Development Director

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ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA AND NORTH SHORE NEWS

Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore recently delivered Scholarship checks to the School Districts of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Saugus. For many years the Zonta Club has donated these scholarships to 5 Senior High School women who will be attending college. We are pleased to continue awarding these scholarships to deserving young women. We are proud to be able to support the High School’s scholarship program and we wish the recipients all the best in their future endeavors.



From Left to Right: Obed Morales, Chelsea High School Principal, Adele Lubarsky, Zonta Member, Ellen Kokinidis, Coordinator of School Counseling.

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Recommendations made for City Manager Screening Committee

By Adam Swift

A subcommittee is expected to bring forward a number of names of people to serve on the City Manager Screening Committee at the City Council’s next meeting on March 27.

“We received expressions of interest from a great number of community members,” said Councilor-at-Large Brian Hatleberg. “I want to thank those people who put their names into the process.”

The screening committee, which will be chaired by Eugene O’Flaherty, will review applications and conduct interviews in the search to replace former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. A handful of applicants will then be forwarded to the city council for final interviews and selection by the council.

Hatleberg said the subcommittee charged with selecting the screening committee will forward its final report to the full council on Monday, March 27.

He said the subcommittee has recommended four committee members and two alternates. Those recommended as full members are Fidel Maltez, Joan Cromwell, Michelle Nadow, and Juan Vega. The alternate members selected by the committee are Jen Hassell and Jonathan Gomez-Pereira.

“I would like to thank the committee for taking that challenge on,” Council President Leo Robinson said.

In other business at last Monday night’s council meeting, District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor said he has been getting a good number of complaints from people concerned about people not picking up waste after their pets.

“It’s really rude to let your dog do its business on someone else’s lawn and just leave it there,” said Taylor.

Taylor noted that the city has a number of pet waste stations stocked with plastic bags throughout the city.

Chelsea actor to star in Moonbox productions

Special to the Record

Chelsea actor, Jaime Jose Hernandez, will star in Moonbox Productions’ The House of Ramon Iglesia by Jose Rivera. Directed by Arthur Gomez, The House of Ramon Iglesia opens on April 14 and runs through April 30 at the Mosesian Center for the Arts at 321 Arsenal Street in Watertown, MA. Tickets are \$55 general admission/\$45 seniors and \$20 student rush ½ hour prior to performance and are available at <https://bit.ly/HouseofRamon>. Pay-What-You-Can tickets are available at the door (Box Office fees may apply).

It’s 1983, and the Iglesia family is caught between two worlds. Aging and ailing, parents Ramon and Dolores are eager to leave their rickety house in New Jersey and return to their native Puerto Rico – but their three sons, all raised in America, are deeply divided on whether or not to go. Tough, genuine, and insightful, The House of Ramon Iglesia asks just as much as it answers. What do we owe our parents, and our children? What

do we mean when we say “country”, or “family”, or “home”? As they struggle through gaps of language, age, and culture, will the Iglesia family find common ground? Or are their rifts too wide to heal?

The cast of The House of Ramon Iglesia includes Luis Negron (Ramon), Sara Burd* (Dolores), Lily Steven** (Caroline), Jaime Jose Hernandez (Javier), Mo Correa (Charlie), Dan Garcia (Julio), Matthew Zahnzinger (Nick), Tader Shipley (Swing – Caroline), and Johnny Gordon (Swing - Sons). *AEA, **SAG

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Jaime Jose Hernandez.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

MELROSE ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY MEETING ON MARCH 27

The monthly meeting of the Melrose Arts and Crafts Society will be held on Monday, March 27. at the First Baptist Church at 561 Main Street, Melrose from 9:00 AM to approximately 12:30 PM.

This month there will be two classes. Pat Boyer and Dotty Iudice will teach two different flower arrangements.

Kris Rodolico-Executive Director of Follow Your Arts will give an overall view of what they offer and answer any questions members might have.After the lecture, there will be a short business meeting followed by dessert and refreshments.

Last month, the society held its monthly meeting on February on February 27th at the same time and place as above. Stacey Dinerello taught an African style of painting which was very popular and members produced some

delightful paintings. Judi Lamentea taught a class on bracelet-making which also produce some lovely bracelets which members wore home.

After the classes, members not only listened to a quilling demonstration bu. /ret also participated in making a quilling card they could take home as well.

Quilling is an ancient art that originated in China or Egypt and was popular in the eighteenth century. Recently, quilling is used to decorate postcards, cards, notebooks, and pictures.

Each month the society meets and the fourth Monday of the month and the members meet, talk, and exchange advice and ideas. The society has members from over eight surrounding communities and welcomes anyone - no matter where they come from. If you are interested in learning more or have any questions, please contact Dostdy Iudice at 781-662-2099.

LOCAL STUDENTS

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SNHU ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Jeanette Velez of Chelsea Jermain Mattei of Chelsea

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

TEIXEIRA NAMED TO SNHU PRESIDENT'S LIST

Gilberto Teixeira of Chelsea has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2022 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

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Chelsea man convicted on fentanyl trafficking charges

Staff Report

A Chelsea man was convicted on 16 counts of trafficking fentanyl by a Suffolk County Superior Court jury last week.

James Oliveras, 31, also known as Christian Hernandez, was convicted of 14 counts of distribution of a class A substance, and single counts of trafficking in fentanyl of 10 grams or more and trafficking in fentanyl between 18 and 36 grams. The jury deliberated for 15 hours following an eight-day trial, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Assistant District Attorney Frankie Leone said the Massachusetts

State Police detective unit assigned to the Suffolk district attorney's office conducted a series of undercover buys in Chelsea on various dates between June and November 2019.

The buys followed a similar pattern, with the uncover trooper calling a phone number, speaking to a male, and arranging a drug deal, according to the DA. The male would indicate a place to meet, and a female "runner" would show up at the location to make the transaction.

State Troopers followed the runner, who always exited from an Eden Street residence before the buys. Investigators determined that Oliveras was the

male who answered the calls, and that he lived at a Heard Street residence, despite the female runner operating out of the Eden Street location, according to the DA.

On November 12, after conducting a final undercover buy, troopers executed search warrants at both addresses. From Eden Street they seized about 30 grams of fentanyl, a kilo press, packaging and other items associated with drug trafficking. Troopers arrested Oliveras at the Heard Street location and seized the phone used for the drug buy calls, along with nearly \$5,000 in cash.

Suffolk County District

Attorney Kevin Hayden pointed to a Massachusetts report showing fentanyl as the main driver in opioid overdose deaths in the state, with the drug present in 94 percent of opioid-related deaths in the first six months of 2022 where a toxicology report was available.

"This was a diligent, lengthy investigation that pulled a major supplier of fentanyl off the street," stated Hayden. "We're grateful the jury saw fit to deliver justice for the numerous lives this man's operation has likely affected in one way or another. We've seen, far too often, the consequences of this deadly trade."

Three retail marijuana dispensaries gain licensing approval

gained planning and zoning approval.

Prior to the license hearings, the commission held a brief public hearing to gather public input on marijuana regulations in the city.

"We have several applicants before us tonight to request one of the remaining cannabis licenses," said Licensing Commission Chair Marnie MacAlpine. "Given all the public discussion, I wanted to open it up to the come before the commission before we grant them. Just because the city has them available, they do not need to be granted, it is based upon public need and the will of the neighborhood."

Robert DeMauro Jr. and his father, the owners of 275 Broadway, raised some general concerns about parking and traffic, especially with one of the proposed dispensaries abutting their property.

"It may cause more traffic than the area can handle," said DeMauro Jr. He noted that the existing marijuana dispensaries are

in areas where they have their own dedicated parking spaces or parking lots.

DeMauro said he also had some concerns with locating a dispensary in a residential neighborhood that is near schools.

District 5 City Councilor Judith Garcia spoke as an advocate for retail marijuana sales, but said DeMauro brought up valid concerns with the parking and traffic issues.

Garcia said she also wanted to make sure that the cannabis licenses end up in the hands of responsible individuals, and ones who will hire Chelsea residents and a diverse workforce.

"Every single building, we made sure it was 500 feet from a school," said City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher. "That's what the zoning and the state law requires."

Fisher added that the state law does not require parking for dispensaries, but that it is something the Cannabis Control Commission can take into consideration.

"Every single applicant

tonight has gone through the planning and zoning process," she said. "Every one has entered into a host community agreement with the city."

That agreement addresses issues such as making sure the businesses pay a living wage and hires Chelsea residents both in rank and file and in management positions.

"We have done our due diligence on the city administration and the city council side to make sure that a lot of the community needs are met," Fisher said.

Fisher noted that the city council approved an ordinance change allowing dispensaries in the downtown district and other areas in the city, but did not lower the requirement that the businesses be at least 500 feet from schools.

The dispensaries that gained commission approval last week were Trinity Herbals at 260-270 Second Street, House of Ermias at 267 Broadway, and Vida Verde at 320 Revere Beach Parkway.

Last week's heavy rains cause sewer overflow in Chelsea

Heavy rains from last week's northeaster caused several locations in Chelsea to report discharge from the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) pipes. The discharge only last for 20 minutes, and everything is back to normal.

In accordance with NPDES Discharge Permit MA0101877, the City of Chelsea is providing this notice of the following (CSO) activation(s). The City was delayed in making this notification due to an outage with our CSO monitoring service. While data collection was not interrupted, the activation alert failed to execute properly. The City will manually monitor the

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CSO 003 did not activate

CHE004
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CSO 004 did not activate

CHE008
Discharge location: Chelsea River off Eastern Avenue in line with old Willoughby Street

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purposes. Final activation data may be obtained from official discharge monitoring reports submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency monthly or from the City's CSO Annual Report, which is posted on the City's website.

Additional information regarding Chelsea's CSOs is available on the City's website.

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Paul Nowicki selected as new housing authority director

By Adam Swift

The new Executive Director of the Chelsea Housing Authority is a familiar face in the city. Last week, the Housing Authority Board selected Paul Nowicki to serve as Executive Director, replacing Al Ewing, who retired after serving as the director of the housing authority since 2011. Nowicki has been with the housing authority since 2011, and was serving as its operations director. He was also a city councilor for 16 years, serving four terms as council president. The Chelsea Housing Authority oversees 914 public housing units in



Paul Nowicki.

Chelsea, along with Section 8 vouchers in Chelsea and several surrounding communities. Nowicki said there are about 1,500 residents in the city who live in housing authority units. Nowicki said his desire to move up to the director's role comes from his passion for public service

and the community. "It's always been my passion being in this community, working in this community, from my days as a youth volunteer to the city council, and then when the opportunity came to join the housing authority, it was a completely different perspective on helping out and being a part of the community," he said. "The longer I worked there, the more I saw the potential for the positive impact not only for our residents, but for our neighborhoods, which means the city in general, and I just thought it would be a natural progression for me to go for it." Coming from the coun-

cil to the housing authority, Nowicki said there was a different approach about how to get things done. He pointed to the zoning changes in the late 90s that led to urban renewal as compared to the more nuts and bolts approach of running an agency such as the Chelsea Housing Authority. "I'm the one who always wanted to get things done as fast as possible, and Al's approach was very methodical and was not about getting it done fast, but about getting it done correctly," Nowicki said. "Al was the perfect person at the perfect time to take over the housing authority in 2011 and it

allowed us to stabilize and grow, so there were a lot of good, valuable lessons." As he takes over the director's role, Nowicki said there are some immediate issues that need to be addressed, including finding a new finance director, since former finance director Arnaldo Velazquez recently moved into the deputy director position, and finding a new operations director to fill Nowicki's old spot. Longer term, the housing authority also has to look at the logistics of moving residents back into the revamped Innes Development when that project is ready for occupancy in the next 18

to 24 months, and then backfilling the open public housing units the Innes residents were occupying during construction. Nowicki said the housing authority also needs to look at ways to secure nontraditional housing funding sources. "We as a housing authority, whether it be our supportive services, or whether it be trying to purchase other property to refurbish and create more voucher availability, those are things that we are going to look at as a board and senior staff because we will have to work together as we move this housing authority forward," said Nowicki.

Councilor concerned about CPA revocation information request

By Adam Swift

While there is no official effort underway to repeal the Community Preservation Act, at Monday night's meeting, Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said she was concerned about a request for information about repealing the act. District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero requested the information on how to repeal the CPA from City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher. But Recupero stated that he was just looking for information and did not make any official motion for the information or to repeal the act, which was approved by Chelsea voters in 2016. The act imposes a 1.5 percent surcharge on residential and commercial properties with exemptions for low- and moderate-income homeowners as well as an exemption

on the first \$100,000 of property value. The city council can approve recommendations from a Community Preservation Committee on use of the money for affordable housing, open space, and historic preservation projects. "The Community Preservation Act has been key in raising money for affordable housing, for preserving historical spaces and green spaces," said Vidot. "It's not like we have a lot of money laying around for us to be able to invest in these very important topics or issues in the community. I'm not sure why this is coming up, but I for one would not be in favor of revoking something that has brought such a huge benefit to our community." According to Fisher, repealing the CPA would require the same voting process as its initial approval.

"Because five years have passed since the City adopted the CPA, the City Council may initiate the process to revoke the CPA but they cannot revoke it without the consent of the voters," Fisher stated in a letter to the council. The City Council can make a motion to revoke the CPA, and if a majority votes to revoke it, the CPA would then be put back before the voters of the city. "If a majority of voters vote in the affirmative, then the CPA will begin the process of winding down," Fisher stated. The process requires that the tax surcharge stay in place until all debts owed under the CPA are discharged. "I never put in an order for this," said Recupero. "I requested information, which any of us can do at any time."

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tor Alex Train said abutters were notified about the public hearing on the changes before the traffic commission. "That said though, we can always do more outreach and continue the conversation," said Train. "We have no issue with sending this back to the Traffic and Parking Com-

mission to continue those conversations with the businesses before a final decision is made." Recupero noted that the major problem with traffic in the area is from Broadway to Park Street. "That gets bottled up and that is the problem you need to fix," said Recupero.

Train said he agreed that there is an issue between Broadway and Park and that it is something the city is having its traffic engineering team look at. "With that said, there is still this issue with cars accessing the Rte. 1 onramp on Everett Avenue during the morning rush hour," said Train.

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"The House of Ramon Iglesia reminds us all of the importance of telling our stories: to help define who we are, to open up our different worlds to each other, and ultimately to reveal beneath our different experiences our deep and shared humanity," said Producer Sharman Altshuler. "It is an honor to be bringing this beautiful piece of theater to Boston," said Altshuler. The creative and design team includes Sharman Altshuler (Producer), Arthur Gomez (Director), Samantha Knox (Production Stage Manager), Kailey Bennett (Production Manager), Sean Watkins (Assistant Production Manager), Diego Farrell (Technical Director), Finn Bamber (Lighting Designer), Jessie Marasco (Production Electrician), Jessica Elliott (Production Electrician Mentor), Aubrey Dube (Sound Designer), Cameron McEachern (Set Designer), Abraham

Rebollo (Props Designer), Olivia Dumaine (Intimacy Director), Kailey Bennett (COVID Safety Manager), Katie Smith (COVID Safety Assistant). With each show, Moonbox Productions partners with a local non-profit, to raise awareness for their cause, create connections for them within the community, and increase the reach and impact of their work. For the production of The House of Ramon Iglesia, Moonbox will be partnering with Teatro Chelsea. Teatro Chelsea is a Latinx artist lead program increasing arts access and equity in our community by producing Spanish language and bi-lingual theatre. For more information regarding Moonbox Productions upcoming production of The House of Ramon Iglesia go to www.moonboxproductions.org. Moonbox Productions was founded in 2011

by Producer/Artistic Director Sharman Altshuler. Based in Harvard Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Moonbox is dedicated to supporting local arts and local artists, and to connecting communities to the non-profit organizations that serve them. To fulfill their artistic mission, Moonbox taps the deep well of talent within their own communities to bring top quality theatrical experiences to stages throughout the Greater Boston area. To fulfill their social mission, they partner with a local non-profit organization for each show, giving them visibility on their website and in their promotional materials, as well as giving them access to their audiences in order to raise awareness of their cause, create connections within the community, and increase the reach and impact of their work.



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THE ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

For those of us of Irish descent, whose great-grandparents came to this country at the turn of the 20th century with not much more than the clothes on their backs, whose grandfathers served in WWI, and whose fathers and uncles fought in WWII, it has been with a mixture of pride and some degree of bemusement to see St. Patrick’s Day become widely-observed by Americans of all ethnicities all across the country over the past 20 years.

The contributions of Irish immigrants to America’s greatness, similar to those of other ethnic groups, have been ignored for decades, so to the extent that St. Patrick’s Day has served to highlight both the plight and pluck of our Irish forebears has been extremely gratifying.

It was not all that long ago when John F. Kennedy became the first Irish-Catholic President, though his candidacy was seriously debated in political circles because of the widely-held belief that he would be taking his orders from the Pope. Kennedy felt compelled during the primary campaign, when it was clear that he was the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, to give a long speech about “the Catholic question,” which he concluded by stating, “So I hope we can see the beginning of the end of references to me as ‘the Catholic candidate’ for President.”

Though St. Patrick’s Day has been a major celebratory holiday for generations of Irish-Americans in enclaves such as New York City, Boston, and Chicago, it only has become a major event across the country, from east to west and north to south, fairly recently.

But unfortunately, the recognition of the achievements of Irish-Americans also has been accompanied by the sort of revelry that has fed into the worst stereotype of Irish-Americans -- and of course, we’re referring to the heavy-consumption of alcohol that has become part and parcel of St. Patrick’s Day celebrations everywhere.

That brings us to the St. Patrick’s Day parade in South Boston this past Sunday. While it was nice to see the parade return in full force for the first time in a few years because of the pandemic, the degree of public intoxication by those along the parade route was both frightening and disgusting.

Here’s an excerpt from the Boston Globe story about the parade:

“In the days leading up to the parade, authorities warned people not to use it as an excuse for public drinking. Liquor stores, bars, and restaurants were required to close early Sunday in South Boston. Despite the warnings, many people were drinking along the route and on the subway Sunday....Some walked the South Boston streets carrying borgs — the nickname given to a ‘blackout rage gallon,’ a concoction of hard booze, water, and electrolytes, mixed together in a gallon jug. Left behind along the parade route were broken bottles, empty borgs...”

We had the misfortune to be traveling on the Red Line southbound at 4:00, soon after the parade had wrapped up. Every car was packed with young people, almost all under the age of 20, who were heavily-inebriated -- and we’re not talking about just a few bad apples. The entire train was filled with underage-drinkers from Quincy, Weymouth, Abington and other So. Shore communities, who were openly imbibing beer and hard-seltzer drinks, throwing their empties around the cars and striking other passengers, even as others among their group were falling into other passengers and vomiting along the route.

By the time the train pulled into No. Quincy station, the Red Line essentially had shut down because of the unruly, drunken youths who were running amuck in the trains and on the platforms. MBTA police had been visible on the platforms during the ride, but they were pulling a Sgt. Schultz (from Hogan’s Heroes) -- they feigned obliviousness to the chaos around them.

With the brawls and melees leaving us sitting at No. Quincy for more than 15 minutes, and escalating, we decided to get off the train and meet our ride (who had been having her own bad experience with drunken youths at Braintree Station, who were pounding on cars as they rambled through the parking garage) on Hancock St.

The image that came to mind was from the “Last of Us,” the HBO hit series in which humans are infected by a rapidly spreading pandemic in which a mutated fungus morphs people into zombie-like creatures -- except in this case, the “infection” was caused by heavy-alcohol intake.

So to the politicians and civic leaders who extolled the “success” of this year’s St. Patrick’s Day parade, we suggest that next year they get on the Red Line as we did after the parade and see if they still feel the same way about turning a blind eye to the heavy drinking in public along the parade route.

Yes, it was a great day to be Irish, but it also was a sobering (no pun intended) reminder that permitting public intoxication, especially by young people, should never be tolerated even -- and especially -- on St. Patrick’s Day.

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Honesty is not always the easiest path but it’s usually the most loving path.

Let’s say you have a loved one or friend who is diabetic but they eat crazy stuff every day from pizza to cookies to soda pop without regard for personal health. Is it best for you to treat them to treats containing white flour and sugar every chance you can or to have a talk with them? Of course, you run the risk of hurting feelings or making the person angry but chances are they are going to die sooner than they should. It’s best to try to save the person’s life by being honest. You don’t have to cut the person’s head off with a verbal assault or face slapping rhetoric.

Love doesn’t attack people. You shouldn’t get preachy because this runs most people away. Simply preface your remarks by saying, “I’m your friend. I care about you and your life. I want you to live a long time. However, if you don’t stop eating what you eat all the time you are

probably going to shorten your life.” This could pertain to any negative activity or addiction.

Having serious conversations with people is not easy. We are all busy. We aren’t close enough to most people to be this direct. Plus, we really have to care a lot about someone to be lovingly honest. We run the risk of the friendship becoming strained or evenly totally severed. The bottom line is do you care enough to be honest? Plus, don’t ever start making life recommendations to someone unless you truly love the person and are willing to help the individual work through the issues.

It’s easier to let people continue on their negative path to self destruction. Fast food and unhealthy food items are unfortunately much more affordable. It’s not cheap to eat healthy. It’s not cheap to be sick either. Medical bills can pile up quickly. Trips to the doctor are expensive. Diabetic medications are expensive. Kidney issues result in death for many Americans every year. Funerals are expen-

sive. Giving up a good friend or family member is life changing.

Disease happens to us all in some way. These bodies are very vulnerable to cancer, diabetes and so on.

Chances are you may have tried. Most likely you have talked your head off to someone you love but they continue in their negative behavior. It seems many people under 50 can’t fathom sickness or death. The consequences of their behavior seem remote or even impossible. Thus they continue on their way.

Of course we all have to look in the mirror. We all wrestle with our private and public demons. Most of us know we aren’t perfect and if we take a serious inventory of our lives and habits we realize we all come away short of perfection, this is especially true of me. I have lots of personal work to do and it’s all I can do to try to do my own daily diagnosis and repair work. This is why we don’t take the time to try to help others; we have enough problems of our own.

Therefore, this is why you have to really care a lot about someone to take the time to try to help the person.

If you had the gift of premonition and could keep someone from being killed in an accident you wouldn’t hesitate to speak with them about it. So, why, if you can help someone address personal issues/addictions that might be deadly, wouldn’t you try? Unfortunately, addictions and mental illnesses are issues that people seem to be afraid to address. If someone you love was inside a burning building, most of us would risk our own lives to rush in and save them.

Why is it so hard to risk hurt feelings to save a life?

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GUEST OP-ED

Northeast Metro Tech responds to inaccurate claims of building project opponents

Special to the Record

In January 2022, voters in the 12 communities served by Northeast Metro Tech voted overwhelmingly, with 82.6% in favor, to authorize construction of a new, modern facility that will allow our school to take our extremely strong career and technical education programs to the next level and to increase the amount of students we can accept from 1,280 to 1,600 students when the new building opens.

The \$317 million project has received significant funding support from the MSBA in the form of a \$141 million grant, lowering the project cost nearly in half.

This has been a long, deliberative and inclusive process that began over four years ago. The construction site in Wakefield was deemed by that process to be the only feasible site for the new building, and after significant public input, feedback, community meetings and the final support of our residents at the ballot, more than \$11 million has already been spent on site work for the new school, which broke ground late last year.

After years of public input and a transparent,

state-supported process, a small group of residents opposed to the project have taken to typical “not in my backyard” tactics and grandstanding in a last ditch effort to thwart the will of the voters and in an attempt to strip the \$141 million in state funding from the hands of our students.

To push their NIMBY agenda, this group has posted egregious falsehoods and misrepresentations about the project and have resorted to a little known tactic called Reverse Greenwashing. This small group has used environmental activists and well-known environmental rally cries to make false, misleading and deceptive claims about the Northeast Metro Tech construction project.

Like virtually all construction projects, the new NEMT building project will require site work and the removal of trees from the new building site. The School District and project team anticipated this in the years of lead-up to the project, as any construction project anywhere would require similar work. We have proactively taken measures to preserve woodlands on the project site to the max-

imum extent possible. The overall footprint of the school was reduced during planning, and an additional floor was added in order to provide more circulation around the building for safety which resulted in the removal of fewer trees and requiring less blasting of ledge.

The project team has also worked closely with the Wakefield Conservation Commission for alignment of the driveway and to reduce the width to minimize the impacts to both trees and wetlands. Also, an accessible ramp that traverses from the athletic campus/lower parking lot to the school building/upper parking lot has been included in the project reducing the tree removal and blasting

scope of work.

The District also plans to plant new trees around the new school grounds to reverse our overall carbon footprint.

Northeast Metro Tech is a responsible steward of our environment and of the communities and people we serve. The District has partnered with the MSBA to gain site and funding approval utilizing the same process that every other school seeking MSBA funding must follow. This process was public, and we have conducted and attended over 100 meetings, presentations, and hearings and have participated in board and commission meetings in all 12 cities and towns.

We ask that you review

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Juggling Medicare, insurance and out-of-pocket expenses can be daunting

Unfortunately, health issues tend to become more common in our seniors years — and then the accompanying bills begin to pile up. Managing it all can start to feel like a return to full-time employment, in particular for those with chronic illnesses. Here’s how to deal with medical costs.

HEALTH SAVINGS

Consider putting away pre-tax money in order to cover the inevitable medical expenses that will come up later. Health savings account are an idea way to do it. This personal account allows you to save and then withdraw your money tax free, as long as it’s used for qualified medical expenses including co-payments and deductibles, among other things.

Eligibility for an HSA is based on being covered by health plans with deductibles that are deemed “high.” The monthly premium on these



plans is usually lower, but you end up paying more in out-of-pocket expenses before the insurance company takes over. HSAs are designed to fill that gap, potentially saving thousands. You aren’t eligible, however, if you have Medicare or a non-deductible insurance plan.

MEDICARE

As with Social Security, this benefit can be leveraged higher — if you know how to manage your account. Don’t simply auto-enroll, of you may end up higher out-of-pocket payments and less coverage for prescriptions. Part A and Part B cover hospital insurance and outpa-

tient services, respectively. Be aware, however, that you can expect annual changes to your prescription drug benefit so explore multiple Part D options. It pays to shop around.

Part C, meanwhile, is the so-called Medicare Advantage plan. This allows you to consolidate elements of Parts A, B and D through private insurance companies. Part C may include options not available through original Medicare plans, including dental, hearing and vision. Critically, Plan C also has an annual limit on your out-of-pocket expenses.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Take the time to look into long-term care plans as soon as possible. Set aside reserves specifically for this often-needed health option, or consider a hybrid insurance plan that combines life and long-term insurance products. In the meantime, become an active patient. Ask plenty of questions, in particular about tests that may be unneeded but tend to run up your bill. Consider generics when filling prescriptions, which can also turned into huge savings.

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Making the Most of Social Security

There are ways to maximize your return on this investment

Rather than providing all you’ll need to retire, think of Social Security as a foundation for our golden years. If you’d like to make the most of this benefit, however, you’ll have to follow certain guidelines while sorting through the sometimes complicated process of applying.

WHEN TO BEGIN

Benefits can kick in as early as 62 years old for those who’ve paid into the program, but with reduced pay-outs. Retirement age for most Americans is pegged at 66. Your particular monthly pay-out is based on your income. If you want until turning 70, however, your monthly benefit grows. Those who enjoy their work or who’ve started their own business may consider this option.

If you begin Social Security payments and then return to work, you will see your benefit shrink. Want to learn more? The U.S. Social Security Administration includes a retirement-estimating feature on its website where users can look up key details, including the age in which they’ll be eligible for full benefits and estimated monthly stipends.

HOW TO APPLY

You will need your Social Security number, of course, but also your birth certificate and paperwork detailing your income from the previous year, like a W-2 form or self-employed tax return. You’ll also have to update your status with the Social Security Administration should you decide to move, change your name, get married or divorced, begin receiving additional retirement income including pensions, expand your family through adoption or if there are any changes in your citizenship. Calling the national toll-free number at 1-800-772-121, or visit your local Social Security office.

FAMILY BENEFITS

If you qualify through disability, members of your family may also be eligible for their own benefits, without cutting into your individual payments. Children must be minors, full-time students who are 18-19, or have a childhood disability. Spouses may also be eligible if they are 62 and older, but the payment may be reduced if they are also earning their own benefit. Spouses are also eligible if they reached retirement age but have not paid into the Social Security system. Both spouses and children may receive up to half of your full retirement payout each month. If you are divorced, your ex-spouse may qualify — even if you’ve remarried.

Tufts Medical Center provides \$225,000 grant to SOS program

Services Over Sentences (SOS), a program dedicated to presenting lower-level offenders with alternatives to traditional sentencing, has received a \$225,000 grant from Tuft Medical Center, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced today.

The grant, to be paid out over three years, will help the Suffolk district attorney’s office and its SOS partner, North Suffolk Mental Health Association, to offer assistance in substance use disorder treatment, housing, employment, job training, therapy and other services to SOS participants, including those from the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard (Mass and Cass), where SOS expanded last year.

“Tufts Medical Center has played a critical public health role in Boston for more than two centuries, and with this generous grant they are proving once again that their commitment to Boston’s citizens goes beyond the top-notch medical services they provide day after day and year after year. This gift will help many

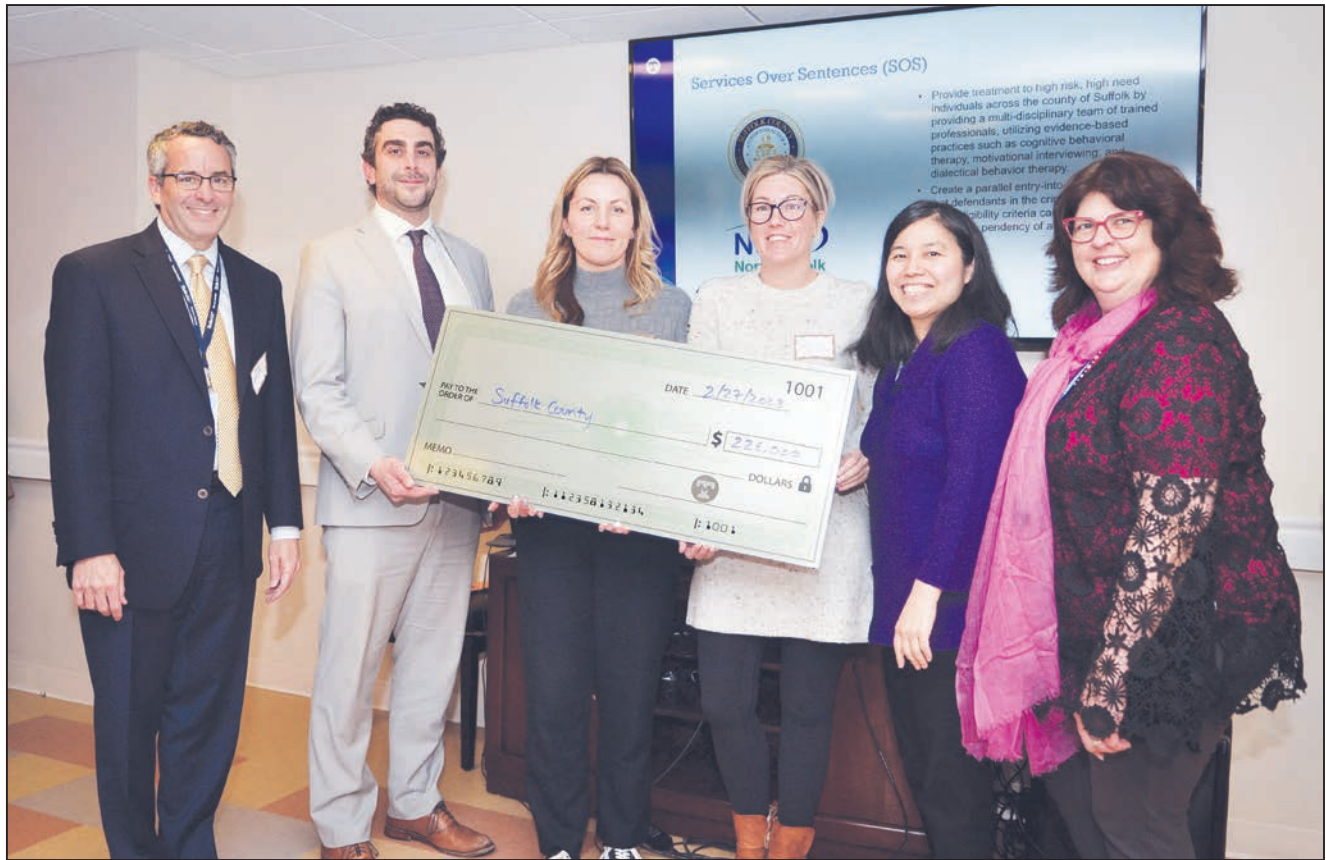
lower-level offenders find a path out of addiction and all of its damaging personal and community impacts. We are deeply grateful for this wonderful and meaningful grant,” Hayden said.

“We are proud to support this critically important program, which provides a compassionate and effective approach to addressing the behavioral health needs of high-risk individuals,” said Michael Tarnoff, MD, CEO of Tufts Medical Center. “This program helps participants achieve long-term recovery and diverts people away from the criminal justice system. We believe in the importance of community collaboration and are honored to be a part of this vital effort.”

Since June 2022, the SOS program has received 107 referrals, 73 of them from the Mass and Cass area. As of today the program has 32 active participants.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s



Michael Tarnoff, CEO, Tufts Medical Center; Marc Tohme, Chief of the District and Municipal Courts, Suffolk DA’s office; Caitlin Gillespie, SOS Coordinator, North Suffolk Community Services; Katie O’Leary, Director of Recovery, North Suffolk Community Services; Sherry Dong, Senior Director of Community Benefits and Health Equity, Tufts Medical Center; Diana Richardson, President, Tufts Medical Center.

office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

BRUNT WORKWEAR DELIVERS GEAR TO NORTHEAST METRO TECH STUDENTS

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech students in several pathways were gifted gear from BRUNT Workwear, a North Reading company, in exchange for earning points during their studies.

Representatives of BRUNT Workwear, as well as Founder and CEO Eric Girouard, visited Northeast Metro Tech in October and again in December to deliver workwear to students. Company officials are expected back again this spring.

Founder and CEO Eric Girouard grew up in a working-class family, and

started the e-commerce company three years ago after more than a decade in leadership positions at several businesses. Girouard collaborated with friends from his Connecticut hometown to design six styles of boots and several types of apparel that meet the needs of workers in specific trades.

The relationship between Northeast Metro Tech and BRUNT Workwear began after Northeast Metro Tech Dean Joe Papagni became aware of BRUNT CEO Eric Girouard’s commitment to vocational school students.

Dean Papagni reached out to the company, and he

and Brian Peluso, a Design & Visual Communications Instructor at Northeast, designed a reward system to have Northeast students earn their boots. Students needed to meet expectations in four areas: safety, vocational achievement, citizenship, and academic achievement. Once students earned 25 points in each area they were able to exchange points for BRUNT Workwear during several visits made to the school by company officials.

So far, over 200 students have received BRUNT gear, and the school is expecting the delivery of another 150 pairs of boots this spring.



Northeast Metro Tech Metal Fabrication Students Anthony Lampedecchio of Woburn and Tyler Constantino of Melrose try on new BRUNT Workwear boots outside the school. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)



Metal Fabrication students Ave Ivie, of Stoneham, Gabriela Arevalo Aguirre, of Winthrop, Joshua Lewis, of Chelsea, and Seamus Quinn, of Melrose, check out various BRUNT work boots during the company’s visit to Northeast Metro Tech. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

“At BRUNT we always look to support the hard-working men and women in the trades in any way we can, and we especially enjoy supporting the future generation,” said BRUNT’s Founder and Chief Executive Officer Eric Girouard. “We decided to partner with Northeast Metro Tech because we saw the level of effort and dedication the faculty and staff put into preparing these students for successful careers in the trades and knew that that was something we wanted to be a part of. Too often a career in the trades doesn’t get the attention it deserves, even though the opportunity for a highly successful career in the trades is bigger than it’s ever been. We wanted to support a school that encourages and champions those career opportunities. The Tool Token program that the school has put together has blown us away, and the students’ hard work in the program and appreciation for the BRUNT products they received has been unbelievable. We look forward to continuing to support Northeast Metro Tech for years to come. This is just the start.”

“Dean Papagni wanted our students to feel pride in their hard work when they were given the boots, so our team came up with an innovative points system to motivate students to work hard,” said Superintendent DiBarri. “Meanwhile, Dean Papagni also worked with our Guidance Department to ensure that any student in need of assistance could also receive boots.”

Design and Visual Arts Instructor Brian Peluso also contributed by designing a card system for students to keep track of their points, and he also helped students create thank you cards.

To learn more about BRUNT Workwear, visit: <https://bruntworkwear.com/>.

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the process as a whole and not be taken in by false claims by a small group trying to derail the biggest educational project in our region in a half century because they don't want it in their neighborhood, and are willing to press false claims about environmental impact to push their agenda.

The location, chosen after years of deliberative labor, is final for all intents and purposes. The MSBA simply would not allow the District to reject years' worth of planning, design and validation for sites we already deemed substandard and that may have even more expensive and challenging environmental requirements. The alternative sites did not undergo the detailed analysis that the approved location did and certainly would have included much more blasting, environmental impacts to not only non-jurisdictional wetlands but also streams, rivers and wetlands.

The site for the new NEMT building was selected as part of the MSBA's Preferred Schematic Report (PSR) process and submitted to the MSBA on December 23, 2020. Following this submission, and the approval from the MSBA Board of Directors in February 2021, the project continued into the Schematic Design Phase which led to a District wide vote on January 25, 2022 to approve the Project Scope and Budget.

The proposed layout, adjacencies and building configuration achieved the District's educational goals and vision and was supported by an overwhelming supermajority of voters.

The location of the new school also allows for construction to occur with the least amount of disruption to the existing school and allows for additional athletic fields.

Additionally, the proposed driveway has undergone extensive review by the Wakefield Conservation Commission and their third-party experts in cooperation with project designers and engineers. The driveway has

been deemed a necessity by Wakefield representatives and will provide much needed relief on the current traffic flow issues at the bottom of Hemlock Road and the existing Wakefield High School. It has also been remarked in public meetings by Wakefield officials that the relief in which the NEMT project is seeking through the Conservation Commission is not uncommon and has been approved on other Town projects.

The continued misinformation and claims by project opponents has the potential to be quite damaging to all 12 cities and towns in the NEMT district. Our shop areas no longer meet state standards. Our building does not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, denying some students equal access to a technical education. Starting over means continuing to provide less than our best for students. It means starting over, and accepting a much more expensive future price tag. And it means gambling that the state will approve, or help pay for, another project.

NEMT's student population is one of the most diverse throughout the state. Any delay in this project will deprive generations of students from 12 communities the ability to seek an alternative to unaffordable college loans and deny many of them the opportunity to become leaders in their career fields. The District and project team are supporting this plan as it is the one and only feasible project, which will undoubtedly provide education and opportunities for generations of students to come.

We urge our residents to call or write to their elected and appointed leaders statewide and urge them to support the Northeast Metro Tech building project, which more than 82% of voters supported at the polls last year.

Submitted by School Building Committee Chair Theodore Nickole, School Committee Chair Deborah Davis, and School Committee Vice Chair Judith Dymont

CHELSEA HIGH GRADUATE MIKE O'CALLAGHAN HONORED BY LYNN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Michael O'Callaghan, a former Chelsea High football star and popular graduate of the Class of 1976, was honored at the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards Dinner at the Danversport Yacht Club. O'Callaghan, owner of the Tides Restaurant and Pub in Nahant, was the recipient of Nahant Town Pride Award which is given to an individual that embodies the pride of the Nahant. Michael is known for his generous contributions to town organizations and for being a wonderful host to diners at his famous restaurant which is situated adjacently to Nahant Beach. In the photo above, Mike receives his prestigious award from Eileen Jonah. Also pictured are GLCC Board Chair Christine Pierce (left) and Chamber Executive Director Colin Codner (right). In the photo right, Mike O'Callaghan is pictured at the awards dinner with Lisa Deveney, general manager of the Tides Restaurant and Pub.



Northeast Metro Tech School-based store recognized by DECA

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech's in-school store, NE Things, has been recognized by DECA Inc.

NE Things, which operates inside the school Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m., offering various Northeast Metro Tech clothing and gear, achieved Bronze Certification as a school-based enterprise (SBE) for the 2022-2023 school year, and will be recognized during DECA's International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. The store has been in operation for seven years.

A school-based enterprise (SBE) is an entrepreneurial operation in a school setting that provides goods and services to meet the needs of the market. At Northeast Metro Tech, Business Technology students operate the store with support from DECA Chapter Advisor Jaime-Lyn Pickles.

SBEs serve as hands-on learning laboratories that integrate National Curriculum Standards in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA advisors have utilized this effective educational tool for over four decades to provide their students with realistic and practical learning experiences that reinforce classroom instruction, enhance 21st century skill development, and prepare students for college and careers.

The Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School DECA

members who contributed to the certification were Melissa Domingos, of Revere, and Ashley Estrada Ramos, of Revere, with Pickles' assistance.

"DECA's School-based Enterprise Certification Program is a rigorous process designed to help DECA members demonstrate their classroom learning in a practical learning laboratory, and then translate that into meaningful outcomes," said Christopher Young, CAE, Chief Program Officer at DECA Inc. "These DECA members are practicing important workplace readiness skills while preparing for college and careers."

DECA's School-based Enterprise Certification Program provides recognition for outstanding achievement by school-based enterprises and motivates SBEs to strive for excellence and growth. SBEs can be certified at

three levels: bronze, silver or gold. NE things is one of 461 school based enterprises nationwide to earn bronze certification.

In order to apply for the certification, SBEs must submit extensive documentation that explains how the SBE demonstrates the practice of various marketing and retail standards. A review committee evaluates the documentation to determine which level of certification has been achieved.

"Achieving this certification is a major challenge, but our students stepped up to the plate and earned certification while also spreading school spirit with each sale," said Superintendent DiBarri. "We are proud to have earned this honor, and I hope this will encourage more members of our Northeast community to check out all that NE Things has to offer."

To view the products on

sale at NE Things, visit: <https://nethings.square.site/>.

DECA is a career and technical student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs who are interested in careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. DECA student members leverage their DECA experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders. DECA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with more than 225,000 members in 4,000 high school and college chapters in all 50 United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and Germany.

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EPA analysis shows 2021 increase of toxic chemical releases in Massachusetts

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its 2021 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) National Analysis, which shows that environmental releases of TRI chemicals from facilities covered by the program remained below pre-pandemic levels and releases in 2021 are 10% lower than 2012 releases, even with an 8% increase from 2020 to 2021. Additionally, in 2021, facilities managed 89% of their TRI chemical waste through preferred practices such as recycling, energy recovery and treatment, while reporting that they released 11% of their TRI chemical waste into the environment.

In Massachusetts, the reporting data show that overall releases of pollutants to the environment increased since the previous reporting year (2020). However, over the last 10 years, Massachusetts has reduced air emissions by 55% due to the closures of a coal fired power plant and aluminum can manufacturer

TRI tracks the management of certain toxic chemicals that may pose a threat to human health and the environment. U.S. facilities in different industry sectors must report annually how much of each chemical is released to the environment and/or managed through recycling, energy recovery and treatment. A “release” of a chemical means that it is emitted to the air, water or placed in some type of land disposal.

“TRI reporting is a key part of EPA’s efforts to provide greater access to vital environmental information to Americans about their neighborhoods,” said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. “Making this information publicly available also incentivizes companies to reduce pollution and gives communities tools to act locally – which is particularly important for underserved communities that have historically been disproportionately impacted by pollution.”

Massachusetts: Released on and offsite

During 2021, the lat-

est year for which data is available, 357 facilities reported approximately 3.9 million pounds were released onsite to the air, water and land (such as landfills), compared to 3.0 million pounds released in 2020 (an increase of 0.9 million pounds). Approximately 667,300 pounds were released to the air, and 2,800 pounds were released to surface water. The major pollutants released to the air were toluene at 27% and ammonia with 11% of all air releases in the state. The major pollutant released to the water although small was formaldehyde (at 30% of all releases to water). In the last ten years, total releases increased 8% from 3.6 million pounds in 2011 to 3.9 million pounds in 2021.

Massachusetts: Total Production Related Waste

During 2021, 357 facilities reported approximately 50.4 million pounds of total production related waste was managed compared to 362 facilities and 43.9 million pounds managed in 2020 (an increase of 8.3 million pounds). Total production related waste includes chemicals released directly to the environment and wastes that are treated (such as in an incinerator or wastewater treatment system), recycled and waste that is landfilled.

Massachusetts: Top Five Companies

The companies in Massachusetts with the greatest releases included various industries including plastics, fabricated metals, manufacturing, and chemicals. These 5 facilities produced 44% of the releases in the state of Massachusetts in 2021.

Each year, EPA makes publicly available TRI data reported by industries throughout the United States regarding chemical releases to air, water and land by power plants, manufacturers and other facilities which employ ten or more workers, and which exceed thresholds for chemicals. Reporting includes information on chemicals released at a company’s facility, as well as those transported to

disposal facilities off site. TRI data do not reflect the relative toxicity of the chemicals emitted or potential exposure to people living in a community with reported releases.

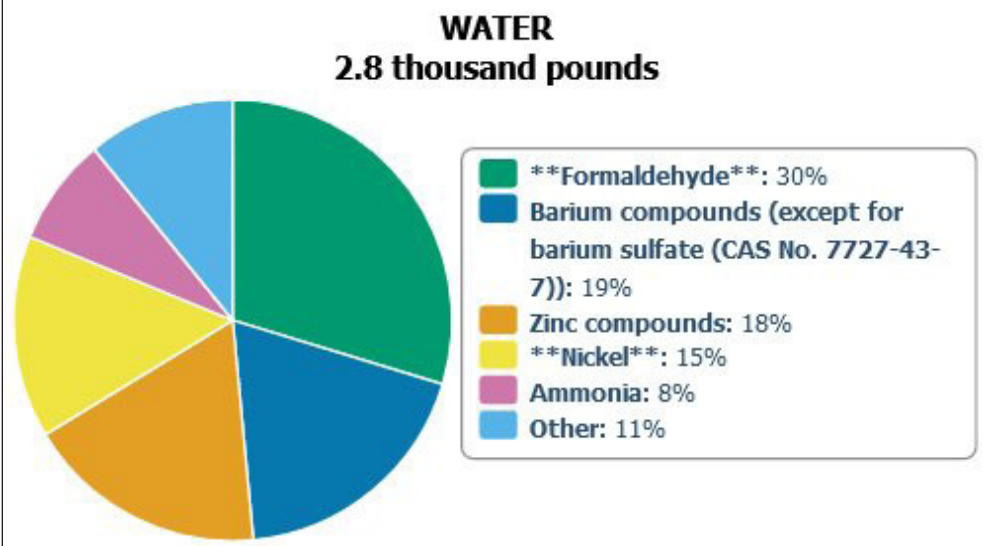
Reporting under TRI does not indicate illegal discharges of pollutants to the environment. EPA works closely with states to provide regulatory oversight of facilities that generate pollution to the nation’s air, land, and water. Effective review and permitting programs work to ensure that the public and the environment are not subjected to unhealthy levels of pollution, even as agencies work to further reduce emissions of chemicals to the environment. Enforcement efforts by EPA and states ensure that facilities that violate their environmental permits are subject to penalties and corrective action. Yearly releases by individual facilities can vary due to factors such as power outages, production variability, lulls in the business cycle, etc., that do not reflect a facility’s pollution prevention program(s).

Companies with the largest releases:

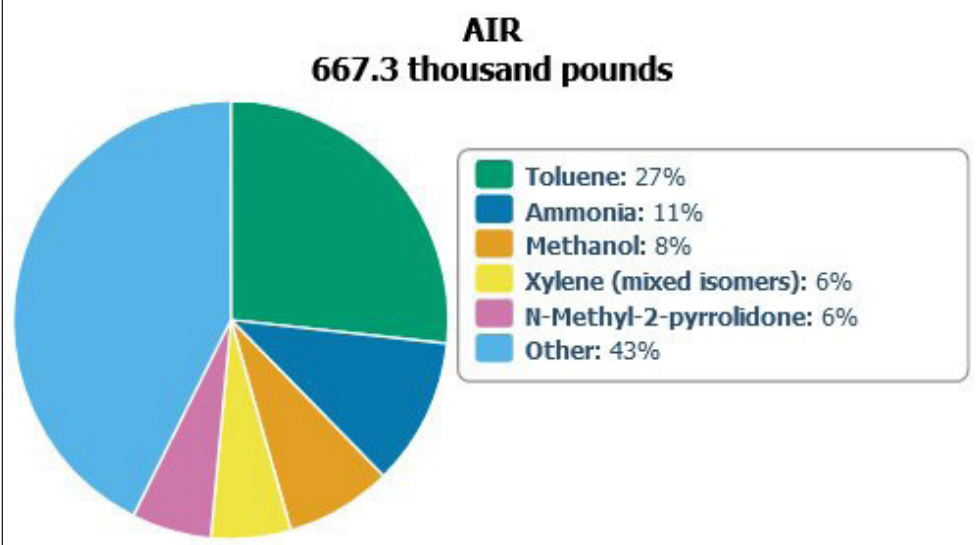
TRI data are submitted annually to EPA, states, and tribes by facilities in industry sectors such as manufacturing, metal mining, electric utilities, and commercial hazardous waste. Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), facilities must report their toxic chemical releases for the prior year to EPA by July 1 of each year. The Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 also requires facilities to submit information on pollution prevention and other waste management activities related to TRI chemicals.

The 2021 Analysis features updated visualizations and analytical tools to make data more useful and accessible to communities, including the option to view data by region and watershed. EPA has also updated demographic information in the “Where You Live” mapping tool and in the Chemical Profiles section. Readers can view facility

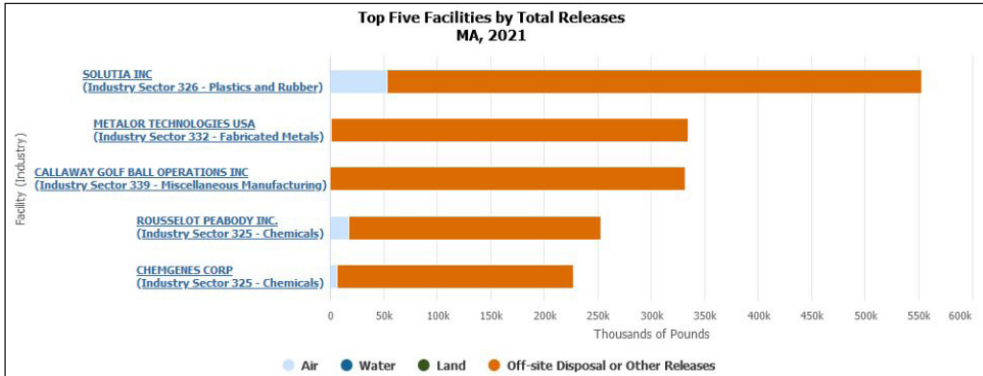
The top five chemicals released to surface water in Massachusetts during 2021



The top five chemicals released to the air in Massachusetts during 2021



Companies with the largest releases



locations with overlaid demographic data to identify potential exposure to TRI chemical releases in vulnerable communities. Community groups, policymakers, and other stakeholders can use this data, along with other environmental data, to better understand which communities may experience a disproportionate pollution burden and take action at the local level.

PFAS Reporting

For the second time, the TRI National Analysis includes reporting on perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) following the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. For

Reporting Year 2021, 176 PFAS were reportable to TRI. Facilities reported managing 1.3 million pounds of these chemicals as waste. This is an increase from the 800,000 pounds in 2020 and is largely due to reporting on one PFAS, perfluorooctyl iodide, which EPA began requiring facilities to report in 2021. Most of the facilities that manage PFAS operate in the chemical manufacturing and hazardous waste management sectors. The hazardous waste management sector accounted for roughly 80% of the 108,334 pounds of PFAS released into the environment, primarily to regulat-

ed landfills.

Last December, EPA proposed a rule that would improve reporting on PFAS to TRI by eliminating an exemption that allows facilities to avoid reporting information on PFAS when those chemicals are used in small, or de minimis, concentrations. Because PFAS are used at low concentrations in many products, this rule would ensure covered industry sectors and federal facilities that make or use TRI-listed PFAS will no longer be able to rely on the de minimis exemption to avoid disclosing their PFAS releases and other waste management quantities for these chemicals.

BRUINS Beat

by Bob Morello

Bruins bounce back

A week ago the discussion in Bruins Beat included questions as to whether the Bruins had lost their edge to the ‘team play’ chemistry that had served them so well since the beginning of their impressive 2022-23 season. Losers of three out of their last four games raised many questions regarding power play, penalty kill, and even the lack of goal scoring from David Pastrnak. The challenge was there, is this the team that had won 50 games faster than any other NHL team? Would they be able to ‘flip the switch’ back on again when the Stanley Cup

Playoffs begin mid-April? Coach Jim Montgomery even began to question his teams’ chemistry, their checking methods, and especially the team’s lack of energy and emotion.

Obviously the team was paying full attention to his words, the power play saw some new life, the penalty killing has again become effective, Pastrnak has found the back of the net twice in the last four games. The bottom line, the Bruins have put together a four-game winning streak, notching victories on the road by topping Winnipeg, Minnesota, Buffalo and most

recently on their return to TD Garden ice, the Ottawa Senators. The margin of victories in those four wins, which included a pair of shutouts from Jeremy Swayman, was 17 goals scored, and two allowed. So much for their ability to ‘flip the switch!’ Pasta is bringing his game back to a full boil, continuing to be a threat every time he is on the ice, and when not scoring, he is drawing the opposition’s coverage towards him, opening up more ice for his teammates to have better scoring chances.

Tuesday’s game with the Senators was a defensive battle, as Vezina favorite, Linus Ullmark (35-wins), faced 41 shots, and stopping 40 to preserve a 2-1 win, as the locals played pretty loose, allowing multiple scoring chances to Ottawa. The Bruins on the strength of

David Krejci’s power play goal (15), were able to tie the game at 1-1 in the first period, and the winner came on a Brad Marchand highlight reel pass, to a streaking Jake DeBrusk just four 4:19 later, as DeBrusk put the eventual game-winning goal (23) into the Ottawa goal. Things tightened up for the Boston defense in the third period, with the score 2-1, they held the Senators to just four shots on goal to finish the contest.

Looking forward to the fast approaching playoffs in mid-March, it was a bit depressing to hear from coach Montgomery, that defenseman Derek Forbort will be off the ice for at least the regular season, since blocking a shot with his leg in the Winnipeg game a week ago. Missed will be Forbort’s strength

in his success on the penalty kill. His five goals scored have also helped offensively, as the defense portion of the current roster shows 37 goals coming from the blueliners, which has certainly helped in Boston achieving their record of 54-11-5. On the subject of injuries, Montgomery added that although Taylor Hall skated (with a non-contact jersey) on Tuesday, and Mike Foligno presently skating on his own, neither has a timeline listed yet.

With a dozen regular season games left to play, the Bruins need to win eight to tie the NHL record for wins in a season (62), when the 1995-96 Detroit Red Wings put up a record of (62-13-7) and the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2018-19 had a record of (62-16-4). Individually, coach-wise in wins by a coach in his first season with a team, Montgomery trails Detroit’s Mike Babcock who had 58 wins in 2005-06 and Tom Johnson

who put up 57 wins while coaching the 1970-71 Bruins.

The Bruins schedule tonight (Thursday 7:00pm) continues the three-game homestand as the local’s host Atlantic Division rivals, the Montreal Canadiens, following with the Tampa Bay Lightning on Garden ice for a Saturday matinee at 1:00pm. A break in the schedule has Boston on the road for a single game with the Carolina Hurricanes as Sunday’s back-to-back game at 5:00pm, then returning to TD Garden to take on the Nashville Predators (Tuesday 7:00pm), and the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday at 7:00pm. Finally, kudos to Jeremy Swayman who was named the NHL’s Third Star of the Week, for the week ending on March 19. Swayman went 2-0 during the week for Boston, posting two straight shutouts.



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Special needs animals

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There are animals with life-long special needs and some who, with their families, have to adapt due to injury, illness, or aging. Thankfully, there are ways to support these animals and many devices to help them live safer and more rewarding lives.

Vision

One of the sweetest stories we’ve heard over the years was about a senior dog who gradually lost his vision. One day the guardians noticed their younger pup blocking the older one from a stairway. As time went by, they would see the two coming up and down the stairs, moving in unison, with the senior member of the pair safely positioned between himself and a wall by the youngster. The family never taught the dogs any of this behavior. However, they did reward both dogs as it progressed.

Stairway gates are one adaptive device recommended for blind animals. A halo harness for blind dogs protects their heads by bumping into things before the dog does. Scented toys allow a blind animal to find and play with a toy.

Hearing

As our Maggie Mae lost her hearing in old age, we were happy we had taught her to respond to hand signals. Now research is testing the ability of dogs to learn both American Sign Language and “K9Sign” language. This communication can be used when a dog or a family member is deaf. Best Friends Animal Sanctuary is one place using this training.

You can test the dog’s range of deafness to see if you can use their remaining hearing. Dogs start with far better hearing than we do. A dog may not hear your voice but may pick up the sound of a dog whistle beyond the

range of human hearing. You can also shake a can of pennies or squeak a toy. If that fails, turn to other strong canine senses. Vibration is a great tool. As you approach, you can make your footsteps heavier, setting off vibrations the dog can feel. If the dog is on a dog bed or sofa, gently tap the cushion. There are “vibration only” communication and training collars. Be sure the device you choose does not have an electric shock option.

Arouse that finely tuned nose with an odoriferous treat like dried mussels, salmon jerky, or smelly cheese.

Mobility

In the Boston area, we’re fortunate to have an excellent source for custom dog mobility carts—Eddie’s Wheels in Shelburne, MA. We’ve been following the amazing work of Ed Grinnell since we met our first of



Canine wheelchairs are available for dogs and cats of all sizes, from tiny to giant.

his canine customers more than 15 years ago. Penny admits to visiting the website www.eddieswheels.com for the joy of reading his success stories.

Pet strollers are another option. They are perfect for keeping an older dog in the social game. This is the solution if your pooch loves to be out and about

with you but can’t walk to a favorite spot. A stroller lets you provide just enough exercise and a ride for the rest of the way.

Your veterinarian, groomer, or local pet supply store can be a resource for the latest assistive harnesses and support devices you can use as needed. More and more of these products come to the mar-

ket each year.

You and your special needs animal may enjoy better quality time together if you explore and use the many options available to a specific situation.

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

Baldwin on search process for Massachusetts State Police Colonel

Staff Report

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced an update on the search process to identify the next Massachusetts State Police Colonel. The Administration has formed a six-member search committee, that includes Molly Baldwin of Roca, composed of diverse public safety professionals and community leaders with wide-ranging expertise, to guide a robust process to identify the new executive and administrative leader of the State Police.

The Committee will guide the search process and partner with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the world’s largest and most influential professional association for police leaders with vast experience identifying prospective applicants for executive-level public safety roles.

Search Committee members include:

- Molly Baldwin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer at Roca
- Kevin Burke, Former Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety, former Essex County District Attorney
- Gayle Cameron, Former Commissioner of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, retired Lieutenant Colonel of the New Jersey State Police
- Mark Leahy, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, retired police chief (Suffield, CT and Northborough, MA)
- Liam Lowney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA)
- Natashaia Tidwell, Litigation Group Member at Mintz, former federal prosecutor and Cambridge police officer

“The next Massachusetts State Police Colonel has a unique opportunity to enhance public safety across Massachusetts, build public trust and advance meaningful reforms,” said Governor Maura Healey. “We are grateful to the remarkable members of the search committee for their service and commitment to identifying strong applicants with the vision and values to lead the State Police into the future.”

“The selection of the Department’s future leader

reflects a pivotal moment and transformative opportunity for the State Police and Massachusetts. Our administration is committed to conducting a comprehensive search that is thorough and expeditious,” said Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll. “We look forward to engaging with the search committee and appreciate their dedication to identifying highly qualified and diverse candidates.”

By law, the Governor appoints the colonel based upon the recommendation of the Secretary of EO-PSS. The governing statute, Massachusetts law G.L. c. 22C Section 3, requires that the colonel be qualified by training and experience to direct the Department’s work. At the time of appointment, the colonel must have 10 years of full-time experience as a sworn law enforcement officer and five years of full-time experience in a senior administrative or supervisory position in a police force or a military body with law enforcement responsibilities. Once appointed, the colonel will become a uniformed member of the MSP. The colonel will also require certification from the Massachusetts POST Commission.

On February 17, 2023, the Healey-Driscoll Administration appointed Lt. Colonel John Mawn to serve as Interim Colonel, succeeding Colonel Christopher Mason upon his retirement.

Search Committee member bios

Molly Baldwin is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Roca. A graduate of UMass Amherst, Molly began her professional life as a youth worker and community organizer and soon founded Roca in 1988 for a small group of high-risk young people.

For 35 years, she has been a tireless advocate, mentor, and community convener, reaching out to the young people at the center of violence in Massachusetts’ most troubled urban communities, and bringing together the major institutions, agencies, and corporations affecting their lives. With the help of engaged institutions and Roca’s committed staff, Bald-

win’s efforts at Roca have helped over 25,000 young people make positive and profound changes in their lives.

Under Baldwin’s leadership, Roca’s Intervention Model has become one of the nation’s most effective interventions for young adults at critical risk. Baldwin holds a master’s degree in Education from Lesley University and honorary Ph.D. degrees from Salem State University and Lesley University. She was a 2020 recipient of the prestigious Heinz Award in the Human Condition category.

Kevin Burke’s five decades of public service includes several roles in Massachusetts state and county government. Burke served from 2007 to 2010 as the Secretary of Public Safety in the Patrick-Murray Administration after concluding his 24-year tenure as the Essex County District Attorney. As a legislator, Burke represented the 4th Essex District from 1975 to 1979 in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

He earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Connecticut and a law degree from Boston College.

Gayle Cameron is a former commissioner at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) and retired Lieutenant Colonel of the New Jersey State Police. Appointed in 2012 as one of the initial commissioners and reappointed in 2016, Cameron was instrumental in successfully building a new and sustainable public agency while simultaneously implementing a multifaceted expanding gaming law. Before becoming an MGC commissioner, Cameron served in New Jersey State Police (NJSP) for 28 years,

beginning as a Road Duty Trooper in 1980 and rising through the ranks to Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Superintendent, retiring in 2008 from NJSP’s second highest rank.

Cameron was appointed as a Commissioner to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). She was responsible for policy decisions around creating appropriate law enforcement standards. In this role, she worked to strengthen crime prevention, solidify interagency cooperation, and improve community confidence in the agency.

Cameron is a founding member and past president of New Jersey Woman in Law Enforcement (NJWLE) from 2004-2011. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Health and Physical Education from Bridgewater State College and a Master’s Degree in Education from Seton Hall University.

Chief Mark K. Leahy, Ret. has served as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association since 2016. He began his law enforcement career in 1976, when he was appointed as a Connecticut State Trooper, retiring in 1997 at the rank of Captain. He went on to serve as the Chief of Police in both Suffield, CT and Northborough, MA until his retirement from Northborough in 2016.

A Past President (2011) of the Mass. Chiefs, Chief Leahy sat on the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission – ultimately becoming its President – and on the Commonwealth’s Municipal Police Training Committee for eleven years. He sat on the Executive Board of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police;

the Police Administration Committee for the International Association of Chiefs of Police; and on the Massachusetts Gaming Commission’s Public Safety Committee. He is currently the Chair of the Executive Director’s Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Liam Lowney is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA). He was appointed to this position in 2012 by the Victim and Witness Assistance Board. In this role, he leads the state agency’s administration of state and federal funding, training for service professionals, and policy efforts on behalf of crime victims.

In January 2007, he was appointed as the Chief of Victim and Witness Services by the Massachusetts Attorney General, overseeing the office’s services to crime victims and the Massachusetts Victim Compensation Program. Lowney began working in the field of Victim Services in the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office in 1998 as a

Victim Witness Advocate.

Throughout his career, Lowney has advocated for policy changes that impact crime victims, including gun safety legislation, updates to the victim compensation and assistance statute, and Massachusetts’ first Human Trafficking Law.

In 1994, Liam’s sister Shannon Lowney was murdered while working at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Brookline, MA. Since then, Liam has served as a survivor advocate and spokesman to addressing violence, responding to mass violence, training professionals and empowering survivors.

Natashia Tidwell is Litigation Group Member at Mintz, focusing on white collar defense and government investigations with a special emphasis on assisting educational institutions in identifying and managing internal and external

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on February 27, 2023, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea as amended, be further amended and adopted as follows:
Amendment 1
That Chapter 1, Section 1-8 be amended by replacing the existing entry for "Licensing: Chapter 14" with the following :

Amendment 2
That Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-55 be amended by striking the existing language in its entirety and replacing with the following:

Hawker or peddler means and includes any person who goes from place to place either on foot or on or from any animal or any vehicle carrying, exhibiting, bartering, or selling any goods, wares or merchandise.
Temporary or transient business means an exhibition and sale of goods, wares or merchandise which is carried on in a tent, booth, building or other structure unless such place is open for business during usual business hours for a period of at least 12 consecutive months;

provided, however, that this shall not include a business operating under a written agreement with a licensed promoter or permitted under a special event permit.
Transient vendor means a person, either principal or agent, who engages in a temporary or transient business in the commonwealth selling goods, wares or merchandise, either in one locality or traveling from place to place; provided, however, a transient vendor shall not include a person operating under a written agreement with a licensed promoter or permitted under a special event permit or to sales by selling agents to dealers in the usual course of business, or to any person, whether principal or agent, who engages in temporary

or transient business in any town in which taxes have been assessed upon his stock in trade during the current year, or to hawkers and peddlers as defined in this section.
Amendment 3
That Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-57 be amended by striking the existing language in its entirety and replacing with the following:
Sec. 14-57. - Exemptions and Interpretation of article.
Amendment 4
That Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-59 be amended by amending the existing language as follows:
Sec. 14-59. - Times restricted for street sales.
Amendment 5
That Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-60 be amended by striking the existing language in its

entirety and replacing with the following:
Sec. 14-60. - Sale of merchandise from vehicles standing in streets prohibited.
Amendment 6
That Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-87 be amended by striking the existing language in its entirety and replacing with the following:
Sec. 14-87. - Bond or insurance required.
Amendment 7
That Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-90(a) be amended by adding the following two definitions: Public Market, or Farmer's Market in fixed location or mobile shall mean means a market place located in the city with a valid license that operates or occurs more than once per year for the primary purpose for farmers, from more than

one farm, to vend food, crops and other farm related items that they have produced directly to the public or a public market or public market place used by farmers that is established by a municipality under M.G.L. c. 40, § 10, or operates on Department of Conservation and Recreation land by special permit under M.G.L. c. 132A, § 2F. Farmer's Market shall include community supported agriculture shares distributed in a manner consistent with the activities permitted hereunder. Pop Up Food Pantry shall mean a temporary location for the distribution of free whole fruits or vegetables, and pre-packaged sauces or other canned food items, or bread products prepared and packaged by a duly licensed food production entity.
Amendment 8
That Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-90(a) be amended by striking the current definition for "Mobile food operations" and replacing with the following:

Mobile food operations shall mean any food establishment as defined in 105 CMR 590.010(B) that is conducted in a mobile or temporary location licensed by the Licensing Commission.
Amendment 9
That Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-90(a) be amended by adding at the end of the current definition for "Tempo-

rary food operation" the following clause:
"but shall not include food prepared for a special event authorized under Article XII of Section 14."
Amendment 10
That Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-90(b) be amended by striking Subsection 14-90(b)(2) in its entirety and replacing with the following two subsections:
(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to mobile food operations that receive a temporary permit from the licensing administrator for an event permitted under article 12 of this section 14 or an event sponsored by the City of Chelsea.
(3) The provisions of this section shall not apply to public markets or farmer markets selling (a) whole, uncut fresh fruits and vegetables; (b) unprocessed honey; (c) pure maple products; or (d) farm fresh eggs which are stored and maintained at 45°F (7.2°C) or less; or to pop up food pantries providing free fruits or vegetables, and pre-packaged sauces or bread products prepared and packaged by a duly licensed food production entity; provided that a food assistance pantry or a vendor at a public market or farmers market shall not sell or serve prepared food unless it has been approved to do so and has obtained a valid permit from the board of health.
Amendment 11
That Chapter 14, Article IX, Section 14-354 be amended by striking the current section in its entirety and replacing with the following:

As used in this article the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:
Temporary or transient business.
(1)The term "temporary or transient business" means any exhibition and sale of goods, wares or merchandise which is carried on in any tent, booth, building or other structure, unless such place is open for business during usual business hours for a period of at least 12 consecutive months.
(2) The term "temporary or transient business" does not apply to a business operating under a written agreement with a licensed promoter or a business temporarily operating at a special event licensed under Article XII of this section 14. Transient vendor means any person who engages in a temporary or transient business selling goods, wares or merchandise, either in one locality or in traveling from place to place or a business temporarily operating at a special event licensed under Article XII of this section 14.
Amendment 12
That Chapter 14, Article IX, Section 14-392 be amended by striking the entire section and replacing with the following:
Sec. 14-392. - Bond or insurance required.
Amendment 13
That Chapter 14, Article X, Section 14-423 be amended by adding a new Subsection (c) as follows:
(c) The city manager may waive the requirement for a bond or insurance if the activities are carried out in a special event

that is licensed by the city pursuant to Article XII of this section 14 or the activities of the open air vendor are covered by a policy of insurance issued to the City.
Amendment 14
That Chapter 14 be amended by adding a new Article XII which reads as follows:
ARTICLE XII. - SPECIAL EVENTS
DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY
Purpose: The provisions of this article are intended to clarify and expedite special event permitting procedures in the City of Chelsea, while providing for adequate safety, public health and welfare of the community.
Sec. 14-461. - Definitions. Section 14-462 Special Event Permit Required. Section 14-463 Special Event Permit Exceptions. Section 14-464 Limited Special Event and Limited Street Performance Conditions: Section 14-465 Temporary License for Alcoholic Beverages.
Amendment 15
That Chapter 16, Section 16-99 be amended by adding to Subsection (c) (2) the following clause: Except that a permit for a Special Event authorized under Article XII of Section 14 may include noise limits for the event.
Amendment 16
That Chapter 16, Section 16-99 be amended by adding to Subsection (n) after the word "bands" the term "Special Events".
Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

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challenges. She leverages her experience as a former federal prosecutor and police officer to provide pragmatic counsel to schools on federal and state constitutional issues and to advise individuals and institutions on government enforce-

ment actions. Her clients include colleges, universities, secondary schools, cities and towns, hospitals, and other organizations. In connection with the nationwide focus on social justice following the murder of George Floyd in

Minneapolis, Tidwell led many investigations of alleged discriminatory conduct by schools, local police departments, corporations, and other organizations. As the lead monitor in Ferguson, Missouri, Tidwell is providing over-

sight on city police department and municipal court reforms stemming from a civil rights investigation by the US Department of Justice. In Newark, New Jersey, Tidwell serves as a subject matter consultant for the monitoring team

instituting court-ordered reforms within the city’s police force. Tidwell previously served as counsel at a global law firm and a Boston-based law firm and as an Associate Professor of New England Law | Bos-

ton. Before attending law school and while earning her JD, Tidwell worked as a police officer for the Cambridge Police Department in Massachusetts, where she rose through the ranks to become the department’s first female lieutenant.

LEGAL NOTICE

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland
To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals
This is to give notice that the City of Chelsea has conducted an evaluation as required by Community Development Block Grant, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development under the Community Development Block Grant. The proposed project(s) is located Addison St., between Carter St. and Carmel St., in Chelsea, Suffolk County. The City proposes a program of accessibility and mobility improvements to Addison St., between Carter St. and Carmel St., to upgrade degraded sidewalks, curbing, driveway aprons, and wheel chair ramps. The project will consist of the reconstruction of approximately 1,496 lineal feet of concrete sidewalks, including resetting or replacement of granite curbing, grading and compaction, installation of concrete panels and wheelchair ramps, and the introduction of signage. Within the project area, 180 feet are within a designated FEMA flood plain. The goal of the project is to comprehensively improve deteriorated conditions along a school walking route, creating a streetscape that is accessible for all users. The City of Chelsea has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: (i) there are no practicable alternatives outside the floodplain. Addison Street exists in a densely developed residential neighborhood. Additionally, the neighborhood was constructed in the mid-19th century, resulting in confining construction capacity, (ii) permeable surface, natural landscape enhancements that maintain or restore natural hydrology, planting or restoring native plant species, evapotranspiration, and storm water capture and reuse will be integrated into the project. The activities will mitigate a number of climate concerns for the City, including heat island effects, and project specific flood mitigation. The City has conducted an ERR and the subsequent 8 Step Decision Making Process for Floodplains in accordance with 24 CFR. The City of Chelsea has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the Addison St. project area and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Community Development Block Grant, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in Addison St. and those

who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about Addison St. can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place on Addison St., it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received by the City of Chelsea at the following address on or before April 4, 2023: City of Chelsea, Department of Housing and Community Development, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA, 617-466-4188, Attention: John DePriest, Director of Permitting and Land Use Planning. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 8AM-4PM, Tuesdays 8AM-7PM, and Fridays 8AM-12PM at Chelsea City Hall, Room 101. Comments may also be submitted via email at jdepriest@chelseama.gov.
Date: 03/23/23

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ARPA Immigration Legal Services
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for “ARPA Immigration Legal Services”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after March 23, 2023 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “ARPA Immigration Legal Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, April 6, 2023. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-04
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Molly Corporation For Special Permit seeking approval for the storage of airport ground service equipment and parts on first floor and administrative staff office space on the 2nd and 3rd floors at the premises known as: 227 Marginal Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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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, April 11, 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

known as: 213 Everett Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-02
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Chasen Failla For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the conversion of an existing residential structure from one (1) family to a two (2) family structure which does not meet the minimum requirement for open space and off street parking at the premises known as: 80 Park Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-03
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: 305 Eastern Avenue, LLC For Special Permit seeking approval for a parking lot for the storage of electric vehicles and storage of vehicles for hire or return from hire, which require a Special Permit at the premises known as: 305 Eastern Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
3/23/23, 3/30/23

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS
Early Learning Center RTU Replacement Project-ARPA
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “Early Learning Center RTU Replacement Project-ARPA”.

Invitation for Bids will be available on or after March 23, 2023 by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Early Learning Center RTU Replacement Project-ARPA” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00 AM on April 20, 2023. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the “City of Chelsea.” The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer
3/23/23

LEGAL NOTICE

Departamento del Juzgado Testamentario y de Familia Citación por Publicación
NÚMERO DE EXPEDIENTE: DIVISIÓN DE SUFFOLK SU23A0127
Juliana Preciado Posada vs. John J Preciado Londono
Demanda de Tutela presentada el 27 de febrero de 2023 ante este tribunal por la demandante, Juliana Preciado Posada, contra el demandado mencionado anteriormente, John J. Preciado Londono, solicitando una Sentencia de Tutela con determinación relativa al estatus especial de inmigrante juvenil, de conformidad con G.L.c. 119, §39M. Dicho demandado no puede ser encontrado dentro de esta Mancomunidad, ya que se desconoce su paradero actual; por lo tanto, la notificación personal a dicho demandado no es factible. Dicho demandado no ha comparecido voluntariamente en esta acción. La demandante solicita una orden de hallazgos especiales que establezca que el demandado descuidó y abandonó a la demandante y que su reunificación no es viable. Se requiere que el demandado entregue a su abogada Stephanie Bonilla, ubicada en 1257 Worcester Rd, 513, Framingham, MA 01701, su respuesta, si la hubiere, a la demanda, dentro de los 7 días posteriores a la notificación de esta citación en su contra, excluyendo el día de la notificación. El demandado también está obligado a presentar una respuesta en la oficina del Registro de este Tribunal en el Tribunal de Familia y Sucesiones de Suffolk, ya sea antes de la notificación a la demandante o al abogado, si está representada por un abogado, o dentro de un plazo razonable posterior. ORDEN DE NOTIFICACIÓN Se ORDENA que una copia de esta citación sea: Entregada, con una copia de la demanda, o mediante la publicación de una copia de la citación en un periódico de circulación general en Chelsea, Massachusetts, una publicación que circule en la zona geográfica donde se conoce que el demandado se ha trasladado por última vez, por lo menos siete (7) días antes de la fecha de la audiencia. Este asunto se programará para Audiencia Administrativa el 27 de abril de 2023. En fe de lo cual firmo, Abg. Brian J. Dunn, Juez Primero de dicho Tribunal, el día 16 de marzo de 2023.
3/23/23

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS
HVAC Services - Chelsea Public Schools
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “HVAC Services - Chelsea Public Schools”. Invitation for Bids will be available on or after March 23, 2023 by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “HVAC Services - Chelsea Public Schools” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00 AM on April 13, 2023. General bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Update Statement.
3/23/23

LEGAL NOTICE

Probate and Family Court Department Summons by Publication
SUFFOLK DIVISION DOCKET NUMBER: SU23A0127
Juliana Preciado Posada v. John J Preciado Londono

Complaint for Dependency filed on February 27th, 2023 has been presented to this court by the plaintiff, Juliana Preciado Posada, against the above-named defendant, John J Preciado Londono, seeking a Judgment of Dependency with determination relative to special immigrant juvenile status, pursuant to G.L.c 119, §39M. The said defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth in his/her present whereabouts are unknown; personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable. The said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action. The plaintiff is seeking and order of special findings stating the defendant neglected and abandoned the Plaintiff and their reunification is not viable. The defendant is required to serve upon their attorney Stephanie Bonilla Esq, located at 1257 Worcester Rd, 513, Framingham, MA 01701 their answer, if any, to complaint, within 7 days after service of this summons upon them, exclusive of the day of service. The defendant is also required to file an answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Suffolk Probate and Family Court, either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff’s attorney, if represented by counsel, or within a reasonable time thereafter. ORDER OF NOTICE It is ORDERED that a copy of this summons be: Served, with a copy of the complaint, or by publishing a copy of the summons in A Newspaper of General Circulation in Chelsea, Massachusetts a publication circulating in the geographical area where the defendant is last known to have moved, at least Seven (7) days prior the hearing date. This matter shall be scheduled for Administrative Hearing on April 27th, 2023. Witness, Brian J Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 16th of March 2023.
3/23/23

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on February 27, 2023, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea as amended, be further amended by adopting a new Article XII in Chapter 14 entitled “Linkage Fees for Development” ARTICLE XII. LINKAGE FEES FOR DEVELOPMENT Section 14-460 Applicability (a) The linkage fees set forth in this Section shall apply to: (1) Any new or additional commercial or industrial development or use, or any “substantial renovation” of a commercial or industrial development or use, that exceeds 25,000 gross square feet; (2) to any new or additional residential development, or any “substantial renovation” of a residential development, that exceeds 25,000 gross square feet and has 24 or more new residential units within the development; and (3) any new or additional mixed-use development that includes both residential and commercial or industrial uses, or any “substantial renovation” of such mixed-use property, that exceeds 25,000 gross square feet and has 24 or more residential units, or includes a new or renovated use that independently qualifies under subsection (1) above. (b) Substantial renovation as used in subsection (a) above shall be defined in accordance with the definition of that term in the State Building Code. (c) This section shall not apply to any project where at least 25% of all dwelling units shall be deed restricted affordable housing units that are affordable for households with annual incomes up to 80% of the Area Median Income or lower as set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy FMR Metro Area. In order to qualify for this exemption, the owner or owner’s representative of such affordable housing project shall obtain a Certificate of Exemption from the Department of Housing and Community Development prior to the issuance of the building permit. Section 14-461 Fees for Commercial and Industrial Developments Commercial and industrial developments subject to this section shall pay the Community Impact linkage fees. The fee shall be to the Community Impact Linkage Fee Revolving Fund for the creation or maintenance of affordable housing, public space enhancement, traffic and transportation improvements, social services, workforce development and education, and youth recreation support. This fee shall be determined by multiplying the rate of \$12.50 per sq. ft. times the total number of square feet in the project over and above twenty-five thousand (25,000) gross square feet that are covered by the new Certificate of Occupancy. Section 14-462 Fees for Residential or Mixed-Use Development A residential development or mixed-use development subject to this section shall pay the Community Impact linkage fees. That fee shall be determined by multiplying the rate of \$10.00 per sq. ft. times the total number of square feet in the project over and above twenty-five (25,000) gross square feet that are covered by the new Certificate of Occupancy. Section 14-463 Timing of Payments All linkage fee payments set forth in this Ordinance shall be due and payable in two equal installments, the first of which shall be due upon issuance of the initial building permit and the second of which shall be payable upon the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, whether temporary or permanent. Section 14-464 Use of Linkage Fees The linkage fees paid to the Linkage Fee Revolving Fund shall be utilized in accordance with the terms of the Home Rule Petition for the creation or maintenance of affordable housing, traffic and transportation improvements, social services, workforce development and education, youth recreation support, job training, job creation, or for capital construction projects of the City provided such project appear in the City’s annual Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the City Council. Section 14-465 Increase in the Formula Calculation The rates per sq. ft. set forth in Sections 14-461 and 14-462 above shall be increased each January 1st of the calendar year by the rate of inflation as measured by the increase for all items for the period of the preceding November over the level as of November of the previous year in the “Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers” or its successor index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Statistics or its successor agency. Section 14-466 Prohibition on Issuance of Permits Until Payment of Linkage Fee For developments subject to this Ordinance, no building permit or Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until such time that the required linkage payment is made in full. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk
3/23/23

Northeast Metro Tech students repair vehicle for Afghan refugee in collaboration with Second Chance Cars

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech Automotive Technology students repaired a vehicle that was donated to a refugee from Afghanistan via the non-profit organization Second Chance Cars.

The refugee immigrated to America after assisting U.S. forces during the war in Afghanistan, and cannot be named or photographed. He received support from Second Chance cars to help him get to work and to transport a young child.

The refugee, since coming to America on a military transport plane and then settling in Massachusetts, had been getting to work at his night-shift job using car-sharing services, the cost of which was unsustainable.

Thanks to the refurbished 2006 Honda Accord he was presented by Second Chance Cars, the refugee is now driving himself to work, saving money, and has even been able to pick



Northeast Metro Tech students unveil a refurbished 2006 Honda Accord for a refugee from Afghanistan in collaboration with Second Chance Cars. (Courtesy Second Chance Cars via Northeast Metro Tech)

up overtime to increase his family's income.

Students in the Northeast Metro Tech automotive department repaired the car's front bumper cover, rear bumper reinforcement, and made plastic repairs to a rocker panel cover. They also refinished both bumpers and the trunk lid using the skills they've learned in their pathway.

Among the students who did the most work on the car are juniors Emilio Alfa-

ro, of Revere, and Antonio Hernandez, of Chelsea, and sophomores Zayleah Carmenatty, of Chelsea, and Isabel Archilla, of Chelsea. Instructors Robert MacGregor, Dan Pero and Sal LaFauci oversaw the work.

The Accord was the fourth vehicle that Northeast Metro Tech students have refurbished in collaboration with Second Chance Cars, a Concord-based nonprofit that provides refurbished, affordable used cars to low-income veterans and others so

they can get to work.

"Dan Holin and his organization have given us the wonderful opportunity to enrich the collision repair learning experiences of our students by adding an element of service to the community," said Collision Repair and Refinishing Department Head Robert MacGregor. "I especially love that the students get to participate in the awarding of the vehicle to see first-hand the impact their work and achievements have on the recipients. I believe that the experience provides a greater sense of relevance and purpose to their work, and a stronger connection to their community."

"Northeast Metro Tech students and staff allow us to fix the donated cars we get professionally yet very affordably," said Dan Holin of Second Chance Carrs. "We literally could not fulfill our mission of getting good people to work without their support!"



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

BLONDER, TRON ATTEND JWV BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

United States veterans Christine Tron (Chelsea High, Class of 1976) and Jeffrey Blonder (Chelsea High, Class of 1974) are pictured at the Jewish War Veterans of Massachusetts 68th Annual Brotherhood Breakfast Sunday at Lombardo's in Randolph.

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Chelsea High School freshman Maria Adam reads her poem "The Hidden Treasure" at last week's School Committee meeting.

the sub-zero temperatures during the weekend of Feb. 4.

Abeyta said she texted facilities director Joseph Cooney during the weekend to see how the buildings were holding up.

"We had a few sprinkler issues, but he said rest assured, our crews are working on our sprinklers and we'll be ready for Monday," Abeyta said. "So while all of us were at home on the weekend, the crews were out there working and making sure we could get school started and our children could

be safe."

In other business, School Committee Chairwoman Kelly Garcia read a resolution that acknowledged World Down Syndrome Day as March 21 in Chelsea Public Schools. As part of the resolution, the Chelsea School Committee recognized and commended the family members of children with Down Syndrome for their sacrifices and dedication in providing the support for the special needs of children with Down Syndrome.



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Chelsea High School alumni Lorenzo Recupero, Tanairi Garcia, Judith Garcia, and Joe Resnek were recognized for giving back to the school district during a recent alumni day event at the high school.

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