



Emily Green and her helpful friends pose after completing the project. The community gardens are cleaned with rebuilt plant beds.

Green's Growth

Emily Green Achieves Rank of Eagle Scout

Special to the Record

Emily Green, a trail-blazing first-generation Costa Rican American in Chelsea, whose extraordinary journey through Scouting has been marked by resilience and determination. Emily's family faced homelessness during her childhood, navigating through numerous shelters until finding support in the Spirit of Adventure

Council when the council opened its doors to house them in base camps until their family could get back on its feet.

Despite the adversities, Emily not only followed in her brother's inspiring footsteps but carved her own remarkable path in Scouting. In 2019, Jeffrey garnered recognition for his outstanding Eagle



Emily Green holds up her Eagle Scout certificate.

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Mass Audubon's Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Belmont before the project. Weeds overgrow plant beds.

Boston City Council accepts anti-terrorism grant that impacts region

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cepting.

The grant will impact surrounding communities, including Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop, who are all part of the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region.

The grant from the Department of Homeland Security is designed to provide planning exercises, training, operational needs, and response to terrorism threats, including biological, chemical, nuclear, and explosive incidents.

The funding was reintroduced by Mayor Mi-

chelle Wu several weeks ago and the council initially voted to send the request to committee.

But Councilor Ed Flynn put the request forward for a vote at last week's council meeting. Flynn noted that other communities in the homeland security region, including Chelsea and Quincy, are dependent on the money and that the council should not delay the vote.

Following last December's 6-6 vote that failed to accept the grant, a number of first responders, politicians, and other bodies

urged the council to accept the \$13.3 million grant.

Congressman Jake Auchincloss sent a letter to the council and Council President Ruthzee Louijeune urging them to accept the grant. He stated that the Israel-Hamas war has heightened the region's need for anti-terrorism funding as reports of anti-semitism are on the rise.

Earlier this year, Chelsea City Council President Norieliz DeJesus and several other councilors

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City Manager makes new staffing hires

By Adam Swift

City Manager Fidel Maltez recently made three new hires to round out the leadership in his office.

Last year, the city council approved the funding for Maltez to reorganize the city manager's office as he began his new position. Maltez sought to create two, rather than one, deputy city manager positions and add a director of constituent services.

Last week, Maltez announced hires for all three positions.

Bernabe Rodriguez started with the city on Monday as the new director of constituent services. Devon Fields, the new deputy city manager of operations, is scheduled to begin on March 4, and Michael Mason, the deputy city manager of finance, is scheduled to begin in April.

"It was a priority for me to focus on bringing in

three talented people that could hit the ground running," said Maltez.

Rodriguez was the assistant city clerk in Somerville for two years, and spent five years in various roles with the City of Chelsea. Maltez said Rodriguez is a resident of Chelsea and will bring significant knowledge of city operations to the new role.

Maltez said that when he headed the city's public works department, he saw that there were a lot of resident needs that needed to be navigated, and that Rodriguez's new position will help address those needs.

"Sometimes, residents' needs aren't necessarily related to one department, they have significant overlap," said Maltez. "The intention of this position is someone that can help the city manager create systems and develop policies

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City Council looks to set priorities for current session

By Adam Swift

The City Council is looking to head into its next two years with a set list of priorities.

At a special subcommittee meeting held Tuesday, council members met to discuss those priorities for 2024-25, and came up with a list of nine items it will be voting on at its next regular meeting on Monday night.

Many of the items on the list will look familiar to anyone keeping track of the issues the city has tackled over the past several years, but according to clerk to the council and former city councilor Clifford Cunningham, this is the first time the council has codified a set of priorities since 2012.

The list of priorities includes creating a master plan for economic development and zoning, improving public safety and addressing youth violence, addressing housing affordability and habitability, and increasing

opportunities for youth through a community center, education programs, and workforce development.

Establishing a community center for youth in the city is an issue that has been raised by a number of councilors over the past several years, and affordable housing is another issue that councils of the recent past have sought to address.

At Monday night's regular meeting, the council voted for the public safety subcommittee to hold regular meetings with the police chief and city manager to address ways to improve public safety and cut down on youth violence in the city.

Other priorities raised by councilors that will be voted on next week include improving roads and infrastructure; addressing public health issues facing the city's elderly and disabled population, stu-

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The city council's Tuesday subcommittee meeting where councilors discussed council priorities for 2024-25.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

The following story is one in a series from the ongoing People of Chelsea project by Darlene DeVita in collaboration with Sarah Putnam, 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.

Jose and Miguel Quintero/Eastern Salt Co. 2023

Jose: I came to Chelsea in 2002 from San Pedro Sula in Honduras. The truth is I came because there are good opportunities here. There are quite a few people from my country that I know, so that helps one to do well, because of the culture, sharing the same customs, many beautiful things.

Miguel: I’ve been here in Chelsea for 20 years. My father came first, from



San Pedro Sula in Honduras. Because my brother was murdered there, my lawyer advised me to apply for political asylum. My dad was working here at Eastern Salt and he helped me get a job. I began working as a laborer, helping the boys with any small activity in maintenance. Over time I advanced. I got my driver’s license. Today I have a license to operate heavy machinery. It was hard to get because of my English, but it is a very great opportunity. In truth it is a dream come true for immigrants who come to this country, which is a country of many opportunities.

[During the pandemic] the company told us to stay home, but they never stopped helping us. We continued to get paid. I was the only one who came in to work, just to check on the machined in case there was an oil leak, because we are so close to the harbor. It is an excellent company, that’s the truth. Work recommenced here when they told us to come in, because everything was determined by the government. At first just 5 people could come back, and then it increased until everyone was back at work. But they never stopped paying us, never.

Chelsea man pleads guilty to illegal machine gun conversion charges

A Chelsea man pleaded guilty last week to illegally selling multiple machine gun conversion devices to an undercover federal agent.

Michael Williams, 50, was indicted on two counts of transferring or possessing a machine gun and one count of being a felon in possession of ammunition. U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper scheduled sentencing for May 15. Williams was arrested and charged by criminal complaint in July 2023 and subsequently indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2023.

In January 2023, Wil-

liams agreed to sell several machine gun conversion devices and other firearm accessories to an undercover agent, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office. Following a series of communications, Williams met the undercover agent twice at a pre-arranged location. On Jan. 12, 2023, Williams sold the first machine gun conversion device, along with numerous rounds of ammunition. On the following day Williams sold two additional machine gun conversion devices to the undercover agent. Williams is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition due to a prior

felony conviction.

The charge of unlawful transferring or possession of a machine gun provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The felon in possession charge provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Super Sunday

Fans set to wager on the Big Game this Sunday at WynnBET Sportsbook in Encore

Football fans will be making their way to Encore Boston Harbor in Everett Sunday to make a wager on the Super Bowl at the WynnBET Sportsbook located on the casino floor.

The NFL’s title game, matching the defending champion Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers, arrives just more than a year after wagering on sports became legalized in Massachusetts.

As befitting its status as a world-class, five-star resort/casino, Encore’s sportsbook is considered

“New England’s premier destination to place a wager.”

Fans will be able to view the game at the sportsbook on more than 70 televisions, including a 10-foot-high and 123-foot-long video wall. Two food establishments, Frank and Nick’s and Shake Shack, are situated inside the sportbook area.

While the New England Patriots are in a rebuilding phase following a two-decade dynasty that produced six Super Bowl titles, there is still considerable interest in this year’s game. The NFL is at an all-time high in international viewership

and popularity. Sponsors are paying \$7 million for a 30-second commercial during the broadcast.

And in a strong local connection to the game, former Everett High School and Brown University football standout Mike Borgonzi is the assistant general manager of the Kansas City Chiefs. Borgonzi, who starred for the Crimson under longtime head coach John DiBiao, has helped build two Super Bowl championship teams and will be seeking a third Lombardi Trophy for the Chiefs on Sunday.

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Report pushes for updated noise data at Logan Airport

By Adam Swift

A consultant is recommending the city encourage Logan Airport to redo its noise exposure map for Chelsea using more recent data.

City Manager Fidel Maltez recently met with Vianair, the company that conducted a study related to noise from airplanes passing over Chelsea from Logan Airport for the city.

In response to a request from the city council, Maltez recently submitted that report and its findings with the council.

“The firm highlighted that Boston Logan International Airport recently completed an update to the noise exposure map, but that this latest map was based on 2020 operations, which were significantly impacted by the Covid-19 Global Pandemic,” Maltez stated. “Vianair recommends that the City of Chelsea encourages Logan Airport to redo the exposure map using 2023 data, since the airport operations have now reached 90% peak pre-Covid numbers of 2019. I will be contacting Massport’s Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to make this request.”

Maltez noted that rep-

resentatives from Vianair are also available to answer any questions from the council at a future subcommittee meeting.

The executive summary of the Vianair report notes that the residents of Chelsea are overflowed by arrivals on Runway 15R and departures from Runway 33L.

“The airport provided funding for residential sound insulation in Chelsea for decades,” the report states. “Funding for sound insulation was discontinued due to ‘ineligibility’ as reported by the airport. Typically, airport funding for noise mitigation (including sound insulation) is based on noise exposure levels of DNL 65 or higher, per federal standards.”

DNL stands for the Day Night Average Sound Level, and reflects a person’s cumulative exposure to sound over a 24-hour period.

“Analyses conducted by Vianair suggest operation levels and noise exposure have grown significantly since the last assessment conducted by Massport,” the report states. “Formal updates to the Noise Exposure Maps should be published.”

According to the report,

the updates will likely show increased noise exposure in communities surrounding Boston, including Chelsea.

“However, even if a formal noise exposure map update indicates noise exposure levels in Chelsea remain below DNL 65, the recovery in annual operations and constant use of 15R-33L will result in increasing overflights and aircraft noise for Chelsea residents,” the report stated. “Collaboration with Massport should be pursued to ensure an understanding of the airport’s impact on the quality of life for Chelsea residents.”

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown said the city, residents, and stakeholders should engage in that conversation with Massport to come to some kind of strategy on how to reduce the noise from the airport.

“There is so much noise that we hear as residents of the city,” said Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia. “If we don’t have a plane flying over our head, we have a train horn. I want you all to know that this council has it as a top priority and are actively working on figuring out how to get our quiet zone back in the city.”

SBP announces 6th cohort of competitive fellowship for elected school board members

School Board Partners (SBP) announced its sixth and largest cohort of Fellows to join its School Board Partners National Fellowship. SBP has selected 99 individuals to participate in the competitive, one-year fellowship for diverse elected school board members. This year’s cohort is made up of 80% people of color, with participants hailing from 76 different school districts and 28 different states, representing a total 2.2 million students.

Kati Cabral, elected to represent Chelsea in Massachusetts, is one of the new School Board Partners’ National Fellows. Cabral is a life-long resident of Chelsea, MA a Black Latina, educator, graduate of Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) and currently serves as the Vice-Chair and At-Large member on the Chelsea School Committee. She believes that together we can equip students that are most impacted by systems and structures with the skills necessary to be life-long learners, active citizens and change-makers within the decision-making process.

SBP’s fellowship empowers school board members like Vice-Chair Cabral — many holding elected office for the first time — with the knowledge, mentorship, com-

munity, and policy support to address the needs of their district and students. As part of the Fellowship, these emerging education leaders are paired with trusted mentors who provide them with the guidance, first-hand knowledge, and skills needed to implement real change through equity-centered policies in their districts.

“Our Fellowship equips new school board members with the skills, knowledge, and community they need to become effective school board members. Each Fellow receives personalized support, including a mentor and policy coach, to design policies that will have the greatest impact on students,” said Carrie Douglass, Co-CEO and Co-Founder of School Board Partners. “As an elected school board member myself, I’ve seen how kids-first policies can improve student outcomes, paving the way to more equitable and high-quality schools.”

SBP Fellows are trained in six high-impact areas: hiring, anti-racist policymaking, representing the community, developing goals, school performance frameworks, and budget and resource management. The Fellowship also includes an in-person convening, regular webinars with a community of practice, an individual

executive coach, policy mentors, and access to SBP’s library of resources.

“We’re thrilled to welcome the latest cohort of Fellows into the School Board Partners community,” said Ethan Ashley, Co-CEO and Co-Founder of School Board Partners. “I’ve experienced firsthand the power of school boards to make a difference, both in my own life and during my time as an elected school board member. With this unique support and tools, the Fellows are empowered to address the challenges facing our schools, turning their campaign promises into real policy change for students.”

This cohort represents SBP’s sixth cohort since 2020. Including fellows from previous cohorts and the newly named sixth cohort, SBP has worked with nearly 349 school board members in 28 states and 120 school districts, serving over seven million students. The following is a full list of the 2024 C6 School Board Fellows:

School Board Partners is a nonprofit organization focused on transforming education in America by supporting, connecting and re-electing diverse, anti-racist school board members across the country to lead with courage, competence, and impact.

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Scout project while the family faced homelessness. Now, Emily has achieved the well-deserved Eagle Scout rank after revitalizing community gardens at Mass Audubon’s Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Belmont.

Her story is one of overcoming challenges, reflecting the inclusivity of Scouting that opened its doors to girls five years ago. As one of the first female Scouts to attain the

prestigious Eagle Scout rank, Emily stands as a beacon of resilience and leadership.

Beyond Scouting, Emily is a standout sophomore at Pioneer Charter School, excelling academically and participating in various extracurricular activities. With ambitious plans to attend medical school and become an obstetrician or orthodontist, Emily’s dedication to excellence extends to her role as a multi-sport athlete

and captain of her cheerleading team.

In the face of adversity, Emily Green is not just an exceptional athlete and student; she is a testament to the transformative power of Scouting, embodying resilience, leadership, and determination. Her story is an inspiration for aspiring Scouts everywhere, illustrating the profound impact of inclusivity and determination in overcoming challenges.

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ZUCKERBERG, ET AL: THE WORST OF THE WORST

Last week’s dramatic hearing in the U.S. Senate, in which the heads of a number of social media companies testified in front of a gallery that was filled with parents who lost children because of the pernicious effects of social media companies, hopefully will result in meaningful regulation that will hold these social media companies accountable for their deliberate targeting of our nation’s youth with content that the companies know is harmful.

Arguably the worst offender among the group, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, apologized to the parents sitting behind him and weakly told them he would try to do better. However, as South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham bluntly put it directly to Zuckerberg, “You have blood on your hands.”

Two years ago the Wall Street Journal revealed that Facebook was fully aware of the addictive and harmful qualities of its social media platforms and the specific damage that they cause to vulnerable young people. Yet Facebook has done nothing to ameliorate its behavior because of the billions of dollars it earns by targeting children with content that they know is dangerous for our childrens’ mental -- and ultimately physical -- well-being.

One of the most telling pieces of testimony came from the head of Tik-Tok, who was asked whether he allows his own children on the Tik-Tok platform. He replied that he doesn’t -- because his family resides in Singapore, where Tik-Tok is not allowed to be used by children. However, as Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar pointed out, here in the United States there are no limits placed on social media companies because of the millions of dollars that they spend to lobby members of Congress.

The very next day after the Senate hearing, the stock of Facebook (which is now known as Meta) jumped by a whopping 20% after it announced record earnings, increasing the company’s value by hundreds of billions of dollars.

If we were to list the worst kind of people in the world, they would include murderers, rapists, child molesters, and drug dealers. But in this era of pervasive social media, we now can add a new type of sociopath -- the heads of social media companies that deliberately prey upon our children, whom they view as nothing more than a profit-center for their businesses.

A new book by Boston native Frank McCourt, a billionaire real estate mogul and former owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers, makes the case for regulating social media companies because of the threat they pose to our children and our democracy. His central thesis is that we need to do so now before it is too late.

We call upon our national legislators, especially Senators Warren and Markey, to support the bill in the Senate that will allow these social media companies to be sued by those whom they harm. As Senator Graham pointed out, the social media companies have refused to police themselves and the only way to do so is to “open the courtroom doors” to their victims.

....AND THOSE ON-LINE SPORTS BETTING COMPANIES ARE NOT FAR BEHIND....

A while back we wrote an editorial about the clear and obvious evils of the easy availability of sports gambling via smartphones. This past Sunday evening, the news program 60 Minutes had a segment on exactly that topic, highlighting how young men under the age of 25 have become addicted to on-line sports gambling, where they can place a bet not only on the outcome of a game, but also literally wager on every play, pitch, and moment across the international sporting world, simply with the push of a button on their smartphones at all hours of the day and night.

The report noted that many young men have gambled away their college loan money and their inheritances because of their addiction to these so-called sports books. The advertising for these gaming sites, such as Draft Kings and FanDuel, pitched by high-profile celebrities, makes it look like harmless fun. But as 60 Minutes noted, the reality is far darker.

We have no problem with sports betting when it is done at a casino or similar venue. However, allowing it to happen via a smartphone invites addictive behavior, especially by young people, that can lead them to financial ruin and a lifetime of gambling addiction.

In our view, it is clear that the companies such as Draft Kings, FanDuel, and others are nothing less than predatory monsters that seek to take advantage of vulnerable young people.

Just as our state legislature realized two generations ago that lowering the drinking age to 18 was a societal disaster, we call upon our state legislators to revise the laws that allow these sports betting houses to prey on vulnerable individuals 24/7/365.

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GUEST OP-ED

A little bit of kindness to protect Massachusetts parklands and foster community

By Brian Arrigo

Just under a year ago, I had the honor of being appointed to lead the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the state’s largest landowner and steward of roughly half a million acres across Massachusetts. It’s been an amazing first year – I’ve traveled across the state, getting to know our beautiful state park system, and the incredible and dedicated staff, who work every day to preserve these spaces for generations to come.

Growing up in and later serving as mayor of Revere, I loved being close to Revere Beach – America’s first public beach – and would often start my day by clearing my head with a run along the beach. As the fastest growing city in the Commonwealth, the Revere community and so many others depend on our beaches, parks, reservations, reservoirs, and other open spaces that

serve as urban oases and retreats.

The pandemic showed us how important these spaces are for our mental and physical wellbeing. They connect us with nature and our neighbors, building healthy and diverse communities of all ages and backgrounds. With more people than ever visiting and experiencing the beauty of our state parks, it’s important to be mindful of the impacts our actions have on each other and the environment.

With this in mind, I’m excited to invite everyone to join us in the Be Kind! public awareness campaign, that we launched last fall in partnership with the Friends of the Fells and the Friends of the Blue Hills. Be Kind! encourages all of us to act with kindness while visiting our state parks – to the people around us, park staff, and the plants

and animals that call these spaces home.

Be Kind! suggests actions that park visitors can take to ensure they are being respectful of one another and of our natural environment. Specifically, it encourages all, whether they are regulars in our DCR parks or first-time visitors, to:

Listen for other people on trails and make space for others to pass;

Keep dogs leashed outside of designated off-leash areas;

Leave no trace of litter or waste; and

Stay on the trails – on foot, paw, or bike.

Whether hiking, biking, or walking your dog, keep an eye out for Be Kind! signs along the trails at the Middlesex Fells and Blue Hills Reservations. While these parks are piloting the program, we are excited to expand this initiative to parks across the state in the future.

You can join us in sharing the Be Kind! message on social media using #Be-KindMA and we would love to see your photos and stories of kindness in our parks.

As part of DCR’s commitment to providing access to natural, recreational, and cultural resources, we look forward to collaborating with more groups, elected officials, civic leaders, and communities across the Commonwealth to grow this movement of kindness, protect our precious spaces, foster community, and create unforgettable memories for all. Let’s Be Kind!

For more information about the Be Kind! public awareness campaign, visit <https://www.mass.gov/guides/be-kind-massachusetts>.

Brian Arrigo is Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)

NEWS IN BRIEF

ATLANTIC WORKS GALLERY ANNOUNCES ITS FEBRUARY SHOW

Atlantic Works Gallery (AWG), the East Boston artist-run collaborative space for art and ideas, announced that as part of its traditional new year’s focus on its newest members, Renato Viganego will have a solo show in February: Lo Immenso... Cotidiano. Bodegones. The Immense...Daily. Still Lives. Viganego will show work that revolves around the still life and

human figure where the oil paint on the canvas plays an essential part of the piece. The show will open Saturday, February 3 and will run until Saturday, February 24. There will be an opening reception on February 3 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., and a “Third Thursday” reception at the gallery on February 15, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

“My inspiration comes from emotion,” says the Columbian-born artist. “From my emotion, the line is infinite, the drawing is my language and the drawing is a faithful

response of emotion and nothing can be truer.”

Viganego’s compositions, painted in oil on linen, focus on everyday objects: jars, vases, vessels, dishes, cups, sugar bowls, milk pitchers, crystal plates. “For me it is important to always keep smaller details in context of the larger forms,” he said.

Lo Immenso...Cotidiano. Bodegones. The Immense...Daily. Still Lives (details)

• Show opens Saturday, February 3; Reception 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

• “Third Thursday”; February 15, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

• Show closes Saturday, February 24

Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, Boston, MA 02128, now in its twenty-first year, is an artist-run collaborative space for art and ideas located in East Boston. The gallery is open to the public every Friday and Saturday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. For private viewing, contact contact@atlanticworks.org. For more information, visit <https://atlanticworks.org>.

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introduced a late motion requesting that the Boston City Council accept the grant funding, however, that motion did not move to a vote.

In the resolution, the councilors noted that Chelse typically receives approximately \$400,000 per year in funding from the grant, which in the past has helped fund the pur-

chase of ballistic shields, cameras, maritime equipment, radios, trainings and a firearm trailer.

The decision to block the funding drew widespread criticism, including from then-Boston City Council President Ed Flynn, the Boston Police Patrolman’s Association, Boston Firefighters IAFF Local 718, the Professional Firefight-

ers Association of Massachusetts, Representative Jake Auchincloss (who represents Brookline), the Boston Globe Editorial Board, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, the resolution further stated. It added that the decision also drew criticism from the Massachusetts Legislature, with State Senators Nick Collins (D-Boston) and Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) introducing bipartisan legislation to strip local elected bodies of their authority

to approve public safety grants.

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez said the annual funding is a tremendous support for the city, particularly in its emergency response, emergency management, and public safety infrastructure.

With this round of funding, Maltez said the focus of the police and emergency management departments would be to increase the amount of surveillance they have available around the city, particularly related to street cameras.

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CHELSEA KIWANIS CLUB HOLDS DANCE FITNESS FUNDRAISER

The Chelsea Kiwanis Club held a Dance Fitness Fundraiser Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club.

Kiwanis President Elaine Monge said the proceeds from the fundraiser will help support the Club's activities throughout 2024.

"We wanted to start off with something fun, beginning your New Year's resolution by shedding some calories with us — that was the idea for this event," said Monge.

Dance instructors Darren Hairston, Lauren Cronin, Jeanette Velez, and Jasmine Ortiz led the group in the fitness workouts.

Monge, who is assistant vice president of loan servicing at Metro Credit Union, thanked Kiwanis Club members and her MCU colleagues for assisting at the event. Metro has been very supportive of the Kiwanis Club.

Other Kiwanis events planned for 2024 include a coat drive, a clothing dis-

tribution drive in coordination with Chelsea High students, a blood drive, a virtual wine tasting, a cornhole tournament, and a comedy show.

Monge said there are currently 20 members of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club. "But we're always looking for new members. More members are great. That way we can have more ideas from different people in the community, so we're definitely looking for other people to join our club," said Monge.



Kiwanis Club President Elaine Monge greets dance instructor Jasmine Ortiz of Phunk Phenomenon Dance Complex at the fundraiser.



Dance Fitness Fundraiser participant Jordan Mather and dance instructor Jeanette Velez.



Chelsea's outstanding poet, Jay Velez, attended Saturday's Kiwanis Club fundraiser in support of his wife, former School Committee Chair Jeanette Velez who was one of the dance instructors at the event.



Metro Credit Union employees assisted at the Chelsea Kiwanis Club fundraiser at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club. Front row, from left, are Rafael Arroyo, Vanessa Martinez, Michelle Wilson, and Elianni Monge. Back row are David Martinez and MCU Assistant Vice President for Loan Servicing Elaine Monge.



Chelsea Kiwanis Club members are pictured at the event at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club. From left, are David Martinez, President Elaine Monge, Sarah Gay Jackson, Cassandra Thompson, Joe Carreiro Jr., Vice President Caarolyn Boumila Vega, Adrianna Vega, Michelle Mirthes, Jessica Wynn, and Viakie Gonzales.



Lorena Escolero, her twin sister Laura Escolero, Viakie Gonzales, and Rachel Almuda, pictured at the fundraiser at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club.



Kiwanis Club President Elaine Monge (right) welcomes dance instructors Darren Hairston, Lauren Cronin, and Jeanette Velez to the Club's Dance Fitness Fundraiser.



The participants listen to instructors prior to the dance fitness workout.

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that can improve constituent services and our response to constituents in the city of Chelsea."

With two deputy city managers, Maltez said there will be an opportunity for each to focus on what can be two really different areas.

"Finance requires a unique set of skills, it is very regulatory in municipal government," said Maltez. "It is about meeting deadlines, setting tax rates, setting tax bills, and

having someone that can really focus on the way that we engage internally with the budget, but also someone who can assess how Chelsea can sustainably meet the needs of all of our residents."

Mason is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations in Arlington. Prior to that, he spent six years in different roles for the Chelsea Public Schools. Maltez said Mason has deep Chelsea roots and is

well-known in the community. He added that he is confident Mason will hit the ground running and be able to address the budget and the city's other financial responsibilities.

Fields has been the assistant town manager for operations in Brookline for the past four years.

Prior to that, Fields worked for the Massachusetts Municipal Association for five years, leading many of the MMA's efforts to foster Women's

Leadership in Municipal Government.

Among Fields' responsibilities in her new position in Chelsea will be increasing interdepartmental collaboration and ensuring that the city's municipal government is modernized and running smoothly.

Maltez said Fields has worked at a similar position as the assistant town manager in Brookline and brings a lot of knowledge to the table.

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Local Massachusetts Zonta Clubs of District One, recently honored Chloe Gentgen, this year's recipient of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, at a dinner and awards ceremony hosted by the Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore. Ms. Gentgen is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Chloe's presentation detailed her research focus on space systems engineering, mission architecture and the multi-disciplinary optimization applied to deep-space robotic exploration.

The guest speaker at the event was Olivier de Weck, Apollo Program Professor of Astronautics at MIT, where he is the director of the Engineering Systems Laboratory. Professor de Weck spoke on the history of exploration

predating that of space exploration, demonstrating the complexity of technological systems, their design and how they evolve over time.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship is a Zonta International program. Established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zonta member, Amelia Earhart, the \$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women internationally pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. Women who demonstrate a superior academic record conducting research applied to aerospace engineering or space sciences are eligible.

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. For more information, please visit the website; Zonta.org.




Shown (Left to right) are Mary Knight, Janice Sikorski, Georgia Green, Lee Farrington, Sheila Arsenault, Chloe Gentgen, Christine DePrizio, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Janice Tatarka, Barbara Lawlor, Diane Cambria, and Mary Jane O'Neill. Missing from group photo- Pam Miller, Theresa DiPietro, and Adele Lubarski.



Olivier de Weck, Guest Speaker, Mary Knight, Janice Tartaka, Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore President, and Chloe Gentgen.




Mary Knight, Zonta District 1 Director of communications, Theresa DiPietro, Zonta member, and Chloe Gentgen, Amelia Earhart Fellow.



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Sports

CHELSEA MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AWARDS BANQUET

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Chelsea Middle School girls basketball team, under the direction of head coach Bruce Harrison, held its awards banquet Jan. 26, in the cafeteria at the Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School.

Harrison, who was a highly successful coach in the Chelsea Youth Basketball League for many years, presented awards to his players. Harrison thanked each player for her dedication and commitment to the team,

which qualified for the GBL playoffs this season with a 4-6 record.

Harris made special note of Team MVP Lidya Castillo's improvement in her skills during her two years on the team. "Lidya improved so much – next year she will be on varsity," said Harrison.

Also receiving individual awards were Jomari Guerrero (Sportsmanship), Fatuma Iman (Unsung Hero) and Taylor Solano (Unsung Hero).



Cassandra Thompson and her daughter, Syomara Cruz, are pictured at the Chelsea Middle School Girls Basketball Awards Banquet held Jan. 26 in the Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School cafeteria.



Head Coach Bruce Harrison, with major individual award recipients, Lidya Castillo (Team MVP), Jomari Guerrero (Sportsmanship Award), Fatuma Iman (Unsung Hero Award) and Taylor Solano (Unsung Hero Award).



Cassandra Thompson and her daughter, Sandra Cruz, present complimentary cupcakes from her company, Creations By Cass, to Middle School girls basketball coach Bruce Harrison, for the awards banquet.

CHS Roundup

SIMON EARNS THREE MEDALS AT GBL MEET

Chelsea High freshman track star Thania Simon earned three medals, scoring a team-high 22 points, to lead the Lady Red Devil indoor track and field team to a solid third-place finish in the All-Greater Boston League Meet that was held last Friday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston.

Thania earned second-place medals in the long jump with a leap of 15'-6" (which was just 1.75" off the first-place jump) and in the 300 dash with a clocking of 44.87 (which was 0.81 off the first-place time). She also grabbed third place in the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 7.74. Her 22 total points ranked Thania as the third-highest point-scorer at the meet among both the girls and boys teams.

The other point-scorers for the Lady Red Devils were:

-- Mar caylla Louis-Jean contributed a point in the

long jump with a 6th place finish;

-- Giselle Olivar earned a second-place medal in the 55 hurdles, with a personal record (PR) clocking of 9.73;

-- Freshman Hazel Hatleberg took home a medal with a third place in the 1000 with a PR of 3:46.16;

-- Iyssis Henderson added another third-place in the 2-mile with a PR of 14:31;

-- Kiara Ramirez and Lamari Davis both earned points for Chelsea in the shot-put with second and fourth place finishes, respectively; and

-- Gizelle Rodriguez finished fourth in the 600 with a season-best time of 1:52.18 to add four points for the Chelsea cause.

The quartet of Keiri Hernandez, Meleny Rodriguez, Jada Amezquita, and Giselle Olivar finished fourth in the 4 x 400 relay and the foursome of Katherine Benitez, Gizelle Rodriguez, Hazel Hatleberg, and Iyssis Henderson finished second in the 4 x 800 relay.

The Chelsea girls tal-



The 2023-24 Chelsea Middle School girls basketball team is pictured at the awards banquet. Front row, from left, are Taylor Solano, captain Lidya Castillo, Fatuma Iman, Angie Antunez, and Angie Ayala. Back row, from left, are head coach Bruce Harrison, Jomari Guerrero, Karla Valle, and Syomara Cruz.

lied 71 points, behind GBL champ Revere (106.33 points) and second-place Medford (91 points) among the eight GBL schools

ARACENA SETS NEW CHS SHOT-PUT MARK AT GBL MEET

Ariel Aracena established a new Chelsea High record in the shot-put at last Friday's All-GBL Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston.

Ariel's toss of 48'-5.75" was good for second place at the meet. He was joined on the medalist podium by teammate Theo Joseph-Seale, who finished in third place in the shot with a throw of 43'-5.25".

Alex Flores was another top performer for the Red Devils, earning a second-place medal in the 2-mile run with a time of 10:51.6. Alex also ran

a leg of the 4 x 800 relay team that placed third.

Alejandro Zepeda turned in a huge, four-second personal record (PR) of 1:31.91 to finish fifth overall in the 600, an event the boys were not expected to score points in based off the performance list.

Ivan Irias came through with a PR of 5:14.71 in the mile to finish in sixth, earning a point for the Red Devils.

The boys 4 x 800 relay quartet of Alex Flores, Alejandro Zepeda, Ivan Irias, and Sherwin Kim earned a third-place medal and the 4 x 400 team of Joao Cassim, Austin Freeman, Luis Hidalgo, and Xavier Guzman finished fourth.

The Red Devils finished fifth among the eight GBL schools with 35 points.

"Overall, the team had very solid performances from both the girls and boys," said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez.

"Looking at the results, the majority of kids either had a PR or season-best time/mark, showing that they showed up with their best performances at the championship meet."

CHS BOYS READY FOR PLAYOFF PUSH

The Chelsea High boys basketball team, which split its two contests this past week, defeating non-league opponent Brighton and falling to Lynn English, the first-place team in the Greater Boston League (GBL), is set to open its run to qualify for the post-season state tournament.

In the 71-43 win over Brighton, Moe Osman topped the CHS scoring chart with 25 points. "Everyone was able to play," noted Castro. "It was a collective team effort."

Coach Cesar Castro's squad stands at 6-10 on the season and needs to win

its remaining four contests in order to attain the .500 record that is required to punch a ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

The Red Devils' quest begins tonight (Thursday) when they will host GBL opponent Lynn Classical at 7:00. They will make the short trip across the Parkway to face GBL foe Everett for a Saturday evening contest at 5:30 and will return home to host non-league rival East Boston on Monday at 7:00. They will close out their season next Friday (February 16) with a home contest against Boston Tech.

"We are trying to make this playoff push," said Castro. "It is possible. I am confident in my guys. On Tuesday we had one of our best practices of the year. That is what it's all about, getting better everyday, brick-by-brick. Every day is an opportunity to get better."

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By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Recently, Patricia B. McConnell, Ph.D., CAAB Emeritus, an applied animal behaviorist, wrote a piece on how training dogs and editing her writing have much in common. In both cases, she recommends cutting the words used to communicate.

She points out that dogs spend their day trying to translate human words into action. She wrote, “It must be exhausting to continually try to figure out what we are saying, what we want, and what we don’t want. What a relief it must be when our verbal cues are clear and succinct.”

Listen to Yourself

Training an animal begins with training yourself. The first step is to listen to your current communication efforts and evaluate how well your words achieve your goals. We’ve noticed that most people do a great job with dog training basics: sit, down, stay, come, and leave it. Not only are these simple words, but they have hand gestures to accompany them in many cases.

As you work on training yourself, you may learn that your dog understands your body language, tone of voice, and gestures more than words. For example, “Wait” would be better than “Wait for me”

when about to leave a dog at home. However, if you now use a longer chain of words, you can shorten it over time.

Body language is a dog’s natural means of communication. Think of a play bow when they approach a canine friend, a happy tail wag when greeting you, or that adorable tip of the head that may actually mean, “I don’t quite understand what you want!”

When dogs use vocal communication, it is usually a clear bark, growl, or whine that alerts you to what the pup is concerned about.

Build on Success!

Once you’ve adjusted to using fewer words, work on your tone of voice and body language. Put yourself in your dog’s place and think about what would encourage you to run to a person calling “Gelmek.” (“Come” in Turkish).

Would you run towards or away from someone with a nasty tone and angry body language? How about someone with a happy, encouraging posture and excited, welcoming arm gestures?

It happens to all of us from time to time. Our dog does something we don’t want or something dangerous, and our reaction tells our dog we are angry. Remembering to put all your retraining together will

take discipline, but doing that is more likely to get the result you want.

What Works for Your Dog

As you work on editing your canine communication skills, note what works for your dog. Our Poppy is a barker when she hears another dog in the building. We’ve tried “No Barking” and “Hush!” to no avail. However, if we call out a happy “Come,” she will often bounce over to one of us, looking for a reward. To ensure we are not rewarding the barking, we’ll ask her to do some simple things she knows well, like sit and down, and then give random treats.

When you note how your dog reacts to the word directions you use, you may also notice other simple words that evoke a response in your companion. One day, our Maggie rolled in the grass and unclipped her leash. Penny remembered that Maggie did not like anyone leaving her pack and would do her best to stop them. Penny said, “Goodbye, Maggie,” and slowly backed away. Maggie ran right to her, and the loose dog crisis was over.

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



Dogs are better at understanding, tone, body language, and gestures than words. (Photo by: Zbynek Pospisil)

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins hit a bump in the road

Despite the fact that the Bruins hadn’t played a game since they posted a 6-2 win on the road versus the Philadelphia Flyers, ten days ago, it came as a complete surprise that they came out extremely flat, to open a 7-game homestand. Also surprising was how easy it was for Calgary to put up two quick goals in the first period, making it a game in which the Bruins had to play catch-up for the remainder of the contest, which resulted in a 4-1 loss for the locals. A spark glowed when Pavel Zacha put Boston on the scoreboard to jump start the third period and cut Calgary’s lead in half, making it 2-1. The Boston spark was quickly snuffed out, as the Flames were able to put up two quick goals just over five minutes later, on goals by Calgary’s Jonathan Huberdeau and Noah Hanafin, to widen the lead to the final score of 4-1.

It was a game that brought back a haunting memory to the 1979 Boston loss to the Canadiens, including a ‘too many men on the ice’ penalty...a result of the power play’s unit change. Jeremy Swayman filled the Boston net, following his return from NHL All-Star play, and while he gave his team a chance to win, while making some tough saves during his 25-save appearance, he was not at his sharpest. Also lacking effort was both the power play and the penalty kill.



Best to chalk is up to rust resulting from the All-Star break, and look forward to another tough game tonight (Thursday 7:00pm), as they take on the Vancouver Canucks who now are sitting along at the top of the NHL standings following the Bruins’ loss to Calgary.

Following the Canucks will be a Saturday matinee (3:30pm) as they host the struggling Washington Capitals who are currently riding a five-game losing streak. On Tuesday, things will take a turn, as the Bs opponent will be Atlantic Division rival, Tampa Bay Lightning, who are on a three-game win streak, and sitting in the third spot in the Atlantic. Next up will be the Seattle Kraken on Thursday 7:00pm, as their play has them performing as ‘fish out of water,’ with a 4-5-1 record for their last ten games.

BEANPOT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The 71st Men’s Beanpot will resume on Monday, February 12th with Northeastern earning their spot in the Finals with a 3-2 victory over Harvard earlier this week (Monday), when Gunnarwolfe

Fontaine put the puck in the Harvard net just 33 seconds into overtime.

The Northeastern Huskies’ opponent will be Boston University, who got their ticket into the Finals with a tough 4-3 win over Boston College. Boston University, with former Bruins coach Jay Pandolfo at the helm, wasted little time making their mark in the game, when freshman sensation Macklin Celebrini found the back of the Boston College net twice in just over six minutes into the first period, to give the Pandolfo-led Terriers a quick 2-0 lead. Credit to Boston College as they turned on the jets in the second and third periods, cutting the Terriers lead to 4-3, but BU was able to hold on and secure the win. The outstanding performance of Celebrini only further proved again, the fact that this 17-year-old teenager, could likely be the #1 pick overall in the 2024 NHL Draft. The schedule for Monday’s Beanpot Finals will have Harvard taking on Boston College at 4:30pm in the consolation game, and Northeastern battling Boston University in the championship game at 7:30pm. This will be the fourth time Northeastern and Boston University have met for the championship, with the Huskies holding the margin for wins, earning victory in three of those four contests.

Apollinaire Play Lab spring registration now open

Have a creative young person in your life? Have them explore and expand their skills through fun-filled classes at Apollinaire Play Lab!

Spring class registration is now open. Returning classes this spring are Apollinaire Play Lab staples such as Ballet, Acting and Art! Five new classes that you won’t want to miss are also available this spring, including Puppetry/Playmaking, Latin Dance, Video Creation, Audition Repertoire & Technique, and Tap.

Weekday classes are also available! Annie Kids will be the focus for this

spring’s Play Production class. Sing, dance and act out the classic story and unforgettable songs of little orphan Annie. Performers ages 6-16 are welcome to register! Students ages 6-9 or those looking for a beginner class can register for Thursday’s class. Students ages 10-16 or those looking for a more advanced class can register for Tuesday’s class.

Technical Theatre returns this spring on Thursdays to offer students a chance to hone their backstage skillset. Students in this class will work on the design, creation and

implementation of the technical elements for our Play Production class.

Space is limited and spots are filling quickly! (EBT Card to Culture rates, payment plans and scholarships are available! Contact us for more details.)

For more information please visit: www.aplaylab.com

To register please visit: www.aplaylab.com

The Riseman Family Theatre (187 Winnisimmet Street Chelsea MA) is open:

Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8a-1p, and Friday from 8a-12p.



Above, students and teachers creating a background for one of the productions. Below, students during a past performance.



Encore // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Encore officials said the WynnBET Sportsbook will open Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and remain open all day. In addition to the Super Bowl, fans can also wager in person on other

sports such as NBA and NCAA college basketball and the NHL.

San Francisco is currently a two-point favorite over Kansas City in the game.

(Information from the Encore Boston Harbor/WynnBET Sportsbook website was used in this story).



The WynnBET Sports Bar is pictured inside Encore Boston Harbor in Everett.

National Grid reminds customers to take advantage of available energy programs

As winter weather and colder temperatures persist, the National Grid is reminding Massachusetts customers to take advantage of energy programs that can help them manage their energy bills.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), commonly referred to as Fuel Assistance, provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills. Enrollment for LIHEAP is free and open through April 30, 2024, and covers energy usage from November 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024. LIHEAP is open to both homeowners and renters, including households whose cost of heat is included in rent, and

eligibility is based on household size and the gross annual income of every household member 18 or older. Household income cannot exceed 60% of estimated state median income. The program provides assistance through a fixed benefit amount for the cost of the primary source of heat, which includes, but is not limited to: electricity, oil, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal.

“National Grid recognizes that energy bills can be a real challenge for many customers – especially in these colder winter months,” said Helen Burt, Chief Customer Officer at National Grid. “The LIHEAP program can provide much needed

assistance for customers who are struggling to keep up with their energy costs. We also encourage customers to look at options in our Customer Savings Initiative, to consider a payment program, or see if they are eligible for rate discounts.”

To apply for LIHEAP:

- Apply online at <https://www.toapply.org/MassLIHEAP>
- Visit and apply at an agency in your area.

For more information concerning LIHEAP:

- Visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap>.
- Customers may also call the Cold Relief Heatline at (800) 632-8175.

National Grid recognizes winter bills can pose challenges for customers. National Grid’s Customer Savings Initiative is designed to help customers reduce their energy use and lower energy costs, manage their energy bills and payments, and help them secure available energy assistance.

Along with LIHEAP, National Grid has several programs dedicated to helping income-qualified families and customers needing special assistance meet their energy needs. Programs include but are not limited to:

- Discount Rates where qualifying income-eligible customers may receive a discounted rate on electric and gas service,

as well as no-cost energy efficiency upgrades.

- The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is available to any Massachusetts residents who, because of temporary financial difficulty, cannot meet a month’s energy expense and is not eligible for state or federal energy assistance.

Several bill help options and payment plans are available for customers in need of assistance. Customers may enroll in programs such as the Budget Billing Plan, which spreads monthly payments out more evenly throughout the year to offset periods of high energy usage.

Customers can visit ngrid.com/heretohelp to

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Alarming new survey reveals how high MBTA fares are harming riders

On the heels of Governor Healey pledging to fund a permanent low-income fare for the MBTA in her FY25 budget, a groundbreaking survey of riders finds that they forgo meals, medicines, and other necessities as a direct result of the high cost of fares. The MBTA Board kicked off a formal process to adopt a low-income fare at their meeting on last week and riders and workers were there to make their voices heard on how a low-income fare would be life changing. Here’s what riders are saying:

“Transportation costs, rent, groceries, medical costs, and other costs are all rising rapidly and that puts a lot of pressure on us,” said Jie Zhen Li, MBTA rider and Chinese Progressive Association

member. “There are often service disruptions or delays for the Orange Line, which would make us get to work late and impact our wages, further causing us stress. Low-income workers should receive a low-income fare that is affordable and allows us to enjoy high-quality public transit services.”

“I use public transportation daily, and several times every day, and I would love for this fare to be approved by the MBTA Board” said Oneida Mejia, Chelsea resident and MBTA rider. “In Chelsea, most people travel everywhere by public transportation daily. When a low-income fare is approved, we hope that it will be accessible to all low-income residents, and that there will be no barriers that prevent people

from obtaining it.”

The rider survey underscores how unaffordable fares are having a harmful effect on where Massachusetts residents can live and work, and on the quality of their day-to-day lives. A survey of over 300 MBTA riders across the state from November 22 to December 8, 2023 found the following:

- More than 50 percent of respondents found the cost of fares too high to afford.
- 68 percent of respondents said they would use the MBTA more if the fare was half the current cost.

Governor Healey’s bold commitment to funding a low-income fare program would transform the lives of tens of more than 60,000 Massachusetts residents who count on the MBTA. For more than

three years, MBTA riders and workers have united to demand a low-income fare and with the MBTA Board meeting, transit justice and affordability are within reach. As the report shows:

- A low-income fare would benefit up to 63,000 riders by the end of a five-year implementation period.
- Riders would save about 50% on fares.
- For a daily rider on the bus and subway, this would save \$720 a year, while a Zone 5 Commuter Rail rider would save almost \$2,000 a year.

Survey participants said they use the MBTA to get to a range of destinations and MBTA riders continue to make daily sacrifices and face financial hardships due to the regular cost of riding the MBTA.

Survey responses included:

- Not paying rent to afford bus costs
- Skipping meals or cutting back on groceries
- Not paying phone bills and basic necessities
- Not filling prescriptions
- Skipping medical appointments
- Walking or biking instead of taking the bus or train

“It’s clear that transportation is one of the biggest needs for those in our community seeking to take advantage of employment opportunities or accessing services,” said Mike Vartabedian, co-Chair of the Public Transit Public Good coalition and Assistant Directing Business Representative of the International Association of Machinists District 15.

“This report shows that people are skipping meals, medicines, and appointments, just because they cannot afford the MBTA fare. These stories underscore the urgent need for a low-income fare program that takes into account the heavy financial burden borne by riders. We are so gratified to see the Healey administration and the MBTA taking real action to make the low-income fare a reality.”

Public Transit Public Good is a partnership of transit workers and riders throughout Massachusetts fighting for the future of public transit. Community Labor United convenes PTPG. Visit PublicTransitPublicGood.org to learn more.



By Tracy Nowicki
Director of Elder Services

Quality customer service.... Let's go!!!

Throughout my time as the Director of Elder Services, it’s evident that the most valuable customer service training comes from interacting with the elder population. However, if you are not as fortunate to assist older adults, quality customer service can still be met by proper training without many years of experience. The age-old adage that “the customer is always right” is a principle I was taught, but it doesn’t necessarily mean customers are perfect. While they may not be right in every situation, they are entitled to receive support and should make every reasonable

effort to address their needs respectfully and professionally.

Most notably, within the realm of government service; the surge in Local, State, and Federal programs, has reached unprecedented levels. These programs span a variety of areas supporting rental assistance, health insurance needs, ensuring food accessibility, transportation needs, and more. Massachusetts now has an expansive array of services to accommodate the ever-changing resident need. The growth in programs has led to the creation of new departments and the recruitment of additional employees. This emphasizes the greater need to recruit highly qualified individuals for effective management of these positions. However, I recognize and fully support Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll’s implementation of a recent Executive Order, which promotes skill-based hiring across State departments. This approach emphasizes the significance of job training to equip individuals with essential tools for effective public

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engagement. Training programs should cover aspects such as promoting professional conduct, acquiring de-escalation techniques, employing effective stress management strategies, and fostering a comprehensive understanding of department policies and procedures for newly hired personnel.

How often have we found ourselves navigating through lengthy hold times, complicated menu options, forwarded to different telephone numbers, escalating our frustration, only to finally connect with a live person, leading to a surge of stress for both the consumer and the public service representative, each feeling a sense of disrespect from the other?

Now consider a 70+ year-old individual facing this same daunting experience. Through our engagement in elder services, we have gained a deep understanding of the aging process. The capacity to comprehend, retain information, write, and read undergoes substantial changes over time. The decline in physical and cognitive abilities is particular-

ly distressing for older adults, compounded by the frustration of having to rely on services that are subpar. I firmly believe that seniors and younger individuals should not encounter identical experiences. The cognitive challenges linked to aging necessitate a more customized and empathetic approach for seniors accessing public services.

It is essential to support and equip public service representatives with proper training and tools to alleviate and deescalate these experiences while maintaining a level of empathy and professionalism.

The Chelsea senior center staff all too often experiences these challenges. A big shout out to them for their remarkable skill in staying composed and upholding professionalism while helping our older adults navigate through our government programs. Training is key!

Deep breath friends and Godspeed!

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Biden-Harris Administration announces \$2.5 million grant for more electric-vehicle charging network

The Biden-Harris Administration last week announced a \$2.5 million grant to the Town of Deerfield, Massachusetts to fund two publicly accessible EV charging sites. The award is one of 47 projects in 22 states and Puerto Rico selected to receive a total of \$623 million in funding to help build out an electric vehicle (EV) charging network under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. This means EV drivers in Massachusetts and across the country can charge their electric vehicles where they live, work, and shop.

The grants are a critical part of the Biden Administration's goal of building out a convenient, affordable, reliable and made-in-America national network of EV chargers, including at least 500,000 publicly available chargers by 2030 ensuring that EV's are made in America with American workers.

Under President Biden's leadership, EV sales have more than quadrupled,

the number of publicly available charging ports has grown by nearly 70 percent, and more than 4 million EV's are now on the road. Spurred by the President's historic investments, private companies have announced more than \$155 billion in the EV and battery supply chain under the Biden-Harris Administration. EV's are critical to our rapid and equitable transition to clean transportation systems, producing zero tailpipe emissions, reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions – major contributors to climate change and key contributors to respiratory ailments.

“America led the arrival of the automotive era, and now we have a chance to lead the world in the EV revolution—securing jobs, savings, and benefits for Americans in the process,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. “This funding will help ensure that EV chargers are accessible, reliable, and convenient for American drivers, while creating jobs in charger manufacturing, installa-

tion, and maintenance for American workers.”

The grants being announced today are made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's \$2.5 billion Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, a competitive funding program, that includes construction of approximately 7,500 EV charging ports. The CFI program complements the \$5 billion National Electric Vehicle (NEVI) Formula Program to build the “backbone” of high-speed EV chargers along our nation's highways. Thanks to the NEVI program, new charging stations in Ohio and New York have opened, and states like Pennsylvania and Maine have broken ground.

“Every community across the nation deserves access to convenient and reliable clean transportation,” said U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm. “The Biden-Harris Administration is bringing an accessible, made-in-America charging network into thousands of communities

while cutting the carbon pollution that is driving the climate crisis.”

In Massachusetts, the \$2.5 million grant will be used to fund two public access EV charging sites at the Leary Public Parking Lot and Town Hall Public Parking Lot. The sites are centrally located to the surrounding rural towns and will serve several disadvantaged communities.

“From my time working at the local level, I know that finding electric vehicle charging in a community is different from finding charging along highways,” said U.S. Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg. “USDOT is proud to make an investment that will provide Americans with convenient, straightforward charging options in their communities.”

“The Federal Highway Administration is pleased to announce this grant in Massachusetts that will bring EV charging to people and communities all across the nation,” said Federal Highway Administrator Shailen

Bhatt. “These investments through the CFI Program will grow our national EV charging network, support President Biden's goals of achieving net-zero emissions for the nation by 2050 and promote opportunity for all Americans to enjoy the benefits of EV charging.”

As part of today's announcements, the Federal Highway Administration is awarding \$311 million in funding to 36 “community” projects, including two Indian Tribes in Alaska and Arizona. These projects invest in EV charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure in urban and rural communities, including at convenient and high-use locations like schools, parks, libraries, multi-family housing, and more.

Another \$312 million in funding will go to 11 “corridor” recipients whose projects are located along roadways designated as Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). These projects will fill gaps in the core national charging and alternative-fueling network.

The CFI Program ad-

vances President Biden's Justice40 Initiative, which set a goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution. More than 70% of the CFI funding announced today will support project sites in disadvantaged communities.

To provide a consistent charging experience for users that ensures a convenient, affordable, and reliable national charging network, EV chargers constructed with CFI funds must adhere to the same minimum standards established for NEVI-funded chargers. FHWA is working closely with the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, which provides technical assistance on planning and implementation of a national network of electric vehicle chargers and zero-emission fueling infrastructure.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Sotiris Sotiropoulos to The Anyloan Company, dated October 8, 2003 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 33007, Page 313 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2003-6 is the present holder by Assignment from The Anyloan Company to New Century Mortgage Corporation dated October 15, 2003 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 37587, Page 346, and Assignment from New Century Mortgage Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2003-6 dated December 21, 2010 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 47397, Page 145, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 68 Pearl Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on March 5, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Certain real estate situated in Chelsea, in the County of Suffolk, bounded and described as follows: Being the NORTHEASTERLY half of lot no. 13 on a plan of A. Wadsworth, Surveyor, dated July 18, 1831, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 354, Page 248, bounded: SOUTHEASTERLY by Pearl St, twenty five (25) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by the SOUTHWESTERLY half of said lot 13, as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty (120) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by a passageway as shown on said plan, twenty-five (25) feet; and NORTHEASTERLY by lot no. 15 on said plan, one hundred twenty (120) feet. Containing 3000 square feet more or less according to said plan. For our title see deed recorded at Book 25175, Page 245. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 25175,

Page 245. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2003-6 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Sotiropoulos, Sotiris, 20-037571 2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24

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CITY OF CHELSEA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room. Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Crown Castle for the following petitions: Crown Castle Fiber LLC would like to upgrade wireless facilities at 3 locations in Chelsea, MA.

The side mount antennas will be upgraded to 24.0 in. X 14.6 in. and the shroud will be upgraded to 69.50 in. X 22.73 in. The addresses for the upgrades are listed below.
19 Willard St, Chelsea, MA 02150
174 Maverick St, Chelsea, MA 02150
161 Cherry St, Chelsea, MA 02150
Public comments will be accepted during the meeting.
Written comments are accepted by email to cfcox@chelseama.gov until 12:00pm on 2/20/24. The public is invited to attend.
Cate Fox Lent Commissioner 2/1/24 2/8/24

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: JV Market Chelsea, Inc. d/b/a JV Market
560 Washington Avenue, Chelsea MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 14, 2024
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a Transfer of a Wine and Malt Beverages (off Premise) License application from Vardah's Corporation d/b/a JV Market to JV Market Chelsea, Inc. d/b/a JV Market at 560 Washington Avenue, Chelsea MA. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 2/8/24, 2/15/24

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CITY OF CHELSEA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room. Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Ever-source for the following petitions: Marginal Street: Westerly from MH18756, across from Charles

Street, to CMH209 near #99 Marginal Street, install approximately 274 feet of conduit.
Willow Street: Southwesterly from MH 29841, across from Maverick Street, to CMH211, across from #31 Willow Street, install approximately 67 feet of conduit.
Central Ave. & Willow Street: Approximately 25' East of Willow Street, install one new manhole MH31671
Northeasterly from proposed new manhole MH31671, east of Willow Street, to private property at #234 Central Avenue, install approximately 54 feet of conduit.
Westerly from proposed new manhole MH31671, east of Willow Street, to private property at #170 Central Avenue, install approximately 490 feet of conduit.
Westerly from proposed new manhole MH31671, east of Willow Street, to private property at #234 Central Avenue, install approximately 55 feet of conduit.
Southerly from Central Avenue to existing manhole MH29841 at Maverick Street, install approximately 320 feet of conduit.
Public comments will be accepted during the meeting.
Written comments are accepted by email to cfcox@chelseama.gov until 12:00pm on 2/27/24. The public is invited to attend.
Cate Fox Lent Commissioner 2/8/24, 2/15/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket 24 SM 000307
ORDER OF NOTICE To: Teresa Martinez ; Dennis Antonio Garcia and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE UNDER THE INDENTURE RELATING TO IMH ASSETS CORP., COLLATERALIZED ASSETBACKED BONDS, SERIES 2005-8, claiming to have an

interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 56 Maverick Street, given by Teresa Martinez and Dennis Antonio Garcia to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The New York Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and/or assigns, dated July 1, 2005, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 37504, Page 61, as affected by a Loan Modification dated June 1, 2009, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 45362, Page 82, as affected by a Loan Modification dated February 1, 2010, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 47019, Page 118, 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 March 11, 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 24, 2024. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 23-003622 2/8/24

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Banwait Liquors, Inc. d/b/a One Stop Liquors
141 Central Avenue, Chelsea MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, March 14, 2024
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for a Change of Manager, Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers

and Change of Stock Interest for an All Alcohol Beverages (off Premise) License application for Banwait Liquors, Inc. d/b/a One Stop Liquors at 141 Central Avenue, Chelsea MA. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 2/8/24, 2/15/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
CITATION ON FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU00P1061EP
Estate of: Paul M. Avanzino
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Date of Death: 03/26/2000
To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Appointment of Successor PR has been filed by Kristen Buxton Vignes of Ipswich, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Kristen Buxton Vignes of Ipswich, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. 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 the return day of 03/13/2024. 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 timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 31, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 02/08/24

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing: Tobacco Sale Violations
The Chelsea Board of Health will hold an in-person public hearing at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at The Williams School Building located at 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea MA, to consider fines and permit suspensions for the following tobacco permittees for allegedly selling flavored tobacco products: Broadway Liquors, Johnny's Market III, Marlboro Market, City Food Mart, Chelsea Food Mart and EZ Mart. To share comments please email famaya@chelseama.gov 2/1/24, 2/8/24

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing: Increase Fees for Tobacco Sales
Permit from \$100 to \$200
The Chelsea Board of Health will hold an in-person public hearing at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at The Williams School Building located at 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea MA, to consider increasing application fees for Tobacco Sales Permit from \$100 to \$200. To share comments please email famaya@chelseama.gov 2/1/24, 2/8/24

LEGAL NOTICE

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Please be advised that, in accordance with M.G.L. c.

30A, §2, Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services ("EOVS") will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments in connection with the proposed Regulations at 108 CMR 16.00: Qualified Veterans Hire Tax Credit. The proposed Regulations provide procedures for establishing eligibility for and thereafter claiming the Qualified Veterans Hire Tax Credit pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62 §6(u) and c. 63 §38GG. The regulation will provide rules associated with a tax credit for small businesses that hire qualified veterans. EOVS will hold this public hearing remotely on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM via WebEx. To participate in the remote public hearing, please join from the meeting link https://eohhs.webex.com/eohhs/j.php?MTID=m2ea f590a55b72b2484205677078dd40f Join by meeting number Meeting number (access code): 2538 543 4640 Meeting password: HSWM9eqisD7 Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only) +1-617-315-0704, +25385434640## United States Toll (Boston) +1-650-479-3208, +25385434640## United States Toll (Boston) +1-650-479-3208 United States Toll Global call-in numbers | Toll-free calling restrictions Join from a video system or application Dial 25385434640@eohhs.webex.com You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number. MAURA T. HEALEY JON SANTIAGO, MD, MPH GOVERNOR SECRETARY KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR A copy of the proposed Regulations referenced above may be viewed by visiting: https://www.mass.gov/event/notice-of-public-hearing-108-cmr-1600-vet-hire-tax-credit-regulation-2024-02-28100000-0500-2024-02-28120000-0500. Any person who would like to offer comments may participate in the public hearing at the date and time indicated above or submit written comments. Those who wish to receive a written copy of the proposed Regulations, or to submit written comments,

may do so by sending an email to jenna.buonopane5@mass.gov, or by mail to: Jenna Buonopane - Paralegal Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans' Services 600 Washington Street, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02111
Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2024. Attached please find the accompanying Small Business Impact Statement in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §2. 2/9/24

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES PROGRAM
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES PROGRAM". Request for Proposals will be available on or after February 01, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES PROGRAM" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, 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 2/8/24

CBC TO HOST ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

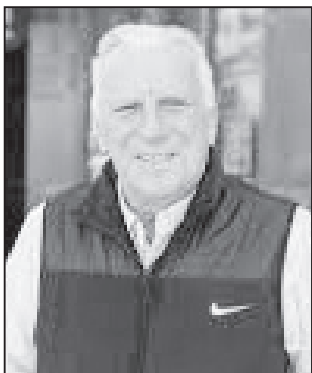
Chelsea Black Community (CBC) will be hosting its annual community celebration honoring Black History Month as one. We are planning to host a most enjoyable evening with a dynamic keynote speaker, local youth performances and participation in educational activity tables. Artists will showcase their talents, along with an inspiring display of cultural artifacts. Also, dinner will be provided to all at this free public event. We hope you will join us!

During this community celebration, we will pay tribute to community members recognized as 2023 BHM “Chelsea Trailblazers.”



Tracy Nowicki

This year’s Trailblazers are Tracy Nowicki, James V. D’Amico Jr., Jennifer Hassell, Dr. Aaron T. Jennings and Kyle Umemba. These individuals have opened paths for others to follow and continue to contribute to the betterment of our community. The event will be held on



James V. D’Amico Jr.

Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 5 to 8 p.m., at Williams Middle School, 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea, MA.

We are requesting your support by purchasing a Congratulatory Ad in the Black History Month



Jennifer Hassell

Booklet. Your donation will assist in the success of the community celebration as well as business recognition and the opportunity to congratulate BHM 2024 “Chelsea Trailblazers.”

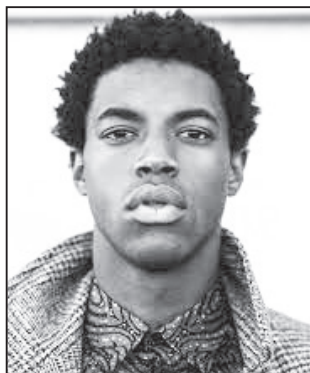
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Dr. Aaron T. Jennings

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Black History Month is truly time to reflect on how we, as a nation and community, come together in order overcome injustice. It is also a time to honor diversity as we connect as a community with



Kyle Umemba

one strong voice. We hope you can join us for this celebratory event, promoting diversity, education, and cultural awareness in Chelsea. If you have any questions please call 781-475-3817. We hope to see all of you on Thursday, February 29.

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01 FEB
Black History Month Photo History Exhibit
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• An educational gallery that showcases Black history through photos.
• Chelsea City Hall Art Gallery
• Chelsea Public Library

08 FEB
Disparities Affecting Social Determinants of Health
(Presentation by Dr. Yvette C. Cozier, DSc)
• An insightful conversation about the influence of psychosocial stressors—such as racism and neighborhood socioeconomic status—that affect the health outcomes in Black and brown communities.
6:30 - 8:30 PM • Zoom

15 FEB
Being Influential and Effective Behind the Scenes: A Look at Black History Through Another Perspective
(Presentation by Dr. Pepple)
• A screening and discussion of the film *Rustin*, which tells the story of activist Bayard Rustin. Rustin faced racism and homophobia as he helped change the course of civil rights history by orchestrating the 1963 March on Washington.
6:30 - 8:30 PM • In-person: 56 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA
• Zoom

22 FEB
The People's Poetry Night
(Hosted by Celeste Williams and Theresa Okokon)
• An evening of art through spoken word.
• 56 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA
6:30 - 8:30 PM

29 FEB
Black History Month Community Celebration
• A free community celebration during which we'll honor our Chelsea trailblazers and hear from exceptional keynote speaker – Dr. Jessica Pepple, Chief Diversity & Culture Officer at RFK Community Alliance. Please join us for a free dinner, performances, raffles, vendors, activities, and more.
5:00 - 8:00 PM • Williams Middle School, 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea, MA

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EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL HOLDS SCIENCE FAIR

The East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) 7th and 8th grade presented a science fair in celebration of Catholic Schools Week on February 2. Students examined blood under a microscope, designed a working kaleidoscope, and investigated the buoyancy of a submarine. Partners, Keillen Munoz and Stephanie Mondono, shared what they observed about static electricity while working on their project, “Elektron.”

“The purpose of this project is to see whether an object is carrying a charge or not,” said Munoz and Mondono, 7th grade. “When the Styrofoam and wool are rubbed together, they create friction. The electrons travel through the metal wire and make the foils move apart. The farther apart the foils are, the bigger the charge.”



Diego Garcia, 8th grade, explaining the buoyancy of a submarine that he created with partner, Dishawn Newton.



Luis Antonio Rivero and Carlos Hincapie, 8th grade, explaining their observations about which drinks have the most electrolytes.



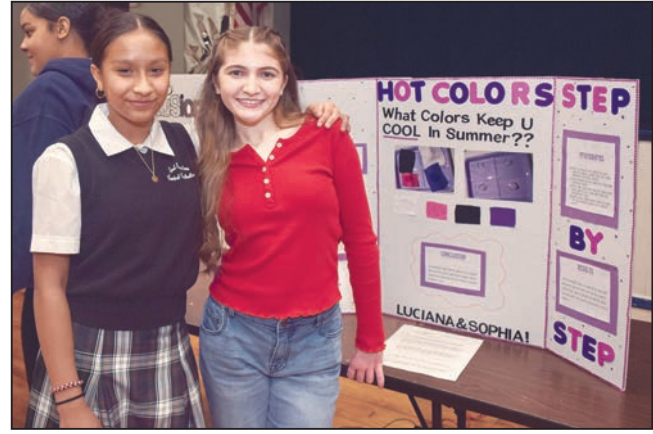
Gia Allen and Kayla Gomes, 8th grade, demonstrating their project, “Illusion,” with LED light reflections that appear to move towards infinity.



Hanna Munoz, 8th grade, demonstrating the paper airplane launcher that she created with partner, Elena Gonzalez.



Mia Santillana and Alanna Newhook, 7th grade, with their project, “Crystal Garden.”



Luciana Malpica and Sophia Plagenzo, 7th grade, with their project, “Hot Colors.”



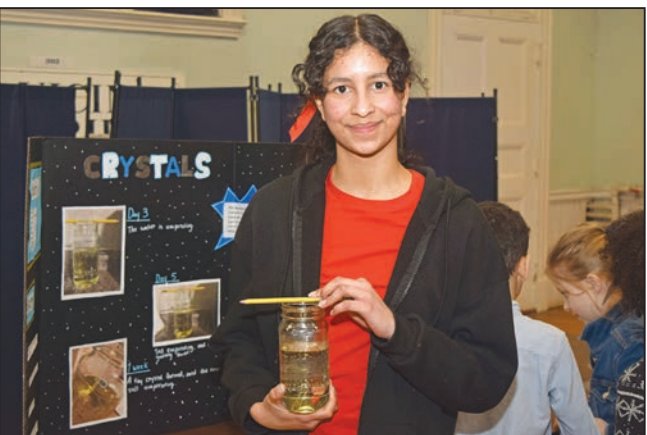
Isabella Santoro and Kelsey O'Connor, 8th grade, with their project, “KI Camera.”



Daniella Lopez and Anayah Augustave, 8th grade, with their project, “Oobleck vs. Slime.”



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Nathalia Lopez, 7th grade, demonstrating how sugar sticks to a string as water evaporates, creating crystals.



Samara Mejia, 8th grade, with her project, “Wind Energy,” and Lilly Ezaquiel-Blake, 8th grade, with her project, “What does blood really look like?”

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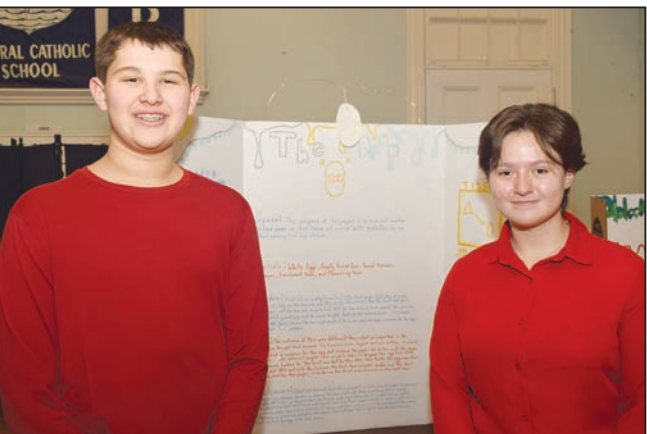
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Jesus Guizar and Mia Macaluso, with their project, “Spherification.”



Keillen Munoz and Stephanie Mondono, 7th grade, with their project, “Elektron.”



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Sebastian Salmorán explaining his “Hover Craft.”

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