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## CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER



Above, the Chelsea Senior Center held its annual ice cream and lunch fundraiser. Shown are, PO Dave Delaney with Brutt, Matt Frank, Director Tracy Nowicki, Police officer Carlos Del Comare, Cheryl Watson Fisher, Council President Leo Robinson, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, and Cliff Cunningham.

Right, Michael DeJesus, Debbie Connor, Rebecca Connor, Nino Bongiovanni, and Geraldine Portillo happily pass out ice cream sundaes and ice cream cones. See Page 6 for more photos.



## APPRECIATION

### Chelsea High's all-time basketball great, Lew Perkins, 78

Staff Report

Lewis "Lew" Perkins, one of the greatest basketball players in Chelsea High School history who went on to become a major college athletics administrator, died on Tuesday, July 18. He was 78.

The son of the late Abraham and Sarah Perkins, Lew grew up on Shurtleff Street and attended Shur-

tleff School and Chelsea High School. At Shurtleff, Lew developed his basketball talents under the guidance of Arnold Goodman, who was one of his teachers and coaches.

"Arnold started working with Lew when he was in the fifth grade and taught him how to rebound and play the center position," recalled Stevie Karl, Lew's high school

teammate and lifelong friend. "Arnold gave him all the exercises to make him a center." By the time Lew Perkins entered Chelsea High School for his sophomore year, he had grown to be 6 feet, 5 inches, and he used his size and skills to become a dominant center for the Red Devils.

At Chelsea High, Mr. Perkins reunited with his

Shurtleff School coaches Freddy Garabedian, who became the head basketball coach, and Arnold Goodman, who was the assistant coach.

Perkins averaged more than 20 points per game and scored more than 1,000 points during his outstanding three-year career for the Red Devils. He

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## Things to do at the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival

Special to the Times-Free Press

Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of creativity, fun, and unforgettable experiences! Whether you're a fan of live entertainment, a huge foodie, bringing the whole family to the beach, or want to be in awe of the art of our master sand sculptors, we have something for you.

The Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting

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For the 19th festival theme, Kong is the featured character, and a bigger than life figure he is. See more photos on page 7.

## Veterans' Home project nears public hearing stage

By Adam Swift

The large-scale redevelopment of the Veterans' Home in Chelsea (formerly the Chelsea Soldiers' Home) will be going before the Zoning Board of Appeals for the beginning of the special permit approval process in September.

The four-phase project will also need to go before the Planning Board before coming back to the ZBA for a final vote on the permits. The project, which is a public-private venture between the state and developer Pennrose, could see work get underway as early as the late fall.

On Thursday night, July 20, representatives from the state's Division of Capital Assessment Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), Pennrose, and other members of the project team were before the ZBA for an informational meeting. The proponents were also expected to meet with the Planning Board

for an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 26.

The project includes 241 residential units, with 100 percent preference for veterans and their families, including a new townhouse building with two-bedroom units. In addition, there will be increased and improved greenspace and landscaping, a new central resources location at the current headquarters building, a cafe, and an on-site parking deck.

While there are currently 300 residential units spread across the campus, there are only about 128 veterans currently living on campus. Many of those units are single room occupancies, with shared kitchens and bathrooms.

The renovation of the campus will include studios, one- and two-bedroom units, all with their own kitchens and bathrooms. Since the project is being done in phases, all veterans currently living

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## Chelsea Walk Pub gets extension for disciplinary hearing

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea Walk Pub will be before the Licensing Commission for a disciplinary hearing at its next scheduled meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14.

The pub was supposed to appear before the commission at its meeting earlier this month, but requested a continuance to the next meeting because its attorney was not able to make the July meeting.

Commission member and Inspectional Services Director Mike McAteer noted that the Chelsea Walk Pub has been closed for the past two months without notifying the city.

The disciplinary hearing

stems from a May 5 incident when police received a report of an intoxicated woman in front of the establishment. While that situation resolved itself, police officials said that when they asked for video from the night, the establishment's video system was down.

"That is a concern with us going forward," said Police Captain David Betz when requesting the hearing in June. "They are required to maintain 30 days worth of video in having one of the city's liquor licenses, so they are already not doing what they are supposed to do."

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## City looks to redesign Bellingham Square Plaza

By Adam Swift

A redesigned Bellingham Square Plaza outside of City Hall could better serve as a meeting place and event space for the city's residents.

The city is hosting a community meeting on the proposed redesign of Bellingham Square Plaza on Tuesday, August 29 at 6 p.m. in Room 305 of Chelsea City Hall.

"The redesign of the Bellingham Square Plaza is in connection with the

city's downtown revitalization efforts centered on the Broadway corridor," said Alex Train, the direc-

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# Chelsea

RECORD

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## THE REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND

One of the premier events of the summer season in the Greater Boston area is set to take place this weekend when the 19th annual International Sand Sculpting Festival returns to Revere Beach this Friday, July 28, through Sunday, July 30.

America’s first public beach will host 15 sand sculptors from around the world who will display their amazing creations as they compete for \$28,000 in prizes. The theme for this year’s festival is King Kong, in observance of the 90th anniversary of the epic movie that captivates audiences to this day.

The festival is a free, family-friendly event that is hosted by the Revere Beach Partnership, a non-profit organization, and truly has something for everyone of all ages. The festival will feature vendors, food trucks, and a fireworks extravaganza on Saturday night in addition to the highly-competitive sand sculpture competition.

For entertainment, there will be over 20 acts of street performers, live music, and a special performance from Blue Man Group, in addition to various amusement rides. Vendors will include about 30 food trucks and there will be about 20 emerging small businesses and nonprofits taking part in the Beach Shop Pavillion.

For the first time, the Samuel Adams Beer Garden will offer live music, games, and entertainment from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, with the fireworks scheduled to go off at 9 p.m. Saturday evening.

With the promise of good weather, it is expected that close to a million visitors will turn out for the festivities. Needless to say, public transportation via the MBTA’s Blue Line -- which will be free -- is the best way to attend the festival, especially with the Sumner Tunnel closed for repairs. The Revere Beach and Wonderland T stops literally are just minutes away by foot from Revere Beach.

This year’s festival promises to be better than ever -- and we urge all of our readers to take advantage of this unique and fun-filled opportunity.

## A SAD, TRAGIC WEEK -- SAFETY ALWAYS MUST BE NUMBER ONE

When we looked at our Boston newspapers this past Thursday, a cavalcade of headlines, one-after-another, told stories of sadness and tragedy throughout our area.

There was the four year-old boy who was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver in Hyde Park; the brothers who died in a single-car accident in Brockton; and the 11 year-old daughter of a former New England Revolution player who died in a boating accident in North Carolina. Saturday brought more tragedy -- a 21 year-old man who died while swimming in a lake in Hopkinton and a 17 year-old girl who died in a boating accident on the Cape.

These incidents remind us how precarious our lives, and those of our loved ones, can be -- and how life can take a turn for the tragic in just the blink of an eye. Accidents are the leading cause of death for young people in our country. Safety for ourselves and our loved ones never should be taken for granted and always must be our first priority in everything we do.

## GOOD LUCK USA WOMEN’S SOCCER!

We wish to express our support for the U.S. women’s soccer team as they embark on their quest for a third straight FIFA World Cup, which this year is being held in Australia and New Zealand.

The U.S. women’s team has achieved unparalleled success in the World Cup, with four titles since 1991, and once again is among the favorites to win the championship, despite injuries to some of the American stars.

The women’s World Cup is something we look forward to every four years -- and we trust that 2023 once again will prove to be an exciting tournament for both ardent and casual soccer fans of all ages.

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# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Life is always changing

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

No doubt life is always changing. If you don’t like the weather it will change, eventually. It’s been hot most all over but cooler weather will come. In most of the country, cooler weather will be welcomed sooner rather than later.

An Arizona friend told me last week, “One hundred degrees is actually nice in our area. One hundred and twenty degrees is unbearable.” Across our country, Europe and Asia record temperatures have been recorded and for the longest periods of time.

When it’s icy cold weather we hope and wish for warm weather. The problem in many of our areas is that we don’t

have much moderately cool weather or moderately warm. It seems to either be blazing hot or freezing cold.

It’s hard to be satisfied. We get too hot and then we get too cold. Triple digit heat is insane and so is below zero. No one wants either one.

Have you ever been satisfied with your life? When were you satisfied? Were you happy when your parent was telling you what to do and how to live? Do you still have them telling you what to do? The day comes when they are no longer around. Most likely you didn’t take as much advice from them as you should have.

We don’t pay much at-

tention to old people when we are young but we wish we had. They knew more than us but we thought we knew everything. We now know how smart they were. We learn the hard way and by the time we figure it out life has greatly changed.

Life is always changing. Children grow into adults. Our bodies change. We get old if we are very fortunate and blessed.

If possible, try to be happy and content today with what you have, where you are and what you are doing. Life changes and while it may get better and better, it can always become worse.

Enjoy the sunshine and enjoy the rain. Enjoy the

car ride or sitting in your swing. Enjoy whatever labor you have to do. The time is coming when all will be through. Live your life the best you can and there will be times you don’t understand. So, make your schedule, make your plans and always do the best you can. After all is said and done, it’s all in God’s hands.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

## LETTER to the Editor

is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of

communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

If you are interested in taking part in the exciting community event please contact Officer Garrison Daniel of the Chelsea Police Department Community Services Division at Gdaniel@chelseama.gov

or @ 781-885-4106 no later than July 31, 2023.

We look forward to working with you in making this a successful and exciting evening for all of our residents, business leaders, local officials, clergy and general community stakeholders.

Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing you there. Feel free to place a copy of the attached posters in your respective place of business.

Sincerely,

**Keith E. Houghton**  
Chief of Police  
**www.ChelseaPolice.com**

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT

**Dear Chelsea Community Stakeholder:**

I would like to take this opportunity personally extend an invitation to you and the members of your organization to join forces with the members of the Chelsea Police Department on, Tuesday, August 1, at Mary O’Malley Park, Admirals Hill and be part of our team for the annual “National Night Out” celebration from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

National Night Out

## Planet Fitness awards \$10,000 in scholarships

Planet Fitness, one of the largest and fastest-growing franchisors and operators of fitness centers with more members than any other fitness brand, today announced it has awarded two Boston-area teens with \$5,000 scholarships each: Luis A. Urabez Caraballo of Revere, Mass., a member of the Gerald and Darlene Jordan Club of Chelsea, Mass., and Saul D. from the Yawkey Club of Roxbury, Mass.; both clubs are part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. The awards were granted for their inspiring efforts to create a kinder world for today’s youth as part of the company’s Judgement Free Generation® philanthropic initiative, which aims to prevent bullying and promote kindness in their communities.

Luis will move on to study Early Childhood Education at Bunker Hill Community College and Saul will study Cinema, Television and Emerging Media Studies at Morehouse College this fall.

“The Boys & Girls Club has been a refuge for me, and I hope to provide the same experience to others,” said Luis, scholarship recipient and teen associate at the Gerald and Darlene Jordan Club.

“It is important to end bullying because no one should be made to feel like they are less than anyone else or made to feel bad. Practicing self-compassion, empathy, and kindness can create a ripple effect spreading positivity and acceptance,” said



Luis A. Urabez Caraballo.

Saul, scholarship recipient from the Yawkey Club of Roxbury.

In partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Planet Fitness has awarded \$250,000 in scholarships this year – contributing to a grand total of \$1,150,000 in scholarships recognizing 230 youth since 2017. Fitness created this scholarship program to recognize the many teens who continue to promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion in their communities, qualities that Planet Fitness and Boys & Girls Clubs of America collectively support.

Applications were submitted from Boys & Girls Clubs of America teens throughout the country and the scholarship recipients were awarded based on a personal essay, staff recommendation and video submission, all representing how they demonstrate and perpetuate values of kindness, acceptance and respect.

“It’s a privilege to award 50 incredible teens who are making a positive impact on today’s world,” said Chris Rondeau, Planet Fitness’

Chief Executive Officer. “It’s inspirational to see how these scholarship recipients have committed to creating a kinder world for their peers and communities. As home of the Judgement Free Zone®, Planet Fitness is excited to watch these young leaders build a more welcoming and inclusive tomorrow.”

“Boys & Girls Clubs of America is committed to enhancing the lives of every kid and teen that walks through our doors, and we couldn’t be more excited to award these scholar-

ships, with the support of our partners at Planet Fitness,” said Jim Clark, president & CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Since 2016, together with its franchisees, members and partners, Planet Fitness has contributed \$8.4 million to support anti-bullying, pro-kindness initiatives. As part of the program, the Company has funded first-of-its-kind social-emotional skills training for Boys & Girls Clubs of America

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# National Night Out takes place August 1

The Chelsea Police Department is inviting local residents to bring the whole family to the annual National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, August 1.

This year's festivities take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Mary O'Malley Park on Admirals Hill. There will be

plenty of free food and entertainment for the whole family.

"I feel it's such a special event. It is the one day we come together as a community and showcase in a fun family way all our community, state and federal partnerships that do so much for our residents," said Chelsea Police Chief

Keith Houghton.

Over the past decade, millions of people across the nation have taken part in the National Night Out, with the goal of enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while creating a true sense of community.

# Friday storm keeps emergency personnel busy

By Adam Swift

Chelsea first responders had their hands full with the strong thunderstorms that swept through the region on Friday night, July 21.

"Between 9:30 p.m. and midnight ... Chelsea 911 was inundated with calls for street and basement flooding, as well as alarm activations caused by the heavy rainfall," said Fire Chief Leonard Albanese.

Some of the heaviest basement flooding was in the Columbus Street area, according to Albanese.

Several people were stuck in vehicles on flooded streets throughout the city, and emergency personnel rescued several people who were stuck in flooded vehicles on Wesley Street.

"It is inevitable that with that much rain within a short time frame that we will have significant street and basement flooding when the amount of water exceeds the draining system's ability to keep up," said the fire chief. "With the upcoming extreme weather conditions, the chance of similar flooding events is likely."

Albanese reminded drivers to never attempt to drive through flooded roadways, since rapidly rising flood waters can quickly trap them in their vehicles.

"With extreme basement flooding, do not wade through flooded areas," said Albanese. "Ensure the power and gas to the flooded areas are cut before engaging in clean up. Always call 911 for

emergencies, and understand there may be significant delays during the height of storms."

District 1 City Councilor Todd Taylor and City Councilor and State Representative Judith Garcia were out following the storm to survey some of the damage.

"Councilor Taylor and I went to visit some of the families whose homes were impacted by the storms on July 21," said Garcia. "The Chelsea Fire Department, Emergency Management, and Inspectional Services have done a great job coordinating clean up. We are grateful that no one in Chelsea was hurt, and I encourage anyone who is seeking resources to reach out to my office."

# BREAKHEART RESERVATION EVENTS

The following August Events are planned at Breakheart Reservation in Saugus.

Breakheart Reservation is located at 177 Forest St. in Saugus. All programs are free and open to the public. Reasonable accommodations upon request. Adults must accompany children. For outdoor events wear closed toe shoes, consider insect repellent and sunscreen. Bring water. Inclement weather cancels outdoor events. For more information call (781) 233-0834, send an email to: [jessica.narog-hutton@mass.gov](mailto:jessica.narog-hutton@mass.gov) or visit the website.

Wednesday, August 2, and Thursday, August 31 (Blue Moon Hike) 8pm-10pm Full Moon Hike

Join us for a moon rise hike while we talk about the importance of the full moon, moon cycles and phases. This month we are lucky and there is a Blue Moon! There will be campfire fun and activities. This program is for adults and families with children 8-years-old and up. Bring a flashlight and dress appropriately! Registration is required, please email [jessica.narog-hutton@mass.gov](mailto:jessica.narog-hutton@mass.gov) for more information. Meet outside the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

Sundays 10am-12pm Easy Like a Sunday Morning Hike

Join the park interpret-

er for this weekly guided hike! Each trip will highlight natural and historic features that make Breakheart unique. Hikes will be moderately paced and range from 2-3 miles over sometimes uneven and rocky terrain. Best for ages 8 years and up. Meet at the Visitor Center. Heavy rain cancels.

Wednesdays 10am-12pm Step Into the Past

Join our park interpreter on a guided hike to discover the site's history. Topics and routes vary throughout the season. Hikes are approximately 2.5 miles, moderate difficulty, along rocky trails, with several stops. Best for adults and older children with a keen interest in history. Meet outside the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

Thursdays 10am-11am Breakheart Birding Club

Help our park interpreter identify and count the many different birds that visit Breakheart! Take part in this world-wide project to document the distribution, abundance, and movements of thousands of species of birds. Binoculars are encouraged but not necessary. First time birders welcome! Best for adults and older children. Meet outside the Visitor center. Rain cancels.

Fridays 10:30am- 11:30am Kidleidoscope

Come join our park

interpreter for a story time and nature walk! Complete a small craft and explore the woods! Walks are gently paced and approximately 1 mile, though not accessible for strollers. Appropriate for families with children 3-5-years-old. Meet at the Visitor Center. If it rains, we will meet in the visitor center.

Fridays August 4, 11, 18 and 25 2pm-3:30pm Junior Rangers

Join us for this 4-week program to learn about being a park ranger! We will be covering map reading, fishing and how history has shaped our park. For ages 8-12, kids need to be accompanied by an adult. Come dressed for being outside. Registration is required, email [jessica.narog-hutton@mass.gov](mailto:jessica.narog-hutton@mass.gov).

Saturdays 9am-10:30am Family Fishing

Join our park interpreter for a drop-in fishing program! Learn how to fish, what fish live in our ponds, and how to catch and release responsibly. Bait and a handful of rods will be provided but feel free to bring your own gear and share your tips! No license required if fishing in this program. Appropriate for families with children 5 years and older. Meet at Silver Lake, follow the signs from the visitor center. Rain cancels.

# FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES OF ARNOLD JARMAK

It was 43 years ago that the entire city of Chelsea was plunged into sadness and grief with the news that Police Sgt. Arthur Cashin had been shot and killed while making a routine traffic stop in Bellingham Sq. on the night of Saturday, July 19, 1980. Cashin was riding in a cruiser with patrolman William Copello when they stopped a vehicle going the wrong way on a one-way street. As Cashin approached the driver's side and Copello approached the passenger side, the operator, a 20 year-old man, bolted from the vehicle, punched Cashin, knocking him down face-first, and then unholstered Sgt. Cashin's gun and fired two shots in his back as he lay on the ground. Copello responded within moments, shooting the assailant dead. Sgt. Cashin was pronounced dead shortly after midnight on July 20 at Mass. General. Sgt. Cashin, who had served with the Chelsea police for nine years and was only 37 years old, left behind his wife Lorraine and two daughters, Renee and Stacey, ages 6 and 11. (It should be noted that further tragedy befell the Cashin family when Sergeant Cashin's nephew, Captain Rick Cashin, was killed in an on-duty automobile accident while serving with the Massachusetts State Police on January 28, 2009.) A massive funeral procession was held for Sgt. Cashin in East Boston (where he lived with



Chelsea city officials march in the funeral procession for Sgt. Arthur Cashin along Bennington St. in East Boston, led by Mayor Joel M. Pressman (in white suit at left) and Police Chief Abraham Burgin (right). Among the other city officials in the photo are aldermen Ron Wasak, Paul Casino, Tom Mace, Kiva Mirochnick, Ted Smigielski, Charles Delorio, and Bob Bishop, Water Commissioner Myles Johnson, and Building Inspector Frank Mondano.

his family), starting on Moore St. and proceeding along Bennington St. in East Boston. In the top photo, Chelsea police officers, who were among the 1,000 police officers from 95 communities in and out of the state, are shown marching in the procession: They are (first column from left): Capt. Tom Evans, Lt. Ed Rogers, Sgt. Tony Iantosca, Sgt. Herb Sullivan, Off Larry Ridell, Off Tom Miller, Off Walter Janiak, Off Mike McConaghy, and Ret Off Arthur Ells; (second column): Lt. Andy Mullen,

Sgt. Weldon Brown, Off Rich Voto, Off Bob Lewin, Off Jim Daley, Off Leo McHatton, Off Mike Nadworney, and Off Carmen Tyler. (third column): Lt. Frank Belanger, Sgt. Jim Finnegan, Off John Gravellesse, Off John Quinn, Off Ray Cimino, Off Al Barzykowski, Off Pat McConaghy, and Off Gary Feinberg; and (fourth column): Sgt. Ronny Wilson, Sgt. Jim Willyard, Off Tony Pedi, Off Charlie Garibaldi, Off John Ames, Off Ronny Gallant, and Off Jack Urbaczewski.



The funeral procession for Sgt. Arthur Cashin passes the Chelsea police station en route to the Woodlawn Cemetery.

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at the Veterans' Home will be able to remain on the campus during construction.

The state is also replacing the long-term care facility at the Quigley Building, which dates back to 1949, along with the project at the 9-building domiciliary campus.

Pennrose is not involved with the long-term care facility, according to Paul Crowley, the deputy commissioner for real estate licensing and public-private partnerships for DCAMM.

"Both are operated by the Commonwealth to provide housing and support services for our veterans," said Crowley. "Both the long-term care facility and the domiciliary are undergoing significant changes. The Commonwealth ... currently is replacing the long-term care facility with a new, modern living center with cutting edge resiliency and sustainability features to meet the demands of the environment moving forward."

The environmental resiliency and sustainability

features for the new care facility include geothermal wells, photovoltaic panels, a high-performance envelope, and a high-efficiency building system.

"The ultimate goal of the building is to be a LEED Silver net zero building," said Crowley.

Crowley said veterans at the care center will have dignified private spaces, with 154 private rooms in the 247,000 square foot building. The six-level building will have two pods of 14 units each.

"The work on the site, once transition of all the residents is completed, will go to 2025," Crowley said.

Crowley said DCAMM is excited about the public-private partnership with Pennrose for the nine-building domiciliary campus.

"With this redevelopment, the Commonwealth has sought a public-private partnership with the goal of renovating the buildings into affordable veterans-preference housing," said Crowley. "Together, we hope these two

projects will serve as a model for dignified long-term care that our veterans richly deserve."

Pennrose senior developer Karmen Cheung said the goal of the project is to create more of a campus feel with additional green spaces and amenities and to make the area more pedestrian friendly.

Cheung said the project will be phased, with each phase beginning within six to nine months of each other, and each phase taking about 16 to 18 months to complete.

Near the end of the project, she said the developer's goal is to decommission the steam plant on the property and use it as a veterans' museum and community space.

Every veteran who currently resides on the campus will be able to move into a new unit. Cheung said that the first two phases will contain 151 units, which she said is more than enough for the 127 veterans who currently reside at the veterans' home.


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professionals and youth, which is rooted in a trauma-informed approach to acknowledge the impacts of traumatic experiences on youth behavior while providing opportunities

for growth. The Company has also engaged in volunteer efforts and built welcoming gym spaces known as Mini Judgement Free Zones in select Boys & Girls Clubs of America

throughout the country.


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CITY PAWS

Loose dog!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Recently we helped a neighbor protect a loose dog who had escaped from a pack of eight dogs tied up outside a building. We moved in slowly and surrounded the pup. Fortunately, we all knew that our best hope to keep the dog from running into traffic was to calmly and quietly encourage the dog to come to one of us. While that didn’t happen, we did keep the dog safe until the dog walker returned.

We’ve participated in several dog recoveries and learned a few tricks from our successes. In the case of a pretty Bichon Frise, a group effort caught her, and a water bottle strap became a temporary leash. A call to the phone number on her tag revealed that her person didn’t know she was missing.

In another instance, a neighbor was trying to catch a rather aggressive, large, mixed breed who

had broken free from a prong collar while walking with a family member who did not know the dog well. Penny took a neighbor’s dog so he would have two hands to work with, and so his dog would be safe from the growling, snapping escapee.

With no hope of getting the pinch collar back on the dog, we turned the leash into a noose and tried to lasso the animal. We offered treats to tempt the dog, but nothing was working. In the end, a young man joined the fray and held the dog by its ruff long enough to get the leash around its neck.

Catching a Loose Dog

If faced with a loose dog, follow the expert advice on what to do and what not to do. Don’t grab or chase the dog. The Whole Dog Journal suggests you should not even talk to a scared and agitated dog.

Instead, they recom-

mend using calming signals, “...mimicking the body language that dogs use to communicate peaceful intentions, avoid conflict, and defuse tension. Calming signals include yawning, using peripheral vision and blinking (never long, direct stares), and oblique approaches (moving from the side, not head on).”

Call animal control. They have the tools and training to capture stray dogs. Moreover, they can access records to locate the dog’s family and provide a safe place to secure the dog until she is reunited with her people. Make this call even if it’s your dog on the loose.

Carefully Choose a Dog Walker

Our most recent experience ended when the dog walker came out of the building with two more dogs. The walker immediately rushed to the dog, made a one-arm grab,



Three neighbors surrounded this dog who had pulled out of its collar while tied up with a pack of eight dogs outside a building.

nearly dropped the pup, and then scolded the poor thing for breaking out of its collar.

The lesson from our experiences is that you must carefully choose any temporary guardian who walks your dog. Be realistic about how well that person can control the dog. Consider how many dogs a professional walker can safely manage. Ask if the

walker’s professional insurance covers them when walking a large pack.

Karen B. London, Ph.D., a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist and Certified Professional Dog Trainer writing for Bark Magazine, says, “It worries me when I see a person walking more than four or so dogs, which is a very challenging thing to do.” She explained that

some jurisdictions limit the number of dogs a person can walk at one time. Ask yourself if a limit is something you would like your city or town to consider.

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

Sculpting / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Festival is an annual summer staple that combines the mesmerizing artistry of sand sculptures with a wide range of exciting activities. If you’re planning to stop by but don’t know where to start, we have you covered!

Don’t get us wrong, plenty of people just wander aimlessly along Revere Beach Blvd to see all the festival’s attractions and that’s absolutely fine. But, if you want the perfect guide to the Sand Sculpting Festival so you don’t miss a thing, make sure to keep reading.

Getting There

With the Sumner Tunnel closure increasing traffic, the MBTA is providing free transportation on the MBTA Blue Line! We encourage guests to take the T (which is super easy to use) and just hop off at the Wonderland or Revere Beach stations which are both within walking distance to the festival. If you are driving, the closest and most cost-effective parking is at the Wonderland Station Parking Garage.

Family Fun Amusements

The first thing you’re going to spot when you walk over is the Ferris Wheel. Seriously you

won’t be able to miss it. If you’ve been to the festival before just know we have upgraded the Ferris Wheel this year and will have one of the largest traveling wheels in New England! Start here so you can get the perfect spot to see the full festival and the beautiful view of the ocean.

Support Your Local Businesses

The only thing better than shopping is shopping for a good cause and this is the perfect excuse. New to the festival this year is The Beach Shop Pavilion. Basically, this area is dedicated to highlight local Revere businesses, emerging small businesses, or non-profit. With 19 different shops there will be plenty to browse from luxury sunglasses from Niraji to the perfect beach-themed décor from Ashley Mary Craftery and much more!

Engaging Entertainment

Prepare to be entertained by an incredible lineup of live performances throughout the festival. From talented musicians to captivating dancers and engaging performers, there will be four designated spots throughout the festival that will be alive with energy and excitement.

ment.

The place to be on Friday night at 7pm will be the centerpiece for a special performance by none other than Blue Man Group. These three will let you see the world in a whole new way with their paint drums, one-of-a-kind instruments, and interactive show.

Fireworks Extravaganza

Prepare to be dazzled by our Fireworks Extravaganza that will light up the night sky. Make sure to grab a spot along the sea wall for the best view of the display beginning at 9pm on Saturday, July 29. Watch in awe as the colorful explosions illuminate the sand sculptures, creating a magical atmosphere. It’s the perfect way to end your Saturday night with a breathtaking spectacle.

Calling All Foodies

Indulge your taste buds with an enticing array of food trucks and vendors. From savory to sweet, there’s something to satisfy every craving. Whether you’re in the mood for creative Asian street food from Moyzilla, the best hot dog from Trolley Dogs, an ice cream cool-down with Ben & Jerry’s, or your typical festival

snack from Fiesta Shows, there is truly something for everyone!

Right now, there’s almost 30 food trucks and vendors to choose from so we definitely recommend checking out the full list!

Grab A Drink

After exploring the festival for a bit, head to the Samuel Adams Beer Garden to unwind and soak up the festival atmosphere. Savor a refreshing selection of Samuel Adams products including Truly Seltzers, Twisted Tea, Wicked Hazy, and Angry Orchard as you mingle with fellow 21+ attendees. Raise a glass to the celebration, relax with some games, and enjoy the live music.

Beach Fit Weekend

Looking to break a sweat and rejuvenate your body and mind? Join invigorating and free workout classes offered at the MoveStudios Mobile Stage with workouts on Revere Beach. From morning yoga sessions that allow you to connect with nature to high-energy group fitness HIIT classes, you can exercise in a refreshing beach setting while being surrounded by the incredible sand sculptures. It’s the perfect opportunity to stay active and find your inner balance.

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Sand Sculptures

Saving the best for last is the whole reason why everyone is coming to the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, the sand sculptures! These sculptures are truly a work of art that captivates our imagination and transports us into a world of creativity and wonder. With just sand, water, and boundless talent, Master Sand Sculptors can transform ordinary grains into magnificent masterpieces.

With the theme of this year’s festival being ‘Celebrating 90 Years of Kong’, one cannot wait to see the artistry of an epic battle of Kong featured at the centerpiece. In addition to the centerpiece, there will be 15 Master Sand Sculptors from around the world in a heated competition for \$28,000 in prize money beginning Wednesday, July 26 through the afternoon of Saturday, July 28. Though all the sand sculptures are spectacular, make sure to watch last year’s 1st place winner, Abe Waterman, or the People’s Choice Award, Deborah Barret-Cutulle, transform sand and water into works of art.

Conclusion

The Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival offers experiences that will delight and entertain visitors of all ages. Immerse yourself in the mesmerizing world of sand sculptures while exploring the festival’s diverse attractions, including live entertainment, mouthwatering food, unique shopping, and a lively beer garden. Don’t miss out on this unforgettable experience that celebrates art, entertainment, and the joy of coming together.

So, mark your calendars for July 28 through 30, and we hope to see you there! Stay tuned for more updates through our website [www.rbissf.com](http://www.rbissf.com), or follow us on social media.

Revere Beach Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2001. The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America’s first public beach for the enjoyment of all. The partnership is made up of a volunteer board that shares a love for Revere and Revere Beach. For more information, please visit [www.reverebeachpartnership.com](http://www.reverebeachpartnership.com) or [www.rbissf.com](http://www.rbissf.com).

Perkins / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

set a single-game scoring record of 59 points [versus Somerville High], a record that still stands today. Interestingly, Chelsea lost the game despite Perkins’ record-setting performance and 22 points from Stevie Karll.

The 1962-63 CHS team, led by Perkins and Karll, a terrific long-range shooter and passer, and others including Marty Dorfman

and Mickey O’Donnell, qualified for the Tech Tournament. Fans would pack the old CHS gym to watch the Red Devils play their home games.

Coach Goodman later

nicknamed the dynamic duo of the 6-foot-5 Lew Perkins and the 5-foot-7 Stevie Karll, “Mighty Moose and Mighty Mouse.”

“Lew dominated the game when he played for Chelsea High,” recalled Karll, who later played basketball at Boston State College. “Once he had the ball in the paint, he was unstoppable. He dominated the whole Greater Boston League.”

Karll said he and Perkins began their friendship in elementary school. “Lew lived on Shurtleff, and I lived on Bellingham,” said Karll. “We played in Arnold Goodman’s intramural basketball league and for the Shurtleff Junior High teams that played against Williams and Carter [Junior High].”

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Reecruited by many college, Lew Perkins went on to play college basketball at the University of Iowa. He entered the field of sports administration and enjoyed a successful 40-year career in college athletics, serving as the athletic director at Division 1 programs such as Wichita State, Maryland, UConn, and Kansas. Perkins is credited with helping the UConn men’s and women’s basketball teams become national powerhouses. Following his career in college athletics, he served on the USA Boxing board of directors.

Perkins, who also threw the javelin for the the track team, was inducted into the first class of the Chelsea High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

“Lew was basically unstoppable as a high school player,” said former CHS athletic director Frank DePatto. “I put him at the top of the list of Chelsea’s all-time greats, alongside Solly Nechtem and Craig Walker.”

Karll said he and Perkins kept in touch often through the years. Perkins traveled to Boston to attend Karll’s 70th birthday party. Another close friend was Jimmy Barbati, Lew’s high school classmate. “The three of us would triple date in high school,” said Karll.

Though he didn’t return often to Chelsea, Lew Perkins still held the city warmly in his heart.

“Lew never forgot where he was from,” said Karll. “He never forgot he was from Chelsea.”

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REVERE BEACH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTURING WEEKEND IS HERE



There are several sponsor exhibits partially or completed for your viewing pleasure, one even at the foot of the Boulevard Bridge.



Celebrating his 90th Birthday, King Kong will be visiting Revere Beach this coming weekend.



Although the sculpturing contest does not begin until Thursday, sponsor exhibits are under way.

The sand is here, the sun is coming and so are millions of people getting ready to visit the Nation’s First Public Beach, Historic Revere Beach.

For the 19th festival theme, Kong is the featured character, and a bigger than life figure he is. Kong has battled every monster known to mankind, including men out to destroy his home. Lately King Kong has partnered with Godzilla to save the world, however this year he is donning a swimsuit and visiting the sunny beach in Revere, celebrating 90 years as part of our heritage and movie enjoyment.

The Revere Beach Partnership is happy to present this event for free, and it is very family friendly. From Friday, July 28 running through Sunday, July 30, the event will be officially opened, although the sculptures will remain long after the crowds sub-



A beautiful sunny Sunday on Revere Beach brought bathers and walker to its location, all stopping to see the center piece come to life.

side. Hosting world class sculptures for the event, as well as food trucks, food vendors, and other trinkets and paraphernalia will be available for purchase.

The most up to date information can be obtained at [www.rbissf.com](http://www.rbissf.com) , or on social media.



The special sand for sculpturing is in place along Revere Beach’s shoreline, ready to be transposed into greatness, and in the image of this year’s celebrity, King Kong.

Redesign // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

tor of Housing and Community Development. “The city is overseeing a project to modernize utilities and roadway infrastructure, improve public transit, and promote walkability in the downtown, increase business activity, and beautify the downtown area.”

The plaza redesign seeks to comprehensively re-envision the plaza that is outside of City Hall, the City Hall courtyard, as well as some of the streetscape areas around the building, said Train.

“One of our major goals is to improve the aesthetics and function of the space to make it a comfortable, hospitable environment for residents to gather,” said Train. “Additionally, we are looking to create a space that is more conducive for events as well as better suited for families. A lot of the community meetings we held over the course of the last year on the plaza really focused on the fact that residents surrounding the downtown don’t necessarily have outdoor spaces that they can gather in so they see this as a downtown outdoor living room where they can cool off in the summertime and participate in different events and resources.”

The civic engagement of the past year has culminated in the creation of a

design concept that will be presented at the August 29 meeting.

“The concept is going to be focused on greening the space significantly, adding a number of new trees, shrubs, and flowers, as well as reconfiguring the plaza with a new accessible seating area, as well as areas for events,” said Train. “That can include protests, concerts, and other events that usually take place in the plaza or the courtyard, but right now, the courtyard isn’t necessarily configured in the best way, so we are looking to really open it up to the public to make it better.”

Train said the city will

integrate community input following the August meeting, along with its partners on the project, GreenRoots and The Chelsea Collaborative.

“After that, we will oversee the final engineering of this space, which will take place over the fall and winter of 2024,” said Train. “Our goal is to have this fully designed by the middle of 2024, and we will aim to break ground on the plaza at the same time as the downtown Broadway project.”

Early next year, Train said the city will also intensify its focus on finding grant funding to help pay for the project.

Hearing / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Betz said there have been issues at the Chelsea Walk Pub in the past where police were only able to determine how bad they were through reviewing the video.

In other business, a Revere Beach Parkway resident sent a correspondence to the Licensing Commission with concerns about fireworks in the parking lot of the Chili’s Restaurant on Revere Beach Parkway for several hours late into the night on the Fourth of July. The resident stated that it has been a problem

in past years, and also noted that there have been noise issues with delivery trucks in the early morning hours at Chili’s.

Commission Chair Mar- nie MacAlpine said she would like more information, especially about the early morning deliveries, before calling Chili’s in for a disciplinary hearing.

“I would hate to put Chili’s up for a public hearing about noise without having more information about who is getting deliveries at those hours,” said MacAlpine.

MacAlpine said she would also like to see if there was any video surveillance of the fireworks coming from the parking lot, and that it could be difficult to hold the establishment responsible for that kind of activity on the Fourth of July.

The commission also approved an extension of hours on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights for Las Vegas restaurant at 388 Broadway from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. The closing hours will remain at 11 p.m. for the remainder of the week.



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# CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL ICE CREAM FUND RAISER

The Chelsea Senior Center is known for its many great programs for the community's seniors, giving them a place of safety and one to make new friends and visit with lifelong ones as well. It takes funds to do all this, and the City of Chelsea does it's best to accommodate the need, but a little help goes a long way. Last week, the senior

center held its annual ice cream and lunch fund raiser. It was a huge success, thanks to lots of hard work of Executive Director Tracy Nowicki and her dedicated staff, and the support of the Chelsea Community. For a small fee, anyone can enjoy a banana split, sundae, hot dog, cold drink, or a delicious meatball sub from Chelsea's own Michael G's.

A big thank you for all that supported the center and their annual ice cream event, your generosity will go a long way to make life better for Chelsea's seniors.



City of Chelsea Law Department is welcomed by Director Tracy Nowicki, Naomi Libran, J Morales, Cheryl Watson-Fisher, Melissa Costanzo, Bart Reyes, and Dr. Candice Perez.



DPW workers, Christina Dellanno, Daniel Velasteguo, and Blanca Nieves.



Council President Leo Robinson picking up his lunch, shown with Edwin DeJesus.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton with Tracy Nowicki, Cheryl Fisher, and Laurie Taraskiewicz.



Chief Houghton with Dotti Kushmerek, Tracy Nowicki, and Jamie Santos.



Chelsea DPW enjoying lunch.



Chelsea Housing Authority, Executive Director Paul Nowicki is shown with Alexander Jiminez, John Nowicki, Matt Frank, Carmen Torres, and Krystina Sunsin.



Meatball subs were donated by Chelsea Businessman Michael Giannasca owner of Michael G's Italian Restaurant in Chelsea, is shown with Director Tracy Nowicki and Mary Ellen Savignano.



Officer Dave Delaney and Brutt meet Broyny Channel.



The meatball subs were a very popular item on the menu, Minerva Baralt was very happy with her choice.



Brutt was very popular for photo-ops, shown with his new friends Ronda Lucido and Guida DeAlmelda.



Brutt gets a little snack from Linda Levy.



Councillor Leo Robinson talks with his friends, Sycily Hutson, Celeste Williams, Denise Bishop, Nicola Richardson, and Linda Levy.



Chelsea Auditing Department was on hand for a delicious and fun lunch, Aldia Orellana, Socheath Toda, Ed Dunn, Xi Portillo, Valentina Rodriguez, and Josephine Cabral.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Greater Boston Labor Council endorses Calvin T. Brown’s re-election Campaign for City Council

The Greater Boston Labor Council (GBLC) has endorsed Calvin T. Brown in his re-election campaign for Chelsea City Council District 8. “I am so flattered and gratified that such a respected and prominent labor organization has recognized our work on behalf of our city’s working people,” said Brown.

Councilor Brown also noted that his ongoing work with organized labor

was so critically important during COVID. “Now that we have put the worst of the pandemic behind us, my focus will be improving the quality of life for all Chelsea workers, their families and our community, this is something we will do together,” Brown added.

GBLC represents over 100,000 workers and their families and the coalition is widely known for their efforts to increase

the political influence and dignity of organized labor throughout the Greater Boston Area. Calvin Brown is the current Chelsea District 8 Councilor and has been a true champion for the residents of Chelsea and a long-time community activist. The Great Boston Labor Council is pleased to endorse Councilor Brown’s candidacy for Re-Election Chelsea City Council District 8.

Summer Movie Nights at “Old Ironsides” returns on July 28

Summer Movie Nights at “Old Ironsides” Returns on July 28

USS Constitution and the USS Constitution Museum will host a series of free public Summer Movie Nights alongside the Ship this summer, beginning Friday, July 28. The “Old Ironsides” crew will project each film to guests seated on the pier alongside the legendary Ship to deliver a one-of-a-kind experience.



Russell Crowe stars in the Academy Award-nominated film Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World, showing at the free Movie Night at Old Ironsides on July 28, 2023.

All movie titles, dates, and times for the Summer Movie Nights are available on the Museum’s website. The events will be first-come, first-served due to space. General seating is available, and guests may bring chairs and blankets to use while viewing the movie. Guests ages 18 and up will be asked to show a photo I.D. and pass through a security screening.

About the USS Constitution Museum

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week

with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. For more information, visit usscm.org.

About USS Constitution

USS Constitution is the world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855. The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship’s mission of promoting the Navy’s history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence. USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents. The ship earned the nickname “Old Ironsides” during the War of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the Ship’s wooden hull.

David Roque is named CHS head football coach

By Cary Shuman

As a Chelsea High football player during the 2011 state playoffs, David Roque was one heart-breaking play away from his team advancing to the Super Bowl.

The last-second 12-10 loss to Cathedral High still stings, but Roque is now poised to lead the Red Devils back to the playoffs as the newly appointed head coach of the Chelsea High football team.

Director of Athletics Amanda Alpert announced the hiring of Roque last Friday.



David Roque is the new head coach of the Chelsea High school football team.

“I’m very excited to be the coach,” said Roque, who is a 2013 CHS graduate. “I’m grateful for the opportunity that our athletic director has given to me. I congratulate her [Alpert] on winning another ring [as a member of the Boston Renegades women’s professional football team].”

Roque, 28, has served the last seven seasons as an assistant coach in the CHS football program. He currently plays semi-professional football for the Mass Warriors in the New England Football League.

**Meeting with the team**

Roque has met with the Chelsea High players, who are participating in off-season workouts. Pre-season practices begin officially on Aug. 18.

“We have about 40 players, but those numbers should go up to 60-70 players the first week of school,” said Roque.

The coach is pleased with the positive attitude and work ethic of his team.

“I’ve been seeing the group of players putting in the work this off-season, and we have high expectations and high hopes for them,” said Roque.

Chelsea High, who is a member of the Greater Boston League, will play an independent schedule in the 2023 season. The Red Devils will open on the road against Saugus

and play games versus GBL schools Somerville and Medford. Other opponents are Lynn Tech, Roxbury Prep, and Georgetown.

sea and works in manufacturing at a pharmaceutical company.

**Coaching staff selected**

Roque has announced his assistant coaching staff. Joseph Saez will be the offensive coordinator. Max Byrd will be the running backs and defensive backs coach. David Bui will be an assistant coach. Christian Velasquez will be the special teams’ coach.

“Christian is my brother,” said David proudly. “He also went to Chelsea High, played football, and graduated in 2015. He was a senior on the team during my first year of coaching in the program.”

The volunteer coaches are Rony Gomez (defensive line) and Deron Hines (offensive line).

**An excellent football career at CHS**

David Roque was a two-year starter for the Red Devils. He was a starting center, defensive end, and long snapper for the Red Devils, sometimes filling in at linebacker.

In the 2011 Division 4A state semifinal, Chelsea was leading Cathedral, 10-6, with 13 seconds left when Cathedral’s Edward Bermudez returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown as time expired.

“If we won that game, we would have gone to the Super Bowl and played Blue Hills,” recalled Roque. “It was a memorable year, but we still have nightmares about that game.”

David Roque’s quest to lead Chelsea High back into the state playoffs begins next month. A young man with a love of football and a tremendous knowledge of the sport, Roque is setting the bar high and feels his team can reach those lofty goals and fill up the stands again on Friday nights with Chelsea fans.

Metro Credit Union Foundation announces 2023 grant recipients



Chris Duane, Boys and Girls Club of MetroWest; Molly Courson, YMCA of Metro North; Klaus Alexis, YMCA of Metro North; Robert Cashman, President and CEO Metro Credit Union; Stephanie Brown, Casa Myrna; Bella Solomon, Breaktime; Kevin James, Breaktime; Ann Colvin, South Middlesex Opportunity Council; Michael Devlin, South Middlesex Opportunity Council.

Metro Credit Union, the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, announced that it has awarded \$50,000 in grant funding to six local non-profit organizations through the Metro Credit Union Foundation. Metro launched the Foundation in April 2023 — these grants represent the inaugural Foundation awards to support organizations, initiatives, and programs that contribute to the economic well-being of local communities and their residents through grant funding.

“Metro was founded on the idea of ‘people helping people’ nearly 100 years ago and to this day, giving back to the communities we serve remains central to everything we do,” said

Robert Cashman, President and CEO, Metro Credit Union. “We are pleased to further our community efforts through grant funding to support the impactful and important work of the recipients.”

The Foundation recipients include:

- Boys and Girls Club of MetroWest, Marlborough - \$10,000, Money Matters Program
- Breaktime, Boston - \$10,000, Match Savings Program
- Casa Myrna, Boston - \$5,000, Match Savings Program
- Roxbury Main Streets Revitalization Corporation, Roxbury - \$10,000, Streetscape Improvements Project
- South Middlesex

Opportunity Council, Inc., Framingham - \$10,000, Adult Learning ESL Program

- YMCA of Metro North, Peabody - \$5,000, Youth and Teen Center Leadership Program

For more information about the foundation, application guidelines, and upcoming application deadlines visit Foundation. MetroCU.org.

Each year, Metro gives back to local communities through a number of philanthropic initiatives, partnerships, scholarships, and volunteer programs. Metro has been recognized for its charitable contributions with the Boston Business Journal Corporate Citizenship Award for the past three years.

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## Donald Bradford Roy

September 29, 1943 - July 20, 2023

Donald B. “Don” Roy, self-employed general contractor and commercial builder, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on July 20. He was 79 years of age. Born and raised in Beachmont, Revere, he was a beloved son of the late Joseph A. and Suzanne (Selvitella) Roy.

He attended local schools in Revere, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Navy “Seabees” construction battalion and spent time stationed in Guantanamo Bay during the Bay of Pigs Operation. He was honorably discharged in 1964 and returned home to Beachmont.

Don continued his education attending Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston matriculating in wood-working and finish carpentry. He established himself as Donald B. Roy Construction in Revere and later as Bradford Construction in East Boston. He designed and built many projects in the area, recently among them was the Florentine Café in Boston’s North End and Giacomo’s Ristorante in the South End.

He was married to Margaret (Koscielecki) Konikowski-Roy for 54 years. Together they resided in Orient Heights, East Boston for the past 43 years in the house he designed and built.

In his lifetime, Don and Margaret enjoyed time on the ocean, cruising aboard his boat to the Harbor Islands and Cape Cod. He was a familiar yachtsman at Smith Marina in Winthrop and Constitution Marina in Boston. Don was an avid animal lover, keeping pets at home and feeding and observing the urban wildlife around his home.

Don enjoyed his work



and never fully retired from his construction work. He enjoyed taking on various projects, creating and building was his passion. He is also remembered as being a problem solver, finding solutions, repairing structures and edifices.

In addition to his parents, Don was predeceased by his brother, Kenneth Roy, formerly of Beachmont. He is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret Konikowski-Roy. He was the loving stepfather of Paul Konikowski and his wife Jennifer of Billerica, cherished grandfather of Carly Konikowski and Phillip Konikowski and adored great-grandfather of Ava and Atlas Butcher, all of Billerica. He is also survived by his longtime friend, Jason Brooks and his canine companion, “Smoky.”

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Should friends desire, contributions in Don’s name may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905. WWW.StJude.org/Donate or Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave, Salem, MA 01970 --www.DonateNortheastAnimalShelter.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.WelshFH.com](http://www.WelshFH.com).



## William Burge

July 23, 1942 – July 22, 2023

William E. “Billy” Burge entered eternal life on Saturday, July 22, just one day before his 81st birthday.

A lifelong resident of Chelsea, Billy was one of six sons born to the union of the late Arthur J. Burge, Sr., and Mary S. (Budney) Burge. Billy was married to Catherine C. (Haumann) Burge for 56 years and together they raised three sons.

He worked as Specialty Paint Tinter for 40 years, starting with General Electric and later continued working for Glyptal Inc. in Chelsea before retiring at age 62 in 2004.

A quiet unassuming gentleman, his wife, family and home were the central parts of his life. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife, cruising to Alaska and Bermuda and vacationing in Aruba.

Later in life, he volunteered his services at the Chelsea Senior Center, helping during the many events held at the center, working at the food bank and delivering food to seniors during the covid crisis.

Billy was predeceased by his wife, Catherine C. Burge and a brother, Arthur J. Burge, Jr. He is survived by his loving



sons and their spouses: Michael Burge and his wife, Sau of Burlington, John Burge of Chelsea and Timothy Burge and his wife, Lisa of Sudbury. He was the cherished grandfather of Tyler Burge, Leona Barber, Justin Burge, and Kyle Burge; dear brother of Joseph Burge of Florida, Edward Burge of Saugus, Thomas Burge of Chelsea and James Burge of Florida and also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends.

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## Lawrence “Lonnie”

## Christopher

Retired professional boxer, union carpenter and founding member of the Winnessimet Club of Chelsea

Family and friends attended a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, for Lawrence “Lonnie” Christopher who peacefully died in his sleep surrounded by family. He was in his 87th year.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he was the youngest of thirteen children born to Thomas and Mary Christopher. He was known as “Big Red” for his athleticism and imposing stature. But looks can be deceiving, to those who knew him he was a gentle soul who loved to laugh and always had a joke.

As a youth, he enjoyed both the Boston Braves and the Boston Red Sox. He most enjoyed the Celtics from the dynasty of the 60’s up to the Bird years in the 80’s.

He worked out almost daily at the Chelsea YMCA from his youth until he was in his early eighties. It was at the Chelsea YMCA where Lonnie learned to box. He fought as a heavyweight as both an amateur and a professional throughout New England.

Upon retiring from boxing, he became a union carpenter where he was a member of Local 33, until his retirement in 1999. During the Boston building boom of the 60’s and 70’s, Lonnie worked on the building of the Prudential and Hancock Towers, as well as many other sky scrapers.

Lonnie was a founding member of the Winnessimet Club in Chelsea. For many years he enjoyed playing in numerous Chelsea men’s basketball leagues and on the mound as a pitcher at the Chelsea Fast Pitch Softball League.

It was in Chelsea that he met the love of his life, Jean (Anderson), who is a retired registered nurse. The couple just celebrated



their 60th wedding anniversary the day before his passing. They left Chelsea and settled in Revere, moving to Eustis Street in 1973. Once there, he spent the next several decades using his carpentry skills to completely revamp every room in the house.

He is survived by Jean and their three children: Laura Adreani and her husband, Mark of Revere, Attorney Lawrence “Lonnie” Christopher and his wife, Rachel of Revere and Jon Christopher and his wife, Abby of Winthrop. He is also survived by his five grandchildren: Mark Adreani Jr. and his wife, Ally of Revere, Christopher Adreani and his wife, Gabrielle of Peabody, Ashton Adreani and her fiancée, Brielle Gilmore of Melrose, Brendan Christopher and Erinn Christopher, both of Revere and three great-grandchildren: Emma Adreani, Mark Adreani III and Matthew Adreani. He also adored many wonderful dogs through the years, including Thor, Bailey, Clementine, Lola, Paco and Charlie.

Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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## Marie Censullo

She will be missed, remembered and forever loved

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Friday, July 28, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., for Marie A. Censullo, who passed from this life on Thursday, July 20, in the loving presence of her family and in the comfort of her home following a long illness. She was 94 years old. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, July 29th at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop. Interment immediately following will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Marie was born in Revere on June 18, 1929 to her late parents, Joseph and Josephine (DePaula) Perna. One of six children, she was raised and educated in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1947. She married Alfred Censullo in 1954 and they moved to East Boston where they began their life and family together.

Marie was a proud mother of six children and she went to work when the children were in school. She worked various jobs, including as a bookkeeper and office manager.

Marie’s faith was an extremely important aspect of her life. She was a faithful and daily communicant at St. John the Evangelist Church in Winthrop. She was also an active member of the Third Order of Mary at Immaculate Conception Church in Revere. Faith and family went hand and hand. Her children and grandchildren were the definition of her heart and soul. She will be missed, remembered, and forever loved.

She was the devoted wife of 53 years of the late Alfred P. “Freddie” Censullo; the loving mother of Peter J. Censullo and his wife, Kathleen of



Rowley, Joseph A. Censullo and his wife, Anne of Lynn, Deacon Alfred P. Censullo, Jr. and his wife, Rose of No. Greenbush, NY, Paul V. Censullo and his wife, Joann of Stoneham, Jennifer A. Pisarik and her husband, Kris of Chelmsford and Maria Mazzone and her husband, Mario of Winthrop; cherished grandmother of David Censullo and his wife, Jacqueline of Lynn, Dr. Elizabeth Pisarik and her husband, Dr. Michael Epstein of Somerville, Alyssa O’Hare and her husband, Sean of Chelmsford, Kristi Bray and her husband, Greg of Jamaica Plan, Erica Mazzone of Loma Linda, CA, Dr. Jennie Pisarik of Boston, Mario Mazzone and Michael Mazzone, both of Winthrop, Alex Censullo of Boston and Peter Censullo of Rowley; adored great grandmother of Emmie, June, Will, Quinn, and Grace; dear sister of the late Louise Spallone, Carmine Perna, Domenic Perna, Joseph Perna, and Josephine Lettney. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Restoration Fund at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop.

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Safely Home in Heaven at last.  
Dear one, do not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust Our Father's Will.  
When your work is completed,  
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## 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

*Friday, July 28*

Festival Hours: 10:00AM-10:00PM

### BEACH FIT STAGE

**9-9:45AM:** Pilates at the Beach Fit Stage  
**10-10:45AM:** Rev'd-X HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage  
**11-11:45AM:** Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage  
**12-12:45PM:** Power Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage  
**1-1:45PM:** Kickboxing at the Beach Fit Stage

### KING KONG STAGE

**12-1PM:** Ryan Lally on the King Kong Stage  
**6:30-7PM:** Opening Ceremonies on the King Kong Stage  
**7PM:** Blue Man Group on the King Kong Stage

### WILLIAM G. REINSTEIN BANDSTAND

**11AM-2PM:** Chiara at the Bandstand  
**3-6PM:** Lee Ross at the Bandstand  
**8-10PM:** Jermaine Hickling at the Bandstand

### SAMUEL ADAMS BEER GARDEN

**1-9PM:** Samuel Adams Beer Garden  
**2-5PM:** Kelsey Blackstone in the Beer Garden  
**6-9PM:** Dan Morgan in the Beer Garden

*Saturday, July 29*

Festival Hours: 10:00AM-10:00PM

### BEACH FIT STAGE

**8-8:45AM:** Strength at the Beach Fit Stage  
**9-9:45AM:** Barre at the Beach Fit Stage  
**10-10:45AM:** Abs & Body HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage  
**11-11:45AM:** Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage  
**12-12:45PM:** Power Yoga HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage  
**1-1:45PM:** Kickboxing at the Beach Fit Stage  
**2-2:45PM:** Sculpt at the Beach Fit Stage  
**6-6:45PM:** Turn Up Dance at the Beach Fit Stage  
**7-7:45PM:** Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage  
**8-8:45PM:** Hype Dance at the Beach Fit Stage

### KING KONG STAGE

**2-5PM:** Jahriffie on the King Kong Stage  
**6-6:30PM:** Awards Ceremony on the King Kong Stage  
**6:30-9PM:** Live Entertainment on the King Kong Stage

### WILLIAM G. REINSTEIN BANDSTAND

**10AM-1PM:** Ward Hayden at the Bandstand  
**2-5PM:** Pogo Fred at the Bandstand

### SAMUEL ADAMS BEER GARDEN

**1-9PM:** Samuel Adams Beer Garden  
**1-4PM:** Sean Rivers in the Beer Garden  
**5-8PM:** Francoix Simard in the Beer Garden

*Sunday, July 30*

Festival Hours: 10:00AM-8:00PM

### BEACH FIT STAGE

**8-8:45AM:** Kickboxing at the Beach Fit Stage  
**9-9:45AM:** Pilates at the Beach Fit Stage  
**10-10:45AM:** Abs & Body HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage  
**11-11:45AM:** Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage  
**12-12:45PM:** Power Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage

### KING KONG STAGE

**1-4PM:** Live Entertainment on the King Kong Stage

### WILLIAM G. REINSTEIN BANDSTAND

**11AM-2PM:** Cam Hebert at the Bandstand  
**4-7PM:** Michael Breiner at the Bandstand

### SAMUEL ADAMS BEER GARDEN

**1-9PM:** Samuel Adams Beer Garden  
**3-6PM:** Live Entertainment in the Beer Garden

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