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CHS TRACK TEAM VICTORIOUS OVER LYNN CLASSICAL



Nathaniel Nadow (673) flashes a smile as he clears a hurdle on his way to first place in the boys 400-meter hurdles.

The Red Devils ran to victory over Lynn Classical in both boys and girls track Thursday, April 13 at Chelsea Stadium. The boys, who improved their record to 2-0, were led by Ali Warsame, who took first place in the 200m run,

the triple jump, and the long jump, which he won with a school-record 20'7" leap. Warsame also took second in the 100m dash. For the girls, Giselle Oliviar took first place honors in the 400m hurdles and the 110m hurdles.

ROBERT MARRA PHOTOS



Dhalia Christmas winds up for her winning 80'8" toss in the discus.



Ali Warsame is airborne on his way to a Chelsea High School record 20'7" leap in the long jump.

Council approves City Manager profile

By Adam Swift

The timeline to select a new city manager is a little clearer, following the City Council's vote to adopt a six-page profile for the position at a special meeting held Tuesday night.

The document sets the expectations, qualifications, and guidance for potential applicants, and will be used as a guide by a five-member screening committee to select finalists to replace former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Applications for the position will be accepted through UMass-Boston's Collins Center until May 25.

City Council President Leo Robinson presented the profile to the council for approval earlier this month. Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot

requested a subcommittee meeting to review the document and make revisions.

Tuesday night, Mary Aicardi from the Collins Center reviewed some of the revisions made to the document prior to final council approval.

Chief among the revisions was the inclusion of a salary range of plus or minus \$200,000 per year, depending on qualifications.

"That is the industry standard these days and it gives you flexibility and it also gives out the idea that, with all due respect, you are not going to pay \$300,000," said Aicardi. "So it gives people a framework of what we are looking at, and obviously, the language of depending on qualifications gives you flexibility when you are

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Chelsea students shine on AP exams

By Adam Swift

Chelsea High School's Advanced Placement (AP) scores are one indication that the district is rebounding strongly from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The latest results released by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education show Chelsea High School students outperforming their counterparts across the nation and in the state on the AP exams.

In Chelsea, 41 percent of high school students passed their AP exams in 2022, exceeding both the

Massachusetts passing rate (30.5 percent) and the national passing rate (21.6 percent). To pass an AP exam, a student must score a 3 (out of 5) or higher.

"The passing rate is Chelsea High School's third-highest AP pass rate since 2015, and students posted notable scores on the AP Calculus AB and the AP Spanish language exams," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. "The passing rate in AP Calculus AB was Chelsea High School's highest ever in that exam

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State officials address lead issues at Tobin Bridge

By Adam Swift

A packed house heard the latest on plans for the Tobin Bridge and efforts to contain falling lead paint chips from the structure

from some high ranking state officials at GreenRoots members meeting late last week.

New state transportation secretary Gina Fiandaca and state highway

administrator Jonathan Gulliver outlined both the short- and long-term response to the discovery of numerous lead paint chips from the bridge found in Chelsea last month. In ad-

dition, the state officials announced plans for a pilot program encompassing the overall environmental health of Chelsea.

GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni thanked the state officials for quickly responding to the latest environmental crisis in Chelsea, but also noted that the city has undergone a heavy burden in the past several years.

"I want to start off by saying this is incredibly concerning," said Bongiovanni. "In 2020, the DOT had a lapse in construction that resulted in dust throughout a very impacted neighborhood at the peak of Covid. It was residents who responded and were concerned and ultimately outraged and



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State Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca.

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ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA AND NORTH SHORE DONATION



Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore recently visited the local School departments in Chelsea, Everett, Winthrop, Revere and Saugus to donate Spring Holiday Market Basket gift cards for the schools to give to local families. Shown (left to right) Janice Sikorski, Zonta Service Committee Chair, Malik Howshan, Chelsea Schools Director of Extended Day Learning.

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Garcia and Massachusetts House pass comprehensive tax relief package

In an effort to provide financial relief to families across the Commonwealth, and to make Massachusetts more competitive with other states, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a tax relief proposal targeted at residents across all income levels on April 13.

“This tax relief package strikes the critically important balance of providing permanent financial relief to residents and businesses across Massachusetts, without compromising the long-term financial security of the Commonwealth,” said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I’m confident that this tax reform legislation will help to make Massachusetts more affordable for all residents, while also helping to make the Commonwealth more competitive with other states. I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz and Chairman Cusack for their work crafting this package, as well as all the Members of the House for their input.”

“This tax relief package will help thousands of residents keep more money in their pockets by providing much needed financial assistance. This package will also help keep the Commonwealth an economically competitive work environment for both businesses and workers,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). “I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his leadership, as well as Chair Cusack and the entire membership of the House for their collaboration on this issue.”

“People and families were our number one priority when passing this legislation,” said State Representative Judith Garcia (D-Chelsea & Everett). “We want to make Massachusetts a better, easier place to live, work, and raise families. Thanks to the leadership of Speaker Mariano and Representatives Michlewitz and Cusack, people in Chelsea, Everett, and across the state will have more economic breathing room.”

The bill includes the following tax changes, some with a phased-in implementation method:

Child and Dependent Tax Credit

The bill combines the Child Care Expenses Credit with the Dependent Member of House-

hold Credit to create one refundable \$600 credit per dependent, while eliminating the current cap. This will be phased in over three years, and will be fully implemented in FY27: taxpayers could claim \$310 per dependent in FY24, \$455 per dependent in FY25, \$600 per dependent in FY26, and \$614 per dependent in FY27. This change will cost \$165 million in the first year of implementation and \$487 million when fully implemented in year three. It is expected to impact over 700,000 Massachusetts families.

Estate Tax

Massachusetts is currently a national outlier on the estate tax, as the Commonwealth is one of only 12 states that impose this tax and has the lowest estate tax exemption threshold in the country, along with Oregon. The bill increases the estate tax threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million, and eliminates the “cliff” effect, taxing the value of the estate that exceeds \$2 million, and not the entire estate as the law currently requires. This is expected to cost \$231 million per year.

Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit

This bill doubles the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit from \$1,200 to \$2,400. This change is expected to impact over 100,000 taxpayers who own or rent residential property in Massachusetts as their principal residence. This will cost \$60 million per year.

Rental Deduction Cap

This bill increases the rental deduction cap from \$3,000 to \$4,000. This is expected to impact about 881,000 Massachusetts taxpayers, and cost \$40 million per year.

Short-term Capital Gains Tax

Massachusetts is among the states with the highest short-term capital gains tax rate, which is currently 12 percent, and taxes short-term capital gains at a higher rate than long-term capital gains, which are currently taxed at 5 percent. The bill lowers the short-term capital gains tax rate to 5 percent, and phases in that change over two years. During year one, short-term capital gains will be taxed at 8 percent, before ultimately reaching 5 percent during year two. This will cost \$67 million in year one, and ultimately cost \$130 million annually, starting in year three of its implementation.

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Single Sales Factor Apportionment

Currently, most businesses in Massachusetts are subject to a three-factor apportionment based on location, payroll, and receipts. To make Massachusetts more attractive to multi-state companies, this bill establishes a single sales factor apportionment in Massachusetts based solely on receipts, matching what 39 other states currently do. This change is projected to cost \$115 million in year one, and ultimately cost \$79 million annually, starting in year two of its implementation.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

This bill increases the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) from 30 percent to 40 percent of the federal credit. This is expected to impact about 396,000 taxpayers with incomes under \$57,000, and will cost \$91 million.

Additional Reforms

In addition to tax relief, the bill changes Chapter 62F of the Massachusetts General Laws, which triggered nearly \$3 billion in taxpayer refunds in 2022. This law requires that excess revenue be returned to taxpayers when tax revenue collections in a given fiscal year exceed an annual tax revenue cap. Currently, the credit is applied to the personal income tax liability of all taxpayers on a proportional basis, resulting in higher credits for those who paid more in taxes. The bill passed today adjusts the credit to an equal amount per taxpayer, rather than a rebate based on a percentage of what taxpayers paid the Commonwealth.

The bill also adjusts the Stabilization Fund cap, which currently requires that if the amount remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year exceeds 15 percent of the budgeted revenues and other financial resources pertaining to budgeted funds, the excess funds must be transferred to the Tax Reduction Fund, which would then be transferred to taxpayers through one time increases in the personal exemption allowable against income tax liability. The bill adjusts the cap to 25.5 percent, which allows the Commonwealth’s savings account to retain more funding.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives approved the bill 150-3 and now goes to the Senate.



DISTRICT 8 COUNCILOR CALVIN BROWN HOSTS BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER

The Committee-To-Elect Calvin Brown hosted a Birthday Fundraiser for Councilor Brown’s 59th birthday at Chelsea Station Restaurant. Pictured (above) at the celebration are, from left, Governor’s Councilor Terence Kennedy, Councilor Calvin Brown, and former City Manager Jay Ash. In the photo (below) are Lynnfield Town Moderator Joseph Markey, Calvin Brown, and Everett City Councilor Al Lattanzi.



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negotiating.”

Vidot said she believed the subcommittee meeting was successful in helping to revise the position profile.

“This profile that we are adopting tonight is what the screening committee that we voted for will be using to pick our next city manager,” said Vidot. “It talks about the city and the practices that we have as a municipality.”

From now through May 25, Vidot said the Collins Center will be soliciting resumes for the position.

During the next month, she said the Collins Center will also be meeting with the five-member steering committee to update it on issues such as developing questions for the interview process, the role of confidentiality in the search process, and further discussion on the profile.

“The first couple of weeks in June (the steering committee is) going to go over the resumes and do the interviews and (check) references while the Collins Center is facilitating this process with

the expectation that in the first week of July, we should be getting some candidates back,” said Vidot. “That is when we should have the community input. Of course, things happen all the time and that might fluctuate a little bit, but as it stands, that is what we are anticipating and what we are hoping for.”

Once the finalists are in place, Vidot said it is expected that the public will have the opportunity to come in and ask them questions.

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in a single year.”

The passing rate for the calculus exam was 86.4 percent, and the passing rate for the Spanish language exam was 80 percent.

Abeyta said Chelsea High students continue to show post-pandemic academic growth and recovery, with passing AP scores increasing by nearly 10 percent compared to the 2021 data.

“We are really excited about that,” said Abeyta. “We’re trending in the right direction and I want to congratulate our educators and our students.”

Chelsea’s passing

scores exceeded the rates from school districts such as Lynn, Saugus, Lawrence and Worcester. The superintendent stated that the significance of passing an AP exam is that, in most cases, colleges will equate a passing score to earning a college credit or satisfying a particular course requirement.

CHS students took AP exams in the subject areas of Arts, English Language Arts, Foreign Languages, History and Social Science, Math and Computer Science and Science and Technology.

In addition, at last week’s School Commit-

tee meeting, Abeyta announced that Chelsea High School Calculus AB teacher Monika Sulima was named a 2023 Partners in Excellence Teachers Award recipient from Mass Insight Education and Research.

Abeyta said Sulima was one of 16 AP teachers from across the state honored for their exemplary work.

Abeyta also announced that Adam Deleidi had been promoted from assistant superintendent to deputy superintendent of the district.

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School Committee member Roberto Jiménez-Rivera running for Chelsea City Councilor-at-Large

Roberto Jiménez-Rivera of the Chelsea School Committee announced this week that he is running for City Council in this year’s municipal election.

“Today, I am announcing my candidacy for City Council At-Large,” said Jiménez-Rivera. “I have the experience and commitment we need to create a better Chelsea. More and more of our families can’t afford to live here anymore even though they’re working harder than ever. Our children need access

to more opportunities in school. Our small businesses are being gutted by inflation. I’m running because I believe in the power of community. Together we can make sure Chelsea remains a city where we can afford to live, have access to good opportunities, and be treated with dignity and respect.”

Most recently, Roberto ran for State Representative and later organized to win the Fair Share Amendment and driver’s licenses for all in last year’s election. “After we came up

short in the September primary, I told my supporters that the work couldn’t stop. I helped us win the Fair Share Amendment, which represents two billion dollars a year to fix the T and invest in our children. I also made sure people voted to support immigrants getting the driver’s licenses they need and deserve. We won, but we still have more work to do. I’m ready to keep fighting for Chelsea!”

As a member of the School Committee since 2020, Roberto has advo-

cated for and won millions in state funding for our schools, which have resulted in over 100 new jobs to support our students. He is also an organizer for the Boston Teachers Union, where he has fought for a secure and dignified life for workers and retirees.

Roberto lives on Eleanor Street with his wife Sarah and their son Robi, who is soon turning three years old and will be starting at the Early Learning Center this September.



Chelsea School Committee member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, with his wife, Sarah, and their son, Robi.

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called the state.”

About a year ago, Bongiovanni said there was uncovered asbestos that was dumped near a Chelsea public housing development at the hands of the DOT.

“Now we find out that there is lead paint literally raining down on the residents of Chelsea,” she said. “As a lifelong resident of Chelsea, I have seen the bridge be painted literally a million times, and I thought we were resolving concerns with lead.”

Bongiovanni noted that GreenRoots and residents have also spent the past several years battling a proposed electric substation in East Boston.

“It just seems like there continues to be the same assault on environmental justice communities day after day after day, and the state has the power to stop these assaults,” she said. “This is a new administration, and we need to see some action under the new administration, we don’t need to see unkept promises.”

Bongiovanni noted that long-time Chelsea resident Tony Hernandez both informed GreenRoots and the city about the dust in 2020 and raised concerns about the lead paint chips falling from the Tobin. She added that his leadership got GreenRoots and the city involved very quickly.

The city acted quickly to test the paint chips, Bongiovanni said, and Fiandaca, Gulliver and the state also stepped in quickly to tour the site and come up with an action plan.

“I walked the site with Tony, and I just couldn’t believe the paint chips were three and four blocks into all of our neighborhoods, to the playgrounds, to the daycare centers,” said Bogiovanni.

Fiandaca reiterated that Hernandez deserved the credit for bringing the lead paint issue to the attention of the city and the state.

“No community should live with what you are dealing with here,” she said. “Excuses are not what we are here to offer, we are here to minimize your concerns ... Your concerns matter, this community matters, and we’re here to take responsibility for it.”

Gulliver laid out some of the details of the clean up, as well as the issues with lead paint in Chelsea and beyond.

“The question has been asked, why is lead paint even there in the first place, why are we even talking about lead paint on the bridge,” Gulliver said. “Lead is one of those substances that was very commonly used in paint

for decades.”

While lead paint was banned for residential use in 1977, it was not banned for commercial use until 1992.

The standard practice for dealing with existing lead paint has also changed over the past two decades, Gulliver said.

“When it was first banned, the approach was you paint over it and you don’t do anything else, you leave it in place,” said Gulliver. “What we are seeing is that this is not a practice that has stood the test of time. What you are seeing on the Tobin Bridge is exactly what happens when you paint over lead paint, it starts to crack and starts to chip off.”

The past winter, which saw an excess of temperatures going from freezing to above and back again created conditions that saw an excess of paint chipping off bridges across the state, he added.

Now, when the highway department deals with lead paint on bridges, Gulliver said the bridges are tented with a containment unit and everything is vacuum sealed as the lead paint is removed.

“This is a problem that is not unique to the Tobin Bridge ... about one in three bridges have some lead paint on them,” said Gulliver.

Gulliver said that testing showed that there was no lead discovered in the first six inches of soil around the bridge, and also that there was no impact on the drinking water supply.

“We’ve been out there working with our crews to vacuum up the lead chips to ensure that it doesn’t spread further,” said Gulliver, adding that all the lead paint chips were being removed from Chelsea and that crews were close to completing the initial clean up. He added that crews will remain in place for any spot clean up of additional lead paint chips that fall from the Tobin.

Longer term, Gulliver said the state highway department is putting a \$100 million project out to bid to completely clean and repaint the portion of the Tobin Bridge over the Chelsea neighborhoods.

“We’ve done the Chelsea Curves and the first

leg of the Tobin Bridge approaching this section over the last couple of years,” said Gulliver. “This is the last project in a series of projects, and it is the biggest one at \$100 million.”

The project will include putting up shielding and a containment system, making structural repairs, and cleaning up and removing all lead paint, and then repainting the bridge with acrylic paint.

The state is also working on the details of mitigation efforts for residents near the bridge work site that will include a grant program for items such as air conditioners, air purifiers, and white noise machines.

“Finally, something we are pretty excited about, the (United States) EPA is putting together a pilot program, the first in the nation,” said Gulliver. “They are going to be working with state agencies, the city, and with advocates to develop a pilot program to look at the cumulative impacts of environmental issues on Chelsea.”

Gulliver noted that Chelsea is one of the most densely populated cities in New England and has a history of heavy industry producing contaminants.

“Our hope is that this is going to lead to a series of federal grants that we can now do some targeted clean up projects in Chelsea,” said Gulliver.

Bongiovanni questioned Gulliver as to why the state didn’t commence clean up of the Tobin Bridge area sooner if it was aware of increased paint chip problems.

Gulliver replied that MassHighway was out in the area in the week before it was notified of the issues and had noticed some issues and was beginning to file work orders to address it.

Fiandaca added that the \$100 million Tobin Bridge project has been on the state’s schedule.

“As soon as we learned how bad the situation out here was, we worked to get a team out to see it so we could get a handle on the scope of the work,” she said. “We wanted to make sure we were able to accelerate the project and get to the real repairs up there.”

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day coming to East Boston

On Saturday, April 22, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) as part of The East Boston Alliance for Support, Treatment, Intervention and Education (EASTIE) Coalition will be supporting National Prescription Drug Take Back Day to help reduce easy access to addictive drugs.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for addiction and misuse of medications. As part of the initiative, EBNHC will be collaborating with Recovery on the Harbor (RoH) to offer two neighborhood collection sites to increase community participation in East Boston.

“As we saw in the most recent Boston Indicators report, the COVID-19 pandemic created a community-wide mental health crisis, with corresponding increases in substance misuse, particularly among the Latinx population and other communities that were hit hard by the pandemic,” said Nancy Slamet, Director of the EASTIE Coalition. “Participating in Prescription Drug Take Back

Day is an important step everyone in our community can take in preventing and reducing substance use among our youth.”

Together with Drug Free Communities and the MGH’s Center for Community Health Improvement, the EASTIE Coalition works to address the mental health stressors, trauma and inequities that drive East Boston youth and residents to turn to substances as a coping mechanism.

In response to these challenges, EASTIE is taking a strengths-based, healing-centered and systems change approach to foster resilience among youth, families, and the community as a whole. Coalitions across the country that use this approach have achieved amazing results in preventing and reducing substance use in their communities. The EASTIE coalition is confident they can do the same in East Boston, and invites everyone to help make this happen!

Residents can drop off their unwanted medications at the collection sites located at EBNHC’s location at 20 Maverick Square from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and RoH’s location at 983 Bennington Street from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The

Boston Police Department (East Boston A-7) and the BPD Drug Unit will collect and dispose of the turned in medication.

As a year-round effort to support drug safety, EBNHC also offers a permanent prescription drug drop box in the waiting room of its 10 Gove Pharmacy location.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is one of the nation’s largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community health center in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive care for the underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston’s South End. EBNHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org.



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53 EARTH DAYS LATER, OUR PLANET IS FAR WORSE

This Saturday, April 22, will mark the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day, the movement that is credited with bringing the issue of environmentalism into the forefront of public thought and opinion.

To be sure, many of the objectives of the environmental movement since that first Earth Day have been achieved. Compared to 1970, our air and water are cleaner. The haze of smog that hung over our major cities each and every day is not as bad as it was 50 years ago and here in the Boston area, Boston Harbor is an example of the progress that has been attained in cleaning up our waterways.

But despite the visible progress we have made, the overall health of our planet unquestionably is far worse than it was five decades ago. “Climate change” and “global warming” were terms that were unheard of then, but now we know that just about everything we do --driving our cars, heating our homes, producing the food we eat, and making just about everything with plastics -- releases greenhouse gases and other chemicals that are altering our environment with grave consequences for life on the planet.

The wild weather recently in Ft. Lauderdale, in which that city was inundated by 20 inches of rain that brought the city to a standstill, was deemed a “1000-year event” by the National Weather Service.

But the reality is that in 2023, 1000-year events are occurring somewhere every year, to say nothing of 100-year events that are happening almost every month.

The future reality is that carbon emissions will not be coming down anytime soon and even if they do, there is so much heat trapped in our oceans and in the atmosphere that it may be too late to stop the dreaded feedback loop that will accelerate climate change.

Yes, we’re old enough to remember the hoopla that accompanied the first Earth Day, a movement that was catalyzed when a river in Cleveland that essentially was a toxic cesspool caught fire when a spark from the shore ignited the volatile chemicals in the river.

Back in those days, we had hope that things would be better.

We never imagined that five decades later, the degradation of our environment would pose an existential threat to life and civilization as we know it -- but that’s the reality we are confronting in 2023.

LOGAN AIRPORT WAS A BREEZE

We hadn’t flown for a while because of the pandemic and other reasons, so we approached our recent vacation with some trepidation, particularly as we contemplated our air travel.

However, we are happy to report that traversing to, through, and from Logan Airport actually was a pleasant experience. We took the boat to Logan, caught the shuttle bus to our terminal, and made it through security within 10 minutes. Our terminal (Terminal B) was crowded, but not overly so, and there were plenty of seats with outlets for our electronic devices.

Returning home, we found the signage to ground transportation was clear and straightforward as we made our way to the Silver Line -- which, by the way, was free of charge -- in order to get to South Station .

We recently wrote about our travails on the Red Line, in which we highlighted all of the problems facing the MBTA, almost all of which are directly related to a decades-long lack of funding for public transportation at the federal and state levels.

However, in comparison to the other airports we visited during our vacation (JFK and Miami), Logan overall offered a superb experience (including better restaurants!).

So we wish to tip our hat to Massport and the T (which operates the ferry boat and the Silver Line) for their smooth operations at Logan Airport.

Even Massport’s critics (as we have been for decades) have to concede that its various operations are a huge driver of our economy that contribute to our region’s prosperity in countless ways. A smooth-functioning Logan Airport is a key piece of that ecosystem and we are happy to report that our recent experience was a highly-positive one.

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Healey-Driscoll administration highlights 100 days of making Massachusetts more affordable, competitive and equitable

Special to the Times-Free Press

Governor Maura T. Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll’s 100th day in office was on April 15, and they are highlighting their key accomplishments to make Massachusetts more affordable, competitive and equitable.

In addition to building out a strong team of cabinet members, the administration filed its first budget and tax package that propose historic investments in education, transportation and climate and deliver relief for seniors, renters and families. Governor Healey also swiftly followed through on key pledges, such as establishing a housing secretariat and proposing an expanded Child and Family Tax Credit, free community college for students over 25, full funding of the Student Opportunity Act, one percent of the budget for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and tripling the budget of the Clean Energy Center.

And when faced when a radical ruling from a federal court judge in Texas that threatened reproductive freedom in Massachusetts, Governor Healey took immediate action to protect access to medication abortion in the state.

“As we pass the 100-day mark of our administration, our entire team is just as energized and committed to delivering results as we were on Day One. I’m proud that we hit the ground running, building out a strong Cabinet of experienced, dedicated leaders who share our drive to meet this moment for Massachusetts,” said Governor Healey. “We’ve made important progress on housing, food security, transportation, climate and education, and we’ve brought new voices to the table and gotten out into communities to meet people where they are. There’s much more work to be done to make Massachusetts more affordable, competitive and equitable, but we’ve set a solid foundation in these first 100 days that we will continue

to build on in the years to come.”

“100 days goes by in the blink of an eye when you’re busy working for the people of Massachusetts all day every day. We knew when we took office that the challenges before us were daunting, but that there was enormous opportunity as well,” said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. “We’re proud to have made important strides in making Massachusetts a better place to live, work, go to school, raise a family and build a future. In the days, months and years ahead, we’re not going to let up steam. We’re going to continue to hustle every day to deliver results for Massachusetts.”

Healey-Driscoll Administration 100 Days Highlights

The Healey-Driscoll administration filed a \$55.5 billion budget proposal and \$750 million tax relief package that builds a strong economy, livable communities, and a sustainable future by:

- Creating a Child and Family Tax Credit, increasing the rental deduction and senior circuit breaker, and reforming the estate and short-term capital gains tax to keep up with other states.
- Creating MassReconnect, which offers free community college to students over 25 years old and expanding Early College and Innovation Pathways programs.
- Dedicating 1% of the state’s overall budget to the Executive Office of Energy and Environment.
- Tripling investment in the Clean Energy Center, which is leading the way in clean energy entrepreneurship, job creation, and home electrification.
- Creating the Environmental Justice Office, led by the Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity, and hiring 14 Environmental Justice Liaisons.
- Establishing a new Education and Transportation Fund to protect Fair Share revenue and maximize this new funding source.
- Fully funding the Student Opportunity Act for K-12 education, the larg-

est dollar-amount increase in Massachusetts’ K-12 schools in state history.

- Notifying municipalities of local aid funding levels early to give them a head start on planning to deploy these funds for residents.
- Freezing the tuition at the University of Massachusetts for four years and freezing fees at other state universities for four years.
- Fully supporting the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) to help child care providers keep the doors open and invest in programming and staff.
- Investing in transportation across the state, including MBTA fares program, the Red-Blue connector, West-East Rail, and Regional Transit Authorities.

Governor Healey signed a \$389 supplemental budget for fiscal year 2023 that combines many of the priorities the administration outlined in three separate bills filed by the Governor, including:

- Investments in C3 grants, MassWorks, the Clean Water Trust, RAFT, broadband infrastructure, a reproductive health services awareness campaign, the NAACP Conference, and support for the public health workforce ahead of the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - Matching grants to compete for federal dollars through the CHIPS and Science Act.
 - Funding for the state’s housing shelter system to support families and children.
 - Universal school meals through the end of the 2023 school year to make sure kids can focus on learning in the classroom instead of worrying about hunger.
 - A three month off ramp for the end of enhanced federal SNAP benefits, providing families with 40% of the previous federal benefit to help keep food on the table.
- Governor Healey announced the appointment of a new, experienced transit leader as MBTA General Manager and took steps to improve transparency

and address staffing shortages at the MBTA, including:

- Launched an online safety dashboard to provide transparency around the status of FTA special directives, as well as an online speed restrictions dashboard.
- Implemented \$7,500 sign-on bonuses for all eligible positions across the MBTA (Bus Operators, Rail Repairers, Track Laborers, Streetcar Operators, Subway Train Operators, Service Technicians and Fuelers) and proposed \$20 million for recruitment and retention efforts in a supplemental budget.
- Established a technical working group to identify process improvements at CRRC to expedite car delivery and improve safety.

By Executive Order, Governor Healey:

- Appointed the nation’s first cabinet-level Climate Chief to lead the new Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience and established a Climate Cabinet.
 - Established a Housing Working Group to examine the structure of the administration’s new Housing Secretariat.
 - Established Governor’s Councils on Black Empowerment and Latino Empowerment.
 - Reconstituted a historically diverse and talented Judicial Nominating Commission.
 - Led the Executive Branch to conduct equity assessments.
- The Healey-Driscoll administration also:
- Joined the multistate Reproductive Freedom Alliance, stockpiled mifepristone and issued an Executive Order protecting access to medication abortion and protection for patients and providers.
 - Filed a supplemental budget for fiscal year 2024 that extends universal school meals through the end of 2024 school year and explores how to keep the program running long-term, invests in MBTA hiring, and makes preparations for the end of the COVID-19 health emergency.

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LETTER to the Editor

HIS RECOGNITION IS WELL DESERVED

To the Editor,

I was happy to read in the April 14, 2023, Chelsea Record that longtime businessman Peter Zaksheski was the “recipient of a state Certificate of Appreciation honoring the excellence of his business (the Anthony Memorial—Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home) and his outstanding contributions to the community.”

I am proud to know Peter for many years. Peter Zaksheski is a true gentleman and an extremely caring person. His recognition is well deserved.

Peter Zaksheski has been an asset to Chelsea for many years, in particular to the Chelsea Fire Department. Every year the Chelsea Fire Department, on the first Sunday

of June, celebrates its Memorial Sunday which is a remembrance of all the deceased Chelsea Firefighters especially for the current year. Peter Zaksheski, every year, donates plastic laminated remembrance cards which names all the deceased firefighters for the present year, citing their appointment date, promotion date(s) (if any), retirement date and date of passing. The back of the card includes kind words describing “What is a Fireman?”

I, and I am sure, all Chelsea firefighters, appreciates Peter’s generosity and empathy.

I congratulate Peter Zaksheski, and his family, on his Certificate of Appreciation.

Louis T. Addonizio
Retired Fire Chief

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Northeast Metro Tech student athletes help out at Revere Food Pantry

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech’s Student Athlete Leadership and Mentoring Program (SALM) recently helped prepare and distribute food at the Revere Food pantry.

On Wednesday, April 12, a dozen student athletes from Northeast Metro Tech, along with Teacher Sarah Pierce, visited the food pantry to help prepare, bag and distribute food for those in need.

The Student Athlete Leadership and Mentoring Program includes team captains and leaders who learn about leadership, accountability, commitment, discipline, and empathy, while also participating in a leadership council and community service opportunities. The goal of the program is to teach student athletes to make an impact over the course of decades, and not just during their four years at Northeast.

The students who contributed at the Food Pantry are Gianna Scoppettuolo, Soffia Giraldo, Mike Sousa, Alex Moneretto, Aidan Jones, Mikey Follis, Cam Correa, Emelly Acevedo, Sam Cubas, Briana Boccelli, Marisa Boccelli, and Ethan Crespo.

SALM will be sending another team of students to help next Wednesday as well, and other shops may soon join the efforts.

“Our student athletes were so excited and proud to participate in this program, and we’ve now had more student athletes, as well as several shops, ask about the possibility of helping out more in the future as well,” said Athletic Director Donald Heres. “I am proud of these students for being so eager to help their fellow community members.”

“Teaching our students to be upstanding citizens who contribute to the communities around them is a major part of our efforts here at Northeast Metro Tech, and I applaud these student athletes for their hard and meaningful work,” said Superintendent DiBarri.



PHOTOS COURTESY NORTHEAST METRO TECH

Student athletes who are part of SALM pose for a group photo while helping out at the Revere Food Pantry.



Student-athletes Aidan Jones, of Saugus, and Cam Correia, of Revere, bag supplies at the Revere Food Pantry.



Dozens of bags of groceries and food that Northeast Metro Tech students helped prepare at the Revere Food Pantry.

Seaworthy Seductions, art exhibit by Kyle Browne at The Gallery at Spencer Lofts

Enter into the intimate, playful and surreal work of Gloucester native, Kyle Browne. Her solo exhibition, Seaworthy Seductions: A Taste of Intimacy is inspired by seafood platters, sailors’ valentines and the enduring imagination of the sea. The basis of Browne’s mixed media work is reconnecting to an innate wildness that she believes exists within us all. Her pieces, ranging from intimate sculptures to large-scale paintings, are her love letters to the ocean.

Kyle explores themes of consumption and the feminine through her rich colored pencil drawings, Rewilding, which are reminiscent of naturalist illustrations, yet surprising and subversive upon closer observation. She interweaves human forms into natural objects to ask the viewer to contend with their own vulnerabilities through the metaphor of sensual and raw seafood platters. Think finger shrimp, licking limpets and bivalves with femme anatomy. For her participatory installation Shucked Raw, Serve Yourself she invites visitors to create and contemplate her delectables, into their own personal raw bar plate - since eating a raw oyster is perhaps the closest thing humans can do to consummate their relationship with the sea.

Kyle’s love of the ocean began as a small child growing up in Gloucester, MA, surrounded by the ebb and flow of the tide. She received her MFA from the School of Visual Arts, NYC, and MED from Lesley University, Cambridge, MA. She has been an arts educator in the Greater Boston area for over 10 years, and lives and works in Chelsea, MA. Find out more about her at kylebrowne.



Shown are some of the work on display at Spencer Lofts by Kyle Browne.



MA, runs through June 11, and is open by appointment with the artist. Closing reception is June 4, from 3-7pm, with an artist panel at 4 p.m. This project is funded in part by the Chelsea Cultural Council.

REUNION CELEBRATION SET FOR AUGUST 19 AT CHS



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

A committee is organizing a combined reunion and birthday party in honor of well-known Chelsea High School and Williams School alumnus and philanthropist, Herbie Kupersmith. The gala celebration will be held on August 19 at Chelsea High School. Pictured at a planning committee meeting last week are Herbie Kupersmith (front), along with (back row, from left) Ed Medros, Edythe Shuman, Minna Karas-Marino, City Council President Leo Robinson, former CHS Director of Athletics Frank DePatto, Nick Marino, and Frank Henry. The event will raise funds for scholarships for Chelsea students.

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Rescue surprises

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Rescue dogs come from many different situations. No matter how much information you may have about the dog you choose, you’ll only learn the whole story after that animal settles into your home and the true personality and behavior emerge. Typically, this doesn’t happen overnight.

Often there is a “honeymoon” period with a new rescue. Initially, dogs spend time adapting to a new space’s sights, sounds, smells, and routines. It takes time for a rescue to begin to trust the people around them. Slowly they begin to figure out the cast of characters in this new place.

They learn who they can rely on to feed them or respond when they need to relieve themselves. A dog will quickly determine

who’s a pushover, who means what they say, who will share food, and who they shouldn’t bother. This goes for other animals in the home as well as people.

As Patricia B. McConnell, Ph.D., animal behaviorist, writes, “Fido in one place is not necessarily predictive of Fido in another. Context and the environment plays as big a role in dog behavior as it does in yours. Probably bigger. But let’s start with us: Are you the same person during an intense meeting at work as you are when having drinks with friends, just a few hours later?”

Different Starting Points

How much information you receive about a dog depends on how the animal came into a rescue organization. Little or nothing is known about strays who are picked up on the street

and placed in a shelter.

Shelter workers, foster homes, and rescue groups do their best to evaluate the dogs in their care. However, it is ultimately your job to help your new family member to adapt and learn what is expected. We recommend two favorite online resource centers to anyone adopting a dog.

The Best Friends Animal Society has a resource center. They call it “... a comprehensive online library where you’ll find information about pet health and training, as well as educational materials and interactive resources for people with pets and rescue workers.”

We like the specific guidance they supply on topics like “Understanding and Caring for Rescued Hoarded Dogs,” “Training Shelter Dogs,” and “Puppy Mill Rescue Dogs.”

You can also rely on the



This pup was one of our happiest rescue surprises. Despite the reason for his surrender, he was well-behaved and gentle in his forever home.

popular adoption website Petfinder.com. They offer a great “Dog Adoption Checklist” and guidance for bringing a new dog home, introducing animals, puppy proofing, and specific behavioral problems.

Happy Surprises

Many purebred breeds have rescue groups that place dogs in foster homes and evaluate their behavior before placing them for adoption. In some cases, these dogs were surrendered to the group by a family who provided

background. While that information is helpful, it may not predict how the animal will respond in your home.

One of our happiest rescue surprises was a dog surrendered to a rescue group because it was accused of nipping a child. A family experienced with dogs and without children was selected for us to interview. We recommended the adoption and enjoyed becoming friends with this family. We spent a lot of time with this dog, who was always well-behaved

and gentle. The home and the people made this possible.

Yes, rescue dogs come with baggage that you may have to help them unpack. But, for every dog with separation anxiety, leash aggression, or barking, there’s another dog who became the well-behaved best friend a person sought when they adopted a rescue.

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

UNDERSECRETARY MARIA BELEN POWER JOINS GOV. MAURA HEALEY AT STATE CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

State Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity Maria Belen Power (right) of Chelsea stands next to Gov. Maura Healey at a press conference at the Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston Wednesday announcing a new climate resiliency program for the state. At the podium is State Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Rebecca Tepper.

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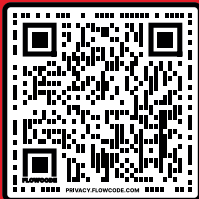
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Sports

CHELSEA RED DEVILS TRACK TEAM VICTORIOUS OVER LYNN CLASSICAL

ROBERT MARRA PHOTOS

The Red Devils ran to victory over Lynn Classical in both boys and girls track Thursday, April 13 at Chelsea Stadium. The boys, who improved their

record to 2-0, were led by Ali Warsame, who took first place in the 200m run, the triple jump, and the long jump, which he won with a school-record

20'7" leap. Warsame also took second in the 100m dash. For the girls, Giselle Olivar took first place honors in the 400m hurdles and the 110m hurdles.



Ali Warsame is nipped at the 100m dash finish line by Lynn Classical's John Nasky.



Ajay Singh takes the handoff from relay partner Kyle Leong in the boys 4x400 relay.



Jose Hernandez (1038) has a good lead on the competition as he runs to victory in the 2-mile run in 13:44.2



A pair of fans in the bleachers are the only persons near Austin Freeman as he strides to victory in the 400m run.



Lauren Nadow races to a second-place finish in the 110m hurdles. Lauren also won the girls javelin event.



Giselle Olivar clears the last hurdle and takes the lead from Lynn Classical's Bianca Christalin on the way to first place in the girls 400m hurdles.

CHS ROUNDUP

WARSAME SETS CHS RECORD IN TJ (AGAIN) AS DEVILS TOP CLASSICAL

Chelsea High ace track and field man Ali Warsame broke his own CHS record (which he established last week) in the triple jump with a hop, skip, and jump of 43'-3.5" to highlight the Red Devils' 91-43 victory over Greater Boston League rival Lynn Classical last Thursday at Chelsea Stadium. "Ali now is just 2.5 inches away from qualifying for Nationals," said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez.

Warsame turned in a banner day for Chelsea, finished as the Red Devils' high scorer with 18 points, also taking first

place in the long jump with a leap of 20'-7" and the 200 dash in a sprint of 23.5 and grabbing second in the 100 meter with a dash of 11.4. Teammate Alexander Cano also turned in a powerful performance vs. the Rams, scoring 14 points with victories in the javelin with a throw of 101'-3" and the 110 high hurdles in a time of 20.3; a second-place in the 400 hurdles (1:07); and third in the long jump (17'-3.5"). Nate Nadow was a double-winner for Chelsea, scoring 10 points. Nate took first in the 400 meter hurdles with a clocking of 1:04.4 and topped the field in the 800 meter run in a time of 2:10.9. Red Devils Theodore

Joseph-Seale and Emerson Melgar scored eight points apiece. Theodore won the shot-put with a throw of 35'-0.25" and took second in the discus with a spin of 89'-11," while Emerson captured the discus with a toss of 92'-3" and grabbed second in the javelin with a throw of 92'-7". Other first-place finishers for Chelsea were: Austin Freeman, who won the 400 dash with a clocking of 59.0; Kevin Flores, who outran the field in the mile in 5:28.7; and Jose Hernandez who outdistanced the competition in the two mile run in a clocking of 13:44.3. Contributing three points to the Chelsea vic-

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Emily Singh took third place in the girls 400m run.



Kevin Romero flings the discus. He took fourth place in the event.



Theodore Joseph-Seale cranks up his winning shot put toss of 35'25"



Keiri Hernandez (15) takes the baton in the final leg of the girls 4x100 meter relay, won by Classical.



Javien Diaz sprints after taking the handoff in the boys 4x100 m relay.



Lamari Davis lets go a 28'3.25" heave in the shot put that put her in third place in the competition.



Alexander Cano puts his all into a 101'3" javelin throw for first place in the event.

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tory with second-place performances were: Ariel Aracena in the shot-put (33'-8.25"); Jose Olivar in the 400 dash (60.8); and Ajay Singh in the two mile (14:20.2).

Adding single points to the CHS side of the score-sheet with third-place finishes were: Kyle Leong in the triple jump (35'-2.5"); Jose Amaya in the 400 hurdles (1:20.3); Jonathan Barrientos in the shot-put (29'-10"); Herman Mendez in the javelin (79'-10"); Ivan Irias-Padilla in the 800 (2:32.3); and Sherwin Kim in the mile

(5:41.6).

Hernandez and his crew, who now are 2-0 on the season, are scheduled to entertain GBL foes Somerville today (Thursday) and Everett next Thursday at Chelsea Stadium.

CHS GIRLS TRACK TOPS CLASSICAL

Giselle Olivar took first place in the 400 meter hurdles in a time of 1:21.7 and the 110 high hurdles with a clocking of 18.0 to score 10 points to pace the Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team to a 67-60 victory over Greater Boston League opponent Lynn Classical last Thursday at Chelsea Stadium.

Lauren Nadow scored nine points with a first-place in the javelin with a throw of 65'-2", a second in the 110 hurdles (20.7), and a third in the 400 hurdles (1:29.2).

Three Lady Red Devils scored eight points on the day: Dhalia Christmas with a first-place in the discus with a toss of

80'-8" and a second in the shot-put with a throw of 28'-10"; Kiara Ramirez with a first in the shot-put with a throw of 29'-6.25" and a second in the discus with a spin of 70'-1"; and Rosalinda Rojas with a first in the 800 with a time of 3:09.3 and a second in the mile (7:04.9).

Marcayla Louis-Jean won the triple jump with a final landing of 27'-1.0" and took third in the long jump (12'-8.5") for six points on the day.

Keiri Hernandez also scored six points with second places in the long jump (13'-0.5") and the 200 dash (31.1).

Lamari Davis added four points with a second place in the javelin (57'-3") and a third in the shot-put (28'-3.25").

Contributing single points with third-place efforts were: Angelina Agostini in the discus (63'-5"); Isabela De Matos in the 200 (33.9); Ashley Mejia-Puzul in the 800 (3:29.9); and Emily Singh in the 400 dash (124.5).

Coach Cesar Hernandez and his team host GBL

rivals Somerville today (Thursday) and Everett next Thursday.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHS BASEBALL TEAM VS. LE

Although the Chelsea High baseball team came out on the short end of a 12-0 decision to Lynn English last Thursday at Carter Field, there were a number of highlights for coach Mike Lush's Red Devils.

Starting pitcher Nazareth Aquino recorded two strikeouts, giving up five hits, though issuing eight walks.

Elijah Rivera came on in relief and yielded two hits and a walk, but got two big strikeouts. Victor Murillo also came on in relief and needed just eight pitches to get out of the inning.

At the plate, Roni Mendez went 1-for-1, while Josh Alvarado and David Gochez both earned six-pitch bases on balls.

Lush and his crew will be back in action on Monday when they host

Lynn Classical. They will travel to Somerville next Wednesday.

CHS SOFTBALL DOES WELL VS. ENGLISH

Despite a 16-10 loss to Lynn English last week, CHS head softball coach Gena Restiano saw a number of positive signs from her team.

"We had a really good game against English," said Restiano, noting the defensive play of Monica Cespedes, who made six outs at second base, and Nidya Castillo, who made six outs at third.

At the plate, Ariel Rodriguez led the way, going 2-for-3 with two singles and five stolen bases. In the pitcher's circle, Ada Figuero struck out four Lady Bulldog batters.

"It was a well-rounded team effort through all seven innings," said Restiano, whose squad will travel to Lynn Classical on Monday and then will host Somerville next Wednesday afternoon at Carter Park.

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Bruins continue playoff series

With the Bruins having played playoff Game 2 yesterday (Wednesday) with the Florida Panthers, our Record readers will be receiving this information following that game, and the Bruins will either be sporting a 2-0 lead in games, or the best-of-seven series will be tied at one game apiece. The excitement of the 3-1 victory on Monday will likely be a momentum that the Bruins expected to carry over into Game 2 on Wednesday. Reflecting back on the win, the stellar play of goaltender Linus Ullmark was a big factor, add to that the fact that the team play was not really up to



par, but they were still able to come out of it with two points and the win. The lack of captain Patrice Bergeron’s presence in the lineup could have been a depressing issue, but instead it appeared to be a bit of a motivating issue. Several players stepped up, most notably, Pavel Zacha who filled in admirably at the center position

on the Bruins’ first line. The play of the Panthers proved to be intense at several points in the game, but it was the dominance of the Bruins’ play in the third period that proved to be the winning formula. While Bruins coach Jim Montgomery was very vague regarding Bergeron’s possible return to the lineup on Wednesday, it appears that there is some sort of injury, not the bug illness rumored to be in the Bruins dressing room, that is limiting Bergeron’s ability to play. In any case, it is situations as this that prompted general manager to make several of the moves he

initiated over the regular season, to add depth to this already solid lineup. Noticeable was the heavy play of Garnet Hathaway and the powerful hits he delivered in the Monday victory, add to that the smooth way Tyler Bertuzzi has put his stamp on this lineup with ‘heads up’ passing and smooth transitions. It is expected that Wednesday’s roster would remain the same for Boston, from goal to the defense, with maybe the only possibility being the addition of Matt Grzelcyk to the blue line defense. For the Panthers, only a speculation, a switch in goal from Alex Lyon. to

veteran Sergei Bobrovsky in order to maybe shake things up, but there is always the thought coaches have, that it might hurt the journeyman goalie Lyon’s confidence as a result. It will all come down to which team is able to maintain consistency and play for the full 60 minutes, and holding in check the Panthers offense which has a plethora of scorers, along with the scoring threats of Matthew Tkachuk, Aleksander Barkov, and 42-goal scorer Carter Verhaeghe. Following Game 2 on Wednesday, the Bruins’ playoff schedule continues with a pair away...

Game 3 tomorrow (4/21, Friday 7:30pm) in Florida, and Game 4 on Sunday (4/23) at 3:30pm. If necessary, Game 5 will have the locals returning to TD Garden ice on Wednesday (4/26), (time to be determined), and also if necessary, Game 6 will be back on Panther’s home ice on Friday (4/28), (time to be determined). Should a series-deciding Game 7 be in the works, that game would take place on Sunday (4/30) on TD Garden ice at a time yet to be determined.

CHELSEA OFFICIALS ATTEND HOUSING FAMILIES LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Chelsea Housing and Community Development officials attended the annual Housing Families Legislative Breakfast April 13 at Anthony’s, Malden. Housing Families is a Malden-based non-profit organization that offers services including temporary and permanent housing, food assistance, counseling and therapy, legal services, and youth programs. Pictured at the breakfast (from left) are Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train, Senior Project Manager Ana Sofia Amieva-Wang, and Community Development Manager Erica McCarthy.

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- Launched a \$50 million grant program to fund decarbonization retrofits of existing low- or moderate-income residential buildings.
- Created the Office of Federal and Regional Energy Affairs to promote regional cooperation and advocate for advancing the state’s clean energy transition with federal, state, and other stakeholders.
- Created the position of Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure to drive and support the state and municipalities’ competition for federal funding and convened an Inter-agency Task Force.
- Filed and worked with the Legislature to establish the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.
- Created the position of Director of Rural Affairs to serve as a dedicated advocate and ombudsman for rural communities, responsible for cultivating rural economic develop-

- ment to ensure that state government is attuned to the unique needs of rural communities.
- Appointed the state’s first Secretary of the newly established Executive Office of Veterans’ Services.
 - Announced 9 new early college programs including the first partnership with UMass to expand access to high schools.
 - Created the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity and the Office of Federal and Regional Energy Affairs.
 - Announced a Director of Data Initiatives to strategize the state’s economic growth and launched a Future Skills awareness campaign to connect talent with employers.
 - Established the Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness program to fund 177 cities and towns with cybersecurity training.
- The following Op-ed was written by the Healey Driscoll offices.

Raiza Yuberkys Martinez
November 25, 1987 – April 10, 2023

Raiza Yuberkys Martinez passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 10 in her home in Piqua, Ohio. She was 35 years old. Born in Carolina, Puerto Rico, she was raised in Revere, the loving daughter of Yazmin Rivera of Chelsea and the late Orlando Martinez. Raiza attended Northeast Vocational School in Wakefield studying Graphic Arts and Design, she graduated in 2005. She enlisted in the US Air Force in 2005 serving in Security Forces NCO at Andrews Air Force Base and was Honorably Discharged in 2008. In her lifetime, Raiza was a dedicated stay at home Mom. She enjoyed hiking, cooking, reading and spending time with family and friends. She is remembered for her beautiful smile, positive attitude towards any situation and her thoughtfulness and generosity. Her kind and uplifting words will always be cherished. She is lovingly survived by her beloved companion, Jonathan Kirkpatrick. She was the loving mother of Sayuri, Cheyenne, Geryko and Atreyu; dear sister of: Orlando Martinez, Jr., Joel Martinez, Tanya Martinez and Norland Martinez. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Relatives and friends attended visiting hours on Wednesday, April 19th at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Committal Services will be held today, Thursday, April 20 at 10:45 a.m. at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.



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David Rodriguez
December 3, 1964 – April 11, 2023

Lifelong Chelsea resident, David Rodriguez passed away on Tuesday, April 11. He was 58 years of age. Born and raised in Chelsea, he was one of 13 children of Marta Ceden of Chelsea and the late Ramon M. Rodriguez, Sr. David attended local schools and worked as a general construction laborer, painter and all-around handyman. He grew up as a member of St. Rose Parish, served as an altar boy in his younger days and forever remained a prayerful and spiritual individual. In his lifetime, he was a motorcycle enthusiast and also enjoyed martial arts, music and dancing, entertaining family and friends, watching action movies and sports. And he was very proud of his Puerto Rican upbringing and heritage. He is fondly remembered for his favorite saying; “It’s never goodbye, it’s see you later.” In addition to his father, David was also predeceased by brothers: Ramon, “Ray Jr.”, Billy and Felipe. He is lovingly survived by his mother, Marta Ceden, his children: Milagros, Darcelle, Chantele, Sabryna, and Julianna; stepchildren: Kellie, Charlene, Sean and Brandon, his siblings: Silvia, Israel,



Martita and her husband, Jose, Tony and his wife Mary, Wilfredo, Candida, Nancy, Alexandra, and Fernando; his longtime companion, Anna, mothers of his children, Kathy and Edna, 24 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and his many friends. A memorial gathering and visiting hours were held on Tuesday, April 18 at the Welsh Funeral Home in Chelsea with a prayer service and service of remembrance. A private inurnment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.



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How to get rid of crabgrass and maintaining a healthy lawn

Weeds can be unsightly in an otherwise perfect, healthy lawn. Not only are they sometimes ugly, but they also compete with your lawn for space, sunlight, water and other nutrients! One of the most notorious weeds known for its difficulty to control is crabgrass. If you're one of the unlucky homeowners who have crabgrass in their lawn—not to worry! Read on to learn more about how to get rid of crabgrass.



As an annual weed, crabgrass remains present in the landscape for one growing season, which usually begins in the late spring and early summer after the soil temperature has reached a temperature of 55 to 60 degrees for over five days.

Once the plants germinate, they will continue to grow until the days begin to shorten, causing them to enter a reproductive stage. During this time, plants produce seed (up to 150,000 per plant!) until the first frosts of the fall hit and knock them out.

Even if crabgrass isn't visible in your lawn during the fall and winter, if the plant was able to set seed, prepare to begin fighting it again in warmer weather. What does crabgrass look like? Appropriately named, crabgrass grows close to the ground and has branching stems resembling crab legs. Large crabgrass tends to have a dense coating of hair while smooth crabgrass does not. In smooth crabgrass, you can occasionally spot a pinkish red center where the grass is growing from. A crabgrass seed head grows from different parts of the stems and has soft little spikes growing from them.

How to get rid of crabgrass
If you've identified crabgrass early on and only a few weeds are present, it can be pulled by hand and may not grow back again. However, if crabgrass turns into a recurring problem or is too extensive to pull by hand, many chemical options serve as crabgrass killers. Some methods for controlling crabgrass are by using a pre-emergent or post-emergent herbicide. How to Kill Crabgrass
Chemical control is often the best approach if crabgrass has spread throughout your lawn. As previously mentioned, crabgrass produces up to 150,000 seeds per plant,

so chemical control may be more effective. While there are many herbicide options available, they will typically fall under one of the following categories: pre-emergent herbicides and post-emergent herbicides. Both types are typically necessary for controlling crabgrass since it's such a tricky weed. Start by using a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent crabgrass...it's more effective. Pre-emergent herbicides are used to prevent weeds from appearing while post-emergents are used to treat currently existing weeds. Use
See CRABGRASS Page 11

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-07

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, May 9, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: 43 Blossom Street Development LLC For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to renovate the existing four (4) family structure containing a total of twelve (12) bedrooms and for the reconfiguration of space including a 3rd floor addition in order to establish a six (6) dwelling unit structure containing a total of twelve (12) bedrooms which does not meet the minimum requirements for front yard setback, off street parking spaces, lot size, and side yard setback at the premises known as: 43-45 Blossom 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 4/20/23, 4/27/23 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-09

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, May 9, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Maria Teixeira For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the subdivision and the construction of two (2) two-residential dwelling unit structures which does not meet the requirements for minimum lot size, side yard setback, and combined side yard setback. Existing residence / lot fails to meet requirements for minimum lot size, side yard setback, and combined required side yard setback. Lot A – 83 Library Street fails to meet the requirements for minimum lot size, front yard setback, side yard setback, off-street parking, and minimum usable open space. Lot B – 85 Library Street fails to meet the requirements for minimum lot size, front yard setback, side yard setback, off-street parking, and minimum usable open space at the premises known as: 83-85 Library 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 4/20/23, 4/27/23 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-08

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, May 9, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Mark Meads, Trustee For Special Permit seeking approval to construct a two-story structure with a proposed use of a trade shop, including accessory office space which does not meet the minimum requirement for off-street parking spaces, minimum parking space setback, and minimum parking aisle width at the premises known as: 157 Crescent 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 4/20/23, 4/27/23 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-10

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: 122 Warren VG, LLC For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a two (2) family dwelling within 122 Warren Avenue with an existing three (3) family dwelling to remain within proposed subdivided lot. Pursuant to Section 34-78(a), no lot on which a building existing or is erected shall be altered and no structures shall be rearranged so as to create or increase a non-conformance with this

ordinance. Lot 1 – proposed subdivided lot to contain proposed two (2) family structure, which fails to meet the requirements for minimum frontage, minimum side yard setback, minimum combined yard setback, minimum number of stories, maximum height, and required parking space property line buffer. Lot 2 – proposed subdivided lot to contain existing three family structure which fails to meet the requirements for minimum frontage, minimum side yard setback, minimum lot size, minimum open space, and minimum combined side yard setback at the premises known as: 122 Warren 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 4/20/23, 4/27/23 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-11

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, May 9, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Stella Lewis (by Elaine Chitopoulos, POA) For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to extend a driveway to the rear right side property line which fails to meet the requirements for side property line, front yard setback, and usable open space at the premises known as: 125 Ash 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 4/20/23, 4/27/23 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS

Chelsea 911 Operations Center Renovation -ARPA The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Chelsea 911 Operations Center Renovation -ARPA". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after

April 20, 2023 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids___solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Chelsea 911 Operations Center Renovation -ARPA" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts. 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. GENERAL BIDS will be received no later than 11:00 AM on June 1, 2023 and publicly opened. Filed sub-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 Sub-Bidder's Update Statement. SUBTRADES will be received no later than on May 12, 2023 and publicly opened. Masonry, Metal Fabrication, Roofing & Flashing, Glass&Gazing, Tile, Acoustical Ceilings, Resilient Flooring, Painting, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, and Conveying Equipment/Elevator. 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 4/20/23 C

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NOTICE OF AWARD
Notice is hereby given that the City of Chelsea will hold a public meeting at 500 Broadway Room 102, Chelsea, MA on Monday, May 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to award an Energy Management Services contract under M.G.L. Chapter 25A, §11i and 225 CMR 19.00 to Ameresco, Inc. for the Request of Qualifications #2022-47 titled "Clean Energy Systems Chelsea

Microgrid Project". The scope of work under the Request for Qualifications includes the implementation of Energy Conservation Measures, installation of Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage Systems at the Chelsea Police Department, Chelsea City Hall, and 911/Emergency Management Building. Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer 4/20/23 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS EVENT MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION SERVICES

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "EVENT MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION SERVICES". Request for Proposals will be available on or after April 20, 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 "EVENT MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION SERVICES" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, May 4, 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 4/20/23 C

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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Antonio Fajardo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated April 21, 2005 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 36930, Page 88 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the IndyMac INDX Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-AR12, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-AR12 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement

dated June 1, 2005 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank, its successors and assigns to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the IndyMac INDX Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-AR12, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-AR12 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2005 dated October 1, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52217, Page 261, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 36 Warren Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on May 2, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON SITUATED IN CHELSEA, NOW KNOWN IN THE PRESENT AVENUE NUMBERING AS 36 WARREN AVENUE AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT E ON A PLAN OF LAND IN CHELSEA, MASS, DRAWN BY JOHN MACDONALD, ENGINEER, DATED APRIL 1929, RECORDED WITH THE SUFFOLK DEEDS IN BOOK 5091, PAGE 408, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SOUTHERLY BY WARREN AVENUE, SIXTY-ONE AND 79/100 (61.79) FEET; WESTERLY BY LOT D, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) FEET; NORTHERLY BY LAND OF OWNERS UNKNOWN. SIXTY-ONE AND 97/100 (61.97) FEET; EASTERLY BY LAND OF OWNERS UNKNOWN, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) FEET. CONTAINING 7436.4 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, MORE OR LESS AND ALL ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN. FOR TITLE REFERENCE SEE DEED IN BOOK 29288, PAGE 114. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 36930, Page 86. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 4/13/23, 4/20/23, 4/27/23 C

upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the IndyMac INDX Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-AR12, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-AR12 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated June 1, 2005 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 15-022715 4/06/23, 4/13/23, 4/20/23 C

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By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Simon Gonzalez, Marina Gonzalez, and Gonzalo Gonzalez to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Old Kent Mortgage Company, dated October 29, 1999 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 24366, Page 243 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 11, 2013, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 51160, Page 278, and further affected by Judgment dated August 28, 2019, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 62634, Page 336 of which mortgage MidFirst Bank is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Old Kent Mortgage Company dated December 27, 2000 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25727, Page 197, and Assignment from Fifth Third Mortgage Company, survivor by merger to Old Kent Mortgage Company to MidFirst Bank dated October 23, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 50445, Page 62, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 153 Grove Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on May 4, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon now known and numbered 153

Grove Street, situated in Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, being the northerly half of Lot 53 on a plan by Alonzo Lewis, dated 1836, recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds at the end of Book 410. Bounded and described as follows: NORTHEASTERLY:by Grove Street, sixty (60) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY:by Lot 55 on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY:by the remaining portion of said Lot 53, sixty (60) feet, and NORTHWESTERLY:by Lot 51 on said plan, one hundred (100) feet. Containing 6000 square feet of land. For title: see deed recorded prior hereto. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 24366, Page 242. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. MidFirst Bank Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Gonzalez, Simon, 18-033540 4/13/23, 4/20/23, 4/27/23 C

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU23W0430WD Yeni M. Rivera vs.

Wilfredo A. Alas Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Custody/Support/Parenting Time filed on February 28, 2023. Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s)/respondent(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s)/respondent(s) has/have not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before May 25, 2023. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: 3/24/2023 Hon. Megan H. Christopher Justice of Probate and Family Court 4/20/23 C

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pre-emergents before the first frost in your area in the fall and before soil temperatures reach 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

One option is Dimension 2EW (active ingredient dithiopyr), which has a long-lasting window and can kill seeds that germinate at various times. This product has also been effective as an early post-emergent herbicide against crabgrass. The timing of the application is everything. The success of the application will depend on getting it out before the seeds germinate, so pay close attention to the changing temperature!

Pre-emergents are often the most effective method for controlling crabgrass. Once it appears in your lawn, it becomes harder to control.

Use a post-emergent herbicide when weeds are currently present.

If crabgrass has already established itself, the question then becomes “what kills crabgrass?”. A crabgrass post-emergent herbicide will be necessary at this point in the game. Even if you applied a pre-emergent on time, it’s good to apply a post-emergent to kill any current crabgrass weeds before they begin spreading.

For post-emergent control, Meso 4SC Select (active ingredient mesotrione) is a newer product that looks promising at minimizing crabgrass competition so that your lawn can flourish. However, this product should not be applied on zoysia grass as it will kill the lawn.

Drive XLR8 is a tried and true method of control that when applied correctly, is extremely effective.

Lastly, Spectracide Weed Stop For Lawns + Crabgrass Killer is a great weed control product that controls over 250 various types of weeds and easily hooks up to the end of your garden hose.

If nothing else works, spot-treat the weed with a non-selective herbicide.

This is often a last-resort option and should be optional. If you’ve applied both a pre- and post-emergent herbicide and still see crabgrass, consider spot-treating it with a non-selective herbicide.

Non-selective herbicides will kill any and all vegetation it comes in contact with, which is why you should spot-treat it to kill crabgrass. You’ll use a liquid non-selective herbicide, tank-mix it in a spray-tank and apply directly to the weed with a nozzle.

Selective herbicides, on the other hand, only kill the weeds listed on their product labels.

When crabgrass cannot be controlled by maintenance practices alone and a chemical must be applied, make sure to read the label carefully to ensure that it will not cause any damage to your lawn and is compatible with your type of grass.

Non-chemical control of crabgrass

There are many control options available to help ensure that this season is the last time crabgrass invades your lawn. Some natural prevention methods to strengthen your lawn include:

1. Raising the mowing height: This will help keep the soil cool by keeping the sunlight out, making it more difficult for the crabgrass to germinate and take over.

2. Watering deeply once a week: Avoid light irrigation that would al-

low weed seed to germinate, and make sure your lawn is well watered and healthy before germination begins.

3. Avoid fertilizing in the summer: Make sure fertilizer is applied before the crabgrass begins, this will keep your lawn thick and give it the upper hand.

Can you pull crabgrass?

Yes, you can pull crabgrass by hand and with a small garden shovel. Crabgrass can be hard to remove, so watering the soil around it might make it easier to pull the weed. The only risk with this is that they must be pulled early in the season before crabgrass has enough time to produce a bunch of seed.

With that being said, it’s also better to pull crabgrass if it’s younger. Larger, established crabgrass has seed heads that will drop into the soil and grow more in its place.

Where does crabgrass grow?

Crabgrass is a strong weed. It can be found in any type of grass including zoysia, bermuda grass, St. Augustine, centipede, fescues and others.

Additionally, you can spot this weed in lawns, athletic settings, commercial landscapes, gardens and more. It likes to grow in hot, dry conditions with poor soil quality and easily takes over lawns that are heat stressed.

What causes crabgrass?

As previously mentioned, crabgrass prefers warm, dry environments with poor soil quality. Mowing the grass too low can encourage its growth in addition to light watering.

How does crabgrass grow?

Crabgrass spreads and reproduces by seed. It can produce up to 150,000 seed per plant. Mowing over crabgrass can also spread the seed it produces throughout other areas of your lawn.

When does crabgrass germinate?

This ultimately depends on your geographic location. It usually begins germinating in the late spring and early summer after the soil temperature has reached a temperature of 55 to 60 degrees for over five days.

When does crabgrass die?

Crabgrass is an annual, meaning the same plant won’t keep showing up year after year. It typically dies when colder weather ensues and once it’s been hit by a frost.

How to get rid of crabgrass in the summer

The best way to get rid of crabgrass in the summer is to remove it by hand. This can be risky if the crabgrass plant is mature with a lot of weeds. Once it is pulled, follow up by planting seed or grass plugs in the open area so that more weeds don’t invade.

Water the lawn deeply 1–2 times a week, as crabgrass doesn’t prefer moist environments. Mowing at a taller height also discourages remaining crabgrass seed growth.

It’s highly recommended to not apply any sort of chemical on the crabgrass during the summer because it can burn and damage your lawn. However, carefully spot-treating it with an effective post-emergent without letting the chemical touch the grass will also kill crabgrass in the summer.

To be super safe, consider surrounding the crabgrass plant with some sort of

barrier to prevent it from making contact with your lawn.

With either method, be sure to apply a pre-emergent come next spring to prevent future crabgrass growth.

How to kill crabgrass in the spring

Apply a pre-emergent in early spring to prevent crabgrass from growing. Read more about appli-

cation dates here. Use a post-emergent labeled for crabgrass control on any currently existing weeds.

Can crabgrass be prevented?

Start by using a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent crabgrass...it’s more effective.

Pre-emergent herbicides are used to prevent weeds from appearing.

Use pre-emergents be-

fore the first frost in your area in the fall and before soil temperatures reach 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Additionally, maintaining a healthy lawn with good-quality soil and proper mowing heights will discourage crabgrass growth. Watering the lawn regularly so that the soil doesn’t get too dry will also discourage crabgrass growth.

Want to learn more about achieving a great lawn? Check out more Sod University tips here and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

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4. Ability to understand and conduct oral and written instructions.
5. Ability to maintain acceptable working relationships with co-workers.
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Responsibilities
1. Work in a professional and courteous manner within a service environment.
2. Perform preventive ground keeping and custodial procedures.
3. Document information required maintaining records on preventive maintenance programs, repairs, installations, and stock utilization and working orders.
4. Be proficient with hand and power tools.
5. Report on working in emergency conditions.
6. When necessary, works under adverse conditions, shovels snow, and lifts heavy objects.
7. Perform all other related duties that may be assigned.

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Why early detection of Lung Cancer is so important

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States. While early detection can vastly improve a patient’s chances to lead a full and healthy life, the majority of those who are high risk are not getting screened.

The American Lung Association, which is committed to defeating lung cancer and supporting those with the disease, is sharing vital information to help more people learn their risk and connect them to screenings and other life-saving resources:

Preventable Deaths

According to the 2022 “State of Lung Cancer” report, a mere 5.8% of Americans eligible for a low-dose computed tomography (CT) scan were screened. A low-dose CT scan is a special kind of X-ray that takes multiple pictures as the patient lies on a table that slides in and out of the machine. A computer then combines these images into a detailed picture of the lungs. Studies estimate that if even just half of the approximately 8 million Americans identified as high risk for lung cancer were screened with a low-dose CT scan, over 12,000 lung cancer deaths could be prevented. In fact, since low-dose CT scans started to be used for screening, it has reduced cancer deaths by 20% and it has reduced deaths from other causes by almost 7%.

Risk Eligibility

Many people who are at risk for lung cancer and are eligible for screening are not identified and are not referred for screening. Under the most recent lung cancer screening guidelines, those ages 50-80 who have a 20 pack-year smoking history or who have quit smoking in the past 15 years should get screened for lung cancer.

The American Lung Association offers a helpful tool for determining your eligibility for screening, found at www.SavedByTheScan.org.

Eliminating Racial Disparities

It is especially important for Black men and women to speak to their health care provider about their risk and get screened if necessary, as they are more likely to develop lung cancer and less likely to survive five years with the disease than people of any other racial or ethnic group.

Research suggests that Black Americans have a higher baseline risk for developing lung cancer -- Black American smokers get lung cancer at least 20% more often than other people who smoke. Furthermore, systemic racism and injustices and issues continue to persist in the healthcare system, and Black people and other communities of color are less likely to be diagnosed early, less likely to receive surgical treatment, and more likely to not receive any treatment at all.

Fighting Barriers

Despite the fact that lung cancer screening is extremely effective at improving life expectancy and has the potential to dramatically improve lung cancer survival rates, many patients are not getting screened, even when they have a referral from their doctor to do so. The reasons for low screening adherence range from practical concerns, such as financial and transportation barriers, to more elusive issues like distrust of the medical system and lack of awareness regarding the seriousness of the disease.

Emerging resources are helping eliminate these barriers and are making it easier for people to assess their screening eligibility, locate screening centers, schedule appointments, and receive financial assistance if they don’t have insurance or transportation. Free tobacco cessation resources and other lung health resources also exist to help people to reduce their risk. To learn more, visit www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases.org or speak directly to a nurse or respiratory therapist by calling the Lung HelpLine at



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