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CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SANTA ON A FIRE TRUCK AND HOLIDAY EVENT



Above, the Lemus-Moran family, enjoying its greeting from Santa and Mrs. Claus during The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce's Santa Claus On A Fire Truck and Washington Park Holiday Event.

Right, pictured with Santa and Mrs. Claus outside Central Fire Station before Santa's tour of the city on a Chelsea Fire Truck are Firefighter Nick Bridge, Firefighter Moises Ventura, Firefighter Euclides Barahona, Firefighter Rony Gomez, Firefighter Victor Ortiz, Firefighter Keith Cameron, Firefighter Thiago DoNascimento, Lieutenant Mike Frazier, Lieutenant Mark Aliberti, Deputy Chief John Quatieri, Captain Chris Lehmann, and Deputy Chief Mike Masucci. See Page 7 for more photos.



New Space, New Concept

GreenRoots will hold grand opening of Teaching Kitchen on Dec. 14

By Cary Shuman

Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni has announced that GreenRoots will hold the grand opening of its Teaching Kitchen on Thursday, Dec. 14 at a newly refurbished site at 63 Pearl Street.

In explaining the innovative addition to her organization's already substantial outreach in Chelsea and East Boston, Bongiovanni stated, "Our inspiration has been around community gardens and urban farms and addressing food injustice and food insecurity through urban growing programs."

Bongiovanni added

that the opportunity for a teaching kitchen arose through a grant from Massachusetts General Hospital. The kitchen will be located adjacent to Green-

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Team GreenRoots, pictured with Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni (far right). The highly regarded Chelsea-based organization will hold the grand opening of its new Teaching Kitchen on Thursday, Dec. 14.

New city manager proposes office reorganization

By Adam Swift

Incoming City Manager Fidel Maltez is looking to reorganize the office when he begins his new position in January.

Monday night, current City Manager Ned Keefe requested that the City Council authorize new positions in the office that will expand it from three to five employees, as well as to fund a supplemental salary request of \$140,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Because there is a financial appropriation, the council moved the request to a second reading. The council is expected to vote on it at its next meeting on Monday, Dec. 18, following a subcommittee meeting on the requests scheduled for next Tuesday.

"The new staff proposal will create a Deputy City Manager — Operations, Deputy City Manager — Finance, and a Director of Constituent Services," stated Keefe.

In a letter to the council, Maltez said his recommendations for the positions stem from a thoughtful evaluation of the city's operational needs.

The two deputy city

managers will report directly to Maltez and operate as an integrated team, he stated.

"Together, they will ensure the City's operations are advancing a proactive governance model, while enduring fiscal responsibility," Maltez stated.

The reorganization reflects a commitment to govern with care and attention to the unique needs of the community, Maltez added.

The Director of Constituent Services is a new position that Maltez said will play a crucial role in elevating the quality of life for Chelsea residents.

"The Director of Constituent Services will focus on addressing the day-to-day needs of our residents and ensure a more responsive municipal government," Maltez stated.

"The individual will work to bridge gaps between our government and our community, fostering a more inclusive and engaged environment."

Some of the responsibilities of the constituent services director will include listening to resident concerns, providing in-

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Council keeping eye on casino property

By Adam Swift

Plans for a new 25,000-seat soccer stadium in Everett across from the Encore Casino look to be on hold for the immediate future, but Chelsea officials want to make sure the city has a seat at the table if any future plans do move forward.

The state Senate had advanced the proposal by inserting special language in a supplemental budget bill that would have detached 43 acres for the stadium and a waterfront park from the city's Designated Port Area. But leadership in the House did not include the special language necessary for the proposal in its version of the spending bill.

Still, several Chelsea City Councilors want to make sure the city stays in the loop about future development in its neighboring community.

Council President Leo Robinson introduced a motion asking that the council request a meeting with its state legislative delegation regarding the proposed soccer stadium at Encore and what potential benefits it would bring to Chelsea.

The motion was referred to the council's sub-

committee on government regulations.

"This one goes to something I have been talking about for awhile among people in the community about how the building of the soccer stadium in Everett is going to negatively affect Chelsea," said Precinct 1 Councilor Todd Taylor.

Taylor noted that Everett got a sweetheart deal in getting their industrial zones changed to residential, giving it the ability to recoup millions of dollars of tax revenue.

"It is very important, there are a lot of things that Chelsea is footing the bill for that we are not being properly compensated by the state," said Taylor. "It is incumbent on our delegation to also represent those needs to the General Court so that Chelsea can get the financial aid that

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An exterior photo of the new GreenRoots Teaching Kitchen located at 63 Pearl Street, Chelsea.

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Roots' urban farm and community garden.

"We see this as an opportunity to do an urban-farm-to-table concept, where you'll have locally grown produce – fruits, vegetables, and herbs – bringing them from the urban growing space to the teaching kitchen and using them in a meal," said Bongiovanni. "It will be a place where community members can share recipes across cultures, ethnicities and generations. We will also have formal programming on learning how to eat more nutritiously and cook more nutritiously."

Bongiovanni said the GreenRoots community kitchen will be "very welcoming and will break down those barriers to formalized health care."

Residents will be able to visit the facility and get a blood pressure test, diabetes screening, or a con-

sultation with a nutritionist or a dietician.

"This will be a very informal way for somebody to have a conversation with a dietician, nutritionist, or a wellness coach in a much less intimidating way than at a traditional healthcare center," said Bongiovanni.

The facility will open in a former warehouse at the corner of Marginal and Pearl Streets.

"We discovered that many years ago it used to be a horse stable," related Bongiovanni. "The front portion, which is about 15,000-square foot, has been completely transformed into a state-of-the-art community kitchen."

The GreenRoots Teaching Kitchen will have coffee hours and welcoming events to introduce the community to the new space. Formal programming and specific

cooking classes for people of all ages will launch in January.

Bongiovanni's new venture is generating excitement in the community and has the strong support of local officials, notably City Council President Leo Robinson.

"I had the honor of serving on the City Council with Roseann, so I have seen her undeniable commitment to improving the quality of life in Chelsea for many years," said Robinson. "I look forward to the Teaching Kitchen, under Roseann's capable leadership and direction, impacting lives in a positive way and developing careers for people in the hospitality and food industry, while advancing the health and nutrition of our residents in a safe and uplifting environment within our city."

Council approves raise, five-year term for clerk

By Adam Swift

While there was some debate about an unfinished subcommittee conference, the City Council voted unanimously on Monday night to appoint Clifford Cunningham to a five-year term as the Clerk to the City Council and approved a pay raise of just over \$20,000 for the position.

In March, the council voted unanimously to appoint Cunningham, replacing long-time Clerk to the Council Paul Casino.

Cunningham was initially hired on a 12-month probationary period with a salary of \$54,819. On Monday night, the council voted to remove the probationary tag and appoint Cunningham to a five-year term at a salary of \$75,197.

Councilors Enio Lopez

and Giovanni Recupero supported a failed motion to send the appointment back to a subcommittee.

Both councilors ended up voting in support of the appointment and praised the work Cunningham has done, but said they were concerned because a previous subcommittee meeting on the appointment ended early.

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said that over the past several years, both the workload and the production in the clerk's office have increased.

"We have new city councilors coming in and we have a new city manager," said Vidot. "I think it is important for us to fund this office and the people in these roles to be able to do the work. It is not easy to deal with 11 city councilors and 11 dif-

ferent personalities."

Vidot was on the search committee that recommended the appointment of Cunningham, and she said she initially had some concerns and recommended the 12-month probationary period. Since that time, she said Cunningham has excelled at the position and she recommended waiving the probationary period.

Vidot, along with several other councilors, said there was a need for the city to properly compensate its employees in City Hall for the work they do.

"If we are not willing to take care of our staff and show how we appreciate our staff, that that really just sends a message that we don't have confidence in our ability to do the work of the people and govern," said Vidot.

GreenRoots is hiring applicants for several positions

GreenRoots is hiring the following positions: Director of Development, Director of Health Equity and Mobility, Communications and Public Relations Manager & Teaching Kitchen Coordinator

Applicants should apply by Friday, December 15.

**Director of Development-
Salary starting at \$90,000**

The Director of Development will be responsible for developing and implementing a strong fundraising strategy in order to raise, diversify, and expand GreenRoots' \$5 million budget. The Director will collaborate closely with the Executive Director and will also supervise and support the Development Team, which includes the Development Coordinator, Donor Relations Specialist, and Grant Writer.

**Director of Health Equity and Mobility -
Salary starting at \$84,500**

The Director of Health Equity & Mobility's top priority will be to listen, learn, and center the people of Chelsea and East Boston when setting priorities for the organization, team, and policy agenda. Working with the transit justice, anti-displacement, health equity, and environmental justice organizing

teams, the director will ensure that all projects are designed with the input and guidance of the community and its residents.

**Communications and Public Relations Manager -
Salary starting at \$75,000**

The Communications and Public Relations Manager will handle GreenRoots' communication and marketing strategy, public relations, information output and media requests. This includes developing and implementing a robust marketing and communications plan. The Communications and Public Relations Manager will oversee and manage all external communication in English and Spanish, for GreenRoots' social media outlets, website, and newsletter, media toolkits, and organizing press conferences.

**Teaching Kitchen Coordinator -
Salary starting at \$65,000**

The Teaching Kitchen Coordinator will work in collaboration with the Director of Food Justice and Youth Programs and will be responsible for coordinating and implementing all programmatic and operational needs of the Teaching Kitchen in collaboration with GreenRoots' Food Justice team. The Coordinator

will develop systems and strategies, organize and implement the calendar of activities; coordinating staff, chefs and instructors, nutritionists and consultants.

GreenRoots, Inc. is a grassroots community-based organization with a track record, spanning almost 30 years, of achieving significant environmental justice and public health victories in Chelsea, East Boston, and the Greater Boston region. GreenRoots' mission is to achieve environmental justice and a greater quality of life through collective action, unity, education, and youth leadership across neighborhoods and communities.

Bilingual/Multilingual Chelsea and East Boston residents, people of color, indigenous people, immigrants, queer, trans, and gender non-conforming people, and women are encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted until the positions are filled; however, ideally candidate's applications are received by Friday, December 15th, 2023. To review full job descriptions and application process, please visit <https://www.greenrootschelsea.org/careers>. For any questions, contact us at: infomartconsultingllc@gmail.com.

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2023 LIVING LEGENDS GALA

On Dec. 10, the Museum of African American History on Joy St. will hold the 2023 Living Legends Gala and Award Ceremony at the Four Seasons, Boston. Actor and comedian Anthony Anderson will be hosting the event, and the 2023 awardees include:

- Clayton H.W. Turnbull, developer, Boston Business Leader, and CEO, The Waldwin Group
- Dr. Ruth J. Simmons, former president of Brown

University and Smith College, now a Distinguished Presidential Fellow at Rice University and Advisor to the President of Harvard on HBCU Initiatives

- Melissa M. MacDonnell, President, Liberty Mutual Foundation, Vice President, Community Investments, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

The 2023 Living Legends award recipients were chosen for their outstanding contributions to civil and human rights on both a local and national scale. The event will also celebrate Boston’s rich

African American history and commemorate the long struggle for equality.

Sunday, December 10, 4:00 PM

- 4:00 PM: Photo Opportunity—media invited to interview Emcee Anthony Anderson, honorees, MAAH CEO, and Board Chair and capture video and still images on the “Red Carpet.”
- 5:00 PM: Main reception
- 6:30 PM: Award ceremony
- 7:00 PM: Live auction

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center named National Quality Leader in Healthcare

Special to the Independent

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) has been named a 2023 National Quality Leader by the Department of Health and Human Service’s (HHS) Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) for their dedicated work in addressing gaps in health equity for underserved communities and building a strong foundation for equitable healthcare access and outcomes.

“I am incredibly proud to announce our recognition as a National Quality Leader for providing exceptional care to our patients,” said EBNHC President and CEO Greg Wilmot. “Our ability to achieve the highest standards of clinical quality while addressing our patients complex social, economic, and cultural needs is a testament to our team’s diligence and commitment to the health and wellbeing of our diverse community, the majority of which are Latino/a/x.”

Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR) badges recognize Health Center Program awardees who have made notable quality achievements in areas including Clinical Quality, Access, Equity, Information Technology, and, most recently, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Response. This year, EBNHC’s performance garnered recognition in the following categories, placing EBNHC in the elite top percentile of all health centers nationwide:

2023 Health Center Quality Leader Silver Badge

2023 National Quality Leader for Maternal &

Child Health Gold Badge

2023 National Quality Leader for HIV Care and Prevention Gold Badge

2023 Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition (PCMH)

2023 Advancing Health Information Technology for Quality

2023 COVID-19 Public Health Champion

2023 Addressing Social Risk Factors

“EBNHC’s strategic investments in preventative health, including women’s health, pediatric health, and behavioral health, have contributed to our team’s ability to outperform state and national community health benchmarks,” said Dr. Jackie Fantes, Chief Medical Officer, EBNHC. “When health equity and clinical quality intersect, a healthcare landscape emerges where every individual, regardless of socio-economic background or demographic factors, receives high-quality care tailored to their unique needs.”

Recent clinical leadership appointments, including Dr. Karin Leschly as Chief Quality Officer and Dr. Sue Ghosh, Director of Women’s Health Practice and Projects, demonstrate how EBNHC leads with intention in order to drive outcomes for communities and patients, resulting in a 2023 National Quality Leader Gold Badge in Maternal & Child Health, awarded to community health organizations for achieving high-quality performance in areas such as preventing low-birthweight infants and promoting early entry in prenatal care.

EBNHC has also earned a 2023 National Quality Leader Gold Badge in

HIV care, with a 100% success rate for linking patients to care within 30 days of diagnosis. The center’s success in receiving the Advancing Health Information Technology and Addressing Social Risk Factors badges is attributed to their innovative use of best-in-class medical record technology, telehealth services, and collaboration on addressing social risk factors. EBNHC was also in the top 10% of health centers providing COVID-19 vaccinations or testing to the largest percentage of patients.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is one of the nation’s largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive care for the underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston’s South End. EBNHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services, including primary care, 24/7 emergency care, behavioral health care, specialty care, and various other health and wellness programs, to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org.

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formation and assistance, coordinating with the city council, and advocating for residents, according to Maltez.

During the public speaking portion of Monday’s council meeting, Karl Allen of the Housing and Community Development Department, speaking for Steelworkers Local 9427 said the union was concerned with the city administration classifying select positions as exempt rather than as union positions.

“We currently have an active grievance against the administration over the classification of the Director of Constituent Services as exempt,” said Allen. “I, on behalf of the

union, urge you to table that until the administration sits down with us and discusses this, which to date, they have not done.”

Councillor-at-Large Brian Hatleberg spoke in favor of the City Manager office reorganization and funding.

“I think this is one where we will have some debate back and forth over,” he said. “I want to simply offer my opinion that having hired the city manager, I do believe we should essentially let him structure his office. I’m not saying he deserves a blank check, but I do believe he deserves our support for his ideas.”

Councillor-at-Large Damali Vidot said she will

be supporting the request from Maltez at the next meeting.

“It sends a bad message that we are already fighting or there are grievances against the creation of something when someone hasn’t even started yet,” said Vidot.

Council President Leo Robinson said the council should hold a subcommittee on conference meeting before the next full council meeting since there were comments about a grievance already being filed in relation to the constituent services position.

“As a body, we should have a conference and be able to address that,” said Robinson.

East Boston man charged in Monday stabbing

A 19-year-old East Boston man was arraigned Tuesday in Chelsea District Court for stabbing a 17-year-old and smashing a window of a home on Hawthorne Street in Chelsea Monday afternoon.

Kenny Cuyuch was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (knife) and malicious destruction of property over \$1,200. Judge Jane Prince ordered Cuyuch held on \$15,000 bail with GPS monitoring and home confinement. Cuyuch will return to court on Jan. 4.

At about 3:43 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, Chelsea police responded to a fight near Park Square. As officers arrived, they observed two males running down Ellsworth Street toward Hawthorne Street. Officers noticed one of the males, wearing black sneakers, black pants, and a black jacket, with long hair in a ponytail, later identified as Cuyuch, bleeding from his right hand, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office.

The second male also had long hair and was wearing glasses, blue jeans, a tan T-shirt, and a jacket and a backpack. Officers recovered a black folding Husky blade in the

second male’s front right pocket, according to the D.A.’s office.

According to the district attorney, Cuyuch told officers he was involved in an altercation where he was chased by a group of six to seven individuals and struck with a baseball bat. Officers observed a bruise on Cuyuch’s head.

Cuyuch was evaluated by EMS and refused further medical attention.

A witness told officers she observed a male described as thin build with a ponytail wearing a black jacket and black pants stab the victim with his right hand on Hawthorne Street. The witness told officers she heard the victim scream out in pain and observed the suspect holding a large knife with a white handle.

Officers located a juvenile suffering from stab wounds to his lower abdomen and lower back in the area of Essex and Hawthorne streets. The victim told officers he was attacked by three males, two wearing all black with ski masks, and the third male had a pony tail, wearing a white shirt, and grey sweatpants. The victim was transported to Mass General Hospital for further treatment.

Video surveillance in

the area shows Cuyuch and two other males chasing a group into a home on Hawthorne Street. Cuyuch is seen approaching the home and throwing what appears to be a large rock through a window, causing significant damage. The group is then seen exiting the home with baseball bats and chasing after Cuyuch down Hawthorne Street toward Essex Street, according to the D.A.’s office.

While in custody, officers located a black ski mask in Cuyuch’s jacket pocket. Cuyuch was evaluated by EMS and refused medical attention.

“All violence, particularly violence like this—a group of young people attacking each other in broad daylight with baseball bats and knives—inflicts injuries beyond those suffered by the immediate victims,” stated Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. “Our neighborhoods themselves are injured. Fortunately there were no fatalities here, but a young person is seriously hurt and another young person is facing serious charges. There’s nothing but tragedy in that reality.

Fire Department asking for public’s help in Blossom Street arson investigation

The Chelsea Fire Department and the State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit are asking for the public’s help as they continue to investigate last month’s three-alarm fire on Blossom Street, according to Chelsea Fire Chief Leonard A. Albanese and State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine.

“This fire had a very real chance of spreading to other buildings in a densely built residential neighborhood,” said Albanese. “We’re asking anyone with information on the fire or its circumstances to share it with investigators. You can remain anonymous if you prefer. Please contact the Arson

Watch Reward Program at 1-800-682-9229.”

The Chelsea Fire Department responded to 43-45 Blossom St. on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 8 to find heavy fire showing on the second floor of the vacant building. The fire quickly went to three alarms and had extension the third floor and roof. Firefighters were able to contain it to the building of origin. No serious injuries were reported.

A joint investigation by the Chelsea Fire Department and State Police fire investigators determined that the fire began on the second floor of the building, which had been vacant with no gas or elec-

tricity since an accidental electrical fire on Aug. 2, 2022.

Witnesses reported seeing or hearing a group of people, possibly juveniles, running from the area shortly before the Nov. 8 fire was reported, according to fire officials. Based on the evidence gathered since that time, the fire is being investigated as suspicious.

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PEARL HARBOR WAS 82 YEARS AGO, BUT HAS LESSONS FOR US TODAY

It was 82 years ago this week that the nation of Japan launched its attack on the United States at the Pearl Harbor Naval base in Hawaii on December 7, 1941. The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack, “A day that will live in infamy,” and asked Congress for a Declaration of War against Japan. Germany and Italy, allies of Japan who collectively were known as the Axis, then declared war on the U.S., setting the stage for World War II, the most destructive war in world history.

A total of 407,316 American soldiers made the Supreme Sacrifice (in addition to more than 10,000 members of the Merchant Marine) and another 671,278 were wounded in battlefronts stretching from Africa to the European continent to the jungle islands of the Pacific over the next three and one-half years before the German and Japanese war machines finally were subdued.

For more than two years prior to the attack, America had stayed out of the war that already had engulfed most of the rest of the world in the aftermath of the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939. By the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hitler’s Nazis had conquered all of continental Europe and much of Africa, while the Japanese had invaded almost all of Asia, save for the U.S. outposts in the Philippines and other small islands in the Pacific.

Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, separated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. Americans had no appetite for re-engaging in another conflict just 23 years removed from the memories of World War I that still were fresh in our nation’s psyche. But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. Although the United State had re-instituted the draft some months prior to Pearl Harbor and had ramped up our military production capabilities, the suddenness of the Japanese sneak attack still came as a shock to every American.

Americans realized that thanks to the capabilities of modern armaments such as Japanese aircraft carriers and German U-boats, even the continental United States was not insulated from an attack by a foreign enemy. Citizens on the West Coast braced for a Japanese invasion in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and curfews were instituted on the Eastern Seaboard.

Thanks to the countless number of documentaries and movies over the past 25 years that have told the stories of the brave Americans who fought in WWII, we are fortunate to have a living history of the sacrifices made by The Greatest Generation.

In 1941, the Axis of Evil was formed by Germany under Hitler, Italy under Mussolini, and Japan under Tojo. Eighty-two years later, we similarly are facing a new Axis of Evil: Putin in Russia, Xi in China, and Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran (including its terrorist proxies of Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis), who are threatening the peace and security of democracies and freedom-loving people everywhere.

The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn’t free. We always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life. That is a lesson that is as true today as it was in 1941.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Thursday evening, December 7, and will culminate on Friday, December 15.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day’s worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional -- and delicious! -- foods such as latkes. Needless to say, in the aftermath of the events of October 7, as well as the appalling subsequent increase in anti-semitic incidents in America and around the world, Hanukkah this year will have special meaning for Jews the world over.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season and we join them in solidarity against anti-semitism in all its forms.

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ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR PACKS A MILLION MEALS ON THEIR SEMI-ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT



Over 2,000 employees, vendors, partners, friends, and family worked together to assemble as many meals as possible for local distribution.

Encore Boston Harbor’s bi-annual charitable initiative, “Feed the Funnel,” took place last Wednesday and Thursday as team Encore Boston Harbor worked to achieve its goal of packing one million meals this year for local families in need, in partnership with nonprofit organization The Pack Shack.

During Encore Boston Harbor’s “packing parties,” 2,000 employees, vendors, partners, friends, and family worked together to assemble as many meals as possible for local distribution. In August, Encore Boston Harbor packed just over 450,000 meals at its bi-annual Feed The Funnel event, and last week, Encore Boston Harbor was able to com-



Boston Red Sox’s Wally the Green Monster and Tessie the Green Monster helped with the event.

plete the packing of the remainder of those 1 million meals. The meals were donated to area food banks.

Encore Boston Harbor president Jenny Holaday celebrated alongside volunteers with a toast, cake, confetti cannons, music, and more.

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D'AMBROSIO COUNSELORS AT LAW HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



The esteemed former Chelsea alderman and current Chelsea District Court Assistant Clerk Magistrate, Ed O'Neil, joins his daughter, Harvard graduate and attorney-at-law Nancy O'Neil, and colleagues for a photo at the D'Ambrosio Counselors At Law holiday celebration Dec. 1 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield. From left are Dan Peterson, Barbara Peterson, Assistant Clerk Magistrate Carmine DiRuzza, Ed O'Neil, Nancy O'Neil, law firm partner Paul Tellier, Quinn O'Sullivan, and Nathaniel Cataldo.



The charismatic and stylish Charlie Antzak (left), a member of a long-time Chelsea family, joins his partner, Bill Regan (right) and Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio (center) for a photo at the D'Ambrosio Counselors At Law holiday celebration Dec. 1 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.

Metro Credit Union expands leadership team with two executive promotions

Metro Credit Union, the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, today announced that it has expanded its Senior Leadership Team to include VP Retail Administration Robert Eydenberg and SVP Senior Commercial Lender Kevin Malone. Eydenberg and Malone will report directly to President and CEO Robert Cashman. In addition, Metro has promoted Melissa Breen, VP Risk & Compliance, Emily Featherstone, AVP Internal Communications, and Jacquelyn Keeley, VP Controller to officer roles. “Our employees and their leadership and guidance are essential to maximizing Metro’s impact on member service and the communities we serve,” said Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union. “Our newest senior team members and officers bring many years of experience

and leadership in the financial services industry – we celebrate their accomplishments and look forward to their continued contributions and success.”

Senior Leadership Team

Robert Eydenberg, VP Retail Administration — Eydenberg joined Metro in 2006, previously serving as AVP Contact Center Manager and VP Contact Center. Today, he oversees all of Metro’s 19 retail branches and the Member Service Center, and is committed to the development and retention of member relationships to achieve objectives related to business growth, new account sales, member service, and retention. Prior to Metro, Eydenberg held various management positions at Eastern Bank.

Kevin Malone, SVP Senior Commercial Lender — Malone joined Metro in 2019 and is responsible

for providing Metro’s commercial members with innovative financial solutions that build long term relationships and improve the communities Metro serves. He brings over 35 years of financial services experience including in asset-based lending, acquisition finance, commercial and industrial finance, as well as credit underwriting, risk review, and asset recovery. Prior to joining Metro, Malone served as Executive Vice President at Blue Hills Bank, Market President at TD Bank, as well as a number of other senior positions in financial services.

Officer Promotions

Melissa Breen, VP Risk & Compliance — Breen oversees risk management activities and areas of regulatory compliance. Since joining Metro in 2007, Breen has held many different positions across the Credit Union in Metro’s

branches and back office departments, and most recently as AVP Risk Manager. In October, she completed the requirements to be certified as a CUCE (Credit Union Compliance Expert).

Emily (Lospennato) Featherstone, AVP Internal Communications — Featherstone joined Metro in 2020 as Public Relations Specialist and most recently served as Communications Director, overseeing both internal and external communications. In her new role as part of the HR leadership team, she will continue to expand upon Metro’s internal communications strategy. Previously, Featherstone held positions at Boston law school New England Law and public relations agency V2 Communications.

Jacquelyn Keeley, VP Controller — Keeley is a

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and oversees the financial close process, and monthly and quarterly internal and regulatory reporting duties. She joined Metro in 2021 as AVP Assistant Controller Accounting and previously was Audit Supervisor and Assurance Manager at top-ranked national accounting and advisory firm Marcum LLP.

Metro Credit Union is the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$3 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to close to 200,000 members in Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Cheshire, Hillsborough, and Rockingham counties in New Hampshire.

Metro is the credit union of choice for employees at over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program.

Founded in 1926, Metro currently operates 19 branch offices in Boston, Burlington, Chelsea, Dorchester, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Medford, Melrose, Newton, Peabody, Reading, Salem, Tewksbury, and West Roxbury. Metro is also a Juntos Avanzamos (“Together We Advance”) designated credit union, an honor given to financial institutions for their commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic and immigrant consumers. Metro was recently named among the most charitable companies in Massachusetts by the Boston Business Journal. Learn more at MetroCU.org.

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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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CITY OF CHELSEA, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLD HOLIDAY TREE-LIGHTING PROGRAM



Chelsea residents had a festive and fun experience attending the holiday tree-lighting event in Chelsea Square.



Ali You, conductor of the Chelsea High School Orchestra, pictured with some of the musicians.



Lindsay Pineda, violinist, performs with the Chelsea High School Orchestra at the holiday tree-lighting program.



The Portillo and Novoa families had a great time at the City of Chelsea and Chamber of Commerce's holiday tree-lighting event in Chelsea Square.



Yahya Noor of Healthy Chelsea, City Councilor-Elect Lisa Santagate, and Matt Frank of the Chelsea Housing Authority.

The City of Chelsea and the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce held a holiday tree lighting event Nov. 30 in Chelsea Square. Interim City Manager Ned Keefe and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Keefe led the well-attended lighting program that included singing and instrumental performances respectively by Berkowitz School and Chelsea High School students.



Chelsea Rotary Club members, Chelsea Schools Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer Dr. Aaron Jennings and Rotary Club Past President Susan Gallant.



School Committee Member-Elect Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville, her husband, Councilor-At-Large Elect Roberto Jimenez Medina, and their son, Robi, pictured at the holiday tree-lighting event Nov. 30 in Chelsea Square.



Nelly Herrera and her grandson, Valentino Herrera.



Yahya Noor of Healthy Chelsea, City Councilor-Elect Lisa Santagate, School Committee Chair and Councilor-at-Large-Elect Kelly Garcia, Director of Elder Services Tracy Nowicki, and Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki.



Camila Rodriguez and Armani Maldonado (front row) join Police Officer Matthew DiNicola, Interim City Manager Ned Keefe, and Police Officer David Delaney for a photo at the holiday tree-lighting event in City Square.



The Alfaro sisters, Stephanie Alfaro, Emma Alfaro, front row, and Meghan Alfaro and Vanessa Alfaro, pictured at the holiday tree-lighting event in Chelsea Square.

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Among the dignitaries in attendance, Fire Chief Len Albanese, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Interim City Manager Ned Keefe, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and Police Chief Keith Houghton.

CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SANTA ON A FIRE TRUCK AND HOLIDAY EVENT

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce hosted a Santa Claus On A Fire Truck and Washington Park Holiday Event. Santa Claus toured

the city on a Chelsea fire truck before arriving for the festive pre-Christmas celebration at the park in Prattville.



Councilor-at-Large Brian Hatleberg, Kelly Elementary School Principal Lisa Lineweaver, and Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, enjoying the holiday event Saturday at Washington Park.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell welcomes Chelsea residents to the holiday event Saturday at Washington Park.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Secretary Arthur Arsenault and Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, display some of the holiday souvenirs at the Dec. 2 event at Washington Park in Prattville.



John Byrnes, Recording Secretary of the Bellingham Cary House Board of Trustees, Chelsea Public Library Board Member Krissy Byrnes, and Dakeya Christmas, Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites General Manager.



Well-known Chelsea residents Juan Gallego and Arthur Arsenault.



Beatriz Burger and Vitor Munoz.



Representing the Chelsea High School Class of 2024, seniors Isra Bana, Gizelle Rodriguez, and Jimmy Merino volunteered their assistance at the holiday event at Washington Park.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus took photos with several Chelsea residents, including the Seidht Family.



Alexandra Jimenez and her granddaughters, Keilain Builes and Annalee Builes, enjoying the holiday event Saturday at Washington Park.



Pictured at the launch of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce's Santa Claus on a Fire Truck tour of Chelsea neighborhoods are Chelsea Police Det. Jose Rodriguez, City Council President Leo Robinson, Officer Matthew DiNicola, Lt. Joe Fern Jr., and Officer Nicole McLaughlin.

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Local veterans served special Thanksgiving luncheon by Northeast Metro Tech Culinary students

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech Culinary students served a special Thanksgiving luncheon for local veterans.

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, Culinary students opened the Breakheart Inn to 58 veterans from the Town of Wakefield and Saugus Veterans group and the Veteran’s Administration. Culinary students have been providing lunch to veterans on Thanksgiving for over five years.

“Serving this lunch to our Veterans is the highlight of our year,” said Cu-

linary Department Head Elizabeth Beals Henderson. “We consider it an exceptional honor to serve those that have served our country.”

The lunch menu included salad with balsamic vinaigrette, followed by a roasted turkey dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, house-made cornbread stuffing, roasted butternut squash and house-made cranberry sauce. Dessert consisted of coffee and freshly baked pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Beals said students were excited to serve and meet local veterans, and

that they especially enjoyed that two Northeast Metro Tech faculty, Mark Rooney and Jim Clark, were among the veterans that were served.

“This luncheon is very special to us because it is so important to show our appreciation to those who have served our country,” said Principal and Deputy Director Carla Scuzzarella, who also attended the luncheon to speak with veterans. “I am proud of our Culinary students for producing such a great meal, and for showing so much respect to those who have earned it.”



Northeast Metro Tech Culinary students served a special Thanksgiving luncheon to 58 local veterans at the school's Breakheart Inn.

CHS ROUNDUP

WINTER SPORTS SEASON KICKS INTO GEAR THIS WEEK

The winter sports season for Chelsea High athletes will get underway this coming week. Coach Cesar Hernandez and his girls and boys indoor track and field teams will take part in this Sunday’s MSTCA Small School Winter Festival at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, the first of many invitational meets during the winter indoor season.

In addition, the Red Devil tracksters will take on all seven of their Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals (Lynn English, Lynn

Classical, Revere, Everett, Medford, Malden, and Somerville) starting next Friday (December 15) with a tri-meet against Everett and Lynn Classical. All of the GBL meets this season will be held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

The CHS boys and girls basketball teams will open their 2024 campaigns this coming Tuesday. Coach Cesar Castro and his boys will host Somerville at 6:00, while the girls and their new head coach, Ben Jette, will travel to Somerville. The boys will entertain Everett next Thursday, while the girls will make the short trip across the Parkway to meet the

Lady Crimson Tide.

Both teams will face their seven GBL rivals twice.

The boys will complete their 20-game schedule with two contests against non-league opponents in the Legends Classic Tournament at Cambridge over the Christmas break and games later in the season against Cambridge Rindge and Latin (which will be played at the TD Garden on January 14), Brighton, East Boston, and Tech Boston.

The girls’ non-league opponents on their 18-game schedule include Excel, Pioneer, Rockport, and Mystic Valley.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins’ Bob Sweeney honored



Bob “Swoop” Sweeney was a Bruins player for six years, and now for the last 22 years, he has worked to create a solid base for the Boston Bruins Foundation. Having earned the title of President, he has helped the Foundation to raise roughly \$62 million doing an outstanding job. During this Centennial year the Foundation will donate \$50,000 to a minimum of 20 New England charities.

Sweeney was recently honored at The Sports Museum’s annual The Tradition, receiving the ‘Hockey Legacy Award’, which was presented to him by Hockey Hall of Famer, Ray Bourque. One of the questions posed to him was how he earned the nickname “Swoop”. His answer: “It was given to me by Bruins center Keith Crowder, I was his first right wing, with Rick Middleton on the left

wing. I used to hang onto the puck a lot and go behind the net and look for someone coming in, and Keith said, you remind me of “Swoop” Carleton.” For those who might not remember the name, Wayne Carleton’s name was placed on the 1970 Stanley Cup, he was the left wing on Derek Sanderson’s line when Bobby Orr scored his famous Cup-clinching goal in the fourth game of the 1970 Stanley Cup Finals, and he can be seen on the left side of the classic photo.

Regarding the possibilities of the current Bruins team and their chance to make a deep playoff run, Sweeney confidently replied: “They obviously got off to a great start, then hit a bump in the road, which happens in the course of 82-games. I think the leadership has been solid by the Bruins for so long and for so many years, with a couple of hiccups I think in the late ‘90s, but this group has learned from the (Zdeno) Charas, the (Patrice) Bergerons, (Mark) Recchi when he was here, and so many guys on that 2011 team”.

Sweeney didn’t hide the excitement he feels when it comes to talking about the Boston Bruins Foundation. “This is an awesome time to be part of the Bruins organization, whether you are a player or work for the team, the 100th Anniversary will be my only shot at this. The opening weekend was amazing, seeing all the former players back, and then having the Centennial Gala which went through the Foundation, with many people working on it for over a year. It’s a tribute to all the former players about what they meant to the Bruins over time. The Foundation has come a long way since the Bruins Wives Carnival, which began here when Dave Poulin joined us; he kind of brought that (idea) from Philly (his former NHL team). At that time a lot of the players’ wives did a lot of the work, there was no Foundation obviously, and the team had small PR and Marketing departments.”

Reflecting back on his playing career, he cited

some highs. “One of my favorite memories was my first game for Boston, and I had a stall right next to Ray Bourque, and I’ll never forget it, it was a Saturday afternoon and we were playing Calgary. Ray just made me feel so relaxed and made me feel like I belonged. I’ll never forget that, and skating on the ice for the first time and being a hometown kid, I’ll never forget that as well.” Touching on the subject of hometown kid, Sweeney stated further, “The one part about the Bruins in the late ‘80s and early ‘90s was after Terry (O’Reilly) left, we were coached by Mike Milbury, John Cuniff was a Boston boy, Mike obviously is a Boston boy, Andy Brickley, John Carter, Jeff Lazarro, Craig Janney up from Connecticut. It was nice, and then when “Carpey” (Bob Carpenter), he was traded here, we had a strong Boston connection. Ask any of these guys, if you get a chance to play for your hometown team, they will tell you; it’s something you’ll never forget. We had some good runs 1988-90, going to the finals and going to the semifinals twice. So out of that six year period, four years going to the Conference Finals was pretty special.”

When Bourque was asked to comment on Sweeney, he was quick with accolades as, “An amazing friend, an amazing teammate, and it’s amazing what he has done with the Foundation. Just a guy you could rely on and trust doing so many different things for the team, he’d score a big overtime goal, kill a penalty, he’d block a big shot, he’d have your back and when it was time to stand up for his teammates or whatever, he was there. He could play up and down the lineup, and kill penalties. Being one of my best friends, he is perfect for that job (Foundation), he connects with people and he has relationships with people, you meet him and he is sincere. When he left here I was very disappointed and upset when he was traded, I thought he was a key guy for the team with the chemistry and leadership, so when he was traded, not only was I upset, but also the whole team.” A well-deserved honor that a gentleman like Bob Sweeney should, and did receive on his special night!

Casino / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

it needs and we don’t always have to foot the bill for things that we really can’t afford while other wealthier communities are getting off scott-free.”

Robinson added that while the soccer stadium appears to be off the table at the current time, the city still needs to be on the table for whatever happens

on the casino property that could impact Chelsea.

“We need to be paying attention to what is going on over there,” he said.

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Credit card skimmer found at Market Basket

A fraudulent credit card reading device, also known as a skimmer, was found at the Chelsea Market Basket.

On Tuesday, Chelsea Police stated that they were aware of the situation, had the device, and were working with Market Basket and regional partners to see if the devices are related to other recent incidents.

Last month, credit card skimming devices were found at the Concord, NH and Reading Market Baskets.

Chelsea Police are advising consumers to visibly check any electronic device where they use a bank card for transactions before inserting their card, and to ask store management for help if they are unsure about the state of the device.

Card skimming is a method thieves use to collect data from your credit or debit card magnetic strip at the time you use it. Point-of-purchase machines, such as gas pumps, ATMs, and transit ticket dispensers, are most susceptible to skimming devices.

Card skimming devices can be difficult to spot. They are typically installed on the outside of machines and look as if they belong there. High-quality devices are attached over the card slot and others are placed

inside the card slot. The reader can record your card information.

Sometimes, a tiny camera might be installed nearby to record your PIN as you enter it or an artificial keypad could be placed over the existing one to record your keystrokes.

The Chelsea Police posted the following guidelines to use whenever someone uses a bank or credit card:

1. Do a quick scan. Before using any machine, take a look to make sure it hasn't been tampered with. If the card reader seems loose, crooked, or damaged, if the graphics aren't aligned, or if part of the machine is a different color, don't insert or swipe your card. If there is another machine nearby (such as two ATM machines next to each other) compare them to see if there are obvious differences. For example, if one machine has a flashing slot to insert your card and the other doesn't, that may be an indication that there is something wrong.

2. Be wary of non-bank ATMs. FICO reports that 60% of skimming occurs at privately-owned ATMs. These are typically cash-dispensing machines and tend to be located in convenience stores, bars, restaurants, grocery stores, or check cashing establishments.

3. Check the keypad. If the numbers are hard to press or feel thick, it might have a false keypad installed and you should move on to the next machine.

4. Block your PIN. When entering your PIN, cover the keypad with your other hand in case a camera is recording your number.

5. Use mobile wallet. An alternative to swiping your card is paying by mobile wallet including Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, or Google Pay. This form of payment is secure because your credit card information is tokenized and rendered useless if a thief where to get a hold of it.

6. Pay inside. If your local gas station hasn't yet updated their pumps to accept mobile wallet or your aren't sure if the machine is safe to use, go inside the service station to pay. Taking an extra minute to walk inside could save you a whole load of problems later on.

7. Stay in public view. Always try to use machines that are in public view with security monitoring – these machines are less likely to be tampered with. For additional protection, use a machine inside the store or an ATM inside your bank.

8. Check your account regularly. Technology is advancing and so are

skimming devices so the best thing you can do is monitor your account. Rather than wait for your monthly statement, check your account regularly using online and mobile banking. This way, if anything were to happen, you can catch it immediately and report it to the bank or local credit union where your accounts are.

9. Sign up for alerts. See what type of fraud alert system your card provider has in place and take advantage of it. While fraud is not 100% preventable, catching issues immediately will save you a lot of headaches. At 1st United, you have access to text alerts that can help prevent fraudulent transactions on your credit and debit cards. If a suspicious transaction occurs, 1st United will send a text to your mobile phone asking you to verify if you performed the transaction.

10. Above all, trust your instincts. If you suspect foul play, or if you're in doubt about the authenticity of a machine, use a different machine or payment method.

The police urge that if someone does suspect a skimming device, they report it to the manager of the location immediately as well as law enforcement.

OBITUARIES

Allen Willard Winters

Chelsea Soldier's Home resident
for over 20 years



A longtime resident of the Chelsea Soldier's Home, Allen Willard Winters passed away Friday afternoon, December 1 at the age of 74.

Born in Boston, the son of the late John D. and Eva V. (Graves) Winters, Allen received his GED from the United Autoworkers General Motors Education Opportunity Center in 1988. He began his career at General Motors in Framingham as a general assembler and later became an automotive inspector. He worked for GM for nine years before leaving the company to explore other career opportunities. He worked as a self-employed painter and subcontractor, worked in security and also worked as a service coordinator at a shelter for Veterans. Allen retired as a security officer from a security company in Worcester.

Allen had a love for his country. He enlisted in the US Army on February 24, 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged as a reserve of the Army on November 12, 1975. Allen re-enlisted in the Massachusetts National Guard from 1975 – 1980. Allen was also an enlisted member of the Maine Army National Guard in Bangor, ME. He received many trainings and medals for four years of Honorable Service with a Reserve Component Unit.



Allen has been a resident of the Chelsea Soldier's Home for over 20 years. He will be forever missed by his family and all the residents and staff at the Soldier's Home.

Allen was the father of Marybeth Broussard and her husband, William J. of New Hampshire, brother of the late Joseph C. Winters and Dorothy I. Winters, uncle of the late Donna M. Moran and great uncle of Michael S. Moran of Amesbury. He is also survived by one grandson, Justin A. Broussard.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend a visiting hour at the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Avenue, Chelsea on Friday, December 8 from 9 to 10 a.m. A Graveside Service at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett will follow the visitation at 10:30 a.m.

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

DOC implements no cost phone calls

The Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) implemented no cost phone calls across its 14 correctional facilities to provide equitable access to sustained communication between incarcerated individuals and their loved ones. The move results from legislation signed by Governor Maura Healey requiring calls be made available free of charge for individuals in state and county prisons. The Healey-Driscoll Administration supported this initiative in recognition that maintaining a connection between incarcerated individuals and their families is vital to enhancing rehabilitation, reducing recidivism, and improving

community safety.

Beginning December 1, 2023, all calls from the standard facility wall phone will use the same call procedures outlined in the Department's Telephone Access and Use Policy. However, phone calls will no longer incur any charge. Previously, the incarcerated individual or the person receiving the call would pay the fee. Under the change, there is no cap on the number of calls.

"The Massachusetts Department of Correction recognizes the importance of incarcerated individuals maintaining bonds with their loved ones. No cost calls will alleviate the financial burden and

remove barriers for an individual in MA DOC custody to stay connected with their outside support system. Strong family support helps to advance the rehabilitative process, reduces recidivism, and contributes to successful reentry upon release," said DOC Commissioner Carol Mici.

To raise awareness about this change, DOC provided the population with written notification, posted signage in all residential units, and uploaded a message to each person's department-issued educational tablet.

In anticipation of increased demand and call volume within each housing unit, DOC has proac-

tively engaged the phone vendor, Securus Technologies, to identify locations across the agency that may benefit from additional wall phones. DOC is also exploring ways to facilitate additional access, including the ability to make calls through tablets. In addition, the Department provides other opportunities for incarcerated individuals to stay connected with loved ones through in-person visits, letters, and electronic messaging.

The Department has published an FAQ to provide families and loved ones with more information about the implementation of the no cost call initiative.

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NEW GENEVA STREET PROJECT PROPOSED AT GSCA MEETING

EAST BOSTON - At its monthly meeting, the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) reviewed plans for a proposal that would bring multiple units to 12 Geneva Street.

The project, presented by Attorney Richard Lynds, proposes constructing a new four-story building comprised of four units intended for homeownership.

Regarding the makeup of the units, there would be one two-bedroom, which is an accessible unit, along with three three-bedroom units. Additionally, the square footage of these units ranges from a little over 1,050 square feet to 1,231 square feet.

In speaking about the bedrooms, Lynds said, "We're trying to gear those toward — as we do more regularly here in this community — the larger-sized bedroom counts so that we're not essentially developing something that really caters to a more transient population."

"This is something that at least allows for a good-sized unit, could be used for starting families or larger households," he added.

In terms of the zoning relief sought in conjunction with this project, several variances are needed under current zoning. These variances relate to minimum lot width, the side and rear yard, floor area ratio, height, open space, and parking.

However, Lynds noted during the presentation that the neighborhood could get new zoning through the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative PLAN: East Boston.

This means that some of the aspects of the project that require a variance under current zoning could actually end up complying with the proposed zoning through PLAN: East Boston.

Other aspects of the project include the proposal containing zero parking spaces and plans for a roof deck exclusive to the fourth unit.

When a discussion about the proposal opened up, the first concern brought up by an attendee was the parking.

"There's proposed on this 11 bedrooms. Historically, what we've seen, there's about one car per bedroom for people who are buying at these price levels, and I don't necessarily think the neighborhood can really accommodate those 11 extra cars," said the attendee.

Lynds responded, explaining that parking options on the lower level were explored and, at best, two or three parking spaces could be included.

"While I understand the comment about the parking, we do feel that we explored both options, and the use of the space for an accessible unit we feel makes a lot more sense overall and aligns pretty much where the city is going with new developments," said Lynds

"We're going to take a chance in asking for the relief for the parking on this one," he added.

Another attendee asked about the state of zoning. In part, Lynds described the state of zoning as being in limbo.

"The way it works right now is, I need to appeal the determination of inspectional services based upon the current zoning because we filed for this permit before any zoning change is going to happen. However, it's important that we overlay where the zoning is going because that is the guidance that the Boston Planning and Development Agency will give to the zoning board," he said.

"We technically still require relief, but it is consistent with or largely consistent with the direction for new zoning for the area."

As the discussion continued, an attendee complimented the proposal, and there was a conversation about the rear setback as it relates to the neighborhood context.

Concerning the next steps, since this was the first presentation of the project to the GSCA, it would need to be presented again for a vote to be held. The GSCA is not scheduled to meet in December but will reconvene on January 22.

CITY IS WELL PREPARED FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER

EVERETT - With the snow season now upon us, the City is well prepared for both snow removal and emergency measures. The Mayor recently met with his senior staff to ensure that the procedures, staffing and supplies for snow removal and parking enforcement are effectively in place.

All pieces of snow removal equipment, both City-owned and contracted vehicles, along with several snow blowers for City buildings will be made available for the upcoming season. For major storms, crews will work in coordinated split shifts, utilizing plows, sanders, bobcat front-end loaders and sidewalk plows to ensure the safety of the City's main arteries, side streets and sidewalks. In the days following major storms, the Department of Public Works (DPW) will continue the work of plowing and coordinating additional snow removal.

The City has reaffirmed its strategy for notifying residents of parking bans. Parking bans and restrictions will be implemented and enforced ahead of storms. Once the decision has been made to declare a snow emergency, the information will be made available to residents through robo-calls, postings on Everett Community Television (ECTV), social media (Facebook: /cityofeverettma; Instagram: @cityofeverettma; X (the platform formerly known as Twitter): @City_EverettMA), cityofeverett.com website, and by the activation of the blue emergency lights along main arteries. Residents can also call 311 or 617-394-2270 for any information.

For this snow season, December 2023 to March/April of 2024, the year used for parking bans will be 2024 – an even numbered year – thus vehicles should park on the EVEN side of the street. For secondary streets, where parking is normally allowed on both sides when a snow parking ban is called, parking is ONLY allowed on the side of the street where the house numbers are even. This would apply for the entire snow season. However, for streets that are one-sided parking, vehicles must remain on the side that is usually allowed. As always, there is no parking permitted on main arteries during a parking ban.

Main arteries include:

- Chelsea, Hancock, Nichols, Norwood, Lawrence, Bell Rock, Bryant, Broadway, Main, Elm, Ferry, Fuller, Lynn, Bucknam, High, Garland, Alpine, Second, Tileston, Tremont and Union.

Failure to follow parking ban and snow emergency regulations will result in the ticketing and towing of vehicles.

The Code Enforcement Department would also like to remind people when shoveling not to throw snow back into the street. This hinders the efforts of the City to effectively plow our roadways, and is subject to fines. Also, using objects to reserve parking spaces on City streets is prohibited by City ordinance.

The Mayor and his administration ask that all residents help the City achieve a successful snow removal season by following these regulations, and thank everyone in advance for their cooperation. For more information, please call Constituent Services at 617-394-2270.

DISABILITIES COMM. HEARS OF THE NEED FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

REVERE - The Revere

MASS BADGE THANKSGIVING



Shown above, Kitchen crew, Joe Inter-nicola with Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe, Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Hinojosa and some of the many volunteers during the Mass Badge Thanksgiving Dinner. Shown inset, Marie Voto, Al Doucette, Judy D'Ambrosio, and Beverly Forgione.

Commission on Disabilities held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 14, via Zoom. Chair Ralph DeCicco, vice-chair Pauline Perno, and fellow members Jason Barone-Cichocki, Robert Brown, and Mario Grimanis were on hand for the meeting.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Deborah Kneeland-Keegan, the long-time director of the For Kids Only (FKO) After-School program, who made a presentation to the members about FKO's Youth in Motion program and what FKO offers for children with disabilities.

Kneeland-Keegan, a former special education teacher whose career began in the 1970s, said she recognized that there was a need for after-school programs for children and opened her non-profit company in 1984, which is now observing its 40th anniversary.

Since beginning in Winthrop, FKO has expanded to other communities, including Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Peabody. FKO is open year-round and until 6 p.m. on school days. FKO has been serving Revere since 1998 and was selected by United Way-Mass Bay to receive a grant to build its facility on Broadway, which initially was known as Youth in Motion, and has expanded into social and emotional learning work.

Kneeland-Keegan said the program in Revere is licensed to serve 140 children in grades K-5 and is working with the city to expand its programs to include middle school-age children. The programs offered at FKO, which is under contact with the Mass. Dept. of Early Education and Care, presently include inclusion specialists and one-on-one for students who need specialized care, including those who have disabilities or severe behavioral problems. She said that FKO partners with local schools, inclusion specialists, and social workers, among others, to achieve success for every child. She also noted that the program "does not use 'time-outs', which is a punitive approach to change,

and instead we use a more-positive behavioral approach to learning. FKO is committed to inclusion as a philosophy, the belief system that every child is engaged and celebrated and to promote the attitude that 'we all count and we all belong'.

"Youth with inclusion support show increased engagement in learning and improved behavior and relationship with their peers," Kneeland-Keegan added.

She noted that there has been a tremendous change in the needs of children who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. She also said that FKO designs individualized plans to accommodate each child, similar to an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in the school system. Subsidies are available for those who need it. In addition, the FKO staff is multilingual and the FKO facility is fully-accessible.

Grimanis noted the great need for programs for middle school-age children, a sentiment with which Keegan fully-agreed.

"This is a critical need. Many students who have been with us for five years do not want to leave," said Keegan, "but we do not have any place for them."

DeCicco noted that he had been in favor of the Wonderland site for the new high school principally because it would have been able to accommodate programs in the school such as FKO's. However, the new high school that is being proposed by some at a location other than Wonderland will be "squished-in" and will not be able to handle the programs that are needed to address the needs of today's youth.

Keegan then added that support in the Revere community is needed in order to expand FKO's reach to accommodate children in middle school.

year, according to the Town Council President.

At last week's meeting, Council President Jim Letterie fielded a question about town information regarding trash pick up and other updates that were posted on Winthrop discussion boards, but were not found on the town website. One resident noted that citizens could get confused if information was posted in the discussion groups but was hard to find on the official town website.

"As far as policy goes, I think the council's internal policy is that everything should be on the town website," said Letterie. "There are people that will copy and paste stuff like that ... and there's not much we can do about that. Anything concerning late pick-up days or holiday pick-up or leaf pick-up should be, and I believe it is ... on the town website."

Town Manager Tony Marino said information on trash and leaf pickup schedules should be on the public works department page of the town's website.

"Nothing should go out on social media without it being on the town website," said Letterie.

While there have been improvements to the town's website, Letterie said there is still work to do and it has not gone unnoticed by the town manager and the council.

"It will continue to be worked on," Letterie said.

In other business, the council opened and continued the tax classification hearing for Fiscal Year 2024.

"We are still awaiting more information," said Letterie. "I have asked and the town manager has asked to get more definitive information on certain questions, so we are waiting for numbers. We needed to open the public hearing tonight and we will continue the public hearing."

The public hearing was continued to the council's meeting next week on Tuesday, Dec. 5

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Chelsea, MA has been
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the bond.
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CITY OF CHELSEA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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In accordance with M.G.L.
Ch. 40A, Section 5, the
Chelsea City Council will
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Thursday, December
21st 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, which
would amend Section
34-241 by changing the
definition of "Indoor
commercial recreation,";
amend Section 34-262 to
change "theater, concert
halls and cinema" to add
"exhibition hall"; and
amend Section 34-241
to change the definition
of "Health and fitness
club."
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
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would repeal
Section 34-158(c)(2)
which reads "Marijuana
Retailers are prohibited
from operating between
the hours of 9 PM and
9 AM."

A copy of the proposed
amendment is available
for inspection in the City
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City Hall, Chelsea, MA;
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Zoning Ordinance, to
create a new Transit Community
Overlay District which
would provide for multifamily
development in the vicinity
of the Commuter Rail Station
by adding the overlay
district to the list of
districts in Section 34-28;
create a new Section 34-
188 Transit Community
Overlay District which
allows the development
of housing at a density
of up to forty units per
acre by right and up to
eighty-five units by special
permit; changing the
title of Section 34-216 to

include Transit Community
Overlay District; and
by amending the official
zoning map to include
the Transit Community
Overlay District.
A copy of the proposed
amendment is available
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City Hall, Chelsea, MA;
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CITY OF
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Improvements
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its Chief Procurement
Officer, is seeking sealed
bids for all labor, equip-
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"Williams Street Traffic
Signal Improvements".
Invitation for Bids will
be available on or after
December 7, 2023, by
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at [https://www.chelsea-
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bids_solicitations](https://www.chelsea-ma.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations).
php.
Bids must be sealed and
clearly marked "Williams
Street Traffic Signal
Improvements" and
submitted to the Office
of the Chief Procurement

Officer no later than
11:00AM on Thursday,
December 28, 2023.
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Chief Procurement Officer
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Public Hearing:
Untimely Tobacco
Permit Renewal
The Chelsea Board of
Health will hold an
in-person public hearing
at 5:30 pm on Tuesday,

December 19, 2023 at
The Williams School
Building located at 180
Walnut Street, Chelsea
MA. The public hearing
is on a request to renew
an over a year late
tobacco permit. To share
comments please email
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NOTICE

In accordance with
Section 2-7 (b) and
(d) of the Chelsea City
Charter notice is hereby
given that at a regular
meeting of the Chelsea
City Council held on
December 4, 2023, the
City Council voted after a
second reading to adopt
the following orders:
Ordered, that the Chelsea
City Council adopt the
Minimum Residential
Tax Factor for the Fiscal
Year 2024, with a 1.75
commercial, industrial
and personal property
(CIP) shift factor.
Ordered, that the Chelsea
City Council adopt a 35%
Residential Exemption
for the Fiscal Year 2024.
Ordered, that in accor-
dance with M.G.L. Ch.
44, Section 64 budget
management procedures,
whereby costs incurred
in FY20, FY22, and FY23
were not paid and are
owed to the vendors, and
to meet this obligation
funds are required
from the current year

FY24 budget as noted,
that the City Council
authorize the following
expenditures to satisfy
the unpaid balances that
total \$12,749.60 from
prior years as follows:
FY23 Fire \$3,788.80
Six Firefighters mileage
compensation, FY22
Fire \$5,550.00 Eight
Firefighters mileage
compensation, FY20
Fire \$3,410.80 Four
Firefighters mileage
compensation.
Ordered, that pursuant
to Section 4-3(l) of the
Charter of the City of
Chelsea, the Chelsea City
Council approves the
cost items set forth in
the collective bargaining
agreement negotiated
with USWA Local 9427,
memorialized in the
Memorandum of Agree-
ment for Fiscal Years
2024-2026 ratified on
November 1, 2023.
Ordered, that, to fund
the collective bargaining
agreement negotiated
with the USWA Local
9427 for Fiscal Year
2024, the Chelsea City
Council authorizes the
transfer of \$175,858.00
from the Salary Reserve
Account #0199959-
598000 to the FY2024
Regular Salaries Account
#510200 to fund the
FY2024 Contract Wage
Increases.
Copies of the orders are
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FRESH AND LOCAL

Pie for breakfast

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

“A Yankee is someone who eats pie for breakfast.” That’s an old New England saying popularized by Robert Frost and used as a punchline by E.B. White. That would make many Americans “Yankees” on the day after Thanksgiving. We bet a few of you had a bit of pie with or for breakfast on Thanksgiving weekend.

History of Pie for Breakfast

Writing for the Library of Congress, Jennifer Harbster noted, “The A-Z of Food and Drink (2002) suggests that the word pie (pye) first appeared in English in the early fourteenth century, and by the middle of the century, it became commonplace. In 1378, Richard II issued an ordinance controlling pie prices in London.” At this time, many pies were encased in a non-edible crust called a coffin, a word that initially just meant casing.

Many people who settled in New England came from Old England, which

was then and is now a pie culture. This area of the country has been called the “pie belt.”

What Is a Pie?

Wikipedia says, “A pie is a baked dish which is usually made of a pastry dough casing that contains a filling of various sweet or savoury ingredients.” That definition is broad enough to allow us to indulge in many pie versions for breakfast, including crostatas, flans, pizzas, calzones, or Jamaican Patties.

Looking at a recent list of the most popular pies in the United Kingdom, we found many pie forms. We agree! Our love for pies goes beyond what most people think of as pie.

Holdovers from earlier times are items like the Cornish Pasty, which today has Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) and Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status. This handheld pie can only be made in Cornwall, and ingredients are limited to beef, potato, rutabaga, onion, salt, and pepper.

Other handheld traditions include pork, meat, and mince pies. And even sausage rolls would make excellent breakfast items.

Open-faced custard pies are also high on the UK favorites list. We haven’t had an open-faced cheese and onion pie, a British comfort food classic. However, we love eggy pies like Quiche Lorraine for breakfast.

Potato-topped pies, popular in the UK and here, include Shepherd and Cottage pies, often made from leftovers. The Brits have taken that one step beyond with their fish pies made from a selection of the best fish they can find at the market, a creamy sauce, and a blanket of golden mashed potatoes. If there were leftovers from that one, it would be gobbled up for breakfast.

Our Pie Traditions

Another special occasion when we might have pie for breakfast is the day after our birthdays. When she was a youngster, a neighbor baked a



This was breakfast for one of us the day after Thanksgiving!

lemon meringue pie for Penny for her birthday every year. In honor of this delightful baker, we often seek out lemon meringue when her birthday arrives.

Last year, Penny presented Ed with a blueberry pie for his birthday instead of a cake. It was such a hit that we’ve added that to our pie traditions.

Penny’s Great Aunt used to add a French Canadian Tourtière to any holiday meal. This tradition has slipped off our menus in the last few years, but now we may make them purely for their breakfast appeal.

The final pie-for-breakfast confession that many of you may have to make

is scoffing down a slice of leftover pizza pie on your way out the door the morning after a gathering of friends. Come on, admit it. You’ve done it!

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