



Sean McReynolds, President of the Joseph J. Corcoran Corporation, Jennifer Corcoran, Project Director for the Joseph J. Corcoran corporation, Paul Nowicki, Executive Director of the Chelsea Housing Authority, Mary Davis of the John M. Corcoran management company, and Melissa Booth, President of the Innes Resident Association and resident service coordinator for HOU, discuss the progress on the redevelopment of the Innes apartments.

Construction hits halfway mark for Innes redevelopment

Chelsea Housing Authority officials, developers, and CHA residents are marking the half-way point of the long-in-the-works Innes Redevelopment project.

The public-private partnership has had a number of moving parts over the years since an initial request for proposals was submitted to the Chelsea Housing Authority in 2016.

Recently, members of the development team and the CHA met to discuss the progress on the construction, which they said has reached the halfway point as they move toward overall completion of the project in 2025.

In total, the Innes project consists of 350,000 square feet of modernized housing and economic development. There are 330 total residential units, with 96 of those being redevelopment public housing

units for the current CHA Innes residents. The project also includes 40 moderate income units and 194 market rate units.

All the current Innes residents will be able to move back into a new, modern unit when construction is complete, according to CHA Executive Director Paul Nowicki.

The CHA units will be identical to the market-rate units, according to Sean McReynolds, President of the Joseph J. Corcoran

Corporation.

The extensive project team for the Innes Redevelopment project includes Joseph J. Corcoran Corporation, John M. Corcoran Company, and Marcus Partners on the development side; the CHA, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the City of Chelsea, the state Executive Office of Housing and Development, and

DIDOMENICO CHAMPIONS COVER ALL KIDS

Last week, Senator DiDomenico joined colleagues and advocates to highlight the importance of his Cover All Kids bill during the coalition's advocacy day at the State House. Approximately 40,000 children and young adults under age 21 who meet eligibility criteria for MassHealth currently lack coverage due to

their immigration status. DiDomenico's bill, S.740, would remove this barrier and ensure all children in our state can access health care, regardless of their immigration status.

Senator Sal DiDomenico spoke at the advocacy day to emphasize the critical need for this legislation, "We can't wait two more

years to file this bill again because a whole group of children are not going to have access to health care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, wheelchairs, or medication. In one of the richest states in the richest country, guaranteeing health coverage for every single child should be non-negotiable."

The event was hosted by

the organizers of the Cover All Kids' coalition, Health Care For All, and the speakers included Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell, the bill's House Sponsor, Rep. Dave Rogers, and countless coalition members who packed the State House to advocate for this urgently needed legislation.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with advocates, and colleagues. (Left to right) Senator Sal DiDomenico, Representative Dave Rogers, Attorney General Andrea Campbell and on the far right is Amy Rosenthal, Executive Director of Health Care for All.

Chelsea housing project part of state subsidy program

Less than a week after her State of the Commonwealth address in which she vowed to tackle rising housing costs, Governor Maura Healey on Monday announced that her administration was committing resources to support the production and preservation of more than 1,900 housing units in 19 communities across the state, including Chelsea.

Gov. Healey, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll and Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus joined state Sen. Liz Miranda and state Representative Samantha Montañio in Jamaica Plain to celebrate the Blessed Sacrament Church historic adaptive reuse project

and to announce subsidies and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) support for several affordable housing projects across the state.

One of those projects receiving the LIHTC is the 4th at Broadway project in Chelsea.

"Arx Urban is grateful for the crucial support provided by the State of Massachusetts," said Benjie Moll, principal at project developer Arx Urbana. "This partnership will make it possible for us to build a 62-unit mixed-income, deeply sustainable, transit-oriented community for the Chelsea community."

The project at 361 Broadway was originally

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY



Happy 100th Birthday to World War II Veteran Wesley Ricker! Friends and family, as well as staff at the Veterans Home at Chelsea, gathered to celebrate the World War II Veterans special milestone birthday. Mr. Ricker was presented, after the reading, with a State of Massachusetts citation, delivered to the Home by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans Services, Jon Santiago. Congratulations Mr. Ricker - we are grateful.

City begins search for a new fire chief

With the impending retirement of Fire Chief Leonard Albanese, the city has begun the search for a new leader for the fire department.

Albanese is retiring on March 8 after eight years as fire chief.

"With the support of our City Council and our City Manager, Chief Albanese greatly improved our Fire Stations, our Fire Apparatus, and our Fire Fighting equipment," City Manager Fidel Maltez stated in a letter to the city council. "Most importantly, Chief Albanese has worked hard to implement policies and procedures that have set up the Chelsea Fire Department for long term success."

The search process for a new chief is underway and has been opened up to the department's deputy chiefs.

"We have posted the position of Fire Chief and will be completing a hiring process in the near future," state Maltez.

The city manager said he will coordinate with the council and Council President Norieliz DeJesus during the hiring process.

The posted salary range for the position is

MAGICIAN STEVE CHARETTE DAZZLES THE CROWD AT TEMPLE EMMANUEL PARTY

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Well-known magician Steve Charette was the undisputed star of Temple Emmanuel’s Hanukkah and New Year’s party at the Elaine and Larry Smith Social Hall.

Temple President Sara Lee Callahan and Rabbi Oksana Chapman welcomed Temple members and guests to the holiday celebration. Callahan presented flowers to event chair Jordana Mather in appreciation of her leadership of the planning committee.

The guests enjoyed potato latkes and other treats before Charette took the stage and dazzled the adults and children in attendance with his feats of magic.

From his incredible card tricks to levitating a table to making flames flicker from a wallet, Charette was flawless and fantastic – a truly magical performance at an enjoyable (and belated) Hanukkah and New Year’s celebration.



Sara Lee Callahan holds up a playing card that somehow appeared with her name already on it, thanks to the wizardry of magician Steve Charette (left).



Temple Emmanuel Event Chair Jordana Mather and Edythe Shuman, pictured at the party.



Event Chair Jordana Mather, Carole Turransky, Rabbi Oksana Chapman, and Temple President Sara Lee Callahan.



Cindy Millman, Rabbi Oksana Chapman, featured entertainer and magician Steve Charette, and Temple Emmanuel President Sara Lee Callahan.

NEW ROTARY MEMBER



The Rotary Club of Chelsea welcomed its newest member, Allison Gamble. Allison works for North Suffolk Community Services in Advancement and Grants. She was sworn in by Past President Allan I. Alpert and welcomed by President Almi Abeyta.



Front row are Molly Weisberg, Cindy Millman, and Stephen Vider. Back row are Misty Covitz, Ron Waxman, and Linda Dall.



The Doherty family had a great time at the Temple Emmanuel party and the magic show by Steve Charette.

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\$175,000 to \$200,000, and the listed minimum requirements on the position summary submitted to the council by Maltez include a Bachelor’s degree in fire science or a related field, 10 years of progressive work experience, and a minimum of five years service as a deputy chief with the Chelsea Fire Department. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31.

During Monday night’s council meeting, several councilors praised the job Albanese has done as chief over the past eight years.

“The chief has done a great job here,” said District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown. “We asked him when he came in years ago to help us to cut down on the overtime, and he has worked with his department ... and he has done that. We are grateful for the service he provided and he had a very great and tight ship over there.

“We wish him well as he moves on.”

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero also praised Albanese for being a great chief and helping to get the overtime costs under control in his department.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor said he also appreciated the work Albanese has done over the years and how he has helped the fire department to run smoothly.

Council approves funding for cafeteria renovation project

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea High School cafeteria cannot meet the needs of its growing student population. Monday night, the City Council approved a number of financial orders that will help fund the expansion of the cafeteria. “The CPS cafeteria project was conceived as an expansion of the CHS cafeteria student seating area and kitchen and relo-

cation of the teacher dining and teacher prep areas,” stated Maltez. “The cafeteria was built for 1,000 students, but with nearly 1,700 students in (school year) 2023, it does not meet current needs.” The total estimated cost of the base project is \$6 million, with funding anticipated from the school lunch fund, prior school capital projects that are no longer active (a total of \$2.47 million), and

Capital Investment Plan (CIP) FY24 new project funding in the amount of \$1,505,000. Most of the money is being pulled out of other projects that were either finished under budget or abandoned, according to District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor. “Most of the money is just sitting there, so we are moving that money over to pay for (the cafeteria project),” said Taylor.

Chelsea actor, Cristhian Mancinas Garcia, stars in Moonbox Productions’ ‘The Manic Monologues’

Chelsea actor, Cristhian Mancinas Garcia, stars in Moonbox Productions’ The Manic Monologues by Zachery Burton and Elisa Hofmeister. Directed by Brad Reinking, The Manic Monologues opens on February 16th and runs until February 25th at the Studio at Arrow Street Arts. Tickets are \$45 and are available at <https://bit.ly/ManicTkts>. Pay what you wish options are available at the box office. Burton and Hofmeister wrote The Manic Monologues in the wake of Burton’s 2017 bipolar diagnosis while a doctoral student at Stanford University. The play brings to life incredible stories — stories that will challenge and inform your ideas about what it means to be touched by a mental health condition. These true,



Cristhian Mancinas Garcia.

lived experiences come from diverse and resilient people living across the world. These brave individuals have things to say about struggle and pain, but also triumph and joy. They are moving. They are human. And they are not ashamed.

The cast of The Manic Monologues includes Mal-

Malme*, Ethan DePuy, Liza Giangrande, Cidalia Santos, Katie Kendrick, and Cristhian Mancinas Garcia. (*Member of Actors’ Equity Association) “The Manic Monologues has been on our short list for some time, and the stars have finally aligned to share this important and impactful piece with our audiences,” said Sharman Altshuler, Producer & Artistic Director for Moonbox Productions. “The Studio at Arrow Street Arts will provide the perfect space to hear these stories, and to connect with each other after each performance in our post-show talkbacks. This is a project unlike any other we have done at Moonbox, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity,” said Altshuler.

Applications open for affordable units on Sixth Street

Applications are now open for affordable rental units at 25 Sixth Street in Chelsea. There are 56 units available at the new development, which is near the MBTA Silver Line Station. Applications and more information about eligibility are available at www.theneighborhooddevelopers.org. There are 12 one-bedroom units that are being offered at a rent of \$2,250 for households of one or two people making 90 percent of the AMI (area median income). The 90 percent AMI for the Greater Boston area is \$94,050 for one person and \$107,460 for two people. There are also 36 one-

to three-bedroom units being offered at 60 percent of AMI, as well as eight units for Section 8 eligible households, who pay 30 percent of their income towards rent. Applications are also available at The Neighborhood Developers offices at 4 Gerrish Ave. in Chelsea. Informational meetings are scheduled at the offices on Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. Attendance is not required to apply for the units. Preference for applicants is for those who are homeless due to natural disaster, urban renewal, or sanitary code violations; those displaced due to domestic abuse, rape, dating violence, sexual assault,

or stalking; those who require features of an accessible unit; and FCF-eligible clients with “Certified” status via a comprehensive assessment. Property amenities at 25 Sixth Street will include a community room, a 4,000 square foot outdoor public space on the second level, 40 at-grade parking spaces, common laundry facilities on three floors and public bicycle parking. The development’s architectural details will emphasize energy efficiency, with details designed to meet the standards for Passive House Certification, according to The Neighborhood Developers.



By Tracy Nowicki
Director of Elder Services

Vintage Vibes topic for the week: Wills, Trusts, Assets, etc. I’d like to share an experience we recently encountered at the senior center. One of our members is currently struggling with the loss of her partner of 25 years. This unexpected and heart-breaking event is compounded by the fact that they had no supportive family, were not legally married, and lacked any documented arrangements. Facing this situation without life insurance

Vintage Vibes

or legal documents has been greatly challenging for her. The absence of such preparations meant difficulties in accessing her partner’s bank account due to their unmarried status. As per Massachusetts Probate Law, without clear legal documentation, such as a Will, the court can intervene, take control of the deceased’s assets and determine the distribution of such assets. In essence, the unsupportive, absent family members could potentially have rights to your life partner’s assets ahead of you. In this instance, our widowed friend had to deplete her entire life savings to cover her partner’s funeral expenses, leaving her with nothing. The senior center is actively supporting her through this unfortunate process. The takeaway here emphasizes the significance of being prepared

for the experience of loss, whether it involves yourself, or the loss of a spouse or life partner. It is essential to designate, in writing, someone (or more) to be the recipient of your estate, money, home, and any other assets you may possess. While having to think about such scenarios may be uncomfortable and not a top priority, being prepared ensures a peaceful, stress-free, and less confusing life event, benefiting not only you but your family as well. The Chelsea Senior Center will host a discussion on this topic in the coming months. We strongly encourage you to attend and learn from this program. Stay tuned for the date and time of the event. Until next week, we extend our wishes for strength, support, comfort, and many blessings! Feel free to contact us at Tnowicki@chelseama.gov or 617-466-4377.

“We have a very dire need at the high school.” The cafeteria was originally built to handle a capacity of 1,000 students, Taylor said. “Now we have 1,700,” he said. “This really needs to get done.” In other business, the council passed a resolution congratulating Brenda Pena for her appointment as the Essex County Commissioner for the Status of Women.

Pena is currently the coordinator of social work at Chelsea High School and has a long track record as an educator across the region. “I would like to thank Brenda for choosing Chelsea and Chelsea for choosing her,” said Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson. “I think it is wonderful that you are here working with our kids around mental health issues and being a mentor for the kids in

Chelsea.” District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate said the work Pena and others do in the schools around social and emotional wellness is imperative. “Thank you for continuing to give your all to the city of Chelsea,” said Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia. “We appreciate you, we love you, and we honor you.”

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the Innes Resident Association on the public side; Cube 3 as the architect of record; and Plumb House, Inc. as the general contractor. In addition to the residential units, the other highlights of the project include an increased number of on-site parking spots in an above-ground garage; amenities including a fitness room, community room, and bike storage; a new daycare facility; new public greenspace including a playground; and 5,000 square feet of street level retail space.

“This first building will be delivered this summer, and then the next building will be delivered in two stages,” said McReynolds. “The first stage will be spring of 2025 ... and then the final delivery is August of 2025.”

Nowicki said the project has been long needed for both the CHA and the city. “The building was built in the early 1950s and the upkeep just got overwhelming,” said Nowicki. “So we made that decision in 2015 ... to go with the partnership to expand housing opportunities and that was awarded to us in 2016, and then we went through the RFP process and selected the Corcoran group.”

Nowicki said the project was ready to go toward the end of 2019, with the CHA working with the residents and the property manager on the relocation process, but much like everything else in the construction world, the Covid pandemic slowed that timeline down. He said there was a lot of communication done with the residents and the city during that time to keep everyone informed about the status of the project and to keep the enthusiasm up. “There was kind of a never say die attitude that everybody had to have,” said Jennifer Corcoran, the project director for the

Joseph J. Corcoran Company. “We almost started from scratch; we were originally a two-phase project, so residents would have moved out and back in two different phases, which would have made it longer. So we switched to a single phase, we took out the below-grade parking, which was unfeasible and we moved to a parking garage.”

Corcoran noted that there is also a lot of infrastructure work that has been done for the project that will benefit this city as a whole. Currently, the roof is on the first residential building, which is 115 units, and the precast parking garage is constructed and waiting for utilities. “We are about 70 percent through the framing of the second building, which is 215 units,” said Mary Davis of the Corcoran Company. “We’re starting drywall in the interior of the first residential building, a lot of windows are in, there is a lot of progress there.”

While Nowicki and McReynolds highlighted the importance of upgrading the affordable housing units, McReynolds said the mixed-income aspect of the project is crucial.

“Mixed-income is an important concept, where obviously we are doing market-rate units,” he said. “The impetus is that market rate helps pay for the replacement of the public housing units. Not only the replacement, but we are also wanting to do ongoing resident services, programming, and upkeep for the building as a whole.” The market rate units will also help attract people to the city who will then bring in disposable income and spend money at Chelsea businesses and connect with the community, said Nowicki. “That generates money for our economy, and that’s also important,” he said. “Affordable is very

important in Chelsea, and those affordable units make up 29 percent of this development. Most development is around 8 to 10 percent.” In addition, another 11 percent of the units are middle income/workforce development units. Those units will allow for residents who might see their income levels rise above the affordable levels continue to live in the development, as well as provide options for people who may work in the city but can’t afford higher rents. “The other cool thing about the market/mixed-income model is that it will be a different experience for the public housing residents than really any other public housing/redevelopment that would be strictly affordable,” said Corcoran. “The level of amenities that we have in the space is built to compete with other market-rate buildings. Everybody has access to the exact same things regardless of your income level.” Nowicki said the target is to have all residents in the new units by the fall of 2025.

Corcoran, McReynolds, and Nowicki all said the Innes redevelopment stands as a model for further affordable and housing authority redevelopment not only in the city, but in the region. “It’s been a long time in the works, and we see as a state that it is really hard to upgrade public housing,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. “We need millions and millions of dollars that neither the states nor the cities have, so these public-private partnerships are a good vehicle to invest and rejuvenate our public housing properties. The Innes development is a model now that the Secretary of Housing really touts and really talks about as a model that is being taken by other communities.”

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HOW ARE THOSE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS GOING?

All of us, consciously or subconsciously, make some sort of New Year’s resolution in the hope of improving our lives and those of our loved ones.

Without a doubt, the most common New Year’s resolution is weight loss, which is not surprising, considering that 72 percent of all Americans -- an astounding number -- are either overweight or obese. Excess weight has been linked to just about every disease imaginable -- cancer, diabetes, and heart disease being among the most prominent. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, excess weight greatly increased the risk of death or serious complications from COVID-19 across all age groups.

We strongly condemn discrimination of any form against those who are overweight. Maintaining a healthy body weight is difficult for just about everyone (almost three-quarters of us, apparently) in our hurry-hurry world where the convenience of fast-food makes it all-too-easy to indulge in an unhealthy diet on a regular basis.

In addition, we are deluged with advertisements from the fast-food industry, who give us those full-screen shots of triple-bacon-cheeseburgers-with-fries-and a soft drink -- a truly deadly combination that hits all of the “bad food” buttons for high calories, saturated fat, salt, and added sugar.

It is not a coincidence that the average American male today weighs 30 pounds more than the average American male did in 1960 and the average American female today weighs the same as that male in 1960 (and no, it’s not because we’re all taller than our grandparents) when you consider that in 1960, there were 248 locations of a certain fast-food franchise across America, but today there are 13,340 of them. (And that’s just one fast-food company!)

However, we do not subscribe to the belief that being overweight is the result of a “disease” that somehow uniquely affects Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender, compared to the rest of the world. (We rank as the most-overweight people among every industrialized nation.) To be sure, there are some individuals who genetically are pre-disposed to having an unhealthy body weight. But wherever American-style food is imported into countries across the globe, health issues that previously did not exist in those countries become epidemic.

There is no question that bad food can be addicting, whether it’s those triple-cheeseburgers, infinite varieties of snack foods, etc., etc., etc. in a society where bad food is cheap, available everywhere, and pushed on us by Madison Avenue -- and where we associate overeating as a form of reward.

Our present overweight society increasingly makes the 2008 Disney sci-fi movie “Wall-E,” in which the humans of the future are grossly overweight, look prescient -- except that the distant future already is here. The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health recently estimated that, based upon current trends, by 2030 86 percent of Americans will range from overweight to obese.

With the odds stacked against us to make our weight-loss New Year’s resolutions stick -- which is why so few of us are successful -- it would appear that our only hope is for those new weight loss drugs to become readily-available and covered by insurance for all Americans. Societal weight-loss would be the best thing we could do to improve our collective health, both physically and emotionally. The drugs may be expensive, but if that’s what it will take for Americans to shed our excess pounds, the upfront costs of those drugs will save us billions of dollars in health-care costs down the road.

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City looks to free WiFi services for CHA properties

By Adam Swift

The city and the Chelsea Housing Authority are working to bring free WiFi service to CHA residents.

CHA Executive Director Paul Nowicki is working with the city’s IT department to launch free WiFi in CHA housing properties, according to City Manager Fidel Maltez.

“As you can imagine, paying a provider, whether it be Comcast or somebody else, can be expensive,” said Maltez. “With the Covid pandemic, we

saw that a lot of our children, in particular, could not have access to reliable internet. That is an education gap, that is a performance gap that we are trying to close.”

Ramon Garcia, Chelsea’s Chief Information Officer, and the city’s IT department have been working closely with the CHA to develop free public WiFi.

“It is going to be launched in one of the Prattville properties where each resident is going to have free WiFi,” said Maltez. “It is going to be individual to each unit,

it is going to be just like service provided by Comcast.”

The goal in 2024 is to roll the service out to all Chelsea Housing Authority properties.

“It will not only provide a cost benefit to the residents, but it bridges the gap, particularly for our children that simply do not have access to reliable WiFi,” said Maltez.

Maltez noted that internet accessibility is crucial for education in the city, as even the youngest students do homework and other school work on computers and the Google

platform.

“I cannot imagine how difficult it is for some of our children who do not have access to devices, but also reliable internet,” said Maltez.

The city manager also noted that utility costs overall can place a heavy burden on residents with limited income.

Last year, Revere and the Revere Housing Authority launched a similar program in conjunction with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to provide free WiFi in RHA apartments for residents in that city.

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approved by the Chelsea ZBA in the spring of 2022.

The project proposed by Arx Urban includes the renovation of the existing Broadway building, and the demolition of the adjacent commercial garage to make way for a new building.

The 19 units in the existing Broadway building will be renovated, and the six commercial tenants already on the ground floor of the building will remain, Moll said at the time of the ZBA hearing.

The new building at the site of the current parking garage will be six stories tall and connected by corridors to the existing building.

Altogether, 57 of the 62

studio through three-bedroom units will be affordable, according to Moll.

“When we acquired the building six years ago, the intent was always to try to find a higher and better use for the parking garage, which takes up such a large part of this downtown block,” Moll told the ZBA.

Healey said the projects like the one on Broadway in Chelsea are a great example of why the state expanded the LIHTC,

“From a church transformed into mixed-use mixed-income housing in Boston to the re-use of a vacant nursing home as affordable rental housing in Northampton, these funds will make it possible for

thousands of Massachusetts residents to afford a home,” said Healey. “We look forward to continuing to work to pass the Affordable Homes Act this year to create much-needed housing across all income levels in the state.”

Last fall, as part of a \$1 billion tax relief signed by the governor, the Administration raised the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit to \$60 million annually – a \$20 million increase over the previous year.

“We are expanding housing opportunities so more people can live, work and stay in Massachusetts,” said Driscoll. “This is just one piece of the Healey-Driscoll Ad-

ministration’s strategy to increase our housing supply and lower costs for hard-working Massachusetts residents.”

Augustus said these projects, which will now be built as a result of the increase to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, are a direct result of the governor’s tax relief bill.

“The funding of these projects is proof that housing production for all of our communities is a top priority for the Healey-Driscoll Administration,” Augustus said. “The governor’s Affordable Homes Act will soon fund even more, much needed, affordable housing in the commonwealth.”

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Sports

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST EVERETT

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Thia Young keeps the ball away from an Everett defender.



Keara Chevez Trejo makes her way past an Everett defender.



Monica Cespedes Cruz keeps the ball away from Everett’s Emilia Maria-Babcock.



Melize Siliro threads a pass in front of an Everett defender.



Monica Cespedes Cruz sees and opening to the basket.



Allessandra Campos pulls down a defensive rebound.

CHS Roundup

CHS BOYS TOP REVERE IN ROUND TWO OF BATTLE OF BROADWAY

The Chelsea High boys basketball team earned a sweep of the Battle of Broadway, 2024 edition, with a 62-47 victory over their archrivals from Revere this past Tuesday evening at the CHS gym. The Red Devils had defeated their long-time Greater Boston League (GBL) foe in their first meeting this season, 51-50.

Coach Cesar Castro’s squad shook off a slow start -- Chelsea trailed 22-12 after the first quarter -- but closed to within a point, 27-26, at the intermission, before taking firm control in the second half.

“After our slow start in the first quarter, I told the boys, ‘It’s okay fellas. We are ok. They made their run, now we will make

ours. But it starts on the defensive end. Our goal is to only let them score max eight points in this quarter’.”

The Red Devils followed Castro’s plan by clamping down on defense -- Revere scored only five points in the second period -- led by David Wright, who made numerous steals.

“Our press was amazing,” said Castro. “Everyone was rotating, which created many turnovers. It was a collective effort. We held them to five points in the second quarter, which got us into halftime down by just one, 27-26. We had the momentum and it carried over into the second half.

“A lot of our shots weren’t falling in the first half, but I told the team at halftime that it won’t be that way all game and the shots will start to go down,” added Castro.

Moe Osman was a force at both ends of the floor for Chelsea, achieving a double-double by pumping in 20 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to go along with four blocked shots. Moe was a perfect 8-for-8 from the free throw line.

Wright also attained a double-double with 15 points and 10 assists and made four steals. Justin Toro and Brauli Quezada Tineo contributed to the offensive output, hitting some big three-pointers for the Red Devils.

There was a somber note for the CHS squad prior to the contest. “I told the kids that one of our assistant coaches, JC Sanchez, could not be here tonight because his cousin, Pedro ‘Choco’ Valentin, passed away,” said Castro. “‘Choco’ was a special person in the city of Chelsea who always had good

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While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living.

East Boston Central Catholic School celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Enrollment soars in school’s 50th year

By Cary Shuman

East Boston Central Catholic School will celebrate 50 years of excellence in Catholic education at its annual gala April 12 at Spinelli’s, Lynnfield. In advance of that milestone event, EBCCS will Celebrate Schools Week beginning Jan. 28 with an exciting slate of activities for students and their families.

There is certainly a lot to celebrate.

EBCCS Principal Robert Casaletto reports that there is an enrollment of 189 students for the current school year, which is an increase of over 20 percent from the previous year.

Casaletto said one of the reasons for the surge in popularity was the school’s high retention rate, proudly stating, “Our students and their parents

who were here last year all loved it, so they all came back this year. We had a 95 percent retention rate.”

Another key to the success in attracting students to the school was its considerable outreach to different parishes in the area beyond East Boston. Casaletto credits new School Chaplain, the Rev. Dan Zinger, for helping to bring in more Catholic families.”

The hiring of an assistant principal, Gabriela Twaalfhoven, has also been instrumental in building enrollment. Twaalfhoven worked directly with new families on enrollment last summer.

Casaletto also noted the Catholic Schools Foundation providing of financial support to families in need through its Building Minds Scholarship Fund.

Casaletto is in his sev-

enth year as principal and 30th year as a member of the EBCCS faculty. His leadership of the school during the COVID-19 pandemic was extraordinary and in actuality, resulted in an increase in enrollment when the school was allowed to reopen.

“The people affected by COVID-19 was high in East Boston, so the Health Department wouldn’t let us open,” said Casaletto. “We opened our pre-K only for in-person learning. But we did a virtual learning program that our parents were just thrilled with, and because we did such a good job surviving the pandemic, we grew our enrollment coming out of it and it’s been going up since.”

Catholic Schools Week Activities Schedule

Special student activities have been planned throughout Catholic Schools’ Week to give parents an opportunity to “join” your child’s classroom.

EBCCS parents are invited to the following activities. Each activity will take place in your child’s classroom unless a different location is noted.

Sunday, January 28

Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael’s Parish - St. John’s Church in Winthrop at 10:00 a.m. to kick-off CSW. Our choir

will sing and all families are encouraged to join.

Monday, January 29

- Kindergarten: Winter Art Project 8:45-9:30
- Cherubs, Kindergarten, 3, 4, & 5: Young Authors’ Presentation Auditorium (see Library Schedule)

Tuesday, January 30

- Grade 7: “Kahoots” Game 8:30-9:10
- Angels, 1, 2, 6, 7, & 8: Young Authors’ Auditorium (see Library Schedule)

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- Angels: Circle Time 8:30-9:00
- Cherubs: Morning Routine & Heggerty Phonemic Awareness 8:30-9:15
- Grade 3: Reader’s Theater Presentation 1:00-1:30
- Grade 1: Chicken Soup w/Rice Activity 1:40-2:10.

Thursday, February 1

- Grade 6: Sarcophagus Design 8:30-9:10
- Grade 5: Math & Social Studies Super Bowl 9:30-10:30
- Middle School: Ice Skating Field Trip 1:00-4:00



Students enjoying storytime in class at EBCCS.

- Grade 4: City of Snowdom Presentations 1:30-2:10

Friday, February 2

- Student Appreciation Casual Dress Day
- Grade 2: Groundhog Day Activities 9:00-9:30

- Grade 7 & 8: Science Fair 1:00-2:15 Auditorium
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CPS Elementary students sing at Boston Symphony Hall on MLK Day

As part of its renown history, Boston Symphony Hall hosts world-class vocalists from the Boston Symphony Orchestra and world-class musicians from the Boston Pops. Now, for the second consecutive year, Symphony Hall can add elementary-school singers from Chelsea Public Schools to its list of esteemed performers.

This past Monday (January 15), 33 third and fourth grade students from the Berkowitz, Hooks, Kelly and Sokolowski Schools sang at the 21st annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute Concert with the Boston Children's Chorus (BCC). The students are the second cohort from CPS that have sung at the annual MLK concert in Boston.

Standing at center stage in front of a sold-out crowd, the students belted the song "Baba Yetu", and were also part of the choral ensemble that sang "I Will Sing" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", the two closing numbers for the concert.

"Partnering with the Boston Children's Choir (BCC) has opened the door to an incredible opportunity for our students, exposing them to a world of inspiration and musical excellence. We extend our deepest gratitude to BCC and the Hestia Fund for their partnership and for making this possible," commented Chelsea Pub-



Chelsea students gather for a photo before they take the stage at Symphony Hall for MLK Day.

lic Schools Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta.

Seeing their families in the crowd was another important part of the experience for the students. CPS and BCC combined forces to offer transportation as well as two complimentary tickets for the families. A bus left the elementary complex in Chelsea at 3:00 to bring families into the city. When they arrived at Symphony Hall, families received their tickets and sat together creating a special Chelsea section to enjoy the concert. From their seats in the balcony, students smiled ear-to-ear when they saw their families walk into Symphony Hall.



Chelsea students singing at Symphony Hall for MLK Day.

These students participate in the after school program that is part of the partnership between CPS and BCC. The students

meet every Thursday after school to sing, rehearse and learn choral practices. BCC sends instructors to Chelsea who teach the stu-

dents right at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex. These instructors are accompanied by CPS music teachers and other staff

members who see the kids on a daily basis, creating an environment where the students are comfortable and focused on singing.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

The Boston Bruins Blood Sweat & 100 years

For over a century, hockey fans have in some fashion, been able to watch their Boston Bruins team play in the National Hockey League. In 1924 the Bruins were the first American franchise by signing on to become a member of the elite Original Six. Now a full century later they commemorate the anniversary, having hoisted the elusive Stanley Cup six times over those years, in a league that now is made up of 32 NHL teams. This informative and totally interesting

book tells the many stories of grit, passion, heart and tradition. The stories and pictures from those years, outline the blood, sweat, and tears that were needed for them to become Stanley Cup champions a half-dozen times. The Boston Bruins' heritage is still one that allows each and every player who pulls on a Bruins jersey, to feel the pride and honor of being a member of the Black and Gold.

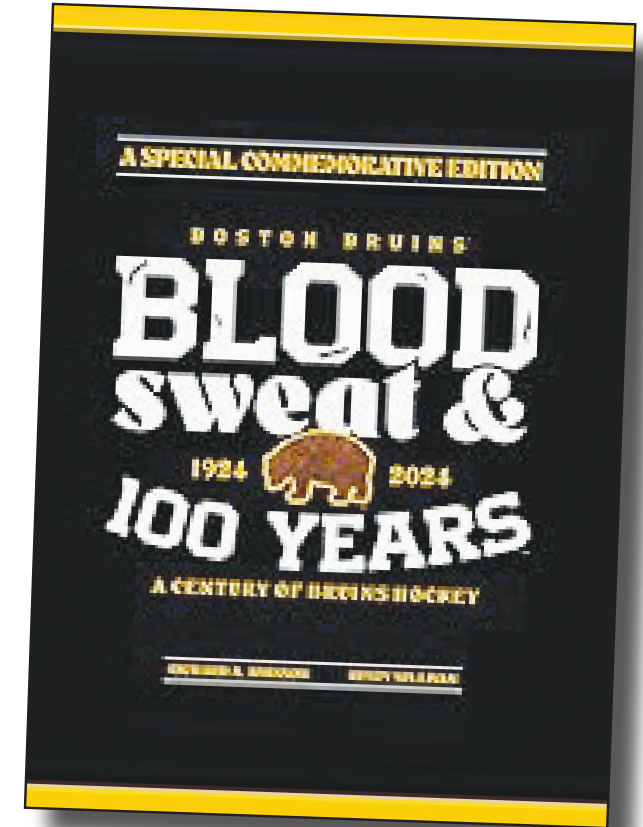
Authors Richard A. Johnson, who has served as Curator of The Sports

Museum in Boston for over forty years, is a solid source of information. The Massachusetts native has had a hand in the creation of two-dozen books, among them the coverage of all four major pro sports teams, and a number of them that covered landmarks as the Boston Garden, Fenway Park, and the running of the Boston Marathon. Mr. Johnson was joined by Rusty Sullivan, the Executive Director of The Sports Museum, a position he has filled for almost two decades.

Sullivan is a Yale University graduate who has also authored several books, one in particular receiving critical acclaim...Rocky Marciano: The Rock of His Times," and he also produced many documentaries, most notably – Impossible to Forget: The Story of the '67 Boston Red Sox, Sullivan was the perfect partner, as he and Johnson combined to create this wonderfully entertaining 320-page read.

Boston Bruins owner and Chairman of Delaware North, Jeremy M. Jacobs penned the heartfelt Foreword for this book, and he clearly defines what the team means to him, and to the people of Boston. Mr. Jacobs' son Charlie is the CEO and alternate governor, Boston Bruins and TD Garden, and in the Afterword, he expressed the pleasure and honor of being the CEO at this monumental juncture. Also covering the fact that the Bruins are not just a hockey team, but are also a big part of the community, and takes pride in his building of The Boston Bruins Foundation, which in 20 years has raised \$54 million to assist charitable organizations.

The 'Contents' section includes 11 separate eras, beginning with the 1920s (Founding Fathers), 1930s (Old-Time Hockey), 1940s (Dynasty Dashed), 1950s (A Flagship Franchise), 1960s (The Rise of the Big Bad Bruins), 1970s (Cups & Lunch Pails), 1980s (Standards of Excellence), 1990s (Hello Goodbye), 2000s (A Black & Gold Reboot), 2010s (Return to Glory), 2020s (Something Special). Readers get background information on players via photos, newspaper clips, all the way back to the beginning. Publisher Triumph Books' very accu-



rate description, describes Blood Sweat & 100 Years as "a visually stunning retrospective featuring hundreds of archival images and vivid, in-depth writing, that tells the stories behind many iconic moments, the legendary players and people, and so much more. Those players include retired numbers: Lionel Hitchman #3 (1925-34) – a true defensive defenseman who was also named a Hart Trophy winner on four occasions, and winner of the Stanley Cup twice. Aubrey "Dit" Clapper #5 (1927-47) – A right-winger who performed at that position for nine years, and then switched to defense for 11 more seasons, earning three Stanley Cups. Milton C. Schmidt #15 (1936-55) – Serving as player, captain, coach and general manager for Boston, he won four Stanley Cups, two as a player and two more as GM, along with a Hart Trophy and Art Ross Trophy. Eddie Shore #2 (1926-40) – One of the most feared players in the NHL and a major drawing card, he was named an all-star eight times, earned four Hart Trophies, and two Stanley Cups. In later

years, the addition of Willie E. O'Ree #22 (1957-58/1960-61) – First African-American to play in the NHL, two tours with Boston, playing in 45 games and scoring 14 points. John P. Bucyk #9 (1957-78) – Two Stanley Cup Championships, two Lady Byng trophies, and still leading the Boston franchise in multiple records. Robert G. Orr #4 (1966-76) – Greatest NHL defenseman ever, winner of three Hart Trophies, two Art Ross Trophies, eight Norris Trophies, to go with his two Stanley Cups in just ten seasons. Philip A. Esposito #7 (1967-75) – Easily one of the greatest scorers in the NHL, he was the first player to have a 100-point season (six times), and scored over 1,000 points with the Bruins, won two Stanley Cups, five Art Ross Trophies, and two Hart Trophies. Plus coverage of Terry O'Reilly #24 (1972-85), Ray Bourque #77 (1972-2000), Rick Middleton #16 (1976-88) and Cam Neely #8 (1976-88).



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energy and showed love to everyone. He saw me grow up as a kid. I told the boys we will be playing this game for coach Sanchez. The boys responded and I'm glad we were able to get it done for coach Sanchez. Everybody shines together."

The Red Devils, who stand at 4-9 on the season, will travel to GBL opponents Medford tonight (Thursday) and Lynn English next Thursday.

CHS TRACKSTERS SHINE AT NORTHEAST INVITATIONAL; SEALE, RAMIREZ SET NEW MARKS

A contingent from the Chelsea High girls and boys indoor track and field teams competed in the recent Northeast Invitational Meet, with a number of the Red Devils turning in outstanding performances.

The biggest highlights from the meet came from two of the Red Devil throwers. For the boys, Theo Joseph-Seale re-broke his weight throw school record by a foot, improving it to 53'-5". Theo finished second overall at the meet and is currently ranked third in the state for the event.

On the girls' side, Kiara Ramirez also had a great day in the shot-put. Kiara broke the CHS school record that had stood for six years with her throw of 32'-2.75." Kiara placed seventh in a field of 128 throwers.

Ariel Aracena and Joseph-Seale also shone in the shot-put event. Ariel placed 12th overall and Theo placed 30th overall in the shot-put among the field of 178 male throwers. Freshman sensation

Thania Simon also had a great meet. Thania competed in the triple jump, finishing with a mark of 32'-2.75", landing her in 11th place overall. In the 55 meter dash, her sprint of 7.84 placed her 29th overall in the field of 238 athletes.

However, Thania's best event of the weekend came in the 200 meter dash. Her clocking of 27.05 seconds placed her 12th overall out of 187 entrants and ranked her as the fastest freshman. Her time set a new PR (personal record) in the 200, eclipsing her clocking of 27.15 at Outdoor Nationals last year.

Giselle Olivar also turned in a superb effort at the meet with a season-best time in the 55 meter hurdles of 9.82 seconds, good for 38th spot out of 153 entries.

CHS GIRLS BASKETBALL HOSTS MEDFORD, ENGLISH


The Chelsea High girls basketball team will host a pair of Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals in the coming week. Coach Ben Jette's Lady Red Devils will entertain Medford tonight (Thursday) and Lynn English next Thursday. The opening tip for both matches is set for 4:00.

In contests this past week, Chelsea hosted Everett and came up on the short end of a 49-27 decision. "We played much better as the game went on, holding Everett to 16 second-half points while scoring 19," noted Jette. Monica Cespedes led the Red Devils with 16 points.

Last Thursday the Lady Red Devils fell to Malden, 59-24. Cespedes struck for 13 points and Keara Chavez Trejo hit for six points.



Monica Cespedes-Cruz (1) works her way past Everett's Manal Bouhou during the recent January 17 game.



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Melissa Ann Shaffer Passionately devoted to home and family

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a Memorial Gathering for Melissa A. Shaffer on Wednesday, January 31st from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea.

Melissa passed away unexpectedly in her home on Thursday, January 18th after a long illness. She was 58 years of age.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, she was the beloved daughter of the late Eleanor I. (Hartigan) Tucker and Robert L. Shaffer, Sr.

Melissa attended school in Maryland and she was also raised by her beloved late grandparents, Zelda and Lee Shaffer.

She settled in Chelsea with her family as a young lady and resided here for several years before moving to Medford and was a resident of Lynn for the past 21 years.

She was the beloved companion and wife of Steven DeVeau for 23 years. Melissa enjoyed life at home with family, spending her leisure time sketch drawing painting,



doing crossword puzzles and watching TV crime shows.

In addition to her parents and grandparents, Melissa was also predeceased by her step-father, Richard Tucker and her only brother, Robert L. Shaffer, Jr. She was the beloved wife of Steven DeVeau of Lynn, devoted mother of Courtney Godin, Kelsey Godin, Kyle DeVeau and Emily Deveau, cherished grandmother of Abigail Farese, all of Lynn and dear sister of Cindy Marchant of Everett.

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Steven Christie Worked in Family Business, D&R Aluminum

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a graveside inurnment for Steven M. Christie on Saturday, January 27th at 12:30 P.M. at Pine Haven Cemetery, 84 Bedford St., Burlington. Family and friends are asked to assemble at the cemetery at 12:15 p.m.

Steven passed away on Monday, January 8th at the Mass. General Hospital after living courageously with cancer for several years. He was 59 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he was the beloved son of the late Ronald H., Sr. "Big Ron" and Gertrude "Trudy" (Tentino) Christie. Formerly of Chelsea, Steven resided for the past five years between Revere, Melrose, and Methuen.

He attended school in Chelsea and worked together with his father and brother for many years in the family siding business,

D & R Aluminum, installing vinyl and aluminum siding.


In his lifetime, Steven enjoyed attending Chelsea vs. Everett football games, spending time with family and friends reminiscing and sharing lifetime stories and weekend camping.

In addition to his parents, Steven was predeceased by his sister Cheryl Ann Ames. He is survived by his brothers Ronald H. Christie of Methuen, John Christie of New Hampshire and brother-in-law, Robert J. Ames, Jr. of Chelsea, nieces and nephews; Robert J. Ames, III, Jason, Avery, Angelo Christie, and Ashley Miller.

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Joel Mazer

Attorney who was a vital part of the Chelsea Community, a family man, a man of faith and a man of service

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Attorney Joel O. Mazer of Salem, beloved husband of Janet (Hershman) Mazer. He passed away peacefully at the age of 88 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House.

Joel also leaves behind his much loved children, Geoffrey Mazer and Marilyn Schaefer and her husband, Kurt Schaefer, his cherished grandchildren, Dylan and Jake Schaefer, his brother Ronald Mazer and spouse Anne Mazer and many beloved family and friends.

Joel was born in Boston on November 12, 1935, the son of the late Beatrice and Max Mazer. He was raised in Lynn and graduated from Lynn Classical High School. Joel went on to earn three degrees from Boston University, including a Bachelor's degree, a Law degree and a Master's of Law degree in Taxation.

After passing the bar exam, Joel practiced law in Boston and Lynn for several years before joining the law firm of Leader and Newman. He later became a partner at Leader, Mazer and Blotner where he was a well respected attorney for over 60 years.

Joel was a vital part of the Chelsea community. He was proud to be a long-time member of the Chelsea Rotary and served on the Board of Directors at the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home.

In his spare time, Joel



was an amazing multiple sport athlete and he loved attending and watching all of the Boston sports teams. He also loved visiting Vermont to cheer on his grandsons' lacrosse and hockey games. Besides sports, Joel loved music, especially Neil Diamond and Frank Sinatra. He loved singing along at every concert he attended.

Joel was a family man, a man of faith and a man of service. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Joel's funeral service which will be held at Stanesky-Hymanson Memorial Chapel, 10 Vinnin Street, Salem today, Thursday, January 25th at 10 a.m. Burial immediately following the service at at The Pride of Lynn Cemetery in Lynn. A luncheon will follow at 1 p.m. at The Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, 18 Washington Square West. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Care Dimensions in Danvers, MA and The Jeffrey and Susan Brudnick Center For Living.

Ann Mahoney

She is remembered for hosting great parties, her humor and love for music

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a memorial gathering for Ann D. Mahoney on Saturday, January 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. The gathering will be immediately followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m.

At 75 years of age, Ann passed away on Monday, January 15th at the Faulkner Hospital after a long illness.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was the beloved daughter of the late Helen B. (McGrane) Goldman and Samuel Weener.

Ann was a resident of Chelsea for most of her life where she attended local schools. She has been residing in Revere for the past 22 years.

She was married to Robert P. Mahoney and



raised her family of one son and daughter.

Ann worked in the hospitality field for many years. She is remembered for hosting great parties, her humor, and love for music, friend to many and could always be relied on to help family, friends, or anyone in need.

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Small But Mighty

Chelsea Community Connections quietly helps thousands of residents

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea Community Connections Director Cara Cogliano has it exactly right about her organization.

“Our office may be small, but our impact is grand,” the CCC website reads.

Indeed, from its offices on Hawthorne Street, CCC has been helping more than 500 families each year in the five communities it serves: Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, and Charlestown. The agency, founded by the late Sheila McMahon, has been in existence since 1997. Cogliano assumed command of CCC in July, 2012.

“She [Ms. McMahon] wanted families to have access to basic needs and created this clothing closet for families to have access to clothing,” said Cogliano. “Ever since 1997, we’ve been taking in clothing donations and making sure that families have access to children’s clothing.”

Cogliano, who is assisted by one part-time staff member, said CCC’s overall mission is “to connect

people to resources and information in the community to the larger organizations that have long-term support systems.”

“We partner a lot with CAPIC, MGH Healthy Chelsea, Roca, La Colaborativa, GreenRoots, Chelsea Black Community, Chelsea Revere Family Network, the John Silber Early Learning Center, the Chelsea Public School, Chelsea HUB, and the Neighborhood Developers.”

The impact of COVID-19

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck Chelsea hard in 2020, Cogliano and CCC stepped up significantly to address the many needs of residents.

“COVID shifted us tremendously,” said Cogliano. “We went from 30-40 families a month looking for support to more than 250-300 families a month. The City of Chelsea recognized that we were supporting families with babies and asked us to start a diaper [distribution] project. The City has been funding a diaper program, but that program is going to end in

March. Our funding from the state is \$135,000 per year, and that’s what we operate on here. We rely heavily on volunteers like Noemi Lobato Rosa, Stacy Amaral, Grace Muwina, and Irma Mazzone.”

Helping families in many ways

Chelsea Community Connection also offers the Chelsea Family Fun Bus, which provides field trips for families “to experience educational and cultural experiences at museums, parks, and farms, places they may not be able to get to otherwise,” noted Cogliano.

CCC also assists families with school uniforms, school supplies, and winter jackets.

City manager Maltez visits CCC

City Manager Fidel Maltez visited CCC prior to his inauguration. “He learned a lot about what we are doing, and I know he is very supportive of our work and believes in what we are doing,” said Cogliano. “His family has donated to us in the past as well.”

Cogliano also praised other agencies in Chelsea for their support of CCC.

“What we do for work can’t be done without the resources and support of the other agencies,” said Cogliano. “GreenRoots and CAPIC, in particular, have been extremely supportive of us. When they’ve had generous donors, they’ve shared donations or resources with us.”

Cogliano also lauded her hometown of Belmont for its generous donations to CCC.

Bongiovanni says CCC is “an amazing resource”

Cogliano has a big supporter of her agency in GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni.

“Chelsea Community Connections is an amazing resource in our community,” credits Bongiovanni. “It’s like the little engine that could with a small staff and a ton of volunteers. They are making magic happen in the lives of so many folks who need it most. Their work during the pandemic and post pandemic has been critically



Chelsea Community Connections Director Cara Cogliano, Family Advocate Angeliz-Gonzalez-Olmo, and volunteer Noemi Lobato-Rosa are pictured at the CCC offices on Hawthorne Street.

important, especially for mothers and children.”

About the director

Cara Cogliano grew up in Newton and is a graduate of Newton South High School. She studied at Boston University and took her first position after college at the Williams pre-school program on Arlington Street. She has also worked in adoption and early intervention programs. She received her master’s degree in Non-Profit Management from Brandeis University.

“It’s pretty much been 30 years of social service work, including some time overseas in Italy with the U.S Navy as a contractor,” said Cogliano. “I ran a Community Connections

in Lowell. There are 20 Community Connections programs in the state, and they all look different, because they all get to decide how they want to operate and support families in their communities.”

Cara Cogliano chose Chelsea in which to make an important impact, and there are hundreds of local families that will attest to her selflessness and nobility.

Now with a funding crunch looming, it is up to Chelsea and state officials to ensure that her efforts can continue beyond the decades of service she has already given to this city and neighboring communities.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES

The Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA) is currently accepting proposals from Certified Public Accountants for the HUD Single Audit of the CHA's activities for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

The scope of the audit includes the following programs: Federal Low Rent Public Housing - 354 units State Consolidated - 560 units Section 8 Voucher - 529 units Section 8 Mobility - 20 VASH - 5 Mainstream HCV-50 MRVP - 60 State Modernization Federal Capital Fund FSS Grant

It is the requirement of the CHA that the audit be completed by September 1 and the REAC submission be completed by September 30 each year. The CHA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received, to waive technicalities, to seek additional information and to negotiate changes to submitted proposals based on CHA needs and available funds in accordance with HUD Handbook 7460.8 Rev 1.

Packages are available at the CHA for pick-up. For receiving by email, fax, or regular mail, or for any questions please contact Arnaldo Velazquez at: avelazquez@chelsea.cha.

Interested auditors should submit a completed RFP response (including HUD forms supplied in the RFP package) along with a current company brochure and other pertinent information, to Arnaldo Velazquez, at the address above. Responses must be received no later than 11:00 am, Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Paul R. Nowicki Executive Director Chelsea Housing Authority Equal Opportunity Employer

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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

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2024-02 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: 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 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

LEGAL NOTICE



Re:

Emiliana Fiesta, LLC d/b/a Emiliana 35 Fourth Street, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission, February 8, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. To consider revoking, suspending or modifying the All Kinds of Alcohol Beverages (On Premises) Consumption License of Emiliana Fiesta, LLC d/b/a Emiliana at 35 Fourth Street. Relative to Chelsea Police Report #23-874-AR, for violating Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter, 138, Section 69 and City of Chelsea Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations, Section 2.09(e) by permitting a disturbance on the premises on November 18, 2023 and Section 2.09(h)) failure to maintain a video surveillance system. CHLSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU22P1877EA Estate of: Marcia Ann Kamens

Date of Death: 05/16/2022 A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Barbara D. Kamens of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 02/13/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 18, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 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. 31" Siberian Elm located across from 51 Warren Ave. 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 CHELSEA PUBLIC SHOOOLS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LEASED SPACE FOR CHELSEA OPPORTUNITY ACADEMY AND THE INTER-GENERATIONAL LITERACY PROJECT

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked "Leased Space for Chelsea Opportunity Academy and the Inter-Generational Literacy Project". Request for Proposals will be available on or after January 25, 2024 by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>.

Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Leased Space for Chelsea Opportunity Academy and the Inter-Generational Literacy Project" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00 AM on February 29, 2024. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is

an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer

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NOTICE

In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on January 8, 2024, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the transfer of \$89,828.00 from the Salary Reserve Account #0199959-598000 to the FY2024 Salaries Account 510200 to fund the FY24 Exempt Employee Cost of Living Adjustment, such payments to be allocated by Department

Ordered, that the pursuant to Section 4-3(L) of the Chelsea City Charter, the Chelsea City Council approves the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with AFSCME Local 708, memorialized in the Memorandum of Agreement for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 ratified on December 15, 2023.

Ordered, the Chelsea City Council formally accepts The Nature Conservancy's dedication of \$215,000 to the City of Chelsea and authorizes the City Manager to direct the funding to the Mill Creek Restoration Program including but not limited to the new park at 88 Clinton Street. Ordered, that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the sum of \$149,837.00 representing the unexpended portion of the \$756,000.00 appropriated under the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Plan for Early Learning Center Roof Replacement -School Stabilization - Account 55401708-583000, and which remains available after the completion of the project for which the fund was authorized and which is no longer needed to complete that project, is hereby transferred in the amount of \$149,837.00 for building improvements to the Fiscal Year 2024 CHS Cafeteria

Renovation Project, Account 55402408-583000 series.

Ordered, that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the sum of \$345,860.00 representing the unexpended portion of the \$ 725,000.00 appropriated under the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan for building improvements - Williams Middle School Rooftop HVAC Units - Account 554402104-583000, and which remains available after the completion of the project for which the fund was authorized and which is no longer needed to complete that project, is hereby transferred in the amount of \$345,860.00 for building improvements to the Fiscal Year 2024 CHS Cafeteria Renovation Project, Account 55402408-583000 series.

Ordered, that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the sum of \$175,000 appropriated under the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Plan for design improvements - Elementary School Expansion Project Account 55401803-530000 but which has not been undertaken is hereby abandoned/discontinued and funds transferred in the amount of \$175,000 to the Fiscal Year 2024 CHS Cafeteria Renovation Project, Account 55402408-583000 series.

Ordered, that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the sum of \$1,500,000 appropriated under the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Improvement Plan for design improvements - Early Learning Center HVAC Project 55402206-583000 but which has not been undertaken is hereby abandoned/discontinued and funds transferred in the amount of \$1,500,000 to the Fiscal Year 2024 CHS Cafeteria Renovation Project, Account 55402408-583000 series.

Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of \$495,000.00 from School Stabilization Account to the Fiscal Year 2024 CHS Cafeteria Renovation Project, Account 55402408-583000 series. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room

209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk

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NOTICE OF IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION

FAIRFIELD CHELSEA PHASE I AND FORMER CHELSEA CLOCK 255 VALE STREET (F.K.A. VALE STREET & CARTER STREET; 300 EVERETT AVENUE, 339 VALE STREET & 250 FIFTH STREET AND F.K.A. 284 EVERETT AVENUE) MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (MassDEP) RELEASE TRACKING NUMBERS (RTNS) 3-17267, 3-33661, & 3-33666, and 3-33665

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP), 310 CMR 40.0000. On January 17, 2024, Fairfield Chelsea Phase I LLC recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION will limit the following site activities and uses on the above Property: (i) Single-family residential uses, including but not limited to, one or two-family homes; (ii) The use of groundwater for irrigation, fire suppression, cooling or other processes; (iii) Activities or uses that are likely to involve the removal and/or disturbance of the Clean Cover Features as defined in Paragraph 3(i) and/or disturbances of soil located beneath the Clean Cover Features, except for: (A) underground utility and/or construction work carried out in accordance with the applicable Obligations and Conditions set forth under Paragraph 3 (ii through v); or (B) short-term exposure associated with emergency subsurface utility repair or maintenance; unless (C) a Licensed Site Professional renders an Opinion which states that a Level of No Significant Risk is maintained at the site consistent with the MCP;

(iv) Activities or uses that would involve direct contact of adults or children with the soil or groundwater located beneath the Clean Cover Features, or use or activity that does not comply with the Obligations and Conditions set forth under Paragraph 3 (ii through v); (v) Activities or uses that would likely damage the vapor barrier and passive sub-slab venting system without prompt restoration of the vapor barrier and passive sub-slab venting system and demonstration, to the satisfaction of a Licensed Site Professional that the restoration of the vapor barrier and passive sub-slab venting system was effective, unless a Licensed Site Professional renders an Opinion which states that the venting system and passive sub-slab venting system is not necessary to maintain a condition of No Significant Risk consistent with the MCP; and; (vi) Construction of a building with enclosed ground level or underground occupied spaces without the installation of a vapor barrier and a passive sub-slab venting system, including subsequent indoor air sampling and analysis (if necessary) to confirm their effectiveness in preventing vapor intrusion into the building to the satisfaction of a Licensed Site Professional, unless a Licensed Site Professional renders an Opinion which states that one or more of these measures are not necessary to maintain a condition of No Significant Risk consistent with the MCP. Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the Implementation of NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact Mr. Bill Gibbons, LSP for Fairfield Chelsea Phase I LLC, c/o The Vertex Companies, LLC 100 North Washington Street, Boston, MA 02114, (617) 275-5407. The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be can be viewed at MassDEP website using RTNs 3-17267, 3-33661, 3-33666, & 3-33665 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at MASSDEP, NORTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801, (978) 694-3200.

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CITY PAWS

Companion animal timelines

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Human lives have many timelines. We often refer to a particular one: the timeline of the dogs who have been part of our family and friendships. A memory of a time or place often includes the dog or dogs who were part of that moment.

Recently, we remembered a special time with a particular friend and realized he was one of the people who knew all our dogs. This thought resulted in us listing the people who shared this distinction and naming the companion animals each had in their lives.

May I Pet Your Dog?

Living in an area with so many college students and young adults means we often sense the longing for a canine connection that comes with the question, “May I pet your dog?”

Sometimes, that exchange is followed by a

history of their lives with pets. They might tell us, “My family had a Westie when I was young?” Or, “I really miss my dog. He lives with my parents.” We’ve even had offers to walk our dogs from dog-lonely people.

We always suggest volunteer and paid jobs that will bring them in contact with animals. These opportunities range from volunteering at an animal shelter to working for a grooming or pet supply shop or a dog walking service. We understand the need for fur to stroke and an animal to curl next to you on a sofa or a bench. We share that need and are happy to let our pup play surrogate for a few minutes.

We also appreciate and are aware of what it takes to accept the responsibility of a companion animal at a point in your life when you may not be able to meet the financial, time, or housing requirements that would make it possible.

Sharing Companions

We’ve always been advocates of dog-sharing, not only for a quick pat on a walk but also in a much more meaningful way. We chose a West Highland White Terrier for our first dog because we shared a home with a lovely older friend. Our research told us that Westies were seldom one-person dogs. We wanted a dog who would happily spend time with all three of us. Our Sassy fit the bill, and as a former school teacher, our tenant

was a great help with her training.

Recently, we spotted neighbors with a new dog. We knew they had been reluctant to return to full-time dog care after losing their long-time companion. This dog, they told us, was their Grandpup! They had a win-win situation: they could enjoy walking with a dog again and seeing their dog community while helping their daughter have more free time in her busy life.

While dogs are the most accessible animals to share with others, we have known a lovely Rag-

doll cat that belonged to a good friend, a guinea pig who lived with a family member, and a stunning parrot who lived on our floor.

Companion animals are more than part of your timeline. They can be a lifeline connecting you with people and requiring you to exercise. The National Institutes of Health writes, “Interacting with animals has been shown to decrease levels of cortisol (a stress-related hormone) and lower blood pressure. Other studies have found that animals can reduce loneliness, increase feel-



Living near so many young adults means we often sense the longing for a canine connection that comes with the question, “May I pet your dog?” (Photo by Alison Pang)

ings of social support, and boost your mood.” That makes sharing a pet a kindness to someone else. Having one is a kindness to yourself.

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

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CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY
OCCUPANCY SPECIALIST

The Chelsea Housing Authority is seeking highly qualified and experienced applicants for the position of Occupancy Specialist.

General Description: The Occupancy Specialist is responsible for assisting the Occupancy Coordinator with processing, reviewing, and placing all tenant applications, for their accuracy in accordance with all Federal, State, and Public Housing Authority guidelines. Prepare all eligible applicant files for a move in date to their specific program. The Occupancy Specialist reports to the Director of Occupancy and Compliance.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- assists occupancy coordinator to conduct interviews and complete eligibility for all assigned public housing and leased housing programs.
- Provide applicant service such as Assisting in completing applications, explaining program eligibility requirements.
- Participate in hearings when necessary.
- Process department mail daily, review verification documentation for accuracy and completeness, and notify applicants of determination.
- Attend Vacancy meetings to discuss priorities for leasing vacant units.
- Responsible for assisting occupancy coordinator with processing all transfer requests and updating and maintaining the transfer list.
- Perform preliminary Screening of all state public housing, Section 8, MRVP and AHVP applicants utilizing all industry systems.
- Assist with federal updates of waiting list.
- Prepare and manage internal reports as assigned.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Qualifications and Skills: Candidate must have strong oral and written communication skills, be detail oriented and can function in a multilingual/multicultural environment, must be well-organized and accurate in data-entry. Applicant must also exercise ethical judgment in maintaining the confidentiality and integrity of sensitive information. Strong technological skills including, but not limited to, Microsoft Office are required. Fluency in Spanish is also preferred. A minimum of two years related experience is preferred, or a college Degree may be substituted for one year of relevant experience.

Starting Range:

\$52,000 and \$58,000 based on experience
(Full benefits package includes medical, dental, sick & vacation)

Interested candidates may submit resumes by email at employment@chelseaha.com, (subject line OS2024) or mail (address below) by February 9, 2024, until position is filled

The Chelsea Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer.
Chelsea Housing Authority
Human Resource Department (OS2024)
54 Locke Street, Chelsea, MA 02150

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)

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Heroes For Hope Basketball Game raises funds for Make-A-Wish Foundation

Chelsea Fire, Police teams aid the cause

The Chelsea Police versus Chelsea Fire Heroes For Hope Basketball Game was held Saturday at the Saul Nechtem Gymnasium at Chelsea High School.

Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung and Lt. Joe Fern co-coordinated the benefit game that raised \$4,315 for the day for Make-A-Wish of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Also assisting the stellar effort were Officer Garrison Daniel, Police Sgt. Michael Addonizio, and Firefighter Rony Gomez. Police Chief Keith Houghton and Fire Chief Len Albanese attended the game. Mark O'Connor (Chelsea Police) and Tony Martins (Chelsea Fire) were the coaches of the respective teams. Michael Lopez served as the official scorer.

Firefighter Danny Henriquez scored nine points to lead the Chelsea Fire Department to a 42-35 victory. Firefighter Jonathan Morel, Firefighter Rony Gomez, and Firefighter Juan Gonzalez chipped in with six points each. Lieutenant John Coyne scored five points. Firefighter Carlos Figueroa and Firefighter David Viemann scored 3 points. Fire Capt. Department Mike Lee and Firefighter Kevin DeJesus each contributed two points.

Patrolman Luis Diaz was the game's leading scorer with 13 points. Sgt. Michael Addonizio had 8 points. Patrolman Carlos DelCompare had five points. Police Officer David Batchelor Jr., Tom Broman and Nelson

Navarro each had three points.

The Chelsea Police Community Services Division has done a great job reaching out to and meeting the community. Each August the Community Services Division holds National Night Out.

Sgt. Star Chung and Lt. Joe Fern Jr. would like to thank the following game sponsors for their generosity:

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Representing the Communnity Services Division of the Chelsea Police Department are Lt. Joe Fern Jr., Capt. David Rizzuto, and Sgt. Star Chung.



The Chelsea Police Department team is pictured before the game. Front row, from left, are Anthony Portrait, Joe Campers, Nelson Navarro, and Coach Mark O'Connor. Back row, from left, are Lt. Joe Fern Jr., Garrison Daniel, Myles Coen Jr., Luis Diaz, Rodrigo Fuentes, Carlos DelCompare, Mustafa Mirza, Tom Broman, Sgt. Star Chung, and Capt. David Rizzuto.



The coaches of the two teams in the Heroes For Hope basketball game, Mark O'Connor (Chelsea Police) and Tony Martins (Chelsea Fire).



Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung thanks Michael Giannasca, owner of Michael G's Restaurant, for his support of the Chelsea Police-Chelsea Fire benefit game for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Supt. of Chelsea Schools and Chelsea Rotary Club President Dr. Almi Abeyta had the honor of leading the ceremonial toss of the opening tapoff to Saturday's game. Also pictured are Past Rotary President David Mindlin, Basketball Game Co-Coordinator Police Sgt. Star Chung, and School Committee Chair Ana Hernandez.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell (left), her daughter, CHS student-athlete Julianna Hassell, and Chelsea Chamber Office Administrator Carolina Bonilla, a Chelsea High alumna, are pictured at the Chelsea 400th Anniversary jersey sales table at the basketball game.



Enjoying the Chelsea Police-Chelsea Fire basketball game Saturday at the Saul Nechtem Gymnasium are Fire Chief Len Albanese, Deputy Chief John Quatieri, and Deputy Chief Michael Masucci.



Chelsea School Committee Chair Ana Hernandez (right), with her daughter, Jacquelyn Baker (left), her son-in-law, Joshua Baker (back left), her granddaughter, Destiny Garcia, her grandson, Mateo Baker, and Chelsea Firefighter Juan Gonzalez (back, right), who is the baby's godfather.



The Chelsea Fire Department team is pictured before the game. Front row, from left, are Nick Quatieri, Danny Henriquez, David Viemann, Kevin Gomez, Carlos Figueroa, and Rony Gomez. Back row, from left, are Felix Vega, Deputy Chief John Quatieri, Irvans Cyprien, Jeff Flores, Chief Len Albanese, Jonathan Morel, Juan Gonzalez, Alex Losada, Kevin DeJesus, Capt. Michael Lee, Coach Tony Martins, Carlos Carrasquillo, and Galvin Morenco. Missing from photo: John Coyne.



Chelsea Police officers welcome a representative from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to the event. From left, are Officer Tim McCarthy, Officer Joe Varraso, Make-A-Wish Senior Manager for Corporate and Community Partnerships Marianne Sano, Sgt. Star Chung, Officer Matt Dinicola, Officer Jonathan Maldonado, and Lt. Joe Fern Jr.

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