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## GREENROOTS ORGANIZES EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP AND CELEBRATION

A clean-up and celebration was organized by GreenRoots in collaboration with the City of Chelsea's DPW. The four days leading up to Earth Day the team planted trees throughout Chelsea. Approximately 350 people participate in the week's events which included planting 50 street trees, cleaning up over a dozen locations in Chelsea and East Boston and removing hundreds of pounds of trash. See page 6 for more photos.



## City working on first urban forestry program

By Adam Swift

The city is moving forward with its first urban forestry program, working with local partners to improve air quality and the quality of life for Chelsea residents.

"The city, under the leadership of the Chelsea City Council, has been striving to mitigate urban heat, beautify our neighborhoods, as well as promote environmental improvements throughout the city," said Alex Train, the Director of Housing and Community Development. "This is the first time we have established a formal urban forestry program. The city secured a \$100,000 grant through the Greening the Gateway Cities program in order to facilitate tree plantings and the installation of stormwater tree pits."

On top of the grant, the city council also earmarked an additional \$25,000 toward the program.

In addition, Train said the city is working with GreenRoots on a program

that will provide compensation for residents who adopt a stormwater tree pit, water the trees, and make sure that they are properly maintained.

"We're also going to be bringing in some outside resources to provide hands-on training around tree stewardship and maintenance for our DPW, so we're excited to begin to build that in-house capacity," said Train.

The city has completed all of the planning efforts for the urban forestry program, according to Train.

"We are identifying priority planting areas based on our urban heat mitigation plan, so through that plan, we discerned hotspots throughout local neighborhoods, primarily areas that have a lot of impervious surfaces, minimal green space, and poor air quality," said Train.

One of the first sections of the city identified for planting is Addison Street, with the planting of street trees and some ancillary infrastructure already un-

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## Large turnout for International Workers' Day march

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

On Monday, May 1, hundreds of people gathered together to march from East Boston to Chelsea City Hall to celebrate International Workers' Day and fight for justice for workers throughout the country.

Just after 4 p.m., workers from all sorts of areas, such as East Boston, Chelsea, and Everett, gathered across the street from Liberty Plaza in East Boston and began their march towards Chelsea City Hall for a rally.

As the hundreds of marchers made their way through the streets of East Boston and Chelsea, chants rang out, expressing the power of all the unions and workers in attendance – all of which who are fighting for change.

When the march finally made its way to Chelsea City Hall, one of the many speakers at the rally summed up what the march and rally were all about.

"We're here fighting for many different issues, and we represent many different organizations – all united for the fight of justice," they said.

Specifically, this



Yanira Merino, the President of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), speaks to the crowd at Chelsea City Hall.

demonstration sought to fight against things like discrimination, wage theft, and lack of a living wage.

"We are demanding fair wages so that we cannot

only pay our bills but live with decency," the speaker added.

In addition, a press release from La Colaborativa – one of the organiza-

tions that leads the May 1st Coalition of Chelsea, Everett & East Boston along with MassCOSH and La Comunidad Inc. – outlined several demands.

This press release revealed that the coalition and its many partners are demanding an anti-wage theft bill from the state legislature, things like rent control from City Councils, permanent solutions for Temporary Protective Status and Lawful Permanent Residency status from Congress, and much more.

Along with a few music and dance performances, the rally also consisted of a bunch of speakers, including the headliner –

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A portion of the marchers making their way through East Boston.

## Planning Board updated on city zoning efforts

By Adam Swift

Housing and Economic Development Director Alex Train held a wide-ranging discussion with the Planning Board about his department's roles and responsibilities at last week's board meeting.

One of the major areas of discussion was the status of the city's plans to make changes to the zoning code.

"About a year ago, this department, in conjunction with community-based partners under the leadership of the Chelsea City Council, started a community education process concerning land use

planning," said Train.

Before the pandemic, Train noted that his department was working with the council on the completion of a Master Plan for the city, but that master planning process was waylaid as a result of the pandemic and some other conflicting priorities.

"Yet neighborhood zoning changes were still desired for a multitude of reasons," said Train. "First and foremost, as many of you experience on a daily basis, neighborhoods across Chelsea are experiencing rampant displacement pressures. Rising housing and utility costs,

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## Skate park plans underway for Creekside Common

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea Youth Commission is behind the city's plans to develop a skate park at Creekside Common Park that could be in place by the end of the year.

The small skate park area could just be a temporary home for the city's young skaters and skateboarders, as the city is also looking at ways to acquire space and build a larger, permanent skate park.

"Identifying a location

and developing a skate park is a paramount priority for the city in order to meet the recreational needs of youth and young adults in the community," said Alex Train, the city's Director of Housing and Community Development. "Presently, the city is examining different sites that could be suitable to be acquired and created as a skate park. In the interim ... we are actually modifying a section

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# City initiates project to alleviate traffic congestion, poor air quality along Marginal and Williams Streets

Although it’s a major gateway to Chelsea, the intersection of Pearl and Marginal Streets is the site of frequent safety issues and traffic congestion that generate air pollution, due to regional traffic and outdated infrastructure.

The City of Chelsea, through its Department of Housing and Community Development, has secured a key state grant to design and deploy an intelligent transportation system to alleviate congestion, reduce public transit delays, and improve air quality, with a focus on the Pearl/Marginal intersection and Williams Street corridor.

“The growing delays and chronic safety issues at the intersection of Pearl/Marginal, worsened by the Summer Tunnel project, impact residents’ daily lives and exacerbate air pollution, while hampering local businesses,” said Alex Train, Director of Housing and Community Development. “We’re grateful to partner with the Healey Administration to tackle this long-standing issue, in coordination with community partners.”

In coordination with the public works department, the Housing and Community Development department will use the grant from the state’s local bottleneck reduction program to oversee an intersection modernization program to mitigate congestion, improve air quality, and promote safety and accessibility for all users along the corridor. The city will get up to \$500,000 from the state through the program.

According to city officials, the Pearl and Marginal intersection, which connects Chelsea to East Boston and Logan Airport, is a designated high-crash location prone to regular congestion. That congestion has notably worsened since the beginning of the Summer Tunnel restoration project.

Presently, the City is stewarding the design and engineering of an intelligent, adaptive traffic signal system to improve operations at the intersection. Upon completion, this system will respond to evolving conditions to streamline traffic flow. As part of the project, numerous intersections along the corridor will be wirelessly connected to enhance operations.

This project will involve the introduction of a wireless system that will coordinate Pearl/Marginal with Broadway/Williams, Chestnut/Williams, and Spruce/Williams, enabling these intersections to function in a synchronized manner to improve traffic flow. Moreover, features will be added to give preference to MBTA buses and emergency vehicles, reducing public transit delays and improving emergency response times.

Lastly, the city will apply pavement markings, install signage, and operationalize remote technology to monitor traffic operations and promote safety.

Design for the project will continue through the summer, with work scheduled to begin in the fall with a targeted completion date of May of 2024.

Because the project is confined to traffic signal systems, construction should not result in major disruptions, nor significant roadway closures that will affect traffic, according to city officials.


District 6 City Councilor Giovanni Recupero recently requested some traffic mitigation measures in the area, including a stop sign at the intersection of Pearl and Essex.

At the time Train noted that there was a redesign project coming to the area and recommended stepped up enforcement and improved striping until the project gets underway.

The project was highlighted as a priority in the Beacham/Williams/Marginal Transportation Corridor Plan.

In 2023, the City will relatedly pursue funding to modernize the intersection of Eastern and Crescent Avenues/ Concurrently, the design of operations and safety enhancements are underway for the area anchored by Eastern Avenue and Stockton Street, funded by a \$2 million grant secured through the Safe Routes to School Program.

ROBINSON PULLS NOMINATION PAPERS



Chelsea City Council President Leo Robinson signs the register in the City Clerk's Office Tuesday before pulling nomination papers seeking re-election to a councilor-at-large position in the 2023 municipal election this fall.

CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

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coupled with declining housing conditions have stressed families and have priced a lot of folks out-side of Chelsea.”

The community education process, Train said, is centered on the goal of stemming displacement and promoting housing opportunities for residents.

“We began a community education process that consisted of four workshops centered on zoning,” he said. “The first really was tailored to the history of zoning, particularly to some of the racist origins of land use policy and planning throughout the country as well as in Massachusetts. Then we segued into a discourse about residents’ visions for their neighborhoods, as well as education on the local process for adopting zoning.”

Since those meetings, the city has continued with a roundtable of community partners to synthesize the information and feedback garnered from that set of meetings, Train said. The city is looking to develop a city-wide anti-displacement strategy as a result of those meetings.

“We don’t have recommendations just yet, but over the course of this spring, summer, and fall, we will be holding an additional series of community meetings, resource workshops, focus groups, and other neighborhood engagement in order to develop both policy recommendations as well as new pilot projects that can help accomplish some of the goals that we heard in those first four workshops,” said Train.

The earliest any draft recommendations would come from that process would likely be in the fall, although Train said there could be additional meetings with the Planning Board in the summer to understand the objectives of the board and incorporate them into any future planning.

Planning Board member Sarah Elizabeth Neville asked about efforts to tighten the zoning code as it is to create a more equitable process for the city.

“There seems to be a big disconnect between the proposals we see and the zoning code as it exists,” she said. “People will often come to us looking for relief from a lot of things, and they just say look at all the other houses in the neighborhood, none of them meet the zoning code.”

Neville said that disconnect between the actual zoning code and what ends up being allowed can make for awkward negotiations for the board.

“Quite honestly, without a Master Plan as an overarching guide to form these decisions, it is increasingly difficult,” said Train. “One thing that we do quite frequently is neighborhood planning, so that we can center on specific geographic areas. Right now, we are about to endeavor to create a housing plan for the Shurtleff-Bellingham neighborhood, as well as some topic area plans like one for open space and recreation, which we will be updating this coming fiscal year.”

These more granular plans allow the city to produce many of the same recommendations informed by community input as would come across in a Master Plan, Train said.

“One thing that may be worth talking through and mulling over is how do we go through these planning efforts and the recommendations they yield to creating tools that the board would find helpful, and making sure that the objectives that are outlined in those plans can be front and center as you review proposals,” said Train.

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# Chelsea

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### THE EQUATION IS VERY SIMPLE: MORE GUNS = MORE SHOOTINGS

Although mass shootings -- especially in schools -- typically draw the most attention from the media, the reality is that these shootings account for a very small percentage of death-by-firearms in our country.

The recent spate of random, isolated shootings -- the 16 year-old boy who was shot by an 84 year-old man in Kansas City when he mistakenly knocked on his door; the 20 year-old young woman who was shot by a 65 year-old man in upstate NY when her car mistakenly drove up the wrong driveway; the six year-old girl and her father who were shot by a 24 year-old man when her basketball rolled onto his property in No. Carolina; the high school cheerleader who was killed when she mistakenly approached the wrong car in a parking lot in Texas; and the murder of a family of five in Texas by a man who was target shooting with his AR-15 late at night -- are more typical of the manner in which innocent Americans (in shootings that are not crime-related) are killed by firearms.

Gun murders have climbed sharply in recent years. About 80% of murders in the U.S. in 2021 -- 20,958 out of 26,031 -- involved a firearm. That marked the highest percentage since record-keeping began in 1968 and represents a 75% increase in the past 10 years.

However, fatalities in mass shooting incidents in 2021 totaled only 706 Americans, accounting for a small fraction of the 20,958 murders-by-guns.

Similarly, while mass shootings in schools make the headlines, they account for only a very small proportion of gun deaths among children. The number of American children killed by firearms has risen dramatically in the past two years by almost 50%, from 1,732 in 2019 to 2,590 in 2021.

It should surprise no one that the states with the highest rates of gun-related deaths -- counting murders, suicides and all other categories -- include Mississippi (28.6 per 100,000 people), Louisiana (26.3), Wyoming (25.9), Missouri (23.9) and Alabama (23.6), all of which have lax gun ownership laws (as well as "open carry" and "stand your ground" laws).

By contrast, the states with the lowest rates include New York (5.3), Rhode Island (5.1), New Jersey (5.0), Massachusetts (3.7) and Hawaii (3.4), all of which have strong gun laws.

More tellingly, our death rate by firearms of about 10 per 100,000 Americans is far higher than in countries with strict gun ownership laws, such as Canada (2.1 per 100,000) and Australia (1.0), as well as European nations such as France (2.7), Germany (0.9) and Spain (0.6).

The equation is very simple: More guns = more shootings -- a trend that is increasing in our country with no end in sight.

### DIANNE FEINSTEIN SHOULD RESIGN

California senator Dianne Feinstein, who is 89, has been too ill to show up to the Senate since February. As a result, the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which Feinstein is a member, has been unable to move forward on scores of judicial nominations by President Joe Biden.

And just this past Thursday, the Senate voted 50-49 to overturn a critical Biden administration effort to control truck emissions.

Feinstein, who has been in the hospital with shingles, has missed 75 percent of the Senate votes this session, and has not indicated when (if ever) she plans to return.

In addition, Feinstein's mental acuity has been in question for many months.

We wish to make two points about elected public officials who clearly are incapable of performing the duties of the office to which they have elected and for which they have taken a solemn oath:

First, elected public officials are not "owed" anything, regardless of how many years they have served in office. When a person runs for office, the obligation is strictly one-way: They are public servants, and if they no longer are capable of serving their constituents, they should place the public interest above their own ego and should leave.

Second, a public office is not like any other job. If any of us call in sick or go on leave, someone else will step in to do our job. But that is not true of a public official, for whom there are no "subs."

Dianne Feinstein has had a long and laudable career of serving our country -- and she should continue to do so by resigning forthwith.

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### LETTER to the Editor

#### HOLD THE SUPREME COURT ACCOUNTABLE

**To the Editor,**

Americans are losing faith in our Supreme Court, and it's easy to see why.

The nine justices on the Supreme Court are the only federal judges not bound by a code of eth-

ics. It's up to the justices to self-police on ethical issues, and they want to keep it that way.

That's why nothing happened when Clarence Thomas didn't recuse himself from January 6th cases that could have directly implicated his wife. That's why nothing happened when America found out Samuel Alito more than

likely leaked a decision about reproductive health care to anti-abortion activists. And that's why nothing happened when it was revealed that Chief Justice Roberts' wife has earned millions of dollars recruiting for law firms with business before the Supreme Court.

It doesn't have to be this way. Congress has a

duty to act as a check on the Supreme Court and restore faith in our judicial system. They can do that by creating a code of ethics for the Supreme Court.

The highest court in the land should be held to the highest standard. It's time to demand that Congress hold the Supreme Court accountable.

**John O'Brien**

### Local coalition opposes end to Covid state of emergency

The May 1st Coalition of Chelsea, East Boston, and Everett released a statement in advance of May Day opposing the end of the Covid-19 state of emergency by the state and federal governments on May 11.

"During the height of the pandemic the economic and social inequities came into stark relief highlighting the income, wealth, housing and food insecurities, and health-care disparities in working class, immigrant and communities of color," the coalition stated. "Our community and union members were lauded as essential workers and heroes."

The move to end the state of emergency by the Biden and Healey administrations will only further increase health inequities for those populations, according to the coalition.

"When the "COVID

emergency declaration" is lifted, the emergency funding to SNAP, CHIP, Medicaid and Medicare funding will be greatly reduced or

Discontinued," the statement continues. "The emergency funding to these programs has allowed free of cost access to COVID testing, treatment and at home COVID testing kits and emergency access to food and health care. It is unconscionable for millions of low wage earners, the unemployed and

those on fixed incomes to end their emergency benefits in such an arbitrary manner.

"Ending the 'emergency' will further devastate the vulnerable communities we are working with."

The May 1st Coalition, with local anchor organizations La Colaborativa, MassCOSH, and La Comunidad, said the

state needs to end wage theft, protect the safety of all workers, raise the minimum wage, expand the right to organize a union, retain and expand the emergency health and food benefits, end workplace discrimination based on gender identity, rebuild the

economy based on green jobs with a massive investment on infrastructure and human services. It stated that the federal Protect the Right to Organize bill, or the PRO Act, is a step in the right direction.

In March, Governor Maura Healey announced that the state's COVID-19 public health emergency would end on May 11 to align with the end of the federal public health emergency. She stated that the announcement was made ahead of the 45-day notice required by state law, allowing for ad-

ditional time for impacted organizations to prepare for the end of the public health emergency.

Healey also filed legislation to extend key flexibilities provided by the public health emergency, particularly around staffing for the healthcare industry and emergency medical services (EMS).

"Thanks to the hard work of our health care providers and communities, we've made important progress in the fight against COVID-19," Healey stated at the time she announced the end of the emergency. "We know that we have the tools to manage this virus -- vaccines, masking, testing, getting treatments and staying home when sick -- and we've reached the point where we can update our guidance to reflect where we are now."

### Lime in Chelsea set to participate in Bakes for Breast Cancer

Lime, at 73 Winnismet St., is proud to announce its participation in Bakes for Breast Cancer's signature annual event, Bakes for Breast Cancer Massachusetts. The event is returning for its twenty-fourth year from Friday, May 12 through Thursday, May 18, which helps raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research. Lime will dedicate 100 percent of the sales from its featured dessert -- the Strawberry Rose Trifle -- back to Bakes for Breast Cancer.

"We are on a mission to end breast cancer for good, one sweet treat at a time," said Bakes for Breast Cancer Founder Carol Sneider. "The Mas-

sachusetts culinary scene is thriving, and in addition to our trusted partners that have participated year after year, we had more new venues reach out to us than in years past. Here's to what is shaping up to be our most successful year to date."

Proceeds raised will benefit the nonprofit breast cancer organization Bakes for Breast Cancer which will support the research of Dr. Rachel Freedman. Dr. Freedman's clinical trials will focus on treatment for older breast cancer patients, an area of research that has been vastly under-subsidized.

There are two ways to participate in Bakes for Breast Cancer Massa-

chusetts -- establishments can offer one designated dessert where 100% of the proceeds go towards Bakes for Breast Cancer, or offer up their entire dessert roster where 50% of the proceeds go back to the organization.

Since its inception in 1999, Bakes for Breast Cancer has raised over 2 million dollars. To date, over 4,500 different bakeries, cafés, pastry shops, supermarkets, and restaurants have participated in annual events in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine and Cape & Islands. Bakes for Breast Cancer is also proud to add Vermont and New Hampshire this year, both of which will run from

July 21 -- 27, 2023.

#### About Bakes for Breast Cancer Massachusetts:

Bakes for Breast Cancer Massachusetts is an annual "sweet" to raise funds for breast cancer research and care where hundreds of restaurants, bakeries, cafés and retail shops throughout Massachusetts participate by designating all sales of one specific dessert, or fifty percent of proceeds from their entire dessert menu to breast cancer care and research. Proceeds from the event benefit Bakes for Breast Cancer, Inc., a nonprofit breast cancer organization dedicated to funding breast cancer researchers and clinicians.

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# BHCC’s DISH Food Pantry opens new automated lockers on Chelsea campus

Bunker Hill Community College’s (BHCC) DISH Food Pantry celebrated the opening of a new location on the College’s Chelsea campus on Thursday with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the pantry’s new automated and refrigerated lockers.

The lockers, made by Quadient, are an expansion of the College’s existing DISH services on the Charlestown campus which opened last year, and are the first such lockers to be used by a college food pantry in the country. “Ever since the DISH was founded in 2019, we have wanted to expand our services to Chelsea,” said DISH Coordinator Molly Hanson. “Before these lockers, students had to travel to Charlestown either by car or by shuttle to access the food pantry—and that was a hardship. Now, with these lockers, we are able to bring the DISH to them here in Chelsea.”

The lockers are both automated and refrigerated, so DISH users can pick up food or other supplies such as diapers, baby food, or sanitary supplies, at any time the building is open, and can browse, order, and pick up their

food or supplies using the SmartChoice app on their phone or through the internet. According to locker manufacturer Quadient, BHCC is the first college in the nation to use the lockers in a food pantry application.

The purchase and installation of the lockers was paid for in part by a \$174,074 grant from American Rescue Plan (Massachusetts Community College Campus Hunger Program Focus), secured on behalf of the College by Senator Ed Markey. Funding for the Dish and Dash program also comes from SNAP awareness for extended evening hours and from the BHCC Student Government Association.

“Our students are incredibly busy. They work demanding jobs and, many times, are only available after business hours or on the weekend,” said Hansen. “We wanted to come up with a way for students to access their food pantry orders within a time schedule that worked for them and for the staff at Bunker Hill.”

The DISH, which stands for Delivering Information, Sustenance and Health, was founded



PHOTO COURTESY BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BHCC’s DISH Food Pantry celebrated the opening of a new location on the College’s Chelsea campus.

in 2019. In 2022, the pantry distributed more than 55,000 pounds of food to the BHCC community—including more than 1,600 Dish & Dash locker pickups on the Charlestown Campus. The DISH is supplied by donations from several sources, in-

cluding the Greater Boston Food Bank, Food for Free Produce, Stop & Shop, and community donations. To learn more about the DISH visit [bhcc.edu/dishfoodpantry](http://bhcc.edu/dishfoodpantry).

Bunker Hill Community College is the largest community college in

Massachusetts, enrolling approximately 16,000 students annually. BHCC has campuses in Charlestown and Chelsea, and a number of other locations throughout the Greater Boston area. BHCC is one of the most diverse institutions of higher education

in Massachusetts. Sixty-five percent of the students are people of color and more than half of BHCC’s students are women. The College also enrolls nearly 600 international students who come from 94 countries and speak more than 75 languages.

## Union plumbers, contractors urge lawmakers to protect state plumbing code

Union plumbers, contractors and industry leaders rallied at the State House last week to advocate for protecting the state’s plumbing codes, build partnerships on green energy transition and petition legislators on other key safety and regulatory issues impacting the industry.

More than 200 union plumbers, contractors and other industry professionals spent the day at the State House meeting with lawmakers and delivering information about the importance of maintaining Massachusetts’ plumbing code. The state code, which is revised regularly to adapt to new technologies, has been protecting the health and safety of citizens and ensuring high-quality plumbing work for decades. There have been efforts in other states to replace state codes with a national version that would weaken regulations.

“It’s imperative to protect the existing Massachusetts plumbing code and not allow outside interests to implement a watered-down version that would lower health and safety standards,” said Local 12 Business Manager Tim Fandel. “The current code is revised regularly by local industry professionals who are intimately familiar with the unique issues here in Massachusetts. Removing that local oversight in favor of lax national standards would be a mistake that would put the public and our profession at risk.”

Local 12, the Greater Boston Plumbing Contractors Association, and several other industry leaders met with Rep. Tacky Chan, chair of the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. In addition to advocating for a robust local plumbing

code, the groups spoke with lawmakers about other issues impacting the industry, including ensuring the plumbing industry is included in green building and energy policy conversations, especially decarbonizing the building sector and the development and use of green hydrogen technology.

They also discussed increasing funding for the Division of Occupational Licensure, as well as pending legislation on greywater recycling and a bill to require that drain cleaning is only conducted by licensed plumbers.

The plumbing industry, including manufacturing, wholesale and retail, has a combined direct economic impact in Massachusetts exceeding \$759 million and supports over 4,600 jobs. The industry generates more than \$335 million in annual tax revenue for the Commonwealth, while the service and construction side of the industry includes more than 11,000 journeyworker licensees, 6,000 master licensees, 5,000 apprentices, 450 inspectors, and 1200 corporations, as well as hundreds of independent businesses.

“Our union plumbers and contractors are the leaders and experts in green building and energy. It is crucial that we are consulted in the conversations around changes that would impact our industry, as well as the health and safety of the public,” said Andrew DeAngelo, executive director of the Greater Boston Plumbing Contractors Association, which represents every union plumbing contractor in eastern Massachusetts. “By supporting licensed plumbers and the existing homegrown code, our elected leaders are supporting public safety and protecting the health of our communities.”

## DIDOMENICO VISITS PHOENIX CHARTER ACADEMY



Sen. Sal DiDomenico (center) recently visited Phoenix Charter Academy to speak with staff and students. After the visit DiDomenico said, “I had the pleasure of visiting the Phoenix Charter Academy Chelsea and learning more about their school. It is great to see how supportive and flexible the curriculum is for students who work full time and accommodating to student-parents by providing onsite early education and care services.” DiDomenico met with Chelsea residents working in the school and students in student government to discuss how the State House operates, what his priorities are, and hear about their interests.

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GREENROOTS ORGANIZES EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP AND CELEBRATION

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A clean-up and celebration was organized by GreenRoots in collaboration with the City of Chelsea's DPW. The four days leading up to Earth Day they planted trees throughout Chelsea. Approximately 350 people participate in the week's events which included planting 50 street trees, cleaning up over a dozen locations in Chelsea and East Boston and removing hundreds of pounds of trash. Volunteers included:

- Chelsea Black Community
- MWRA
- The Neighborhood Developers and their Community Enhancement Team (CET)
- Chelsea Community Connections
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lunch)

- Centro Presente
- East Boston Community Soup Kitchen
- Chelsea Community Gardeners
- Several local churches
- Local and state officials including Leo Robinson, Enio Lopez, Roberto Jiminez, Gabriela Coletta and representatives from Sen. Edwards' office and Rep. Madaro's office.



Shown are volunteers cleaning, planting trees and removing trash around the Chelsea area.



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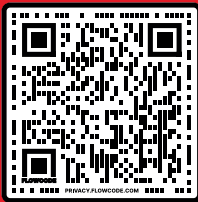
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# Sports

## CHELSEA RED DEVILS IN TRACK ACTION AGAINST EVERETT

Everett's Crimson Tide took a pair of victories over Chelsea before the rain came to Chelsea Stadium Thursday afternoon April 27. The Everett boys won 82-54 while the girls registered a 84-41 victory.

ROBERT MARRA PHOTOS



Theodore Joseph-Seale puts his all into a 99' 2.5" discus throw, good for second place.



Ali Warsame (682) at the top of the home stretch on his way to victory in the 200m run.



Reina Moreira completes her 2nd place effort in the two-mile run.



Emily Singh breaks out of the starting blocks against Everett's Victoria Macau. Macau won the race.



Lauren Nadow gets her bearing before starting into her javelin throw. Nadow finished fourth in the event.

### CHS ROUNDUP

#### CHS BASEBALL TEAM ENDS FOUR-YEAR DROUGHT WITH 13-6 VICTORY

The Chelsea High baseball team ended four years of frustration last Friday afternoon at Carter Field, emerging victorious with a 13-6 triumph over Excel Academy.

The win was a total team effort by coach Mike Lush's crew, with every Red Devil in the starting lineup reaching base and scoring:

- Elijah Rivera went 2-for-3 with a single, a double, two stolen bases, two runs scored, and two RBI;
- Yared Rodriguez went 2-for-3 with a single and double, scored a run and had an RBI;
- Xavier Santiago went 1-for-3 with a single and a walk and scored two runs;
- Leudy Sanchez walked and scored;
- Greandoll Oliva walked and scored;
- Jesse Castillo drew four bases on balls and scored twice;
- Josh Alvarado walked twice and scored twice;
- Emmanuel Rodriguez-Vega walked three times and scored one run; and
- Leonardo Perez walked three times and scored a run.

Rivera was the starting pitcher for Chelsea and went the entire six-inning route (the contest was called after six frames because of darkness). Elijah yielded just two hits and fanned 15 opponents (of the 18 Excel outs) to earn the "W."

The Red Devils came up short in a loss to Revere this past Saturday. Highlights for Lush's squad included Jesse Castillo getting his first hit of

the season. Yared Rodriguez went 1-for-2. Elijah Rivera drew two walks from Revere pitchers and scored once. Emmanuel Rodriguez-Vega also walked and scored.

In an 11-0 loss to Somerville last Wednesday, errors and miscues proved costly for the Red Devils.

"The outfield had a hard time reading the ball off the bats of the Somerville hitters," noted Lush.

Elijah Rivera played stellar defense at shortstop. In the third inning, Elijah made an excellent diving stop to prevent the ball from getting into the outfield. Not only did the grab prevent the Highlander base runners from scoring, but he made an excellent throw to get the runner out at first to end the inning.

Xavier Santiago got the only hit on the day for the Red Devils.

"Some of our hitters are making solid contact, but others aren't," noted Lush.

Lush and his crew are scheduled to travel to Charlestown tomorrow (Friday) and to Medford next Wednesday.

CHS softball tops Excel for first win

The Chelsea High softball team posted its first victory of the season with a 14-12 triumph at Excel Charter school this past Friday.

Starting pitcher Ada Figuero struck out seven opponents and Julianna Hassel came on in the seventh inning to close out the game with two strikeouts.

Jailene Artica, Hazel Martinez, and Yareliz Gonzalez delivered key hits at the plate for the Lady Red Devils to contribute to the win.

Coach Gena Restiano and her crew will host Roxbury Prep tomorrow (Friday) at Carter Park and will travel to Revere on Monday. They will return to Carter next Wednesday to host Medford.

#### WARSAME WINS THREE EVENTS IN EVERETT MEET

The Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team received a number of strong individual performances in its meet last week with Greater Boston League (GBL) opponent Everett in which the Red Devils fell short by a score of 82-54.

Ali Warsame won three events to tally 15 points for the Red and Black. Ali captured the triple jump with a final landing of 42'-6.5", the 100 meter dash with a sprint of 11.5, and the 200 dash in a time of 23.3, as he continues to rank among the top performers in the GBL this season.

Nate Nadow won the 400 hurdles with a clocking of 1:01.6 and grabbed second in the 400 dash (53.9) to score eight points on the day.

Kevin Flores won the

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Chelsea's Giselle Olivar (22) tips Everett's Nicole Brandao at the finish line to take first place in the girls 110m hurdles.



Chelsea's Keiri Hernandez (15) and Everett's Isabella Pimenta battle for a second place finish in the girls 200m run, with Pimenta hanging on at the finish line to win by one-tenth of a second. Zylle Cannon (356) finished fourth.

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mile with a time of 5:21.5.

Adding three points for Chelsea with second-place performances were: Ariel Aracena in the shot-put (37’-3.5”); Theodore Joseph-Seale in the discus (99’-2.5”); Emerson Melgar in the javelin (101’-5”); Austin Freeman in the 800 (2:17.5); and Jose Hernandez in the two-mile (12:42.7).

Scoring single points with third-place finishes were: Theodore Joseph-Seale in the shot-put (37’-0.5”); Emerson Melgar in the discus (93’-8”); Alexander Cano in the javelin (91’-8”); Herman Mendez in the 100 dash (12.3); Ivan Irias-Padilla in the 800 (2:23.2); and Kyle Leong in the mile (5:37.9).

Coach Cesar Hernandez and his squad are scheduled to travel to GBL foes Malden tomorrow (Thursday) and Revere next Thursday.

## GIRLS TRACK FALLS TO EVERETT, 84-41

Although the Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team came out on the short end of an 84-41 decision to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Everett last week, a number of Lady Red Devils turned in fine performances for coach Cesar Hernandez’s squad.

Giselle Olivar won the 400 hurdles with a clocking of 1:23.5 and the 110 hurdles in a time of 18.1 to score 10 points for Chelsea.

Kiara Ramirez won the shot-put with a toss of 30’-3.75” and took third in the discus with a spin of 69’-7.5” for six points on the day.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### CANLAS INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

June Canlas of Chelsea was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Canlas was initiated at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Canlas is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Anais Artica won the javelin with a throw of 70’-3”.

Contributing three points to the CHS score-sheet with second-place finishes were: Keiri Hernandez in the triple jump (26’-2”); Dhalia Christmas in the discus (75’-10”); Lauren Nadow in the 400 hurdles (1:26.7); Emily Singh in the 400 dash (1:16.7); and Reina Moreira in the two-mile (16:28.5).

Adding single points with third-place efforts were: Marcaylla Louis Jean in the long jump (12’-9.5”), the triple jump (25’-2.5”), and the 100 dash (14.8); Dhalia Christmas in the shot-put 29’-2.5”); and Keiri Hernandez in the 200 dash (27.3).

Hernandez and his squad are scheduled to travel to GBL foes Malden tomorrow (Thursday) and Revere next Thursday.

## CHS VOLLEYBALL WINS THREE CONTESTS

The Chelsea High boys volleyball team won three of its four contests in the past week.

Coach Gabriel Morales’s squad defeated Greater Boston League rivals Lynn English (3-0), Lynn Classical (3-1), and Everett (3-1). The lone setback during the stretch was a 3-0 loss to Somerville.

Morales and his crew, who now stand at 5-5 on the season, were scheduled to take on Malden yesterday (Wednesday) and Revere on Monday. They will travel to Pioneer Charter on Tuesday and to Medford next Wednesday.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization’s notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit [www.phikappaphi.org](http://www.phikappaphi.org).



Everett’s Jayden Protete (835) and Jeremiah Jenlouis (no number) and Chelsea’s Herman Mendez (671) and Ali Warsame (682) race toward the finish line in the 100m dash. Chelsea’s Ali Warsame (682) won the event in 11.5, Jeanlouis second and Mendez took third.



Everett’s Samuel Desir Mafouna (793) has a lead on Chelsea’s Kevin Flores (660) early in the 1-mile run, but Flores turned on the speed and ran to victory in 5’21.5”



Chelsea’s Austin Freeman (662) leads Everett’s Matth Telson in the 800m run, but Telson came on to win the race.

## NFPA, ESFI underscore safety related to electric vehicles

Electric vehicles and motorized micromobility devices (e-bikes and e-scooters) are more popular than ever, but the potential for fire-related hazards associated with the lithium-ion batteries that power these forms of transport is real and often underestimated.

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) actively supports National Electrical Safety Month, an annual campaign sponsored by Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI), which raises awareness of potential home electrical hazards, the importance of electrical fire safety, and the safety of electrical and non-electrical workers, each May. This year’s theme, “Electrification: E-Mobility,” emphasizes safety when using and maintaining different types of transit powered by electricity such as cars, buses, trucks, e-bikes and e-scooters.

According to a recent report by ERM, a global pure-play sustainability consultancy group, automakers and battery manufacturers worldwide will spend more than \$626 billion through 2030 to develop new electric cars, passenger trucks, freight trucks, and buses. The micromobility market is also expected to grow from \$40 billion today to \$215 billion by 2030, as stated by Allied Marketing Research. The growth in both production and use of electric cars, e-bikes, and e-scooters makes the work of educating people about safe practices more important now than ever before.

“While many people are buying electric vehicles and using e-bikes and e-scoot-

ers as a means of alternative transportation for work and recreational activities, what many consumers may not know is that the batteries that power them pose a major fire risk if they are not charged or stored properly,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “People who operate these vehicles and devices must continue to learn about the facts involved in safe usage, charging, and storage.”

During Electrical Safety Month, NFPA and ESFI are providing free safety information and resources for residents to help reduce the risk of injury and damage to property when storing and charging lithium-ion batteries used in e-bikes and e-scooters, and electric vehicles. Firefighters and other first responders are encouraged to use these materials in their public outreach efforts.

Resources for electric ve-

hicle owners:

- Understanding Electric Vehicles tip sheet
- Electric Vehicles: Charging Options and Safety tip sheet
- Resources for e-bike and e-scooter owners:
- E-Bike and E-Scooter tip sheet
- Lithium-Ion Battery Safety tip sheet
- Safety with E-Bikes and E-Scooters webpage

NFPA also provides important information, materials, and trainings for firefighters and first responders to learn how to safely deal with emergency situations involving alternative fuel passenger vehicles, trucks, buses, and commercial fleet vehicles.

Resources for first responders:

- Training, response guides, report, and videos for first responders and emergency personnel related to fires involving alternative fuel vehicles (AFV)

• Electric and hybrid vehicle quick reference card

Additional e-bike and e-scooter resources for first responders:

- NFPA Podcast: E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety
- NFPA Journal article, Fall 2022 issue: Full Throttle

In 2020, NFPA introduced Faces of Fire/Electrical, a video awareness campaign focused on electrical hazards and created in collaboration with the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors. The series reminds everyone about the importance of taking action – at home and in the workplace – to help stop electrical incidents from happening. The videos and related resources such as fact sheets, tip sheets, and reports can be found at [nfpa.org/facesoffire](http://nfpa.org/facesoffire).

For more tips and resources including infographics, fact sheets, videos, and podcasts related to electrical fire safety, visit the NFPA electrical safety webpage.

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# Simonetti applauds Chelsea Recovery Court’s work at graduation ceremony

By Cary Shuman

Michael Simonetti is a shining example of how the Chelsea Recovery Court changes people’s lives. With his wife, Siobhan, sitting nearby in the packed courtroom at the Court’s graduation ceremony Tuesday, Simonetti spoke about the amazing guidance and support he received from the judicial professionals at the Chelsea District Court during his time in the program.

But before Simonetti addressed the gathering, one of the unsung heroes among many at the courthouse who clearly goes beyond the call of duty – First Justice Matthew J. Machera – talked about his initial interactions with Simonetti, which contained some “choice words.”

But Simonetti’s path soon changed to the positive, thanks to the efforts of the Chelsea Recovery Court.

“I would have to say that you are probably the most successful graduate I’ve ever known,” said Machera. “I would say to you every week, ‘you’re doing great, I’ve never been so happy to see you doing so well.’”

Speaking to Simonetti directly, the Honorable Justice said, “You’re in the union, married – look at you, did you ever think you were going to get here? You and I went through a long journey, but you did all the work and proved me wrong, and I’m so proud of you.”

Simonetti lauded the Chelsea Recovery Court, stating, “Their caring allowed me to change my life. When I came into Drug Court, I was broken. I was angry. I made myself a victim in my own mind, my own circumstances.

“One of the things that this allowed me to do is be able to see my side of things and the part I played in the choices that I made. I became accountable. I became a man,” continued Simonetti.

Simonetti, who now works as a foreman in a union, then directed his most emotional praise toward Justice Machera and the other professionals at the court who helped put his life on the right path.

“I love Judge Machera and everybody in this court,” he said. “I needed to understand that this man was trying to help me, and it was a privilege to be in his Drug Court. And the decisions that I made were going to propel me to be able to change my life, and that’s exactly what ended up happening. They showed me the deepest affection. I had to earn their respect, and that’s exactly what ended up happening.”

Simonelli singled out the positive influence of “Janelle Reppucci, Justice Machera, Katie O’Leary, Caitlin Gillespie” in his recovery and his life.

“They all did what-

ever they could to help me,” credited Simonetti. “They’re giving their time and their effort because they care, and this disease has touched people in their lives, and they’ve seen it all too much. This Recovery Court has changed my life. The biggest weapon that we have in this whole process is love and compassion, and the only time that we should ever look down on anyone is if we’re helping them up, and that’s what I stand by today.”

Four Chelsea Recovery Court graduates – Maxwell T. Delaney, Shaner V. Guerra, Luis A. Morales, and Dean Todisco - were honored during the impressive ceremony. In addition to Michael Simonetti, Alisha Cohen and Donna Puopolo, alumnae of the program, were recognized with a special graduation certificate.



Assistant Clerk Magistrate Edward O’Neil III and Katie O’Leary, director of recovery for North Suffolk Community Services.



Former colleagues on the Chelsea Board of Aldermen, current City Council President Leo Robinson and former Ward Alderman Edward J. O’Neil III.



Mass. Court Administrator Thomas Ambrosino, former Essex County District Attorney James Blodgett, Chief Justice Jeffrey Locke, and former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo.



From left, Chelsea District Court Assistant Chief Probation Officer Janelle Reppucci, Chelsea Recovery Court graduates Maxwell T. Delaney, Shaner V. Guerra, and Dean Todisco, Acting Commissioner of Probation Dianne Fasano, and Chelsea District Court Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna.



Chelsea Recovery Court graduate Michael Simonetti, with First Justice Matthew J. Machera and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Janelle Reppucci.



Chelsea Recovery Court graduate Maxwell T. Delaney, with First Justice Matthew J. Machera and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Janelle Reppucci.



Chelsea Recovery Court graduate Alisha Cohen, with First Justice Matthew J. Machera and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Janelle Reppucci.



Chelsea Recovery Court graduate Dean Todisco, with First Justice Matthew J. Machera and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Janelle Reppucci.



Chelsea Recovery Court graduate Shaner V. Guerra, with First Justice Matthew J. Machera and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Janelle Reppucci.



Chelsea Recovery Court graduate Michael Simonetti, with his wife, Siobhan Simonetti, and Community Health Navigator Jason Owens (right).

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CHELSEA KIWANIS CLUB’S COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

More than 100 people packed the Merritt Club in Chelsea on April 6, for the Chelsea Kiwanis Club’s Comedy Night Fundraiser in support of its programs for Chelsea children and families. CPF Productions provided four comedians as well as sound and lighting for a memorable night of laughter and good deeds. Boston-area favorite Christine Hurley was the special mystery guest and opened the show, followed by other comedians including headliner Mark Riley.

Before the show, guests enjoyed a multi-course Chinese buffet and Kiwanis’ Easter Egg fundraiser, with more than 60 eggs laden with excellent mystery prizes such as gift cards, baskets, comedy tickets, and a certificate for a Kayem Box O’Meat-perfect for summer grilling season.

The thousands of dollars raised will help the Chelsea Kiwanis Club provide needed support to children and families in Chelsea, whether through donations of books, food,



Chelsea Kiwanis members Sarah Gay from the Chelsea Public Library and Tricia Williams from Kayem Foods made sure the buffet went smoothly.

clothing, and diapers, or via its Annual Scholarship Program.

This year, the Club has increased its scholarship amounts and will be funding four \$2,500 scholarships for graduating Chelsea High School students who will pursue accredited and registered college/university, trade school, or apprenticeship programs.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support the good works of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, please visit <http://chelseakiwanisclub.org> and click on “Chelsea

Kiwanis Giving Fund” on the top right menu, or drop a check to Chelsea Kiwanis Giving Fund, P.O. Box 505092, Chelsea, MA 02150.

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Chris Dimitrakopoulos, aka Chris D., describes the pitfalls of calling Dig Safe at 811.



Comedian Pete Costello introduces the special mystery guest.



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Deb Cronin, left, and her mother MaryLou Botchie Yurko, right, with comedian Christine Hurley, center.



Kiwanis Treasurer Joe Carreiro from El Potro Mexican Grill and Secretary Cassandra Thompson from Mass General Brigham do a brisk business in Easter Eggs.



Chelsea Kiwanis Board Members: Cassandra Thompson, Secretary; Elaine Monge, Vice-President; and Carolyn Vega, Director.

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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](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 11, 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  
5/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE

**CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**INVITATION TO BID IMPROVEMENTS TO MACE HOUSING BASKETBALL COURT**  
The Chelsea Housing Authority invites sealed bids for Improvements to Mace Housing Basketball Court located adjacent to 465 Crescent Avenue in Chelsea, MA. The work under this Contract includes the installation of new pavements, fencing, site furniture, plantings, granite blocks, and basketball hoops as well as associated removals. All work occurs in the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts. Wage rates have been determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Industries under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27F and shall be made part of this contract. All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M. Bids will be received only at the offices of the Chelsea Housing Authority, 54 Locke Street, Chelsea MA 02150. Sealed envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked with name and address of Bidder, the description of the contract “Mace Housing Basketball Court” and addressed to the Chelsea Housing Authority.

These Services must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND or CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The successful bidder is required to furnish a 100% payment bond and 100% performance bond. Bids will be received at the Chelsea Housing Authority Office, 54 Locke Street, Chelsea, MA until 11:00 A.M. on May 19, 2023 at which time they will be publicly opened by the Housing Authority. Plans and specifications are available at [www.accentblueprints.com](http://www.accentblueprints.com) starting May 4, 2023. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids. The Chelsea Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Housing Authority.

5/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - CLASSIFIED LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
**DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE**  
Electronic Bids submitted in the format furnished by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) and clearly identified as a bid will be received through DCAMM’s E-Bid Room at [www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/](http://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/) home no later than the date and time specified and will forthwith be publicly opened remotely

by DCAMM Bid Room personnel and read aloud over a conference call line. Persons interested in accessing the remote bid opening can do so by using the following phone number: Audio Conferencing Dial-In Number (617) 315-0704, Meeting Number 2333 916 4237#. If prompted for attendee ID, please press #. General Bids at 2:00 PM: May 25, 2023 Every General Bidder must be certified by DCAMM for the category of work listed below and for no less than the bid price plus all add alternates of this project, if applicable. The Category of Work is: Electrical Mass. State Project No. IFM2306 Contract No. 7003 Electrical Equipment Preventive Maintenance Contract, Mass. Information Technology Center, Chelsea, MA E.C.C: S1,381,661 This project is scheduled for 2,190 calendar days to substantial completion with three one-year options to renew. Scope: Provide Preventive Maintenance as specified to maintain daily operations and conduct all legally required and all regularly planned preventive and predictive services, but not limited to, all regular inspection, testing, and preventive maintenance of all Electrical Equipment in order to maintain optimum operating conditions and optimum safety levels. A Pre-Bid/Site Visit will be held on May 10, 2023 @ 10:00 AM at 200 Arlington Street, Chelsea, MA. Bring valid ID and register at the front desk prior to going through screening. Minimum rates of wages to be paid on the project have been determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor Standards. These rates are incorporated into the bid documents. Bid documents for this project may be accessed

or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through DCAMM’s E-Bid Room <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/home>, A hard copy set can be made available for viewing in DCAMM’s Bid Room located at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA during normal business hours by appointment only by contacting DCAMM’s Bid Room. In order to access bid documents and submit bids through DCAMM’s E-Bid Room potential bidders must first be verified by DCAMM’s Bid Room and then register with the E-Bid Room vendor. Instructions on the processes can be found on DCAMM’s website [www.mass.gov/dcomm/bids](http://www.mass.gov/dcomm/bids) or contact DCAMM’s Bid Room at (617) 727-4003 or [bidroom.dcomm@mass.gov](mailto:bidroom.dcomm@mass.gov). Carol W. Gladstone  
COMMISSIONER  
5/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE

  
**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
Furnish and Install Two New Electrical Light Enclosures  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for “Furnish and Install Two New Electrical Light Enclosures”. Invitation for Bids will be available on or after May 4, 2023 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at [divanis@chelseama.gov](mailto:divanis@chelseama.gov) or by visiting the City’s website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_solicitations.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php). Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Furnish and Install Two New Electrical Light Enclo-


sures” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, May 18, 2023. 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 Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
5/4/23

LEGAL NOTICE


**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
Suffolk Division  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU23P0854EA  
Estate of: Henry John Tintoni, Jr.  
Date of Death: 12/07/2022  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Henry J. Tintoni of Winchester, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Henry J. Tintoni of Winchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/01/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 20, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate  
5/04/23

LEGAL NOTICE

  
Re: Taxicab Fare Rates Increase Proposal  
Chelsea Licensing Commission, May 11, 2023  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for the public to comment on the Proposal of Taxicab Fare Rate increase throughout Chelsea. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
5/4/23, 5/11/23

LEGAL NOTICE

  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 22 at 6:00 PM, Chelsea City Council Chambers, Third Floor, 500 Broadway, to discuss a proposed amendment to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance Section 34-111 Community Improvement Trust Fund by deleting the section and renumbering Section 34-112 Waterfront Improvement Trust Fund as Section 34-111, and Section 34-112 through 34-133 be reserved. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for inspection in the City Clerk’s office, Chelsea City Hall, Chelsea, MA; during City Hall business hours. Leo Robinson  
City Council President  
5/4/23, 5/11/23



# EPA reminds New Englanders to use free air quality alerts

With the onset of warm-er weather, the U.S. En-vironmental Protection Agency (EPA) urges New Englanders to be aware of the increased risk of ground-level ozone and fine particle air pollution (often referred to as smog, when combined), and to take health precautions when smog levels are pre-dicted to be high. EPA and the New England States continue to offer free re-sources for the public to monitor the latest air qual-ity forecasts.

“The New England States have made great strides in reducing air emissions, but ozone air pollution continues to be a significant public health issue in our communities,” said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. “New En-glanders, especially the elderly and people with underlying health condi-tions, should pay close attention to air quality and limit strenuous outdoor activity on days when poor air quality is expect-ed. We also know that many historically under-served communities have suffered from exposure to more air pollution over the years and may also suffer from higher asthma rates. When air quality is poor, we can all take individ-ual actions to reduce our emissions that contribute to air pollution, such as reducing energy use and driving less.”

On April 13, the U.S. EPA Region 1 issued an unprecedented ear-ly ozone season alert for South central Massachu-setts (Worcester, Hamp-ton, Hampshire counties), Rhode Island (statewide), and southeastern Con-necticut. Air quality fore-casts are issued daily by the New England state air agencies. Current air qual-ity conditions and next-day forecasts are avail-able each day on EPA’s AirNow website. Individ-uals can also sign up to re-ceive “Air Quality Alerts.” These alerts are provided for free by EPA and in co-operation with the New England states through the EnviroFlash system that automatically notifies participants (by email or text message) when ozone or fine particle pollution levels in their area are pre-dicted to be high.

Warm summer tempera-tures aid in the formation of ground-level ozone. The current ozone stan-dard, set in 2015, is 0.070 parts per million (ppm) on

an 8-hour average basis. Air quality alerts are is-sued when ozone concen-trations exceed, or are pre-dicted to exceed, this level. EPA’s New England office posts a list of exceedances of the ozone standard, by date and monitor location, at Current AQI in New England.

Although the number of unhealthy days varies from year to year due to weather conditions, New England has experienced a significant decrease in the number of unhealthy ozone days over the long term. For the 2015 ozone standard, New England had 118 unhealthy days in 1983, compared with 24 in 2022. This downward trend is mainly due to a re-duction in emissions from powerplants and other in-dustrial facilities.

Pollution sources that contribute to smog for-mation are diverse. They include cars, motorcy-cles, trucks, and buses; industrial sources; and fossil-fuel burning at elec-tric generating stations, particularly on hot days. Smaller sources, such as gasoline stations and print shops, and household products, such as paints and cleaners, as well as gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment, also contribute to the for-mation of smog.

Here are some of the ac-tions everyone can take to reduce air pollution:

- Use public transporta-tion, bike, or walk when-ever possible.
- Combine errands and carpool to reduce driving time and mileage.
- Avoid using small gas-oline-powered engines, such as lawn mowers, string trimmers, chain saws, power-washers, air compressors, and leaf blowers.
- Avoid outdoor burn-ing, including leaf burn-ing and use of firepits and campfires.

In addition, during poor air quality events, it is im-portant to reduce house-hold energy usage, such as setting air conditioners to a higher temperature, turning off unnecessary lights, equipment, and ap-pliances. EPA’s ENERGY STAR Program also pro-vides trusted guidance and online tools to help home-owners make smart deci-sions about improving the energy efficiency of their existing homes.

EPA also continues to take actions to improve air quality. In March 2022, EPA proposed a federal

plan that would cut pol-lution from power plants and industrial sources that significantly contrib-ute to unhealthy levels of ground-level ozone, or smog, for millions of Americans who live downwind from those fa-cilities. This “good neigh-bor” policy would, if im-plemented, help air quality in many areas of New En-

gland. Additionally, in March, EPA proposed a rule that would set new, more stringent standards to reduce pollution from heavy-duty vehicles and engines starting in model year 2027. The heavy-du-ty industry includes deliv-ery trucks, tractor-tailers, school buses, and other types of work vehicles that contribute significantly to

local, regional, and global air pollution. When final-ized, these new vehicle standards will help ensure that air pollution levels improve over the years to come.

Poor air quality affects everyone, but those who are active outdoors and/ or have respiratory dis-eases, such as asthma, are more sensitive. When air

quality is predicted to be “unhealthy for sensitive groups,” EPA and states announce an air quality alert for the affected ar-eas. On these days, EPA recommends that people in these areas limit stren-uous outdoor activity and asks that the public and businesses take actions to help reduce air pollution and protect public health.

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**General Description:**  
Performs the function of a receptionist along with performing general clerical duties for the housing authority departments and staff. Working under the direct supervision of the Occupancy Manager and Admissions.  
**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Answers incoming calls and takes messages for the department staff.
- Receives and directs visitors and notifies the appropriate staff.
- Sorts and distributes department mail and Authority notices.
- Receive and process all public housing and section 8 applications.
- Responsible for ordering office supplies and coordinating services for office equipment.
- Responsible for distributing temporary parking pass
- Performs other routine and clerical assignments including filing, copying, faxing, and typing correspondence.
- Responsible for coordinating conference room schedule and upkeep.
- Assists in maintaining Leased Housing department Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) databases and application input.
- Responsible for the updating and distributing employee directory.
- Performs other related duties as required.

**Minimum Qualifications and Experience:**  
A High School Diploma or GED required. Previous work experience in an office setting, preferably a public agency. Should be familiar with general office work and the more common office terminology and office machines. Applicant must also exercise ethical judgment in maintaining the confidentiality and integrity of sensitive information. Strong technology skills with experience with word processing applications is required, spreadsheet program experience is preferred. Strong oral and written communication skills with bilingual (Spanish) preferred. Applicants must successfully pass a CORI test.  
**Salary Range:** \$40,000 to \$45,000 annually (Based on Experience)  
Interested candidates may submit resumes by email at [employment@chelseaha.com](mailto:employment@chelseaha.com), (subject line AA2023) or mail (address below) by May 9, 2023, or until the position is filled.  
The Chelsea Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer.  
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CITY PAWS

Daily routine is important

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A predictable daily routine can create a strong bond between an animal and a person. Your daily schedule should include dependable times for your pet’s meals, exercise, play, and quiet time when everyone can relax and rest. Routines are important to animals and are one way of reducing stress and preventing behavior problems.

Adherence to a routine is most important to young dogs, cats, and new family members. These animals are learning what we expect of them and what they can expect of us. Trainers will often stress the need for a routine when you’re in training mode.

However, there is another side to dependence on a routine. Animal behavior expert Cathy Madson, in an article for Peventive-Vet, wrote, “As your dog gets more comfortable in their new home, it’s use-

ful to mix up their routine every so often to prevent separation anxiety, and lessens both your and your dog’s stress in case you can’t make it home in time for a regular feeding or walk.” She considers structure more important than a strict routine.

As you create a structure or routine that will work for your lifestyle and your animal’s needs, remember that your actions will provide clues that tell a dog or cat what will happen next. If your dog sees you dressing for the outside world in the morning, it may cue the pup that a walk is coming soon. If you move to the kitchen around mealtime, your cats may line up where you usually put their bowls. Before long, you may find that the kitties are lining up to remind you that it’s suppertime. And your dog may bring you a toy at the time when you often play toss.

Internal Clock?

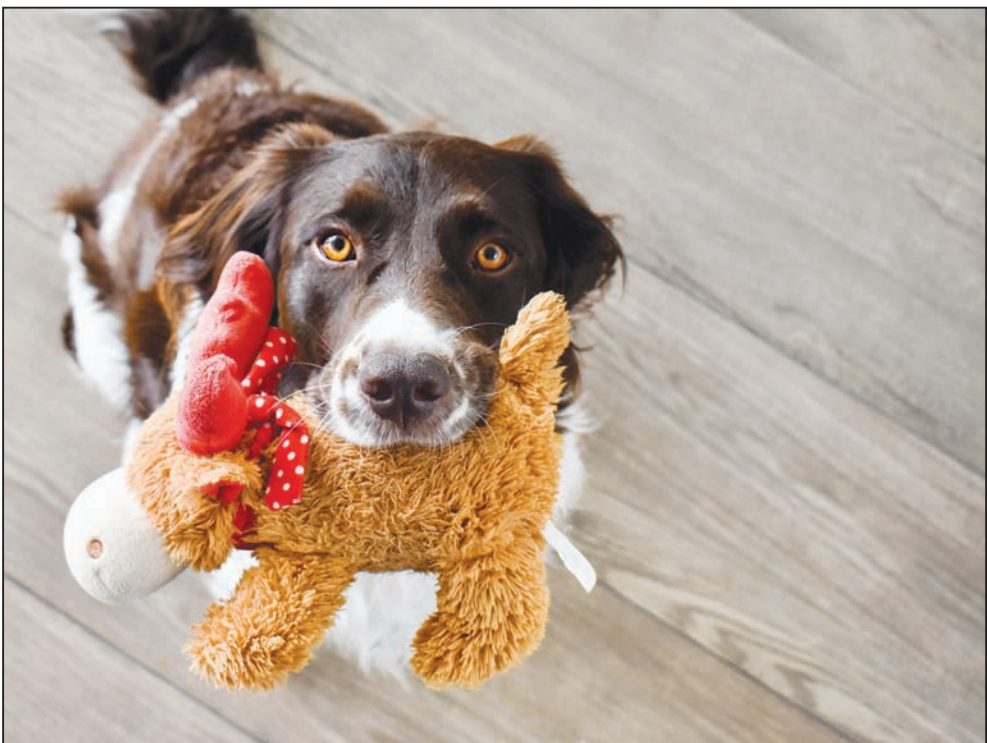
Do you ever feel as if

the furry members of your household have a built-in clock that tells them when it’s time for food, play, or exercise? You may be right.

The American Kennel Club reported, “Researchers at Northwestern University’s Department of Neurobiology found evidence that previously unknown neurons in an animal’s brain are activated when the animal is in waiting mode.”

While this is an early study on this aspect of animal behavior, anyone who has been reminded of dinnertime by their dog knows there must be some reason for the animal’s accurate assessment of eating time.

Dogs and cats, like humans, have a circadian rhythm, an internal sense that tells them when to sleep or when to be active. And a hungry tummy may be an alert that mealtime should be coming soon. Sitting on the sofa may



Does your dog bring you a toy at the time when you often play toss?

be an invitation for some cuddle time with a dog.

Support System

Sometimes, you may need a support system to help you provide your companion animals with a human to meet their routine needs. Not only do you want someone ready to assist you or take over for you, but that person should have some idea of

the existing daily structure your animals expect.

Beyond seeing the need for food, elimination, and companionship, someone should know if routine medications are needed and have access to whatever information your veterinarian may have for your animals. Every guardian should provide a friend or neighbor access

to their home and the information needed to care for your animals. To give someone access to veterinary care and records, add that person to the records at your veterinarian’s office.

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

TRIANGLE, INC. HONORS SEN. DIDOMENICO WITH PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Triangle, Inc., an organization dedicated to empowering people with disabilities and their families to enjoy rich and fulfilling lives, awarded State Senator Sal DiDomenico with their prestigious Public Servant of the Year award last week. The non-profit hosted their Annual Awards Ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. Senator DiDomenico has been a long-time supporter of Triangle, Inc. and their commitment to helping the world realize that we are all people with ability. He has secured over \$1 million to help them serve people with disabilities throughout Greater Boston and support their work in our communities. “I have always been a supporter of Triangle, Inc. and have admired their extraordinary passion for helping people with disabilities, and I am so hon-



Sen. DiDomenico with Triangle CEO Coleman Nee.

ored to receive this award from such a dedicated and respected organization. From their CEO, Coleman Nee, to every member of

their amazing team they lead with their heart and change lives each day,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Sen. DiDomenico with his wife, Tricia, and two children, Sal and Matthew.

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