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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta greets students as they arrive to begin another school year.

Right, a teacher helps some students find their classrooms.



WBUR hosting listening session for Latinx/Hispanic community

Staff Report

One of Boston's public radio stations is looking for input from Chelsea's Latinx/Hispanic residents about the issues that affect them in the city.

WBUR is hosting a community listening session on Tuesday, Sept. 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chelsea Theatre Works

at 189 Winnisimmet St.

According to WBUR, the listening session with public radio journalists is an opportunity to hear directly from the Chelsea community about the timely issues and ideas on residents' minds.

The small group conversations are off the record and aim to help

WBUR's coverage decisions.

There will be refreshments and WBUR journalists, including Spanish-speaking staff will be on hand.

The event is limited to 30 people, so those who wish to attend should RSVP at www.wbur.org/inside/2023/08/17/

wbur-community-listening-session-chelsea.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta said she plans to attend the listening session.

"I'm very appreciative of the work of WBUR," said Abeyta. "They have been a wonderful partner to me and the City of Chelsea."

Chelsea Public Schools hold Convocation at CHS

Staff Report

The Chelsea Public Schools held its annual CPS Convocation, the

first in-person Convocation since 2019, Aug. 29 at Chelsea High School.

Following breakfast in the school cafeteria,

Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, School Committee Chairwoman Kelly Garcia, and City Council President Leo Robinson

delivered remarks as part of the program.

Michael Bonner, a renowned leader, educator, author, and philanthropist, was the special guest speaker.

Bonner shared a message with the Chelsea educators about the impact they have on students. The theme of his keynote address centered on the challenges he faced as an educator and how he chose not to quit, but rather rise

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Chelsea Schools Communications Specialist Michael Sullivan, Assistant Supt. of Schools Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty, Officer of Innovation, Access and Opportunity Malik Howshan, Administrative Assistant to the Supt. Veronica Dyer-Medina, and Chelsea High School Assistant Principal Tiffany Robinson.

Please check back in next week's issue for an interview with Paul and Tracy Nowicki!

Council approves early voting dates and times for preliminary election

Staff Report

The City Council approved early voting dates and times for the Sept. 26 preliminary election at a special meeting on Monday night.

The preliminary election is for District Four for City Council and District Seven for School Committee only.

In District Four, current Councilor Tanairi Garcia is running alongside current Licensing Commission Chair Marnie MacAlpine and Adriel Rodriguez.

Due to redistricting, Garcia is not technically a candidate for reelection, since she currently represents District 7. Long-time current District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez is not running for reelection this year.

The District Seven School Committee preliminary features candidates

Lucia Henriquez, Loren Sokol, and Celeste Williams.

In-person early voting for the preliminary election will be held in the City Clerk's office at City Hall for District Four (Ward 3 Precinct 3 and Ward 3 Precinct 4) and District Seven (Ward 2 Precinct 3 and Ward 2 Precinct 4).

Early voting in-person will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and then during normal business hours from Monday, Sept. 18 through Friday, Sept. 22.

The vote by mail application is posted on the city's website, according to City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White. The deadline to apply for vote by mail for the Sept. 26 preliminary election is Tuesday, Sept. 19 by 5 p.m. The deadline to apply for the vote by mail for the Nov. 7 city election is Tuesday, Oct. 31 by 5 p.m.

Portion of Fourth Street named in honor of Herbie Kupersmith

By Adam Swift

Herbert (Herbie) M. Kupersmith has helped numerous students from Chelsea and other communities achieve their dreams of attending college over the years through scholarship opportunities.

At a special City Council meeting on Monday night, the council voted to honor Kupersmith's dedication to Chelsea by approving the naming of a portion of Fourth Street in his honor.

The stretch of Fourth Street between Walnut Street and the Tobin Bridge directly along the side of the Walnut Street Synagogue will now be known as Herbie Kupersmith Way.

"Mr. Herbert M. Kupersmith (known far and wide as 'Herbie') is a Chelsea native moving here (at) age 2, where he established a lifelong commitment to the community, in support of education where over many years he donated significantly to the Chelsea Public Schools, Marblehead Public Schools, and Swampscott Public Schools, providing scholarship opportunities for countless students to advance their educations and help find their way in life," stated City Manager Ned Keefe. "Mr. Kupersmith attended the Walnut Street Synagogue, bar mitzvahed there in 1952, and dedicated his life to

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City Council President Leo Robinson announced at the Herb Kupersmith Birthday Party celebration that a street in Chelsea will be named in honor of Herbie (right).

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September service changes will allow MBTA crews to continue improvement

The MBTA announced service changes in September on the Red, Green, Orange, Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, Newburyport/Rockport, and Haverhill lines. The MBTA will continue working to improve service reliability across the system.

Service changes will take place on the Red Line Braintree Branch this month in order for MBTA crews to perform critical rail and tie replacement work. Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between North Quincy and Braintree Stations on the following dates:

- Beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesdays through Thursdays, September 5-7 and September 12-14, as well as Tuesday through Friday, September 19-22.

- All day from start to end of service during the weekend of September 23-24.

Accessible shuttle bus service will also replace Red Line trains between Quincy Center and Braintree Stations beginning at approximately 8:45 PM on Friday, September 8, and through the weekend until the end of service on Sunday, September 10.

Accessible shuttle bus service will also replace

Red Line trains between Broadway and Ashmont Stations on the Ashmont Branch and between Broadway and North Quincy Stations on the Braintree Branch all day from start to end of service during the weekend of September 30-October 1. This service change allows MBTA crews to perform critical work on the Savin Hill Avenue and Dorchester Avenue bridges, to perform necessary tunnel inspections on the Ashmont Branch, and to accomplish station brightening work at JFK/UMass Station.

The Kingston, Middleborough, and Greenbush Commuter Rail lines, which run adjacent to the Red Line, will also experience service changes. Accessible shuttle bus service will replace trains between South Station and Braintree on the following dates:

- After 7:30 PM through the end of service Tuesdays through Thursdays on September 5-7 and September 12-14 as well as Tuesday through Friday September 19-22.

- All day from start to end of service during the weekends of September 9-10, September 23-24, and September 30-October 1.

- Accessible express shuttle bus service will

also operate directly between South Station and Braintree Station.

- Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses, and regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, and Braintree Stations. Keolis Customer Service Agents, MBTA staff, and Transit Ambassadors will be on-site at impacted stations to support riders.

- The diversion schedule will be available online soon at mbta.com/CommuterRail.

Due to the continued demolition of the Government Center Garage by private developer HYM Construction, Orange and Green Line service changes will take place in the downtown Boston area all day for 25 days from September 18-October 12:

- Orange Line trains will bypass Haymarket Station. Orange Line riders should instead exit at North Station or State, less than a half-mile from Haymarket (or a four- to eight-minute walk), and travel to the Haymarket area.

- Green Line service will be suspended between North Station and Government Center Station. Riders are instead asked to walk above ground between these sta-

tions – Government Center, Haymarket, and North Station are each less than a half mile from each other (about a five- to 10-minute walk). The distance between Government Center to North Station is about three-quarters of a mile (about a 13-minute walk).

- Riders are also reminded that Orange Line / Green Line connections can also be made via the Winter Street Concourse, which connects Park Street and Downtown Crossing Stations.

- Accessibility vans will also be available for on-demand transportation – Orange and Green Line riders should ask MBTA personnel for information and assistance.

Accessible shuttle buses will replace Newburyport/Rockport Line trains between Swampscott and North Station during the weekend of September 9-10. This service change will allow for work on the future temporary platform at Lynn Station. There will be no service at Chelsea Station with passengers instead encouraged to utilize Silver Line 3 service. Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses. Regular train service will operate between Newburyport/Rockport and Swampscott with regular Commuter Rail fares col-

lected. A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and is available on mbta.com.

As previously announced, accessible shuttle buses will replace Haverhill Line trains between Ballardvale and North Station for 58 days from September 9-November 5. This service change allows crews to perform Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed. Shuttle buses will replace train service between Reading and Oak Grove where passengers can make an Orange Line subway connection. A shuttle bus will also provide service between Reading and Anderson/Woburn for connections to the Lowell Line and Haverhill Line. The shuttle service between Reading and Oak Grove will make stops in Wakefield, Greenwood, Melrose Highlands, Melrose Cedar Park, Wyoming Hill, and Oak Grove. Train service for passengers between Ballardvale and Haverhill will be re-routed along the Lowell Line after Ballardvale, making one additional stop at Anderson/Woburn station then running express to

North Station. A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and will be available online soon.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at mbta.com/alerts. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site during these service changes to offer information and assistance. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on Twitter @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

The MBTA previously announced service changes in August on the Red, Green, Orange, Silver, Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, and Lowell lines. More information is available here.

The MBTA apologizes for the inconvenience of these scheduled service changes and appreciates the understanding and patience of riders as this critical and necessary work to maintain, upgrade, and modernize the system takes place.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/alerts, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, or TikTok @thembta.

Jodi Cohen named Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office

Director Christopher Wray has named Jodi Cohen as the Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office. Ms. Cohen most recently served as the Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville Field Office in Louisville, KY.

Ms. Cohen joined the FBI as a Special Agent in 2005 and was assigned to the New York Field Office, where she investigated white-collar crime and health care fraud. She also worked violent crime matters on the Safe Streets Task Force.

In 2014, Ms. Cohen was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent and



Jodi Cohen.

reported to the Washington Field Office to provide support to national security and criminal covert operations. In 2018, Ms. Cohen was selected as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Criminal

Branch in the Seattle Field Office.

In 2017, Ms. Cohen served as a team leader in the Inspection Division at FBI Headquarters in Washington D.C. She oversaw agent-involved shooting investigations, national program reviews, and field office inspections.

In 2020, Ms. Cohen served as the chief of staff for the executive assistant director and section chief in the National Security Branch of FBI Headquarters. In 2021, Ms. Cohen was promoted to Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville Field Office.

CLARIFICATION

The following clarification is for the story that appeared in last week's edition on Low Vision Group meeting story.

- “John Oliveira, Acting Commissioner for the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), Brookline, attended the August 16 Winthrop Low Vision Group meeting at the Robert DeLeo Senior Center to discuss the proposed \$27.1 million FY2024 state budget as well as agency resources, such as occupational therapy and home care assistance.”

- MCB main office is in Boston.

- We do not provide home care assistance.

- “Massachusetts Commission for the Blind serves approximately 30,000 visually impaired individuals. Through MCB, those with low vision can join adult support groups, enroll in educational opportunities, gain access to case managers, and partake in social rehabilitation services. Volunteers can assist in reading mail and grocery shopping, as well.”

- The low vision support groups are not operated by MCB. We do provide funding to support the groups and let our consumers know the groups exist, however a person does not need to be an MCB consumer to

attend a low vision support group. The majority of the low vision support groups, including the one in Winthrop, are operated by MABVI. The support groups on Cape Cod are operated by Site Loss Services.

- MCB does not have volunteers who read mail and grocery shop.

The items in red are in reference to the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, which is a separate non-profit organization. MABVI is located in Brookline, operates many of the low vision support groups, and has a volunteer program.

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fundraising and helping the shul remain in operation. Renaming the stretch of Fourth Street alongside the Walnut Street Synagogue building and organization that he helped to support will be a fitting capstone to his work here in Chelsea.”

Keefe stated that the city will prepare an appropriate street sign for the area in honor of Kupersmith.

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown said he's known Kupersmith for many years, and thanked him for his giving spirit and his commitment not only to Chelsea, but to surrounding communities.

“He's helped many Chelsea kids ... get into college and he's really just an outstanding human being,” said Council President Leo Robinson. “He'd give you the shirt off his

back if he had to. I think it is a wonderful honor to have that be named Herbie Kupersmith Way right next to the Walnut Street shul.”

In other business during an abbreviated special meeting, the council presented a resolution in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, C.L.A.

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State Rep. race shows major fundraising, substantial spending

While she may be seen as a challenger to the current incumbent, she has been awarded a significant amount of funding for her campaign. She has also been awarded a significant amount of funding for her campaign.

Massive Upper Broadway reconstruction project starts

The massive Upper Broadway reconstruction project will start this week. The project will involve the reconstruction of the street from the intersection of the street with the street.

New Bus/Bike lane on Broadway ready to start construction

A new bus and bike lane on Broadway is ready to start construction. The lane will be located on the side of the street and will be used for bus and bike traffic.

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Police make two drug arrests

Staff Report

Police arrested two people last week on numerous drug violations, including trafficking in cocaine over 35 grams, after an investigation targeting neighborhood complaints from residents.

Arrested were Kenneth Powell, 34, who is currently out on bail wearing an electronic bracelet as a condition of release for trafficking narcotics and unlawful firearm possession charges stemming from an arrest on June 9 in Chelsea, as well as Victoria DiFranco, 30.

“Powell’s apparent contempt of court, and his on-

going disobedience of law is why we will not stop our continued enforcement efforts to show that the City of Chelsea will not tolerate any violations of law that cast a negative light on stakeholders of this City,” stated Police Chief Keith Houghton. “We would like to thank the residents of this neighborhood in particular for coming forward and advise anyone that has quality of life issues to contact our Department. All persons charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty.”

In other law enforcement news, the Chelsea Police Department is applying for the Edward Byrne Memori-

al Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$31,026.

The department is looking to use the grant money for personnel costs for specialized gang, drug and anti-crime unit initiatives to impact high crime areas as directed by crime analysis, community input and intelligence

As part of the efforts, the Chelsea Police Department will coordinate with the community directly, regional police departments, state police, federal agencies, and community groups in a comprehensive effort to reduce crime, according to the project abstract.

State Health Officials announce two human cases of West Nile virus in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced the first two human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) in state residents this year. One individual is a female in her 70s who was exposed to the virus in another part of the country. The second individual is a male in his 40s who was exposed in Middlesex County, an area already known to be at moderate risk.

The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate in the Greater Boston area (Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties), and in parts of Berkshire, Bristol, Hampden, Hampshire, Plymouth, and Worcester counties. There are no additional risk level changes indicated at this time.

“We are coming to the unofficial end of summer but mosquitoes with West Nile virus will persist for several more months,” said Dr. Catherine M. Brown, State Epidemiologist. “To avoid mosquito bites, use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient, wear clothing to reduce exposed skin, drain standing water and repair window screens. We also encourage everyone to regularly visit DPH’s mosquito-borne diseases web pages to stay informed on when and where WNV activity is occurring.”

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient (DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Wa-

ter. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

The Chelsea Public Schools held its Back to School Celebration Aug. 23 at the Williams Schoolyard. Chelsea students began the 2023-24 school year on Wednesday.



Chelsea Opportunity Academy Principal Ronald Schmidt and Sokolowski School Principal Nate Meyers.



Chelsea Police Officer Marc Garcia and City Council President Leo Robinson.



Zach Ryan and his daughter, Helen Ryan, enjoying the Chelsea Public Schools Back to School Celebration.



Representing the Berkowitz School at the Back To School Celebration, front row, from left, Math Coach Ashley Boucher, Clerk Monica Rubio, and Teacher Rachel Graubart. Back row are School Clerk Pamela Rivera, Family Liaison Yolanda Balles, School Principal Blanca Restrep, Assistant Supt. of Schools Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty, and Assistant Principal Kathleen Edwards.



Pictured at the Chelsea Public Schools Back to School Celebration are, Chelsea High Principal Obed Morales, Browne School Assistant Principal Brandon Carr, Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer Dr. Aaron Jennings, Assistant Supt. of Schools Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty, and Deputy Supt. of Schools Adam Deleidi.

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Please join us on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 11am to 2pm for our 11th annual resource and volunteer fair. Food and entertainment for all. Community resource organizations from Boston and the North Shore areas will be in attendance.

Williams Jr High School is located across the street from the MA Tech Building. Parking is available on the street and in the lot next to the school.

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ENJOY A GREAT -- AND SAFE
-- LABOR DAY WEEKEND

With the weatherman predicting a superb Labor Day weekend (as we’re writing this), we hope that all of our readers will have a chance to make the most of the final weekend of the summer season.

Although the Summer of ‘23 overall has been a bit on the rainy side (which was great for our gardens and lawns), it nonetheless had plenty of perfect days that we hope created memories that will last a lifetime for our friends, families, and ourselves. The coming Labor Day weekend promises to give us one final opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in whatever way we choose.

However, as always, we urge our readers to do so safely, not only for ourselves, but also for our family members, friends, and loved ones, whether we are on land or on the water.

Just a few weeks ago we wrote about the spate of tragic accidents that befell the Boston area --- and sure enough, tragedies have continued in the weeks since.

None of us wants to be a tragic statistic, and that means making sure that both we ourselves and those around us do not overindulge in alcohol. Yes, accidents do happen, even under the best of circumstances, but generally speaking, no one ever gets hurt by being sober. It’s when two beers become four or more that the chances for a tragedy increase exponentially.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

SCHOOL’S BACK -- DRIVE
WITH CAUTION

With schools going back in session this week and next after the summer vacation, morning rush-hour commuters need to readjust our driving habits to ensure that we take into account the thousands of children who will be filling our streets during our morning commute.

We’ll admit that school buses, school crossing guards, etc. are a pain in the neck, especially if we’re running a bit late on our way to work.

But that is no excuse for ANY sort of driving behavior that does not take into account the safety of the children in our communities.

Every morning commuter needs to be a patient and defensive driver, especially in the first few weeks of school, when youthful exuberance typically results in kids dashing out into the street to greet friends for the start of the new school year.

Each of us is responsible not only for our own safety, but also for the safety of others when we are behind the wheel of a motor vehicle -- and that is doubly true when school is back in session.

THIS WEEK’S SHOOTINGS
SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE
ACROSS AMERICA

Mass shootings have become all-too commonplace in America. But even by our nation’s uniquely violent standards, the multiplicity of shootings that spread across the country like a tornado-driven wildfire this past weekend was mind-numbing.

First there was the shooting last Thursday night in a bar in California by a former police sergeant, who shot and killed his ex-wife and several others, in an apparent fit of domestic rage.

Then on Friday evening, there was the shooting at a high school football game in Oklahoma that claimed the life of a 16 year-old boy.

A few hours later, the rampage of shooting jumped east to Boston on Saturday morning, when gunfire among a group of young men left seven persons injured in the vicinity of the annual Caribbean Festival in Dorchester.

A few hours later, the inferno of tragedy veered south with the news from Maryland that a 34-year-old man shot his mother, cousin, and nephew before turning the gun on himself.

And then came the reports Saturday afternoon from Jacksonville, Florida, of the race-motivated shooting by a 20 year-old white supremacist (who espoused Nazi-style views) in which he targeted and killed three Black persons in a Dollar General store with an AR-15.

The spate of gun violence in a 48-hour period this past week demonstrated that no part of America is immune to the tragic consequences of our gun culture -- and as long as Republican lawmakers are beholden to gun owners’ groups and refuse to pass even common-sense gun safety legislation, there will be no end in sight to the sort of senseless and horrific shootings that ripped across America this past weekend.

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News in Brief

**POST OFFICE
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TO CELEBRATE
LABOR DAY**

Postal Service employees across the commonwealth will celebrate Labor Day as all Post Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023. There will be no delivery of mail on the Labor Day, with the exception of guaranteed overnight parcels. Full retail and delivery services will resume on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

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**SPECTACULAR
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STAMPS**

The U.S. Postal Service issued four new Pre-

sorted First-Class Mail stamps featuring striking photographs of bridges. The structures range from modern to historic, pedestrian to car-carrying, and all are important landmarks in their communities.

The Bridges stamps are intended for business mail users and are sold in self-adhesive coils of 3,000 and 10,000. Use of these stamps requires a special permit and a minimum quantity of 500 letters.

The stamp art features four bridges completed between 1938 and 2022: the multi-span steel through arch Arrigoni Bridge connecting the Connecticut municipalities of Middletown and Portland; the S-curved cable-stayed Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge between Council Bluffs, IA, and Omaha, NE; the steel truss Skydance Bridge topped by a public sculpture in Oklahoma City; and the basket-handle twin arch Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge connecting Bettendorf, IA, and Moline, IL.

Bridges are among the oldest structures creat-

ed by humans. In ancient times, simple slabs of stone spanned slow moving rivers. And in modern times, concrete and steel are used to cover vast distances. While the materials and designs have evolved from utilitarian structures to engineering marvels, bridges remain integral parts of American life, with over 600,000 bridges in the United States. The construction of bridges is a way to reinvigorate communities economically as well as create landmarks of regional pride. Many modern bridges are designed for use by cyclists and pedestrians as well as motorists, capturing the imagination of human possibility.

Whether simply improving transit or vibrantly lighting the night with color-changing light

displays, bridges remain vital connectors drawing together people, cities and the nation.

Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, used existing photographs to design these stamps.

**SUICIDE
PREVENTION
AWARENESS MONTH**

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a crucial time to raise awareness, remove stigmas, and provide education about suicide. Having conversations about suicide is important because it reduces the stigma associated with the topic. By allowing for more open and honest communication, individuals with

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CHELSEA HIGH CLASS OF 1978 HOLDS 45TH REUNION

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Chelsea High School Class of 1978 held its 45th Reunion Aug. 25 at Prince Restaurant.

The guests enjoyed a buffet dinner, dessert, and musical entertainment by DJs Grace Clark and Jacqui Davis.

Co-Chairs Penny Sordello Gullage and Dawn McCarthy did a great job organizing the celebration.

Class of 1978 Advisor Richard Fineran attended the reunion.



Former Cottage Street residents Lisa Forman and Robin Arsenault.



Reunion Co-Chair Penny Gullage Sordello and her fiancé, Jim Dion.



Reunion Co-Chairs Dawn McCarthy and Penny Sordello.



Classmates back together, John Martin, Linda Frasier, Bobby Goss, Frankie Mullins, and Ellen Auld.



Frankie Mullins and his wife, Lisa Mullins, pictured at the CHS Class of 1978 Reunion.



Brian Hurton, universally admired at the Camp Robie Sports Camp and by his Chelsea Little League teammates, pictured with his wife, Doreen Hurton, at the CHS Class of 1978 Reunion.



Sheila Rosanio, the highly acclaimed dance teacher who has led several students from her Revere studio to national championships, is pictured with her boyfriend, John Spezzaferri, at the reunion.



Former Chelsea High cheerleader Penny Sordello and record-setting cross country and track star Bobby Goss.



Bobby Goss, Penny Sordello, John Martin, and Cindy Moore.



Class of 1978 basketball star Harry Zawacki and his wife, Alison Zawacki, and Class of 1978 sports standout Frankie Mullins and his wife Lisa Forman Mullins of the Class of 1981.



Classmates Allen Tryder (left) and Paul Sweeney (right), with comedian Johnny Pizzi, who stopped in to say hello at the reunion.



Basketball star John Martin, Brian Hurton, Bobby Goss, and Joe Mamzur, with Class Advisor Richard Fineran.



Anthony Lea of the Class of 1976, with two members of the Class of 1978, his wife, Roberta Meuse (left) and Druann Pilcher Jedrey (right).



Class of 1978 Advisor Richard Fineran with Reunion Co-Chairs Penny Sordello and Dawn McCarthy.



CHS Class of 1978 Advisor Richard Fineran (right) with Ellen Auld, Penny Sordello, Robin Arsenault, and Bobby Goss.



The members of the Chelsea High School Class of 1978 are pictured at the 45th Reunion Aug. 25 at the Prince Restaurant, Saugus.



Donna Olsen, Sandra Garafano, Dawn McCarthy, Linda Frazier, Ellen Auld, Allen Tryder, Dottie Filipowich, Sheila Rosanio, Paul Sweeney, Penny Gullage Sordello, Loretta Natola, and Ken Orne.

CHELSEA’S RECOVERY MONTH CELEBRATION HELD AT CHELSEA CITY HALL

Chelsea’s Recovery Month Celebration was held Aug. 24 at Chelsea City Hall.

The event was held in conjunction with National Alcohol and Drug Addic-

tion Recovery Month.

Speakers praised Chelsea community leaders and service providers for their excellent programs and outreach that helped them in their recovery.



Community Navigators Jason Owens and Tim Hanifan, who work in partnership with the Chelsea Police Department and North Suffolk Community Services, pictured at the Recovery Month Celebration.



Chelsea Police Officer Garrison Daniel and CAPIC Director of Emergency Services Cary Havey, pictured in front of the Chelsea Police Department’s ice cream truck where free ice cream was distributed to residents at the event.



Guest speaker Dan Cortez, the Chelsea Police Department’s outstanding liaison to the Chelsea community-at-large, highlighted some of the success stories in recovery during the speaking program.



Chelsea District 3 Councilor Norieliz DeJesus is pictured at the Recovery Month Celebration.



CAPIC Substance Use Disorders Program Director Gladys Valentin-Agneta welcomes residents to the Recovery Month Celebration at City Hall.



Theresa DePietro, Director of Housing for Bay Cove Human Services, was one of the guest speakers at the Chelsea Recovery Month Celebration.



Representing CAPIC at Chelsea’s Recovery Month Celebration are Outreach Case Worker Keisha Brown, Outreach Case Worker Roy Valentin, Director of Emergency Services Cary Havey, and SUDS Program Director Gladys Valentin-Agneta.



Dennis Smith Sr. (far right) was one of the guest speakers at the event. Mr. Smith is pictured with his family, including Denise Smith (front), Dennis Smith Jr., Stacey Smith, and Carlos Castro.



Chelsea Police Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Chelsea Police Capt. David Rizzuto, and CAPIC SUDS Program Director Gladys Valentin-Agneta.



The guest speakers and service providers are pictured at the well-attended Chelsea Recovery Month Celebration held Aug. 24 at Chelsea City Hall.

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An info session will be held at Chelsea City Hall, from 3-5PM, on Thursday, Sept. 14, in the Inspectional Services Division. It will be recorded live and available on social media.

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SUCCESSFUL “CRUISING CHELSEA” EVENT ON ARLINGTON STREET

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, Juke Box Event, and the City of Chelsea hosted “Cruising Chelsea” Saturday on Arlington Street adjacent to the Tobin Bridge.

Guests had the opportunity to view some classic automobiles at the event. There were refreshments and musical entertainment.



These guests had a great time at the Cruising Chelsea event.



Brian Dobbins, chief landscaper at the Postal Annex, Chelsea, and Chelsea Police Capt. David Rizzuto, pictured at the Cruising Chelsea event Saturday.



Yamir Rodriguez (right) was among the many residents who attended the Cruising Chelsea event Saturday on Arlington Street.



Guests enjoyed viewing classic automobiles at the Cruising Chelsea event.



Beverly Martin Ross, Desanya Christmas and friend, Brandon, along with Dennis Smith Sr.



Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell, with CBC Youth Ambassadors Bridget Ramos, Careliz Figueroa, and Victor Carrion, and her grandchild, Messiah Ingram.



Wayne Mahon displays his Corvette at the event.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Office Manager Karim Perez, Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, and Office Administrator Carolina Bonilla, pictured at the Cruising Chelsea event.



City Council President Leo Robinson, Maureen Lee of the CBC, and Richard Zullo, City of Chelsea Code Enforcement Supervisor.



Eduardo Chacon, CEO of Jukebox Event, was one of the sponsors of Cruising Chelsea, along with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Chelsea.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Eat more cucumbers!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Have you ever thought of packing mini cucumbers for snacks when hiking or going to the beach? Why? Because cucumbers are around 95% water and great for hydration. Put them in the cooler if you have one along. Cold, crisp, crunchy cukes are refreshing.

Cucumber Choices

We no longer buy waxy, common cucumbers with many large seeds, which add a slightly bitter taste. To enjoy these cukes, peel them and scrape out the seeds with a spoon before slicing. Like many people who have contributed to the growing popularity of the newer varieties on offer over the past few years, we now buy those more often.

Other Types of Cucumbers

Individually shrink-wrapped to prevent moisture loss, English cucumbers have thinner skin, don't need to be peeled, are sweeter, have fewer smaller seeds, and are called

burpless. Bumpy Kirby cucumbers are perfect for pickling, resulting in a crunchier end product.

You may have enjoyed lemon cucumbers from farmers' markets during the summer. Those are an heirloom variety that dates back to the 16th Century. They are traditionally popular with Indian cooks who use them in dals and chutneys.

Most of the time, we buy tiny Persian cucumbers. The Persian variety is extra sweet because growers pick them before the bitter seeds fully develop. Its miniature form slices into bite-size pieces or small spears that absorb flavors quickly and are perfect for quick pickle recipes.

Cucumber Trivia

According to the University of Missouri, "Native to India, cucumber is another of our most ancient vegetables. Cave excavations have revealed that cucumber has been grown as a food source for over 3000 years."

There are close to 100

cucumber varieties. Cukes are part of the gourd family. While we treat them as vegetables, cucumbers are a fruit, like their salad companions, tomatoes.

Yogurt and cucumbers make a great, quick sauce or dip. Think of Indian raita and Greek tzatziki. The most popular raitas are a mixture of yogurt, cucumber, and mint. Sometimes raita is a cooling counterpoint, but occasionally we add chili to make it a zesty addition to a milder dish.

We usually eat cucumbers cold, but you can cook them. We love a spicy pork lettuce wrap recipe that "Wok Guru" Grace Young created for Weight Watchers. You stir-fry ground pork, ginger, and red bell peppers and add a mixture of hoisin, sriracha, and soy sauce. Finally, add diced cucumber and sliced scallions, toss, and serve in a crisp lettuce leaf.

A mini cuke has only ten calories, making them an asset for weight control. WebMD notes that in addition to hydration, cucum-



One of our favorite stirfry dishes adds cucumbers to spicy pork in a recipe that cookbook author Grace Young created for Weight Watchers.

bers help you stay regular and avoid constipation, contain vitamins K and A, and antioxidants. They present little risk besides the pesticides and wax some growers use on them if you don't buy organic ones.

Over the years, cucumber slices have also been used on the skin to treat minor burns and reduce eye area redness and puffiness.

Buying and Storing

When you buy cucumbers, choose those that are firm and have even and brightly colored skin. Yellowing is a sign that the cucumber is starting to over-mature unless it is a yellow variety.

We've recently stopped storing our cucumbers in the crisper after reading that they are very susceptible to the ethylene giv-

en off by other produce. We find they last longer wrapped on a refrigerator shelf. Some food writers suggest you store cucumbers on the counter like their pals, tomatoes.

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

Lyric Stage Boston presents Assassins production

A highly anticipated production of Stephen Sondheim's Assassins opens Lyric Stage Boston's 2023/24 season with an astonishing cast of Boston area artists performing this electrifying theatrical gem with Direction by Courtney O'Connor, Music Direction by Dan Rodriguez, and Choreography by Ilyse Robbins.

With the American dream out of reach, nine of the most notorious figures in our nation's history ignite a chain of monumental nightmares. The white picket fence is set on fire in Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman's tragically funny and unnerving musical which peers inside the shattered minds of presidential as-

sassins (both successful and failed) from John Wilkes Booth to John Hinckley, Jr. This gallery of historical misfits jolts us into their blurry points of view with unapologetic humor, fiery anthems, carefree tunes, and unbridled energy that boldly blurs the lines between ambition and madness.

Director Courtney O'Connor says, "Stephen Sondheim's dark masterpiece speaks perhaps even more to audiences today than when it was written over 30 years ago. In a divided country where people are screaming to be heard, it is a prescient reminder that the past can also be a roadmap of the future. I look forward to working with the brilliant

Dan Rodriguez and this incredibly talented company of artists to share this deeply complex and complicated American story."

Performances begin Friday, September 15, and run through Sunday, October 15.

Founded in 1974 and in residence at 140 Clarendon Street since 1991, Lyric Stage Company is Boston's longest-serving resident theater company. Its mission is to produce and present live theater in Greater Boston with an intimate approach that promotes inclusivity and connection. The Lyric Stage leads an effort to integrate live theater and theater education into the lives of all residents of greater Boston.

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suicidal ideations can feel more empowered to seek help and are less likely to feel alone. Currently, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States. For ages 10-44, suicide is the second leading cause of death.

Anyone can participate in Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. There are activities that individuals, schools, offices, churches, and all types of organizations can conduct to bring awareness to suicide prevention.

Visit www.jasonfoundation.com to download our Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Informational Packet. Look for Suicide Prevention Month under the How to Get Involved tab. Within the packet, there are ideas on how businesses, schools, religious institutions, athletic organizations, and even your family can become involved in spreading the message of suicide prevention.

Also, on the Suicide Prevention Month page you can click on #IWONTBESILENT to learn about The Jason Foundation's campaign to reach as many citizens as possible with the positive message that suicide is preventable and enable those citizens to reach out for help for their loved ones and friends. You can download signs, bro-

chures, flyers, and stickers to display. There is even a user guide to help you plan for the month-long campaign.

The Jason Foundation believes that education is the key to prevention. Our nation should be familiar with the warning signs associated with suicide, suicide facts and statistics, and how to find help for those at risk. Suicide can be preventable. Together, we can save lives. You may even save your co-worker, friend, neighbor's child, a relative, or even your son or daughter. Are you up for the challenge?

TASTE OF CHELSEA RETURNS!

The 20th annual Taste of Chelsea will take place on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 99 Marginal Street, Chelsea. Co-hosted by HarborCOV and the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, the highly visible and popular Taste of Chelsea brings together corporate sponsors, area food and beverage vendors, volunteers, survivors, and hundreds of ticket holders who gather to acknowledge the impact of domestic violence on the community and show their support for survivors.

Community members will gather along the water

to share a meal provided by participating restaurants while hearing survivor stories, acknowledging the conscientious sponsors supporting local survivors, and learning more about the continuing impact of domestic violence on our communities.

To purchase tickets, visit www.harborcov.org/tasteofchelsea or call 617-884-9799. Tickets cost \$35 each, \$30 each if you buy 10 or more, or \$40 at the door. All proceeds directly benefit HarborCOV (Communities Overcoming Violence), the local nonprofit that supports victims and survivors while engaging the broader community to become part of the solution to end domestic violence.

This year's participating vendors include: Bella Isla, Chelsea; Bobby C's, Melrose; The Brown Jug, Chelsea; Buccieri's Pizzeria, Chelsea; Curly's Restaurant, Chelsea; Dunkin' Donuts, Everett Ave., Chelsea; Golden Cannoli, Chelsea; Helados Juli, Chelsea; Homewood Suites, Chelsea; Kushala Sip, Chelsea; Lime, Chelsea; Los Agaves, Chelsea; Mandarin Buffet, Chelsea; Michael G's, Chelsea; Peach's & Cream, Chelsea; Piantadosi Baking Company, Malden; Spinelli's Pasta and Pastry Shop, East Boston; Starbucks, Chelsea; Tijuana, Chelsea; and more.



Helping the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston are Planet Fitness Staff Abdi Farah (left) and Maddy Zuniga.

Area Planet Fitness locations donate school supplies to local Boys & Girls Clubs

Alder Partners LLC, an independent franchise group of Planet Fitness, owned and operated by the DeMartinis brothers, recently held a school supply drive at their nine Planet Fitness locations throughout the Boston area to support the Dorchester, Plymouth, and Salesian Boys & Girls Clubs (East Boston). Thanks to the generosity of their members and non-members they were able to collect and donate backpacks, pens, pencils, notebooks, markers, crayons, and folders, to help local Boys & Girls Clubs members thrive through the school year. The donation benefited more than 275 children across the three Clubs.

"Many students start

the school year without some of the essential supplies they need to succeed. We are very thankful to all those who contributed, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs," said Planet Fitness franchisee Stan DeMartinis.

"We look forward to sharing these items with our members as they head back to school next month. Thanks to the team at Planet Fitness for their ongoing support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester!" said Mike Joyce, Sr. Vice President of Operations at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

The local franchise group has always been passionate about giving

back to the communities in which they do business, through multiple backpack and toy drives, events sponsorships, monetary contributions, and building a Mini Judgement Free Zone in the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston.

Planet Fitness is proud to partner with Boys & Girls Clubs of America as part of the brand's national philanthropic initiative, The Judgement Free Generation®, which aims to prevent bullying and promote kindness. Since 2016, together with its franchisees, members and partners, Planet Fitness has contributed more than \$8.4 million to support anti-bullying, pro-kindness initiatives.

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OBITUARIES

Joanne Quinn

Of Revere, formerly of Chelsea

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Joanne M. (Fagone) Quinn on Tuesday Sept. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. In the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. The Funeral will be from the Welsh Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 6th at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 670 Washington Ave, Revere at 10 a.m. Joanne passed away suddenly on Tuesday, August 29th. She was 79 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was a beloved daughter of the late Charles and Theresa “Tillie” (Ulatowski) Fagone. She attended St. Stanislaus Parochial School and graduated from Chelsea High School. Joanne was a past resident of Chelsea and has been residing in Revere for the past 25 years. She was married to James J. Quinn for 40 years and was passionately devoted to home and family, raising two daughters.

In her lifetime, Joanne enjoyed being a grandmother of six, spending time with her family sharing together in special events, and her trips to



various casinos.

She is survived by her beloved husband, James J. Quinn of Revere, her devoted daughters, Cheryl Finnigan of No. Reading and Joanne Cuneen of Revere. She was the dear sister of Rev. Benedict Fagone, OFM.Conv., Phyllis Nofle, both of Chelsea, Dorothy Montgomery of Malden, Patricia Malone of Wilmington, Christine Giordano of Florida and the late Nancy DeSalvo. She is also survived by six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFH.com.



Ronald Simonelli

Life long Chelsea resident

Ronald Simonelli, a life long Chelsea resident, passed away after a long illness on August 29.

Born in Boston to the late Pasquale and Lillian (Helfant) Simonelli, he was the dear brother of Sheldon (Tony) Simonelli and his wife, Catherine of Saugus, Evelyn Pollock and her husband, Barry of Peabody, Wayne Simonelli and his wife, Linda of Middleton and the late Phillip Simonelli and his surviving wife, Carol of Chelsea and the late Gerald Simonelli and Marlene Nolan. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. Ron was devoted to his late girlfriend Eileen Benjamin who he missed terribly. He was proud of his black belt in Karate and was a talented guitarist.

Visiting hours will be in the Paul Buonfiglio



& Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St., Revere on Tuesday, September 5, from 9:30 to10:30 a.m. followed by a prayer service at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Ronald Simonelli to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via jimmyfund.org/gift.

Moises Francisco Zavala

November 19, 1979 – August 23, 2023

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to honor the life of Moises Francisco Zavala and visit with his family at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, September 1, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

At 43 years of age, Moises passed away suddenly at his home in Chelsea on Wednesday, August 23.

Born and raised in San Vicente El Salvador, a son of Gloria Zavala and Francisco Olivar, attended school in El Salvador and came to Chelsea as a young man, socializing and attending many family functions and gatherings.

He leaves behind his daughter, Nathaly I. Zava-



la-Ram; his siblings, Marina Rivas of Everett and Carlos Olivar of Saugus, as well as several nieces and nephews and many friends.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.



Naomi Brown

She will be greatly missed by all who loved her

Naomi “Bobbie” Brown, a lifelong resident of Chelsea, passed away peacefully on August 24, 2023, at the age of 89.

Naomi was a computer operator at Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance Company, retiring after 15 years of service. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

The former wife of the late James H. Brown, she was the loving daughter of the late Newell and Dorothy (Platzman) Wood; loving mother of her children: Dorothy Niemiec and her husband, Francis of South Deerfield, Cheryl Tench of Virginia and her late husband, Gary, Karen Peppers of Virginia and her late husband, John, Edward Brown of Lynn and his late wife, Marie Jean, Selene Casoli and her husband, Christopher of Revere, Mark Brown and Kelley Dodge of Fitchburg. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and four great grand-



children.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Tuesday, August 29. Funeral Services and Interment are PRIVATE.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Naomi’s memory may be made to MSP-CA-Angell

Attn: Donations, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130 or online at www.mspsca.org.

We encourage family and friends to visit carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Elisa Enamorado

April 12, 1944 – August 26, 2023

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend the Funeral of Elisa Enamorado, 79, who passed away on Saturday, August 26, in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday, August 31, at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Born and raised in Villanueva, Honduras, Elisa was the eldest of 12 children born to Blanca Burgos and Jesus A. Enamorado. completed college with a master

She was married to Adolfo Garcia and began raising a family while working outside of her home as a grade school-teacher in Honduras.

She was widowed in 1977 and worked to bring her family to the United States. , she was able to settle her family in Chelsea in 1982 and she has been a resident of Chelsea since that time.

For many years, Elisa worked as teacher assistant and paraprofessional for Chelsea Public Schools. five years at Chelsea High School before retiring in 2006. , Elisa became the fulltime caregiver to her mother, helping her to re-



turn home to Honduras for her final years.

She was extremely devoted to home, family and community. She volunteered for Centro Latino, teaching English and Spanish reading and writing, she was a great organizer, bringing others together to champion many causes for the benefit of all.

She was a devoted parishioner and communicant of St. Rose of Lima Church and a member of the Neocatechumenal Way of Chelsea.

She was the beloved mother of L. Patricia Garcia, Miriam Garcia, Carmen Garcia, Lorena Garcia and Johana Santos. nine siblings, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.



Mark R. Orlando

March 27, 1981- August 18, 2023

Of Worcester, formerly of East Boston and Chelsea, at 42 years of age, Mark R. Orlando passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 18, at his home in Worcester.

Born in Malden, he was the beloved son of the late Donna Marie (Orlando) Katramados and Kevin J. Keefe.and attended schools in East Boston and was living in Worcester for the past one and a half years. , Mark enjoyed being a father figure to his children, time spent with his family, music and helping loved ones whenever possible.

He was the loving father figure to Jaime Ferrara and Shaelyn Clark, dear brother of Christopher Orlando and his wife, Michelle, Shannon Katramados and her life-partner, Tyron Minardi, all of Chelsea; cher-



ished uncle of Christopher Orlando, II., Tyron Minardi, II., Cailey Orlando and Tyrique Minardi.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to honor Mark Noon to 3 p.m.

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*God looked around his garden,
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the Earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
God’s garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn’t go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

Always in our hearts,
Husband - Paul, Children Marcy, Steven, Lynn & Dana, Grandchildren Louis, Elizabeth, Steven Jr., Santana, Dana Jr., Great-grandchildren ~Brianna, Lilyanna, Adrien & Carter

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**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
CHELSEA TRAFFIC
AND PARKING
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150

Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of making Clark Avenue a one-way street, from Cabot Street to Stockton Street or Webster Avenue.

Per Order
Chief Keith E. Houghton
Chairperson

8/17/23, 8/31/23

Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: Sorasakhon Chhim For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the Application for a Driveway Opening Permit, which fails to meet the requirement for front yard setback, side lot line, rear lot line, and within five (5) feet of a wall containing windows. Also, the change of open space into a driveway area reduces the total usable open space at the premises known as: 115 Willow Street

A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

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**NOTICE OF
HEARING
Case No.
2023-21**
Notice is hereby given
in accordance with the
Massachusetts Zoning
Act, Chapter 40A that a

Notice is hereby given

that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. To consider a Change of Manager application of an All kinds of Alcohol Beverages (on premises) Consumption License to Fannie's Place Inc. d/b/a Chelsea Walk Pub at 416 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise.

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PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11th at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts to discuss a proposed amendment to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance

Section 34-106(j)), which would allow for the issuance of visitor parking stickers to residential units that receive relief from off-street parking requirements. 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
8/24/23, 8/31/23

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Rebid ASPHALT TOP MIX & WINTER MIX
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Asphalt Top Mix & Winter Mix". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after August 31, 2023 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Asphalt Top Mix & Winter Mix" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, September 14, 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 ap-

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Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the removal of sixteen (16) parking spaces on the north side of Summit Avenue towards Webster Avenue.

Per Order
Chief Keith E. Houghton
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A Is for Apple

(and Amazing, Appetizing, Apple-icious Recipes)

FAMILY FEATURES

Crisp, juicy apples are one of this country’s favorite fruits. Fresh and whole, sliced up with dips or baked into treats — there are hundreds of ways to enjoy a good apple. And there are a dizzying number of varieties to choose from.

The Jazz apple is a fairly new kind of apple with a tangy-sweet taste and a resounding crunch. This all-natural Royal Gala and Braeburn cross is available in a wide range of sizes, making it easy to find just the right one for the kids’ lunch boxes or for adding to a fresh salad. Its firm texture holds up well to baking, too, adding new life to old favorites like apple pies, crisps and tarts.

These apple-icious recipes take advantage of Jazz’s unique flavor and will earn a place on your list of favorites, too:

- Get jazzed about salsa with Chilled Out Apple Salsa — a sweet and sassy combo that’s great for dipping or topping your favorite quesadillas.
- Tender greens, Jazz apples, hazelnuts and bleu cheese topped with balsamic vinaigrette will have guests singing the praises of Rae Ann’s Jazz & Blues Salad.
- With a name like Jazz, how could there not be a recipe for New Orleans Beignets? Serve these with your favorite coffee for a morning treat or an after-dinner riff on dessert.

Available in limited amounts worldwide since 2003, Jazz apples from Enza are now grown in both Washington and New Zealand, making them available the entire year — from November to April from the Pacific Northwest, and May to October from the fruit bowl of the Pacific. Grown by a limited group of the world’s finest apple growers, Jazz apples are grown under stringent standards to ensure the same great flavor in every apple. And their incredible shelf life means you can keep them in the fridge for up to a month and enjoy their delicious difference for a long time.

For more recipes and additional information on Jazz, visit jazzapple.com. See what people are saying on Twitter at twitter.com/jazzapple and Facebook at facebook.com/jazzapple.

Chilled Out Apple Salsa

- 2 Enza Jazz apples, cored and diced
- 2 cups tomatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 celery stalk
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 green chili pepper, chopped

Combine all ingredients; if finer texture is desired, put through food grinder using fine blade. Cover tightly and chill overnight. Serve with chips or as a topping for cheese quesadillas, tacos or nachos.



An Apple a Day ...

Recent studies have shown that apples can be a vital force in preventing cardiovascular disease, asthma, Alzheimer’s, cancer and obesity. A medium-sized apple is a good source of dietary fiber, and has flavonoids that may improve memory and learning, according to The Journal of Nutrition Health and Aging.

New Orleans Beignets

- Makes 15 beignets
- 1 whole egg
 - 3 tablespoons superfine sugar
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 3/4 cup flour
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 2 Enza Jazz apples, cored and sliced into matchsticks
 - Oil for deep frying
 - Confectioner’s sugar for dusting

Separate egg and mix yolk with 2 tablespoons sugar. Stir in milk, vanilla and dry ingredients and mix until smooth. Leave batter mixture to rest in the fridge for 20 minutes.

Whisk egg white to form soft peaks. Gradually whisk in remaining sugar. Gently fold egg whites and apples into batter.

Heat deep frying oil to a high heat (340°F). Spoon small scoops of batter carefully into oil. Cook until golden on each side. Lift out and place on paper towels to drain. Dust with confectioner’s sugar and serve immediately.

Recipe courtesy of Chef Geoff Scott

Rae Ann’s Jazz & Blues Salad with Balsamic Italian Vinaigrette

- Makes 4 servings
- 1 package baby greens salad mix
 - 2 medium sized Enza Jazz apples, skin on, cored and diced into large chunks
 - 1 cup crumbled bleu cheese
 - 1 cup crushed hazelnuts
- Balsamic Italian Vinaigrette:*
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Mrs. Dash (or similar)
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
 - 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/16 teaspoon onion powder
 - 1/16 teaspoon oregano
 - 1/8 teaspoon basil
 - 1/8 teaspoon paprika
 - 3/4 teaspoon sugar
 - 1/16 teaspoon pepper
 - 3 tablespoons water
 - 1/2 cup oil
 - 1/8 cup red wine vinegar
 - 1/8 cup balsamic vinegar
 - 1/2 tablespoon fresh garlic, minced (optional)

For vinaigrette, combine dry ingredients in a sealable plastic bag and shake vigorously. Mix water, oil, vinegar and garlic in a salad dressing cruet or a blender. Once well mixed, add blended dry ingredients and shake or mix vigorously.

In salad bowl, lightly dress baby greens; mix with the vinaigrette. Add apples, bleu cheese and hazelnuts, and gently toss salad until well mixed. Serve immediately.



Convocation / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

up to the challenges facing him. T-shirts, featuring the inspiring theme – “We Rise Together,” for the Chelsea schools, which was authored by Dr. Almi Abeyta, were distributed to Chelsea teachers and administrators at the event.



Teachers Jen Enamorado and Stacey Gurska of the Early Learning Center.



Cristin LaPierre and Madison Gordon, pictured at the Convocation Breakfast Tuesday at Chelsea High School.



CHS teacher and coach Gena Restiano, ELA Incoming Students Coach Emily Floyd, and CHS English Department Head Julia McDonald.



Mary Arrietta, CPS Information Technology, and Angel Rivera, paraprofessional at the Early Learning Center.



Chelsea High teacher and coach Gena Restiano and School Committee Chairperson Kelly Garcia.



Berkowitz School Family Liaison Yolanda Valles and CPS Officer of Innovation, Access, and Opportunity Malik Howshan.



City Council President Leo Robinson and School Committee Member Roberto Jimenez Rivera.



Denise Tiro and her daughter, Brooke Tiro, of the Early Learning Center.



Wright School teacher Tom Hotz and Deputy Supt. of Schools Adam Deleidi.



Louise Campanella of the Hooks School, with Katie Laudre, Ashley Protasowicki, and Anna Yee of the Early Learning Center.



Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer Dr. Aaron Jennings and City Council President Leo Robinson.



Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, featured speaker Michael Bonner, School Committee Chairperson Kelly Garcia, City Council President Leo Robinson, and Deputy Supt. of Schools Adam Deleidi.



Chelsea teachers Jessica Traill, Shyla Jones, Kaley Beauchamp, and Analiese Martino.



Hooks School teachers Randy Grajal, Anita Caceda, Ellen Twist, Kristen DePoalo, Meg Hawthorne, and McCullough O'Neill, with Clarke Avenue Middle School teacher Jocelyn Power.



Brown Middle School teachers Ariana Mathews, Linda Cordero, Nalia Leviner, Evelin Esteban, and Kim Remington.



Custodial and Security staff, from left, Alejandro Baquedano, Luis Diaz, Albert Alicea, Manny Ventura, and Orlando Quinones.



Siobhan O'Donnell, Maura Donnelly, Nicole Johnson, Erin Madden, and Jenelyn Santos-Vielmann.

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