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The Chelsea High School boys basketball team tipped off against Cambridge on the parquet floor at TD Garden.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Chelsea High School boys basketball team and coaches. Shown (standing) Assistant Coach Joseph Rivera, Michael Fortune, Moses Kerenzo, Justin Toro, Edwin De Jesus Jr., Abdi Mohamed, Moe Osman, David Wright, Head Coach Cesar Castro, Assistant Coach Armani Cheek, Assistant Coach JC Sanchez, Assistant Coach Jomar Vazquez, Assistant Coach Terrance Kennedy, and Jonathan Williams Jr. Kneeling are JD Arias, Christian Colon, Brauli Quezada Tineo, Felipe Franco Garcia, and Noordin Abdi.

A Memorable Day At The Garden

CPS community comes together for special day at TD Garden

Justin Toro provides a highlight with a trio of three-pointers at TD Garden

Special to the Record

By Cary Shuman

“Everybody Shines Together” is written on the back of the warmup jerseys for the Chelsea High School boys basketball team. The slogan proved emblematic when on Sunday afternoon, the Chelsea community came together for a special moment when the team played on the parquet floor at TD Garden.

Celtics and Boston Bruins was greeted by a wave of Chelsea High School and Chelsea Public Schools supporters as CHS’ boys basketball team and cheerleading teams competed at the Garden. Joining past Chelsea student-athletes to play at the Garden like the 1999-2000 North Sectional champion girls basketball team, the boys basketball players and

Senior guard Justin Toro displayed his excellent shooting touch in the Chelsea High School boys basketball game versus Cambridge in the Andrew James Lawson Foundation Tournament Sunday at TD Garden.

Toro netted three 3-pointers from beyond the NBA 3-point line on his way to a team-high 15 points in the 67-53 loss to

the Falcons.

“Justin hit some big three-pointers for us from NBA range,” said CHS head coach Cesar Castro. “I give him the ultimate green light to shoot the basketball. He just started playing basketball in the eighth grade, but he has tremendous confidence in his abilities.”

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Baldini named as Superintendent of Chelsea Veterans Home

Special to the Record



Christine Baldini.

The Executive Office of Veterans Services announces the selection of Christine Baldini, LNHA, as the new Superintendent of the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea. With over 25 years of distinguished service as a senior nursing home leader in the Greater Boston area, Baldini’s selection marks a significant milestone for the Massachusetts Veter-

tine’s leadership will add to the momentum while creating an environment that fosters opportunity, growth, and world-class excellence in long-term care.”

“I am honored to join the Chelsea Veterans Home as the Superintendent,” expressed Christine Baldini. “My goal is to continue the legacy of exceptional care and support for our veterans, building on the foundation of excellence established by the Executive Office of Veterans Services. My career has been dedicated to ensuring the well-being of those under my care, and I am eager to continue this mission with the veterans at Chelsea.”

The newly constructed Veterans Home at Chelsea, a state-of-the-art building with 154 private resident

rooms, is designed with a strong focus on energy efficiency.

In October, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services proudly announced that the Veterans Home at Chelsea (CHE) secured the Department of Public Health (DPH) Licensure and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Certification, officially designating it as a skilled nursing facility.

These critical licensures facilitated the relocation of the initial 20 residents into the new veterans home. Soon after, the Veterans Home underwent and passed its initial State Veterans Home recognition survey by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA Rec-

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Interviews start for city manager staff positions

By Adam Swift

In his first weeks in office, new City Manager Fidel Maltez has been working to fill out his staff.

Late last year, the city council approved a request from Maltez to fund a reorganization of the city manager’s office that sees staff increase from three to five employees.

Rather than one deputy city manager, the office will now operate with two

deputy managers reporting to Maltez, one for operations and one for finance. In addition, the council also approved funding the new position of Director of Constituent Services.

The duties of that position include listening to resident concerns, providing information and assistance, coordinating with the city council, and advocating for residents,

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City looks to increase lead testing

Special to the Record

Chelsea health officials are looking to increase lead testing in the city and get back to its pre-pandemic testing rates.

The majority of Chelsea properties were built before 1970, and environmental factors put the city’s children at risk of lead poisoning. Lead is harmful to human health, and in children, lead exposure can cause life-long health effects, including problems with learning and development.

A screening blood test is the only tool available to identify lead exposure in children.

In Chelsea, the Public Health Department is working with medical providers, including East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Cambridge Health Alliance, and Mass General Brigham, to promote lead screening among children ages 9

months to 5 years. Medical providers are sending notifications to children who have fallen behind their annual lead test.

To all parents and legal guardians:

· If you are informed that your child is due for a lead test, get your child tested as soon as possible at their doctor’s office.

· If you believe your child needs to be tested, please follow up with your child’s doctor or medical provider.

· If your child is up-to-date with their annual lead test, no action is required, and you may discuss it with the provider at the next annual wellness check.

· Lead tests are covered by insurance

Anyone with questions about lead testing should feel free to reach out to their child’s medical provider or contact Chelsea Public Health at (617) 466-4209.

CHS TRACK TEAM COMPETES IN THREE-WAY MEET



BOB MARRA PHOTO

Thania Simon (39) won the long jump with a 14’5.25” leap at a three-way meet at the Reggie Lewis Center. See Page 6 for more photos.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

The following story is one in a series from the ongoing People of Chelsea project, which photographs and interviews our fellow citizens. These stories celebrate where we are now as a community as we enter the 400th year of the history of our city's founding. The entire project will be archived digitally at the Chelsea Public Library, and has initially been made possible by a grant from the Chelsea Cultural Grant. The People of Chelsea project looks forward to celebrating the 400th with all of you.



Javier Villeda, Kliq, Apparel & clothing 2/10/2023

I just wanted to make all one big community for everybody. That's what Kliq is to me. When we were in middle school, we went to the Clark. There was Sergio, Anthony, Jamie, Emerson, Richie, and then me. So that's six. We were just being kids. We were just hanging out. Ever since then, we've been tied like brothers. So the feeling of the clothes,

it's tapping into not just the aesthetic, but to the feel of those days that we had, when you could walk out, the sun's blazing on you, and you just look great. That's how those days were like, we would be up there, we would be hanging out, we would play beat, watching music videos on MTV Jams, and the sun's coming in. We have 50¢ Honey Buns that we're about to snack on before football practice, and that's the early childhood for me.

There's more that goes into this, there's what we stand for and where we're from. This is my clique. My family's everything to me, and then my friends that started this with me. It's just everything. The clique is actually still around, going strong. Those guys mean a lot to me. So when we talk about family and where we started, which is here in Chelsea, I want to stay here, make a difference, and go on from there.

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according to Maltez.

Maltez said the search to fill those positions is going well.

"Chelsea is an exciting community, and I am very excited about the number of applicants that we received and the caliber of the applicants," he said. "Chelsea is a gateway community, we are always in conversations with Boston, with Somerville, with Cambridge. For anyone who wants to do good work, Chelsea is a good place to be."

The interview process is ongoing now, and Mal-

tez said he'd like to make a decision on final hires by the end of January.

"They are critical to the long-term operation of the city," said Maltez, especially as the municipal budgeting process for the next fiscal year kicks off in City Hall.

In addition to the positions in the city manager's office, the city is also looking for a new Director of Housing and Community Development to replace Alex Train, who left that position at the end of last year.

"I wish (Train) nothing

but the best," said Maltez. "He was a huge asset for the city of Chelsea and really accomplished a lot. He brought in a lot of grants to the city, he created a lot of innovative and progressive projects and programs that really benefited our residents."

While the city will miss Train, Maltez said the community development department grew under his tenure and that its staff is ready to face and meet new challenges as the hiring process for a new director continues.

Four local organizations award grants through state CERP

By Adam Swift

Four Chelsea nonprofits were among the 67 organizations across Massachusetts who were awarded a state Community Empowerment and Reinvestment Program (CERP) grant last week.

CERP is a competitive grant program that offers flexible operating grants to local collaborations for programming and projects that develop, strengthen, and invest in community economic priorities. The program aims to bring positive economic outcomes to communities that have been adversely impacted by the criminal justice system and poverty.

Governor Maura Healey stated that more than \$15 million in grants was awarded to the 67 organizations. In Chelsea, the organizations that benefited from the grants included CAPIC, La Colaborativa, The Neighborhood Developers, and HarborCOV.

"Our administration is committed to making Massachusetts a state where everyone has access to economic opportunity," said Healey. "The Community Empowerment and Reinvestment Program is reshaping our communities by providing resources for programs that strengthen our communities through job training, small business support, housing stability, and more. We congratulate the awardees on this hard-earned achievement and thank the Legislature for

their partnership to make this funding available."

CAPIC received \$100,000 for a project that will link individuals who have been impacted by the criminal justice system to care and recovery support from a variety of settings to improve access to programs and resources that address trauma and other risk factors for substance and alcohol use. Specifically, CAPIC will further expand upon current partnerships with the SELAH Day Resource Center and the Chelsea Police Department.

CAPIC will provide comprehensive case management; recovery coach support, mental health services/counseling, access to community healthcare, transportation, gift cards to purchase food, crisis intervention support, and access to transitional housing and sober living.

HarborCOV received \$165,000 to provide survivor-centered case management, housing support, and legal representation to domestic violence survivors who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. These survivors are often impacted by disproportionate barriers to stable housing due to their experience of abuse, past criminal justice involvement, employment and workforce challenges, housing discrimination, and vulnerable immigration status. HarborCOV staff will partner with survivors to outline a plan to overcome

these barriers to housing and meet their needs and goals for stability.

La Colaborativa received \$400,000 for Chelsea Youth Work, which is designed to jumpstart economic mobility and deliver just and equitable access to critical employment training for Chelsea's most vulnerable youth. This project will allow youth to avoid involvement with the juvenile justice system overcome structural barriers and build wealth and wellbeing for generations to come.

The Neighborhood Developers received \$225,000 for the CONNECT Hotline to facilitate access to pandemic relief funds. The Hotline, now a permanent fixture, continues to provide one-on-one support to callers facing housing instability and other economic challenges.

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll said CERP plays a vital role in supporting communities that face significant barriers to economic growth in the state.

"This funding will provide assistance to organizations that are doing critical work to improve public health, support small and diverse businesses, engage with young people, provide education and workforce opportunities and so much more," Driscoll said. "This program will help strengthen our bond with local leaders to safeguard the well-being of all residents."

MA Department of Public Utilities approves city's electricity aggregation program

By Adam Swift

The city recently received approval from the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) for its electricity aggregation program, Chelsea Electricity Choice.

The city anticipates launching the program later this year, according to City Manager Fidel Maltez.

Chelsea Electricity Choice is a group electricity buying program from the City of Chelsea for residents and businesses. The program will provide electricity customers in Chelsea with a transparent, trustworthy alternative to private electricity offers.

Through the program, Chelsea will sign long-term fixed-price contracts that will prioritize the purchase of electricity from renewable sources like wind and solar. By offering long-term prices, Chelsea Electricity Choice will keep electricity prices stable and can provide protection from high winter price increases, according to Maltez.

In addition, Chelsea Electricity Choice has the potential to provide savings compared with Eversource's Basic Service prices. However, because

Eversource's prices change seasonally and their future prices are unknown, Chelsea Electricity choice cannot guarantee to provide savings.

Residents' electricity accounts will be eligible for automatic enrollment in Chelsea Electricity Choice if they have not already signed a private contract with an electricity supplier (such as Eversource's Basic Service). Those that have signed a private electricity supply contract, you will not be automatically enrolled, but you can choose to enroll with a phone call or online. Participation is never required, and residents may leave Chelsea Electricity Choice at any time with no fee or penalty.

"It's something that a lot of communities are taking advantage of," said Maltez. "What we are able to do, is we are able to buy electricity for all of our residents in bulk. By us buying our own electricity we are able to lock in rates longer so we don't have to go by the fluctuation of Eversource, and we are able to protect residents from third-party energy contracts, which can be predatory.

They are not necessarily all predatory, but they can be."

Residents will still be getting one bill from Eversource if they take part in the program, and Eversource will still be responsible for handling all electrical issues in the city, Maltez said.

Maltez said the next step is for the City to sign an electricity supply contract. Once that contract is signed, the city will conduct an outreach effort before the program launches, and will be able to share program prices, the launch date, and information about how to enroll or prevent enrollment. As part of that outreach, the city will conduct public information sessions and will notify by mail anyone who is eligible for automatic enrollment.

"Since it was first approved, basically in my first week here, I am working really hard to make sure it gets rolled out efficiently and that residents see the benefits sooner rather than later," said Maltez. "I know that residents in Chelsea in particular are very utility burdened. A lot of their income goes to utilities, so any kind of reduction in electricity cost is going to help all the residents."

More information about the program is available online at ChelseaElectricityChoice.com.

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By Tracy Nowicki Director of Elder Services

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Celtics player is Derrick White, said it the Garden was a good environment for shooting the basketball from long range.

"I felt comfortable out there, and it was great to have so many Chelsea people at the game," said Toro. "We all had fun."

Toro made it a point to mention the three teammates who assisted on his three pointers. "David Wright, Abdi Mohamed, and Brauli Quezada got me in the ball in the right spot. We play together as a team."

Toro said assistant coach Armani Cheek started instructing him in basketball when he was an eighth grader. "That's what inspired me to play basketball."

Toro, who is 5-feet, 11 inches tall, said he is hoping to continue his basketball career at Bunker Hill Community College.

Interestingly, Justin is a cousin of former Chelsea Youth Basketball standouts Peter Toro and Robert Toro.

Following are comments from CHS coaches and players about the trip to TD Garden:

Head Coach Cesar Castro, a past 1,000-point scorer for the CHS varsity

"It was an amazing experience and an opportunity of a lifetime for these kids to showcase their talent at the TD Garden. Not many people can say they played at the Garden. I think Chelsea High's last appearance was the year Denise Chappell and Autumn Lopez were on the girls' team in 2000 (in the state semifinals).

"For us to be there, and have the whole city there was amazing. We didn't



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

District 4 Councilor Tanairi Garcia, Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia, and City Council President Norieliz DeJesus were among the many Chelsea residents who traveled to Boston to support the Chelsea High boys basketball team in its game versus Cambridge Sunday at TD Garden.

get the win, but having all those people there, family and friends, it was a win for the city. To see everybody there - our superintendent of schools (Dr. Almi Abeyta), deputy superintendent (Adam Deleidi), and our principal (Obad Morales), it was awesome to get that support."

Senior Abdi Mohamed, who is in his second season as a Chelsea varsity point guard

"It was a good experience. It was my first experience playing at the Garden. The court was bigger, and the lights were very bright. It was good to see everybody there. I tried to get everyone involved in the offense Justin (Toro) was hitting the threes. I want to thank Coach Castro. He's the best coach I've ever had."

Asked who his favorite Celtics players is, Abdi replied, "Jaylen Brown."

Sophomore Moe Osman, who scored 12 points in the game

"Playing at the Garden was an amazing experience. The court seemed bigger than regular courts. I didn't take any three-pointers. I wanted to go and get some shots inside the paint. My goal is

to lead this team to a state tournament berth. I'm going to work hard in the summer and get better every day."

Asked if he could dunk the basketball, Mo said, "Of course, absolutely. I have not dunked in a game yet, but it's coming."

Assistant coach Armani Cheek, who played in the state semifinals at the Garden as a Pope John varsity player

"It was a wonderful experience for our team. Obviously, we didn't get the outcome we wanted to get, but for the city, the basketball program, and the kids - it was a big win overall. I'm very happy for our team and our coaching staff. Coach Castro is leading us in the right direction. We're just trusting him to take us to the top level of high school basketball.

"It was amazing to see so many fans there, people from City Hall, the City Council. It was great to see everyone come out and support us and what we're doing.

"I had my own great experience playing at the Garden. But we lost on a buzzer-beater (to Abington)."

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cheerleaders enjoyed an experience that they will never forget.

A quick scan of the crowd showcased plenty of Chelsea support. The team's 4:00 game against Cambridge tipped off with the Chelsea faithful outnumbering the Cambridge contingent. The CHS "C", the red and black colors of CHS supporters and the maroon print of Chelsea Opportunity Academy were just some of the sights that filled almost two full sections of seats behind the Chelsea bench. There was also a smattering of Chelsea fans throughout the rest of the arena, including youth players representing the Chelsea Youth Basketball League.

"Observing the unity of our community as they came together to support our boys' basketball team at the TD Garden was truly uplifting. We want to express our immense gratitude to the Chelsea community for their strong presence," said Chelsea Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta.

"Jan 14th, 2024 is a day the Chelsea High Boys Basketball Team will never forget! Playing at the TD Garden was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many of the players had never set foot inside the Garden before, so being able to play on the same floor as the Boston Celtics was absolutely unbelievable. We fully embraced the moment and it was so special to see the

entire Chelsea community come out to support us. That's what it's all about, bringing the community together," added CHS coach Cesar Castro.

Courtside, the cheerleaders and the Chelsea Red Devil mascot were heard loudly and proudly throughout the venue. While the game went in favor of Cambridge, the support for Chelsea was felt as strongly as ever inside the Garden. And the memories made for the student-athletes will last a lifetime.

Castro commented, "I just want to emphasize that it doesn't matter where the kids play, whether it's at the TD Garden, Jor-

dan Boys & Girls Club, Highland Park, or Chelsea High School, we need that same level of support. And I'm not just talking about basketball, I'm talking about all sports. That's how we'll continue to support our student athletes. The team loved seeing everyone there, and all they want to do is make the city proud. "Everybody Shines Together!"

Castro, who's name hangs in the rafters at the Saul Necham Gymnasium as a 1,000-point scorer at CHS, has guided the team to three wins so far this season. The Red Devils have nine games left in the regular season including seven GBL Games.

Tech Goes Home adds 25 new area partners

Tech Goes Home (TGH), a leading Massachusetts nonprofit committed to advancing digital equity, announced that it added 25 new community partners in Q4 of 2023. TGH will work alongside these new partners to deliver proven, responsive digital access programming in communities across Massachusetts.

Founded in Boston, TGH partners with community-focused organizations - like schools, libraries, and nonprofits - to reach individuals and families facing barriers to digital access. Working hand-in-hand with their community partners and a network of local instructors, TGH provides thousands of learners every year with a laptop or tablet, reliable internet access, and 15 hours of digital skills training.

The 25 new community partners include:

- The Hennigan K-8 School, in Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood;
- CAPIC Head Start, serving Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop;
- Boston at Martha Eliot, located in Jamaica Plain and serving patients from across Massachusetts;
- Winning Every Student, Inc., serving Boston, Lynn, and Brockton;
- Jeremiah's Inn in Worcester;
- Boston Center for Independent Living, serving a number of communities in Eastern Massachusetts;
- Apple Village Senior Housing in Beverly;
- Nevins Memorial Library serving Haverhill, Lawrence, and Methuen;

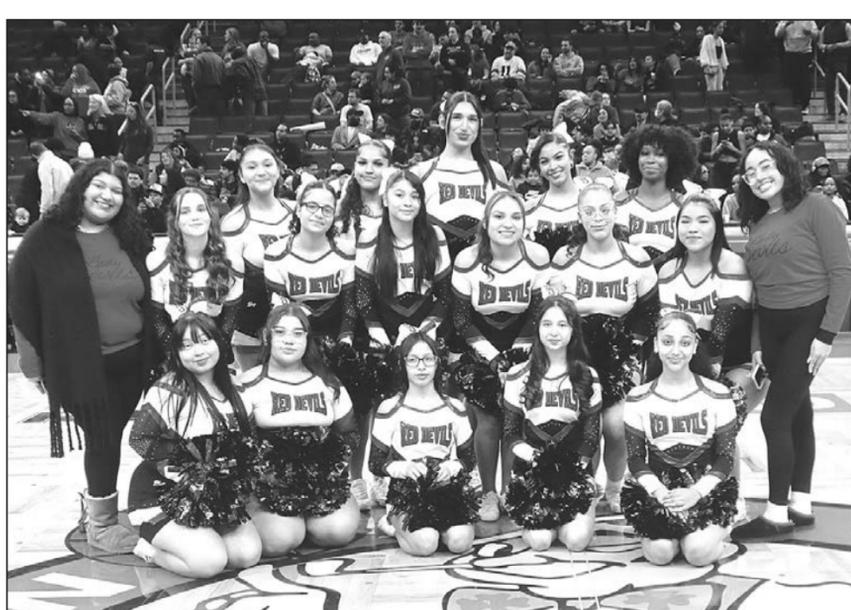
- Bunker Hill Community College - Chelsea Campus;
- Corcoran Jennison Management in Boston;
- ACT Lawrence in Lawrence;
- ABCD Mystic Valley Opportunity Center in Malden;
- Bridges Homeward in Cambridge;
- Clarendon Early Education Services serving Lawrence and Lowell, as well as Springfield, Lynn and Boston
- LaunchSpace in Orange;
- New Bedford Community Health serving New Bedford;
- New Birth Baptist Church in Brockton;
- PowerCorps Boston serving Boston;
- Ascentria Care Alliance in Worcester;
- Steps to Success in Brookline;
- Family Care Partnership in Boston;
- The Community Group in Lawrence;
- Intergenerational Literacy Program at Chelsea Public Schools in Chelsea;
- SeniorCare, serving nine communities on the North Shore and
- International Institute of New England in Lowell.

"Our community partners - and the folks at those organizations who become TGH instructors - are the backbone of our efforts to advance digital equity across Massachusetts," said Dan Noyes, CEO of TGH. "TGH will work closely with each of these organizations to provide the digital tools (a computer or tablet and in-

ternet access) that learners need and support instructors to develop a curriculum that covers essential digital skills, as well as particular skills that are important to their communities - whether that's building a business, accessing telehealth, or doing school work. Together, we'll reach thousands more people in communities across the state."

Currently, TGH works with more than 130 community partners in dozens of cities and towns across Massachusetts. You can learn more about their reach and impact - as well as a full list of community partners - by visiting <https://www.techgoeshome.org/our-reports>.

Tech Goes Home is a nonprofit dedicated to addressing the digital inequities that pose a significant barrier to opportunity and success for thousands of students, workers, and families across Massachusetts. Working in partnership with schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations, Tech Goes Home provides curated support - including access to digital devices, network connectivity, and robust training in how to utilize digital resources - to help individuals and families pursue economic mobility, support academic achievement, access critical resources, and engage with their community and loved ones. You can learn more about Tech Goes Home's work, and ways to become involved at [techgoeshome.org](https://www.techgoeshome.org).



The CHS cheerleading team at TD Garden.

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“TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI...”

The ongoing attacks against international shipping in the Red Sea by the former terrorist organization known as the Houthis, who presently are the ruling group in Yemen, are “illegal, unacceptable, and profoundly destabilizing,” in the words of the dozen nations who coalesced with the United States to launch a series of attacks against Houthi missile sites in Yemen last week.

The Houthis, who also have fired long-range rockets toward Israel and U.S. naval forces in the Red Sea, assert that their actions are in support of Hamas, the terrorists responsible for the slaughter, rape, and kidnapping of more than 1400 Israeli citizens on October 7.

Clearly, the Houthi attacks are part of an overall strategy by Iran, which has supplied weapons and funds for decades to the Houthis, Hamas, and Hezbollah, to cause as much death and destruction to Israel and its allies, with the stated goal of wiping Israel off the face of the map and killing every Jew they can find.

Some, both here and abroad, have criticized the United States and its allies for bombing the Houthi missile sites because it might lead to a widening of the ongoing war in the Middle East and draw the United States into the middle of the fight.

However, critics of U.S. policy are deluding themselves if they think that America somehow can remain above the fray, especially now that the Houthis are threatening the free flow of global commerce. U.S. history is instructive in this regard. In the 18th and early 19th centuries, what was then known as the Barbary coast nations of the Mediterranean -- present-day Morocco, Libya, Algeria, and Tunis -- plundered international shipping and enslaved thousands of their captives, including U.S. ships and citizens.

The United States Navy was established to respond to the blatant acts of nation-state piracy, culminating with an attack by the U.S. Marines, who burned the city of Tripoli in 1805 -- hence the phrase in the opening line of the Marine Corps anthem, “From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli.”

We realize that the circumstances between 1805 and today are vastly different, but the principle remains the same. More significantly, we must recognize that the world is being destabilized by an Axis of Evil consisting of Iran, Russia, and China. We cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand and pretend that they do not pose a threat to the Free World.

We must deal with the Houthis and their terrorist brethren to the full extent that we are able to do so. Anything less only will encourage them to go further.

WITH NO. KOREA NOW INVOLVED, AID TO UKRAINE IS NEEDED ASAP

The delay in providing much-needed military aid to Ukraine by a minority of Republican members of Congress these past few months has been nothing less than unconscionable.

But now that No. Korea has intervened by giving Vladimir Putin an estimated one million artillery shells (which comes on top of military drones being supplied to Putin by Iran), the need for the U.S. to resume supplying Ukraine with the arms to resist Putin’s aggression has become urgent.

It is not a coincidence that Russia’s war in Ukraine is being supported by China, Iran, and No. Korea, all of which are despotic countries whose stated goal is to destroy democratic nations across the globe. With No. Korea sending weapons to Russia, there can be no doubt that Putin will be supplying Kim Jong Un with the technology to develop long-range missiles that will threaten the United States and our allies with a nuclear attack.

The U.S. must stop playing nice with Putin and provide Ukraine with as much of our arsenal as is needed to destroy the Russian army as soon as possible. The longer that No. Korea remains a player in this conflict, the worse it will be for the entire world.

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DiDomenico, Senate pass wheelchair warranty reform

Senator DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate voted unanimously to strengthen consumer protections for wheelchair users.

An Act expanding wheelchair warranty protections for consumers with disabilities—S.2541—requires all wheelchairs to come with warranties, extends the minimum warranty period to two years, sets standards for wheelchair repairs and replacements, and eliminates the cumbersome prior authorization process for all wheelchair repairs under \$1,000.

“I was proud to take action on this critical legislation in order to protect and empower wheelchair users throughout our state,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “Passing this bill puts us one step closer to supporting the countless Massachusetts residents who rely on wheelchairs and have suffered with unaffordable wheelchair repairs for far too long. I want to thank Senate President Karen Spilka, and

Senator John Cronin for focusing on this important and neglected issue.”

The legislation requires all wheelchairs sold or leased in the Commonwealth to come with express warranties—a change from the current law, which only requires customized wheelchairs to come with express warranties. The legislation also extends express warranties for wheelchairs from one year to two years, bringing Massachusetts in line with states like Rhode Island and Connecticut. To alleviate wait times for repairs, the bill mandates that wheelchair service providers diagnose repair issues remotely within three business days following notice from a consumer and provide an in-person assessment no more than four business days after that.

If a wheelchair user cannot operate their in-warranty chair during the repair process, the bill mandates that manufacturers or dealers reimburse them for or provide a loaner wheelchair within four business days for most wheelchairs, or within eight business days for

highly customized wheelchairs.

The bill also requires manufacturers and dealers to cover any collateral costs incurred during the repair process for in-warranty wheelchairs. For out-of-warranty wheelchairs, the legislation prohibits insurers for requiring consumers to go through a cumbersome prior authorization process for any repairs totaling less than \$1,000. Finally, the bill allows the Attorney General’s office to take legal action against service providers who violate these provisions with unfair or deceptive business practices.

The legislation has received strong support from disability advocates across Massachusetts.

“S.2541 reflects an understanding of the challenges faced by wheelchair users and sets a new standard for consumer protection that will improve the quality of life for wheelchair users across the Commonwealth,” said Barbara L’Italien, Executive Director of the Disability Law Center. “We are grateful to Senate President Spilka,

Senator Cronin, and the Massachusetts Senate for recognizing the profound impact this legislation will have on individuals with disabilities who utilize wheelchairs.”

“When a wheelchair providing mobility so people can integrate into the community, too often breaks down, with waits as long as a year for repairs—we can fix cars and bikes in a day! —we have a serious problem,” Kay Schoucair, Senior Organizer, Boston Center for Independent Living (BCIL). “The time is overdue for manufacturers to simply stand behind their products. BCIL applauds the senate for pushing this much needed bill forward.”

A similar version of the legislation was passed by the Senate in 2022, however that legislation did not further advance in the Legislature.

Having been passed by the Senate, the legislation now heads to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.

Walsh sworn-in to the Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans

Chelsea Attorney, and Commander of Chelsea Disabled American Veterans Chapter 10, Olivia Walsh has been appointed by Governor Maura Healey to the Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Services.

Walsh, with over 50

years of dedication and service to our veterans, was recently sworn in by the Governor in a State House ceremony attended by Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll and Secretary of Veterans Services Jon Santiago, MD who will chair the Council.

The Council will review and assess Federal and State laws, and existing programs and services, relating to Veterans in order to evaluate the lives of Veterans and their families.



Olivia Walsh.

Baldini // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ognition Survey, which determines compliance with VA standards and adherence to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and relevant professional standards, is a critical component for the new facility to become fully operational and allows for federal reimbursement.

“In the past 90 days, we have successfully navigated licensure and certification by DPH, CMS, and recognition by the VA while completing construction and moving in our first group of veterans before previously expected timelines, which could have gone into 2025,” said Robert Engell, Acting Superintendent of Homes and Operations at the Executive Office of Veterans Services. “This remarkable achievement

is a testament to our dedicated team’s commitment to providing exceptional care and support to our veterans at Chelsea.”

“With her extensive experience and dedication to quality care, Christine Baldini is an invaluable addition to the Chelsea Veterans Home family,” stated Tommy Lyons, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Home at Chelsea. “Her appointment signifies our ongoing commitment to elevate the standard of care for our veterans.”

The Veterans Home at Chelsea is currently in the process of relocating all residents into this cutting-edge facility, with a target of moving all residents into the new home by February 2024.

As the former Direc-

tor of Continuing Care at Erickson Senior Living, Brooksby Village, Baldini oversaw the daily operations of a 228-bed continuing care retirement community (CCRC) with a team of over 200 staff members. Her tenure was marked by consecutive years of recognition for excellence, including a deficiency-free Annual Health Care and Life Safety Survey in 2020 and 2022 and a prestigious 5-star Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rating. Under her leadership, the facility received consistent accolades, including recognition as a U.S. News & World Report Best Nursing Home for five consecutive years.

Christine Baldini holds a Bachelor of Science

in Business Administration focusing on Healthcare Management from New Hampshire College, Manchester, NH. She is licensed by the Board of Registration of Nursing Home Administrators in MA.

Baldini’s leadership extends beyond business acumen; she’s a people leader dedicated to cultivating a high-performing, collaborative environment. Her expertise in implementing intentional practices for recruitment, retention, and employee engagement underscores her commitment to not only organizational success but also the well-being of the team serving our veterans.

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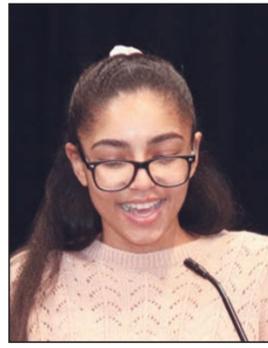
Last Monday morning the Clark Street Middle School was filled with residents, police and fire officials and state and lo-

cal elected officials, all gathered to pay respects and remember Martin Luther King Jr. during the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. Annual Breakfast sponsored by the People's A.M.E. Church and Chelsea Public Schools.



President of Chelsea Black Community and Master of Ceremonies Joan Cromwell welcomes everyone.



A reading of excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speeches by Leila Rodriguez.



Councillors Leo Robinson, Lisa Santagate with Stacey Smith.



Margo DiBasio, assistant Principal of ELC, Director of Chelsea Housing Paul Nowicki, Director of Chelsea Senior Center Tracy Nowicki and Jackie Bevere, principal of the ELC.



Greetings from Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.



Superintendent of Chelsea Public School, Dr. Almudena Abeyta addressed the assembly at the Clark Street School.



Enjoying breakfast, Max Castellon, Lourden Arbaiza and Edwin Mendoza.



Award winners from the Sokolowski School, Bradley Amaya and Monica Martinez.



Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyton Pastor of the People's A.M.E. Church was the Keynote Speaker.



Soloist Danny Rivera with "We Shall Over Come."



Senator Sal DiDomenico presented the ELC Grade 1 Awards to Valarie Gonzalez and Matthew Hernandez.



John George Walters-Sleyton and Matthew Hernandez getting breakfast from CC Stallworth and Careliz Figueroa.



Richelle Cromwell introduces the keynote speaker.



Beverly Martin Ross with the Invocation.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton greets Councillors Lisa Santagate, Roberto Jimenez Rivera, Norielez DeJesus, and Todd Taylor at the breakfast.



The CHS Public School Choir.



President of Chelsea Black Community Joan Cromwell, and Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyton and other members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Committee.

Sports

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM COMPETES IN THREE-WAY MEET

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

The Chelsea girls had split success in a three-way meet Wednesday at the Reggie Lewis Center,

beating Somerville 50-46 but losing to Medford, 45-46. The boys, meanwhile, were on the short

end against Medford 65-34 and Somerville 80-19. The overall meet featured all GBL teams also from

Revere, Everett, Lynn Classical, and Lynn English.



Gizelle Rodriguez is about to lap a Revere runner on her way to a third place overall finish in the 1-mile run.



Austin Freeman (377) finished 6th overall in the 600m run which was good enough for third place against Medford and Somerville.



Sherwin Kim takes the handoff at the start of his leg in the 4x400 relay.



Luis Hidalgo (380) hands off to Derek Hernandez (379) in the 4x200 relay.



Rosalinda Rojas (34) finds her spot in the crowded start of her heat in the the 600m run. She finished fourth in the overall competition, third in Chelsea's competition with Somerville and first against Medford.



Alma Alla (1) keeps pace in the 2-mile run.



Meleny Rodriguez (33) makes the turn in the 300m dash.

CHS Roundup

CHS GIRLS TRACK EDGES SOMERVILLE

The Chelsea High girls indoor track and field team competed in a tri-meet with Greater Boston League (GBL) foes Somerville and Medford last week at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, narrowly edging the former, but falling just short to the latter by a single point.

The contest with Medford, which was decided by literally just hundredths of a second, saw Chelsea fall short by a score of 46-45.

The first-place winners for the Lady Red Devils vs. the Lady Mustangs were: Rosalinda Rojas in the 600 dash with a time of 2:01.19; Jada Amezcua in the 1000 with a clocking of 4:07.16; Thania Simon in the long jump with a leap of 14'-5"25; Kiara Ramirez in the shot-put with a throw of 30'-4"; and Giselle Olivar in the

55 hurdles in a time of 9.89.

The outcome of the Medford meet was decided in the two relay events (the 4 x 400 and 4 x 200) in which the two Lady Mustang quartets prevailed, winning the 4 x 200 by a margin of just 2.09 seconds.

An even-closer competition came in the 55 meter dash in which Chelsea star freshman Thania Simon (who was Chelsea's top scorer on the day with a total of 17.25 points) took second-place to the top Medford girl by the slim margin of just 0.05 of a second.

In the Somerville portion of the tri-meet, the Lady Red Devils nipped the Lady Highlanders, 50-46. Somerville captured all of the dash events, other than the 55 hurdles, but Chelsea excelled in the distance and field events: Gizelle Rodriguez winning the mile in a time of 6:32.08; Simon leading a Chelsea sweep in the long

jump; Ramirez leading a Lady Red Devil sweep in the shot-put; and Olivar taking the hurdles.

In addition, the Chelsea quartet of Keiri Hernandez, Meleny Rodriguez, Marcayll Louis-Jean, and Simon won the 4 x 200 relay to seal the victory.

"In the end, the girls were able to get a win vs Somerville, and just narrowly lost to Medford by one point," said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez. "We knew both meets could go either way, but overall the girls had a great meet."

Additional point-scorers for Chelsea in the tri-meet were:

55 dash: Thania Simon, 2nd vs. Medford and Somerville; Faith Dunbar, 3rd vs. Somerville;

300 dash: Keiri Hernandez, 3rd vs. Medford;

600 dash: Rosalinda Rojas, 3rd vs. Somerville;

1000: Jada Amezcua



Hazel Hattleberg (16) in the field during the girls 600m run.



Giselle Olivar (27) clears the final hurdle on her way to a first place finish in the 55m hurdles.



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BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

The Boston Bruins seeing stars

During the past couple of weeks the Boston Bruins earned the organization a 2024 NHL All-Star Game 'hat trick,' with three announcements that added three Bruins' names to the NHL's 2024 All-Star Game roster. Initially the National Hockey League announced on January 4, that Boston Bruins forward David Pastrnak had been selected to the 2024 NHL All-Star Game. This nomination marks Pastrnak's fourth NHL All-Star appearance after being selected in 2019, 2020 and 2023. In 2020, the forward was named the NHL All-Star Game MVP. Currently, Pastrnak is in his 10th season with Boston. He ranks in the top-20 in Bruins' franchise history in goals (8th), assists (15th), points (11th) and hat tricks (2nd, 15). The Havirov, Czechia native was originally selected by Boston in the first round (25th over-

all) of the 2014 NHL Entry Draft.

Following in just about a week later, the National Hockey League announced that Boston Bruins goaltender Jeremy Swayman had been selected for the 2024 NHL All-Star Game. Swayman was one of 12 players selected for the game through the 2024 NHL All-Star Fan Vote, which allowed fans to vote for their favorite players online and via X (formerly Twitter). This is the first ever All-Star selection for the 6-foot-3, 195-pound goaltender, who is currently in his fourth season with the Bruins. The Anchorage, Alaska native was originally selected by Boston in the fourth round (111th overall) of the 2017 NHL Entry Draft.

The following day, word came down from the National Hockey League that Boston Bruins Head Coach Jim Montgomery

had been named the head coach representing the Atlantic Division for the 2024 NHL All-Star Game in Toronto, Ontario. This nomination marks Montgomery's second NHL All-Star appearance after representing the Atlantic Division in 2023. Peter Laviolette (New York Rangers, Metropolitan Division), Rick Bowness (Winnipeg Jets, Central Division) and Rick Tocchet (Vancouver Canucks, Pacific Division) were also selected as All-Star head coaches. Under the All-Star selection process, the head coach of the teams with the highest points percentage in each of the four divisions were selected.

Bruins back on TD Garden ice tonight (Thursday 7pm), with the Colorado Avalanche to continue the final four-games remaining on their homestand. On Saturday 7pm, the

Montreal Canadiens will provide the opposition; Monday 7pm will feature a visit from the Winnipeg Jets; and the final game of the homestand will have the Carolina Hurricanes in attendance on Wednesday 7pm.

Add another banner to the rafters

It's no surprise to look up at the TD Garden rafters and see a multitude of banners hanging from the ceiling's beams. Included among them are the six Bruins NHL Stanley Cup Championships, the Boston Celtics impressive 17 NBA Championships, several college Beanpot winners, and of course the Bruins' retired numbers. When you look up now, you will see the new banner which was added to TD Garden rafters on Monday, prior to the puck drop between the Boston Bruins and the New Jersey Devils game. In a generous move,

Dunkin' Donuts has stepped up to sponsor not only the Men's Dunkin' Beanpot Championship, for both the semi-finals and the finals, but this year they have extended their approach to also include the Women's Dunkin' Beanpot Championship. As a result, one of Boston's most hallowed traditions, The Beanpot, will return to TD Garden this year with more prestige than ever – and with double the impact. The annual men's college hockey tournament returns on the first two Mondays in February for the Dunkin' Beanpot. And this year, for the first time ever, the Women's Dunkin' Beanpot Championship will be played at TD Garden on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The Dunkin' Women's Beanpot Championship was announced last March and will showcase both the



consolation and the championship games at TD Garden. The women's semifinals are on Tuesday, January 16 and will be hosted at Harvard Bright-Landry Hockey Center. On hand to assist with the raising of the new banner, were Women's Hockey Alumni and Women's Beanpot Hall of Famers. From Boston College, Boston University, Harvard and Northeastern. Alison Quandt Westgate – Boston College '06, BHOFF Class of 2015; Lisa Whitcomb Huckins – Boston University '84, BHOFF Class of 2009; Angela Ruggiero – Harvard '05, BHOFF Class of 2015; and Kelly Dyer Hayes – Northeastern '90, BHOFF Class of 2013.

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ta, 2nd vs. Somerville; Katherine Benitez, 3rd vs. Somerville;

1-mile: Gizelle Rodriguez, 2nd vs. Medford; Lyssis Henderson, 3rd vs. Medford;

Long jump: Marçayll Louis-Jean, 2nd vs. Medford and Somerville; Faith Dunbar, 3rd vs. Medford and Somerville;

55 hurdles: Lauren Nadow, 2nd vs. Medford and 3rd vs. Somerville;

2-mile: Alma Alla, 3rd vs. Medford and 2nd vs. Somerville; Reina Moreira, 3rd vs. Somerville;

Hernandez and his Lady Red Devil crew, who stand at 4-2 on the season, will meet GBL opponent Malden in the final dual meet of the season at the Reggie next Tuesday.

CHS BOYS TRACK RUNS WELL IN TRI-MEET; ARACENA SETS NEW MARK

Although the Chelsea High boys indoor track and field team came up short to Greater Boston League

opponents Medford (65-34) and Somerville (80-19) in their tri-meet last week at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, a number of coach Cesar Hernandez's Red Devils turned in superb efforts.

Chief among them was the performance of Ariel Aracena, who broke his own CHS record in the shot-put by almost a foot with a throw of 47'-4", a toss that was an amazing 12 feet further than his closest Medford foe and seven feet beyond his nearest Somerville rival's effort.

Other Red Devils who also had a superlative tri-meet were:

Alex Flores, who won the 2-mile vs. both Medford and Somerville with a clocking of 11:08.01 (in which Alex nipped his Somerville opponent by just 0.03 in a dramatic finish). He also took 2nd vs. Medford and 3rd vs. Somerville in the mile to finish with a total of 14 points on the day.

Theo Joseph-Seale, who handily took second



Alex Flores (375) won the 2-mile run in 11:08.01

in the shot vs. both Medford and Somerville with his toss of 41'-8"; and

Leeandro Castro, who won the 55 meter dash vs. Medford with a sprint of 7.72;

"The boys ended up with two losses against the two teams, but also came away with a lot of personal records," said Hernandez. "The biggest highlight from this meet was probably from Ariel Aracena who threw the shot-put a distance of 47'-4", breaking the school record he set earlier in the season by over a foot. Ariel now ranks 17th in the state in the event."

Additional point-scorers for Chelsea in the tri-meet were:

55 dash: Brayán Alfaro, 3rd vs. Medford;

300 dash: Joao Cassim, 3rd vs. both Medford and Somerville;

600 dash: Ausin Freeman, 3rd vs. both Medford and Somerville;

1000: Bryan Amaya, 3rd vs. Medford;

Long jump: Joao Cassim, 2nd vs. Medford and 3rd vs. Somerville;

55 hurdles: Sherwin Kim, 2nd vs. Medford and 3rd vs. Somerville; and

2-mile: Jose Amaya Raudales, 2nd vs. Medford.

The Chelsea boys will



Meleny Rodriguez (33) hands off to Keiri Hernandez (18) in the 4x200 relay.

conclude their regular season with a dual meet with Malden next Tuesday at the Reggie.

SIMON WINS MEDAL AT FR.-SOPH. MEET

Chelsea High freshman track sensation Thania Simon captured an eighth place medal in the long jump at the recent MST-CA Freshman/Sophomore Meet. Thania's leap of 15'-4" was her season's best, placing her as one of only two freshmen at the

meet to earn a medal.

Thania also narrowly missed bringing home an eighth-place medal in the 55m dash by just .001 seconds, which essentially is a photo-finish.

Two Red Devils, Bryan Amaya and Sebastian Molina-Regil, also forwarded strong performances at the meet. Bryan set a personal record (PR) by almost six seconds in the 1000 with a time of 3:05.73, while Sebastian improved his PR by 10 seconds with a clocking of 3:10.18.

Local business owner sentenced in mail fraud scheme

Staff Report

The former owner and operator of APC, a transportation and delivery company based in Chelsea, was sentenced on Tuesday for his involvement in a mail fraud scheme.

Anthony Catalano, 52, formerly of Boxford, now living in Winthrop, was sentenced by Chief United States District Court Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV to six months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release and restitution in the amount of \$541,000 to The Travelers Insurance Company (Travelers). Catalano was also ordered to cooperate

with the Internal Revenue Service regarding personal and corporate taxes due and owing.

Catalano pleaded guilty in October 2023 to two counts of failing to collect, report and pay over employment taxes and one count of mail fraud in connection with cash wages he paid to company employees.

From 2017 to 2020, Catalano cashed more than \$8 million in APC checks from customers and failed to report the company income to the IRS. Catalano pleaded guilty to using the bulk of the cash funds to pay employees "under-the-table"

cash wages which APC was also required to report to the IRS.

As a result, neither the company nor the employees paid employment or income taxes on the cash wages, resulting in a tax loss of more than \$1 million to the IRS. Catalano also pleaded guilty to mail fraud for failing to disclose the cash wages to Travelers when it provided workers' compensation coverage for APC employees. As a result, Catalano defrauded the insurance carrier out of more than \$500,000 in insurance premiums, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.



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OBITUARIES

Helen Kopaczynski

March 3, 1939 – January 8, 2024

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for Helen Kopaczynski, on Thursday, January 11th in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea and her funeral was conducted from the funeral home on Friday, January 12th followed by a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea. A.M. Services conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Helen passed away at home after a brief decline in health on Monday, January 8th. She was 84 years of age. Born and raised in Chelsea, the beloved daughter of the late Stanislaus "Stanley" A. and Jean G. (Gozdon) Kopaczynski, Helen was a lifelong resident of Chelsea and spent her last years at home in Revere.

She was the dear sister of Richard Kopaczynski and his wife, Kathy of Georgetown; cherished aunt of Kevin Kopaczynski and his wife, Kelly of Boothwind, PA, Kim Kopaczynski of Georgetown, and Melinda Sawyer and her husband, Allen of Franklin adored great aunt of Maura, Kevin, Jr., and Jaclyn Kopaczynski, Philip and Emily Sawyer, and Faith Kopaczynski. She is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

Should friends desire, contributions in Helen's name may be made to Women's Health & Epilepsy Program, C/O Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Office of Philanthropy, 529 Main Street, 4th Floor, Charlestown, MA 02129 or visit <https://www.bidmc.org/giving> and select Neurology Education and Research

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Jose Clemente Acosta

Left handed pitcher with exceptional talent

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Jose Acosta, on Friday, January 19th from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. A funeral service will follow the visitation at 7 p.m.

Jose passed away on Friday, January 12th at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He was living courageously for several years with a rare form of a bone marrow disorder. He was 56 years of age.

Born and raised in Guayubin Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic, he was one of six children born to the union of Jose Alvarez and Dolores Acosta. He began his formal education in the DR and at a young age was recognized as a young baseball prodigy.

A left-handed pitcher with exceptional talent, Jose's presence on the baseball field was a symbol of victory and skill. Whether he was pitching or at bat, his prowess was undeniable. His ability to control the game from the mound and his powerful batting made him an inspirational figure in the sport. His love for baseball extended into softball, where he continued to exhibit his remarkable athletic abilities, becoming a local legend in the community.

He married Guarina Garcia in 1985 and began to raise two sons, Brayar and Clemente, in the Dominican Republic, later welcoming the birth of his third son, Nayib in the United States. In his later years, he was blessed with a fourth son, Jose Acosta, who is currently nine years old.

In 1988, he was signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates and brought his young family to the U.S. He played minor league baseball for the next five years and was a Triple "A" Relief Pitcher with the California Angels and Pirates.

With his professional baseball career behind, he settled with his family in Chelsea and worked



for many years in manufacturing at Mystic Bedding in Medford. More recently, Jose worked at La Economica as a cook in the kitchen, he also assisted in the bodega, stocking shelves and helping customers. He retired from work 3 years ago due to his declining health.

In his lifetime, Jose enjoyed playing softball and cooking. Without being asked, he would make unique and special dishes, surprising family and friends with their favorite meals. His many acts of generosity were numerous and mostly all kept private. He would give food and clothing to people who he felt were in need, even if it meant he would have to sacrifice for himself.

He is most fondly remembered for his charismatic personality, his giving and forgiving nature, never speaking ill of anyone, and always finding something positive in every situation.

Jose is survived by his former wife and dear friend, Guarina Garcia. He was the devoted father of Brayar "Brian" Acosta, Clemente Acosta and his wife, Tatjana, Nayib Acosta and Jose Acosta, all of Chelsea; cherished grandfather of Arijana, Amaja and Dion Acosta; dear brother of Carlandra, Nena, Josefina, Melania and Binche Acosta, all living in the Dominican Republic, and the late Chicho Acosta.

For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFH.com.



Linda Finnegan

Retired Sears Roebuck Human Resource Manager

Linda L. (Keating) Finnegan, a lifelong resident of Chelsea, passed away suddenly at the Cambridge Health Alliance/Whidden Hospital in Everett, Sunday morning, January 14 surrounded by the love of her family. She just celebrated her 76th birthday.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Linda was the daughter of the late Edward T. and Lores (Neri) Keating. She attended Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1966. Linda was a retired human resource manager for the Sears Roebuck retail company. She dedicated 35 years with the company before retiring in 2004. Linda enjoyed her retirement by spending time at the beach and enjoying her family and her dog, Finna. She especially enjoyed her time being a grandmother. Linda will be fondly remembered by all who loved her.

Linda was predeceased by her husband, Joseph J. Finnegan. She was the beloved mother of Patrick J. Finnegan of Chelsea; dear sister of Thomas E. Keating and his wife, Lee of Tewksbury and devoted grandmother of Leah St.



Croix of Pennsylvania.

Funeral Services will be conducted in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., today, Thursday, January 18 at 11 a.m., please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the service time. Services will conclude with entombment at the Sheffield Mausoleum, Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or online at www.alz.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.

Mary Casucci

She was passionately devoted to home and family

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Mary E. (Glennon) Casucci on Tuesday, January 23rd from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, the visitation will be immediately followed by her Funeral Mass in Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 12 noon. Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Mary passed away on Tuesday, January 16th at the Mass. General Hospital after a sudden illness. She was 85 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was one of eight children of the late Ann Marie (Gorman) Nicewicz-Glennon and William A. Glennon, Sr.

Mary was a lifelong resident of Chelsea where she attended local schools. She was married to Augustus M. "Gus" Casucci, Sr. for 67 years, and together raised six children. Mary was passionately devoted to home and family.

She was a longtime parishioner and communicant of Our Lady of Grace Church and was active in the OLG 1000 Club. She was a longtime member of the Chelsea Senior Center and participated in the bocce and bowling leagues with the center.

Mary is survived by her beloved husband, Gus M. Casucci, Sr. and was the devoted mother of Annmarie Maddeford and



her husband, Kenneth of Melrose, Valerie Casucci of Maine, Michael Casucci and his wife, Denise of Revere, Anthony Casucci and his wife, Victoria of Wakefield, Marcia Allberry and her husband, Robert of Florida and Augustus M. "Gus" Casucci, Jr of Chelsea; cherished grandmother of Paul Casucci, David Maddeford, Anthony, Angela, and Nicholas Mele, Jake, and Kyle Casucci, Augustus, III., and Lewis Casucci, Stephen, Amanda, and Katelyn Casucci, and the late Erica Casucci; adoring great-grandmother of Demetri Colbeth; dear sister of Catherine Pascarelli of Wollaston and Thomas Glennon of Onset, the late Dorothy Roloff, William A. Glennon, Jr., Dennis Glennon, Murdock Glennon, and Walter Glennon. She is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

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APPRECIATION

Joe O'Donnell dies at 79

He will be remembered for his philanthropy and his efforts in fighting for a cure for cystic fibrosis

By Cary Shuman

Local and state leaders are mourning the loss of Joseph J. O'Donnell, who died Jan. 7 after a courageous battle against cancer. Mr. O'Donnell was 79.

Mr. O'Donnell grew up in the family home on Spring Street in Everett, attended Malden Catholic High School and Phillips Exeter Academy. He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College and his Master's in Business Administration from Harvard Business School.

A very successful businessman and highly respected leader in the food service industry, Mr. O'Donnell was very generous to numerous local causes, including the Everett public schools and its athletic programs.

Mr. O'Donnell became a universally recognized champion in the fight against cystic fibrosis, raising millions of dollars for the charity. He founded the Joey Fund in memory of his son, who died of cystic fibrosis. Each year, Mr. O'Donnell, his wife, Kathy O'Donnell, and their family host a film premiere and gala that raises money for the Joey Fund.

Mr. O'Donnell was also a generous contributor to Harvard and proud of his academic and athletic connection to the world's most prestigious educational institution. The baseball field at Harvard was named in his honor. The Harvard athletic program wrote about Mr. O'Donnell's generosity on its website: "Harvard dedicated its baseball field in honor of Joseph J. O'Donnell '67, MBA '71 in a ceremony preceding a doubleheader with Dartmouth on May 4, 1997. O'Donnell, a football and

baseball standout at Harvard and captain of the 1967 Crimson baseball squad, has been a supporter of the College for many years. In 1995, he endowed the baseball program with a \$2.5 million gift, enabling Joe Walsh to become the first full-time head coach in the history of Harvard baseball."

Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria was among the city leaders lauding Mr. O'Donnell's outstanding accomplishments and his contributions to his hometown.

"Like so many of us from Everett, Joe O'Donnell embraced the values of family, community, and charity. He worked hard to achieve his success and found numerous ways to share the wealth that he achieved by supporting so many worthy causes," said Mayor DeMaria. "Joe and his wife, Kathy, showed tremendous strength in how they chose to handle the loss of their son, Joey, by becoming incredible fundraisers in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. My thoughts are with Kathy and the rest of Joe's family as they deal with the loss of a man who I am sure considered his family his greatest gift."

Sen. Sal DiDomenico also praised Mr. O'Donnell, stating, "Joe O'Donnell never forgot his roots in Everett and was always proud of his hometown. His generosity and support to the people of our community was endless. Joe's legacy of helping our children and families will live on through the many organizations and charities that he founded and supported. So many people benefited from his kindness and no matter how successful he became he always made sure that Everett was close to his heart."

See O'DONNELL Page 11

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EBNHC appoints Yang as new Assistant Vice President

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) announced the appointment of healthcare veteran Evonne Yang, MPH, MSW as the Assistant Vice President of Integration and Operational Excellence, availing additional operational leadership to the health center's executive team.



Evonne Yang, MPH, MSW

"We're excited to welcome Evonne to our team," said EBNHC Chief Operating Officer Ryan Boxill. "Her leadership brings additional perspective, skills and experience in driving innovation and navigating complex challenges, particularly around behavioral health integration. This new role will foster a culture of collaboration and shared accountability

across our health system's diverse functions and processes. Evonne will bring additional capacity to successfully realize our strategic goals in a rapidly changing healthcare environment."

In her new role, Yang will contribute to the organization's growth and

adaptability as EBNHC navigates complex challenges facing healthcare. She will oversee the integration of large scale and interdisciplinary strategic initiatives as well as provide tactical support on clinical and operational initiatives.

"I am honored to join such a caring team here at EBNHC in what I feel is a pivotal role," said Yang. "Having spent a number of years in healthcare, I am eager to contribute my experience and passion to advance this great organization's mission to provide high quality care to everyone who walks through our doors. I look forward to having a positive impact with the team here at EBNHC and the

community it serves."

Prior to joining EBNHC, Yang served as Director of Behavioral Health at Boston Medical Center (BMC) Health System, where she was responsible for leading and executing on behavioral health operations, quality performance, and strategic initiatives across the health system. In this role, she worked closely with BMC Hospital departments, BMC's WellSense Health Plan, and BMC's Boston Accountable Care Organization (BACO) partners. Her previous work includes leading population health initiatives in both primary and specialty care clinics at BMC, as well as expanding BMC's Integrated Behavioral

Health service where she improved overall performance and clinical integration across service lines.

Yang holds masters' degrees in both public health and social work from Boston University. She completed her undergraduate degree in psychology at Stanford University.

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 Qual-

ity 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, visit www.ebnhc.org

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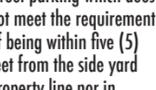
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2024-01

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Alcino Gaspar Neto and Catherine Reis
For Special Permit seeking approval for off street parking which does not meet the requirement of being within five (5) feet from the side yard property line nor in the required front yard setback at the premises known as:
65 Harvard 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
1/18/24, 1/25/24

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 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, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway
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 Cheever Street a one-way street, from Washington to Sagamore Avenue.
Per Order Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson
1/18/24, 2/1/24

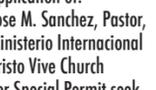
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2024-02

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Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Jose M. Sanchez, Pastor, Ministerio Internacional Cristo Vive Church
For Special Permit seeking approval to establish a church at the address below and to create and establish additional parking at 19 Clyde Street, a property held in common ownership and within 300 feet of the church. The petition fails to meet the requirements of the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance for being within five (5) feet from a side or rear property line nor in the required front yard setback. Additionally, the proposed outdoor additional parking locations fail to meet all

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Chelsea Housing Authority Floodproofing Project Project # 057110

Section 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID
MGL c.149 Over \$150K
The CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Floodproofing Project at State Aided Development: Prattville Apartments (200-2) in Chelsea, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by MACRITCHIE ENGINEERING.
The Project consists of but not limited to: The installation of 17 sump pumps. Power distribution and flooding

of the aforementioned requirements and the interior parking spaces do not meet zoning requirements, as the ordinance does not recognize tandem parking. In addition, the proposed parking plan does not contain the required 24 foot access width at all aisles at the premises known as:
10 Wesley 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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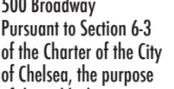
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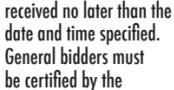


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alarm installation. The construction of an earth berm (Alternate #1) The work is estimated to cost \$482,161.45. All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 01/26/2024 at 2:00PM EST for filed sub-bids and by 02/09/2024 at 2:00PM EST for general bids. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive. THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, Plumbing, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement. General Bids will be received until 16 February 2024 on 2:00PM EST and publicly opened online, forthwith. Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until 02 February 2024 on 2:00PM EST and publicly opened online, forthwith. Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

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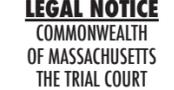


COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
Docket No. SU23P1755GD
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114
In the interests Of: Nina Leticia Reyes
Of:Chelsea, MA
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 08/16/2023 by Julia M. Rivera of Chelsea, MA will be held 02/07/2024 09:00 AM Review Hearing. Located at Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston MA 02114 - Courtroom 4. You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties to at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filing out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the applica-

tion form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: January 11, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
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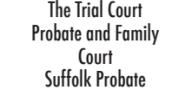


Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate And Family Court

24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Docket No. SU23D2386DR
Ingrid Milena Ufre vs. Jose Noel Castaneda
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Ingrid Milena Ufre, 44 Lafayette Ave. Apt. 405 Chelsea, MA 02150, your answer, if any, on or before 02/27/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 3, 2024
Stephanie Everett Register of Probate
01/18/24

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, a meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm to consider the removal of the following public shade trees. Meeting will be held at Chelsea City Hall, Room 305.
5" Pin Oak located at 70 Fremont St, on Franklin St.
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The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing to the City Tree Warden, prior to or during the hearing. Please send comments to 500 Broadway Room 310, Chelsea MA 02150 or to cfox@chelseama.gov. The public is invited to attend.
Cate Fox Lent Commissioner
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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS
Downtown Broadway Utility Upgrade

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor, equipment and materials for "Downtown Broadway Utility Upgrade" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, February 15, 2024.
• A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Chelsea City Hall, Room #102, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts, on January 25, 2024 at 10:00 am. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.
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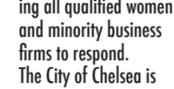
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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS
CDBG Addison Street & Clinton Street Sidewalk Improvements

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor, equipment and materials for "CDBG Addison Street & Clinton Street Sidewalk Improvements" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, February 8, 2024.
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CHS Cafeteria Renovation and Expansion

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "CHS Cafeteria Renovation and Expansion".
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after January 18, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "CHS Cafeteria Renovation and Expansion" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts.
• A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Chelsea High School, 299 Everett Avenue, Chelsea MA 02150, on January 23, 2024 from 8:00am to 10:00am. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement. GENERAL BIDS will be received no later than 11:00 AM on February 29, 2024 and publicly opened. Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement. Filed sub-bids will be received no later than on February 8, 2024 and publicly opened. Filed sub-bids categories: Acoustical Tile, Electrical Work, Miscellaneous and Ornamental Iron, Painting, Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems, Plumbing, Resilient Floors, HVAC, Terrazzo, Tile and Waterproofing, Damp-Proofing and Caulking. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."
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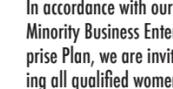
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 000018 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Jonatan Herrera and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Fifth Third Bank, National Association, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 250 Congress Avenue, Unit 4, Willow Park Condominium Association, given by Jonatan Herrera to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MSA Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated January 25, 2022, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 67102, Page 129, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before February 19, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on January 3, 2024. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
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Healey-Driscoll Administration celebrates Northeastern University for winning \$6 million

The Healey-Driscoll administration is celebrating Northeastern University for winning three federal grants totaling \$6 million from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund to support their Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things (WiOT). The federal investments supported by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, which provided \$1.52 million in capital grant funding from the Technology & Innovation Ecosystem Awards program managed by the Innovation Institute at MassTech.

Altogether, these NTIA grants – funded by the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 – will help unlock innovation in testing and strengthening of the wireless supply chain across the nation, helping reduce costs, increase competition, and lower security risks for future mobile networking.

“Massachusetts has a proud history of paving the next frontier of telecommunications and is continuing this tradition through the initiative of our colleges and universities, who are staying on the cutting edge of mobile tech,” said Governor Maura Healey. “We want to congratulate Northeastern on their innovative approach to ensuring our communications are more

secure, cost-effective, and will create the jobs of tomorrow, and we thank the Biden-Harris administration for making this funding available.”

“We’re a state filled with the best universities in the country,” said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. “This support from the Biden-Harris administration allows us to further empower our academic institutions and students. By equipping them with the necessary tools, we aim to motivate them to reach exceptional heights in technological innovation.”

“For more than 50 years, U.S. universities have worked in partnership with government to advance the frontiers of science and maintain our global competitiveness,” said Joseph E. Aoun, president of Northeastern University. “This federal investment in Northeastern’s wireless communications research – supplemented by the Healey-Driscoll administration’s vital support – will enable our scientists to develop break-through technologies that benefit our region, the nation and the world.”

The three NTIA grants to Northeastern include:

- August 8, 2023: A \$2 million award for the TENORAN project, with partner Dell Technologies, NVIDIA, an automated

end-to-end energy-efficiency profiling of Open RAN systems through high-fidelity standardized testing scenarios.

- November 28, 2023: A \$2 million award for Digi-RAN project, with partner Dell Technologies, focused on the interoperability, security and performance testing of an open RAN (radio access network architecture) system.

- January 10, 2024: A \$2 million award for Auto-RAN project with partner Nvidia, which will research the automation of “end-to-end continuous testing for open and disaggregated cellular systems.”

“Northeastern’s commitment to build a more intelligent mobile networking infrastructure here in Massachusetts has the potential to increase competition and grow our economy,” said Secretary of Economic Development Yvonne Hao. “We’re grateful for the support of the Biden Administration and the NTIA for enabling Northeastern University to pioneer technological advancements, break barriers, build a hub for economic development, and provide workforce opportunities for their student population.”

“Through these investments, Northeastern will help advance the wireless networks that power our innovation economy, making them more agile, respon-

sive, and secure,” said Pat Larkin, Director of the Innovation Institute at MassTech. “For our startups in the advanced wireless space, this new technology will expand their access to cutting-edge technology and the world-class researchers at NU.”

“We are grateful to

President Biden, Secretary Raimondo and the NTIA for their decision, and congratulations to Northeastern on this exciting award,” said Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure Quentin Palfrey. “We will continue leveraging Massachusetts’s strengths in technology and innovation

as we compete for federal funds that strengthen our supply chains, while creating good-paying jobs and investing in our communities.”

The investments will help Northeastern expand on the WiOT Institute infra

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES COORDINATOR

Job Summary: The Supportive Services Coordinator will work in partnership with the Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA) Property Managers and Family Self-Sufficiency Specialist (FSS) to coordinate and create awareness of program services among all our residents, while matching individual residents to certain program services, with our community partners. This position will have a desk and office space, but a large percentage of the position will entail being on-site meeting people in person.

Program Objectives: The objective of this program is to link residents to economic opportunities available through the various program partners. Program Partners include City of Chelsea, Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC), CRW, The Neighborhood Developers, Chelsea Restoration Corporation, ROCA, Latino Cart and Chelsea Black Community. These partners will provide educational and supportive services and programs such as GED and college preparatory classes, employment resources, and independent lifestyle to our elderly residents to better age in place, which will provide a continuum of services including individual counseling, job placement, professional development, life skills training, literacy training, community safety, medical home care and non-medical home care services. The goal is to help residents achieve economic self-sufficiency by encouraging participation in new and existing activities promoting educational and employment opportunities.

Principal Duties:

- Implementation of programs, including marketing tasks.
- Networking in Chelsea and surrounding communities to bring services to residents.
- Develop new working partnerships.
- Attending meetings as the CHA Representative to bring services to our residents.
- Convene small group workshops on pertinent related topics.
- Work with FSS Coordinator to get participants of the program into work force development programs.
- Manage paperwork and caseloads.
- Work with Property managers and Senior advocates on referrals for services to our residents
- Performs other related duties as required.
- In-State Travel required to attend meetings
- Engage with and coordinate activities with resident councils and groups.
- Manage casework for rental assistance applications and programs.

Qualifications: Candidates must pass a CORI background check. They also should have a valid driver’s license. Candidate should either have experience with the Low Rent Family and Elderly Public Housing Program or a comparable program background. A bachelor’s degree or two years’ experience in case management, housing administration or similar program with demonstrated results is preferred. Should possess good communications and negotiation skills, both written and oral, be well organized and have a demonstrated competence working with economically and culturally diverse individuals as well as employers, training vendors, and other providers of supplemental services to job seekers. Supportive Services Coordinator should be proficient in Office 365 computer programs. Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply.

Supervision: The Supportive Services Coordinator will report directly to the Director of Operations

Starting Salary Range: \$55,000 to \$65,000 based on experience (Full benefits package includes medical, dental, State retirement pension, sick & vacation, Travel reimbursement)

Interested candidates may submit resumes by email at employment@chelseaha.com, (subject line SSC2024 or by mail (address below) by February 2, 2024, or until position is filled

**Chelsea Housing Authority
Human Resource Department (SSC2024)
54 Locke Street, Chelsea, MA 02150**

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Rep. Joseph McGonagle said, “Joe O’Donnell did so much for Everett and its residents, but he never sought recognition for his efforts. This is a very sad day for Everett. The city has lost a great person.”

U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey, a graduate of Malden Catholic High School, said of Mr. O’Donnell, a fellow alumnus of MC:

“Joe O’Donnell was a giant - in business, in philanthropy, and in his commitment to finding treatments for cystic fibrosis. Despite his lifetime of achievements and accolades, he never forgot where he came from as the son from a blue-collar family from Everett. He believed in paying it

back, to Malden Catholic and the Xavierian brothers who gave him a world-class education, so that the next generation of students could get the same opportunities he did as a young man. Joe O’Donnell achieved such great success not despite his blue-collar roots, but because of them.”

John DiBiaso, former head coach of the Everett High School football team, said that Mr. O’Donnell was “a great man.”

“He helped so people. What he’s done for cystic fibrosis and the money he raised in the fight to find a cure is immense. There are so many young kids that are surviving now because of what he did. He did wonderful things for

Everett and Malden Catholic, but in the big picture, he did so much more.”

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To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Kevin L. McAndrews, LSP for IES, Inc. at 617-623-8880. The Tier Classification

Submittal and the Disposal Site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-37901 at

<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal/#1/search/wastesite> or at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801, 978-694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404

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ZONTA CLUB NEWS AND NOTES

FALL PROJECT

Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore met with Bay Cove staff in front of Marigold House in Chelsea. Mari-

gold House is one of three new local residences serviced by Bay Cove to provide stability to Chelsea women who face many social challenges. For it's

annual Fall Project, Zonta members provided toiletries to Marigold House residents during the International Sixteen Days of Activism.



From Left to Right: Cindy Rivera, Program Director of The Marigold House, Theresa DiPietro, Director of Permanent Supportive Housing Services, MiMi Walker, Case Manager, Janis Sikorski, Zonta member, Diane Cambria, Zonta Member, Barbara Lawlor, Zonta member, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Zonta member, Janice Tatarka, Zonta Club President, Deanna Armenio, Specialized Case Manager, Bridget Furlong, Specialized Case Manager

GIFT CARD DONATIONS

The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore recently donated Market Basket gift cards to all the school departments in the cities we service- Chelsea, Revere, Everett, Saugus & Winthrop. The school departments then distribute these gift cards to Families in need.



Ellen Kokinidis (left) from the Chelsea School Department-Director of School Counseling, and Adele Lubarsky, Zonta member.

CITY PAWS

A dog for all seasons

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

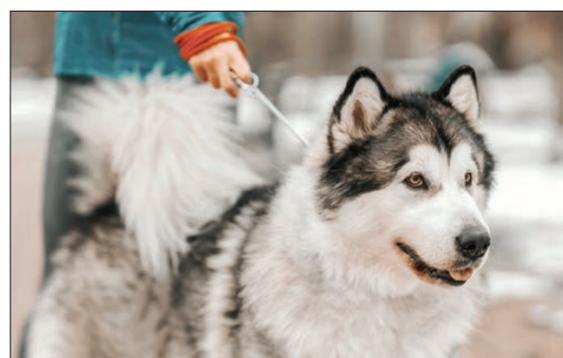
Some dogs enjoy our changeable New England weather. They are adaptable and happy to go out and explore as long as they are with you. Others are happier basking in the warm sun on a beach or frolicking in the snow in winter.

Did you ever consider that your relationship with weather conditions should influence your choice of dog? If you hate the cold, ice, and snow, a high-energy dog who needs a lot of exercise any time of the year might be difficult. On the other hand, if you love the summer and want to take long dog walks on sunny days, a flat-faced dog like a Bulldog might have breathing problems trying to keep up with you.

Origins Make a Difference

The seasonality of a dog depends, in part, on genetics and breeding. A dog's body, tail, coat, and personality depend on the work humans refined the breed to perform. Among the best examples of this are sled dogs. A clue to the weather adaptation of the Alaskan Malamute and Siberian Husky is in their name and their work. They originated in cold places to pull sleds.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) points out the necessary qualities of a sled dog. "One of the most important is good feet. Long-distance races are tough on a dog's body, and the feet bear the brunt of the work." AKC continues, "A healthy appetite and a thick coat are also important. Picky eaters might not take in the



AKC says for a sleddog, "A healthy coat with a thick undercoat helps keep a dog warm and protected from the elements and preserves those essential calories." (Photo: Getty Images.)

necessary calories on the trail, which reduces their performance ability. A healthy coat with a thick undercoat helps keep a dog warm and protected from the elements and preserves those essential calories." However, while genes are one factor, within breeds, you'll find dogs who adapt to seasons in far different ways. Our first Westie, Sassy, loved basking in the sun. Number two, Maggie Mae, adapted to any season as long as she could be outside socializing, whereas Poppy loves playing in the snow.

Adaptations Can Help

We can help a dog adapt to our seasonal conditions. In winter, if you have a short-haired dog who needs a lot of exercise, like a greyhound, you must protect her from the cold and wet. Friends with a former racing dog use a layered coat system for winter walks. It has a thin layer for cool days, a thicker layer with a snood to keep her ears and neck warm on cold days, and a rain jacket that fits over either or both for wet days.

Aside from adaptive

clothing, you can vary the time of your exercise walks. Take that husky out anytime in winter but in the coolest hours in summer.

Age and Health

Other adaptations are for age and health. You may have specific exercise directions from your veterinarian for a dog with a specific medical condition. Ask about this on your next vet visit, especially if you and your dog have moved here from an area with very different weather.

Carriers and strollers can make longer walks possible for dogs with injuries, health conditions, and as they age. Years ago, friends with an aging Airdale bought her a little red wagon to transport her to a favorite park. Recently, we spotted a gentleman pushing his Bulldog in a low-to-ground stroller. It enabled the big boy to step in and out by himself, a perfect adaptation for both the dog and the guardian.

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

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