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Chelsea students, families, and community members gathered at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex (one of six viewing locations in the City) to watch the eclipse.

## CITYWIDE ECLIPSE CELEBRATIONS

The Chelsea Public Schools held citywide celebrations Monday to view the total solar eclipse. Students donned special glasses to view the perfect alignment of the Sun, Moon, and Earth, a rare astronomical occurrence in which the Moon blocks the Sun and casts a shadow on the Earth. The next solar eclipse visible in the United States will be in 2044, twenty years from now.



Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta and City Manager Fidel Maltez watching the eclipse with their daughters.



Shown (left to right) are Museum of Science President Tim Ritchie, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta and City Councilor Roberto Jiménez Rivera.

## Vega addressing concerns about temporary shelter site

*By Adam Swift*

The state's plan to use the former Old Soldiers' Home as a temporary shelter site to ease the on-going migrant crisis literally hits close to home for District 2 Councilor Melinda Vega.

The Quigley Building is in Vega's district and close to her own home.

Since the plan to use the facility to house up to 100 migrant families over the next year was first announced last month, Vega said has been taking steps to inform the public and listen to her neighbor's concerns.

Vega said her most immediate concern when she heard about the plan was the short notice the city received from the state. She said she understands the humanitarian crisis the state is trying to address, but added that the short notice did not allow for proper transparency and accessibility to information.

"For me, it was an opportunity to be transparent with my community members and go door knocking," said Vega.

On the Monday the city was informed of the shelter plan, Vega said she headed out into the neighborhood alongside fellow councilors Norieliz De Je-

## Small increases in water and sewer rates proposed

*By Adam Swift*

The city's public works commissioner is recommending an increase of 1.5 percent for the FY 2025 water and sewer rates.

At last week's meeting, the city council voted to hold a ways and means subcommittee meeting with public works commissioner Cate Fox-Lent and City Manager Fidel Maltez for a discussion of the recommendation.

There is also a proposed increase for trash fees for non-owner occupied units in the city.

"We will hold a public hearing in June to notify and inform our residents of this increase," stated Maltez in a letter to the council. "We welcome the

## Federal grant to help connect Chelsea and East Boston

*By Adam Swift*

A \$2.5 million federal grant from the US DOT's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grants Program will help reconnect Chelsea and East Boston by path along Chelsea Creek.

"The funded project, titled Greening Chelsea Creek, will reconnect Chelsea and East Boston with an accessible, family-friendly path that both traverses physical barriers, links disconnected active transportation networks, and future-proofs new bus routes," stated City Manager Fidel Maltez.

With the grant award, Maltez said the city will be able to examine how to connect the existing Mary Ellen Welch Greenway in East Boston with the existing Chelsea Greenway, and with the proposed multi-use path/flood barrier on Eastern Avenue. That project is currently in the early stages of design.

"Today, the greenways already connect dozens of points of interest, including waterfront and inland parks, schools, affordable housing, libraries, neigh-

## New city open space will be named for Lewis H. Latimer

*By Adam Swift*

One of the city's newest parcels of open space adjacent to the Chelsea Street Bridge will be named after one of the city's most famous and accomplished residents.

Last week, the city council voted unanimously to name the property on Eastern Avenue Lewis Howard Latimer Overlook, after the famous and accomplished African American inventor born in Chelsea in 1848.

In 2020, the state legislature passed special legislation allowing Chelsea to purchase the property from the state specifically for open space, according to City Manager Fidel Maltez.

"The city took possession of the property at the beginning of 2023, and have been working with members of our community to create a forward-looking design which provides our residents with shade and views of the Chelsea Creek, while also making sure the space will be prepared for the impacts of climate change," said Maltez.

As the design advances through the permitting process, Maltez stated that it was time to name the property and proposed naming it Latimer Overlook.

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown said he consulted with Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson to amend Maltez's request and use Latimer's full name, Lewis Howard Latimer Overlook.

"Just calling it Latimer Overlook takes something away from it if folks are not familiar with Latimer," said Brown.

Latimer was born in Chelsea in 1848 to parents who had escaped slavery in Virginia to come to the city. Latimer was raised in

## CHS PRESENTS THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL



The Addams Family sings "Full Disclosure" during The Chelsea High School Performing Arts Department production of The Addams Family Musical. See page 6 for more photos.

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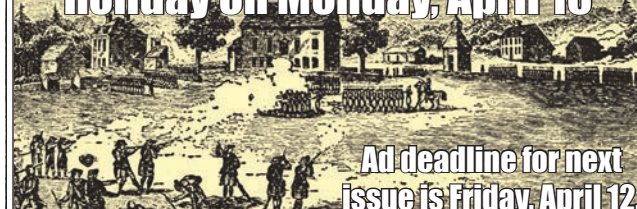
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## FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES OF ARNIE JARMAK

## NEWS IN BRIEF



This photo from the archives of legendary Chelsea Record photographer Arnie Jarmak was taken at a function in the late 1970s. We know that many of our long-time residents will recognize those in the photo. Seated (l-r) are: brothers Stuart and the late Richie Feinberg, both of whom were teachers at Chelsea High; prominent Chelsea attorney and one of our all-time favorite Chelsea people, Evan Frost Gellar; and then-alderman and present City Council member Leo Robinson, another of our all-time all-star Chelsea residents. Standing (l-r): an unidentified man; School Committee legal counsel Robert Tatal; his law partner, Richard Wynne; School Committeeman Mike Wall; local attorney Howard Greenspan; and former School Committeeman and alderman, Atty. Richard I. Clayman, who was loved by everyone and who passed away about 10 years ago at the too-young age of 65. We would note that the crew probably was hamming it up with Richie Feinberg as the center of attention for the benefit of our then-publisher, School Committeeman Andrew P. Quigley, who often disagreed about city and school issue with Richie, who was an outspoken individual, in Quigley's Short and Sweet column each Friday (the Record was a daily paper in those days). However, as with almost all of those with whom Mr. Quigley engaged in those days, Mr. Feinberg (who himself served on the Swampscott School Committee for 15 years) and Quigley were able to disagree without being disagreeable.

## Traffic and Parking Commission addresses Chelsea Square issues

By Adam Swift

At last week's meeting, the Traffic and Parking Commission heard from a resident concerned about traffic and safety issues downtown and in Chelsea Square.

Edwin Barrientos requested that the city replace three existing stop signs with solar LED stop signs at the Chelsea Square intersection and to paint Stop on the street at the three stops, and to repaint traffic arrows/directions and signage that were previously installed on Congress Avenue at Broadway.

"I frequent the area on a daily basis multiple times,

and at night time, it seems like cars fly through the stop signs in any of the directions," said Barrientos. "The area is pretty dark, so I think the stop signs currently at Chelsea Square are not visible, so maybe LED lights could help, along with the stop signs painted along the road."

He said some of the traffic lines and safety measures in the area have not been replaced due to construction in the area.

Traffic commission member James Caron of the public works department noted that many of the issues raised by Barrientos will be addressed during the ongoing Broadway reconstruction project.

He noted that in the spring, the public works department will also be working to improve lane markings in the area, which should also help address some issues.

"I bet you will see a little better traffic flow because there will be two lanes on each side, so it will move a little bit better," said Caron.

He said the city could also look into the possibility of flashing stop signs and doing some additional lane markings over the next year until the large-scale Broadway improvements are finished.

The commission tabled Barrientos' request until

the May meeting in order to take a closer look at the feasibility of some of the upgraded lane markings.

In other business, Police Sgt. and commission member John Nofle requested the reservation of two parking spaces for police business only at the 30 Washington Ave. community police substation from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

"Right across from city hall, we have a substation, we've had it for probably 25 years but we haven't really used it, but now we are going to actually open that to the public," said Nofle.

Caron said he was concerned that with the construction already going on in the area, it would take up too much parking around city hall.

Nofle noted the request was for public vehicles that had police business, and not for police vehicles.

Caron noted that there is 30-minute parking across the street from the substation at city hall, as well as parking at city hall itself. The commission denied Nofle's request, but Nofle indicated that he was okay with the 30-minute parking options in the area for people who might use the substation.

## CHELSEA MOTHER CHARGED IN DEATH OF SON

A Chelsea mother was arraigned in Chelsea District Court on Wednesday on charges in connection with the death of her three-year-old son over the weekend.

Jennifer Prudencio, 25, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and reckless endangerment of a child. She was ordered held on \$100,000.

According to prosecutors from the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, Prudencio left the three-year-old at home with her seven- and eight-year-old children while she went to a bar in Revere and then stayed over at her boyfriend's house.

Police were called to Prudencio's Spencer Avenue apartment in Chelsea on Sunday morning, where they found her son, Yael Guardado-Prudencio, unresponsive.

According to prosecutors, the three-year-old had been sick and experiencing seizures in the week before his death. The child was found dead when Prudencio returned home at about 10 a.m. on Sunday, they added.

Prudencio had no previous involvement with the state's Department of Children and Families, according to her defense attorney.

"The death of someone so young is a tragedy beyond words," said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. "My heart goes out to all who knew and loved this young boy, and to the police and emergency services personnel who responded to the scene that sad morning."

## DIDOMENICO DELIVERS KEYNOTE SPEECH FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY EVENT

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently delivered the keynote address during The Massachusetts PTA Healthy Living webinar series. This specific event addressed how communities can come together as one for the health, safety and wellbeing of our children. DiDomenico highlighted how advocacy work and building coalitions can bring communities together in support of all health needs for our children.

"One of my top priorities throughout my career has been ensuring we invest in the best teachers,

resources, and services for our children across Massachusetts," said Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "It was a pleasure spending time with Massachusetts PTA members and discussing how people can most effectively advocate and organize their communities to protect the wellbeing of our state's children. I want to thank Jackie Coogan, the MA PTA Health, Safety and Wellness Chairperson, and the entire Health, Safety and Wellness Committee for putting this fantastic and impactful virtual series together and inviting me to speak."

The Massachusetts Congress of Parents and Teachers, also known as the Massachusetts State PTA, is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers dedicated to improving the lives of Massachusetts's children. The Massachusetts PTA Health, Safety and Wellness Committee is dedicated to the holistic health and well-being of our Massachusetts communities, and they provide programming that speaks directly to the needs of local educators, families, students and community partners.

## CHELSEA ROTARY DERBY MAY 2

The Rotary Club of Chelsea is holding a Chelsea Rotary Derby to raise funds to support their local scholarship program and send twenty Chelsea youth to Camp Rotary for a week. The event will be held Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Anthony's in Malden. Tickets for a chance to be a horse owner are \$100. Four tickets will be drawn to represent each of the four horses in the 1st race, twelve tickets will be drawn to represent each of the six horses in the 2nd and 3rd races. The race will be 10 "furlongs" in length. Betting on individual horses will be conducted. There will also be numerous door prizes. Dinner tickets are \$60 and are separate from the \$100 race tickets. Corporate sponsorships are available for \$1,000 and include four race tickets, four dinner tickets. For race or dinner tickets please contact Bruce Mauch at 857 544-9041. Checks should be made out to Rotary Club of Chelsea Charitable Foundation or you can Venmo the funds to Douglas-Mauch or scan the QR CODE on the flyer.

## Vintage Vibes

vulnerable demographic.

Allow me to illustrate one of the distressing cases we're currently managing. We're assisting a family of four seniors who were forced out of their home due to a rent increase. Among them is an elderly man battling kidney failure, requiring dialysis three times weekly, along with his senior sister and their elderly dog. Their daughter, the primary caregiver, is also nearing senior age. With guidance from Chelsea Elder Services, they secured a five-day stay in a Burlington, MA hotel, despite being from Chelsea, with each passing day unaware if they could stay just one more day. Burlington was the only available option due to a lack of vacancies elsewhere, and the family lacks transportation. They've now been notified they must vacate their room as their financial assistance has been exhausted. Shockingly, they were advised by a local human services agency to seek refuge in an emergency room as an alternative to a shelter or potentially secure a room at a rehabilitation facility, utterly unacceptable suggestion.

gestions that highlight the dire circumstances faced by our homeless senior population.

Another heartbreaking scenario unfolds as an elderly man, grappling with severe COPD and a history of lung cancer, finds himself displaced from his apartment due to a fire. Although he received temporary support through grant funds for a brief hotel stay, he's now left sleeping outdoors, as shelters remain inaccessible. This critical situation prompts us to question: how can we allow this to happen? The State of Massachusetts must prioritize better care for our homeless seniors.

In response, Chelsea Elder Services is actively exploring alternative avenues to provide enhanced support for seniors facing similar circumstances. We're tirelessly seeking options for transitional housing to urgently address these needs. Stay tuned for further updates as we continue our efforts towards finding solutions.

Feel free to contact us at [Tnowicki@chelseama.gov](mailto:Tnowicki@chelseama.gov) or 617-466-4377.



By Tracy Nowicki  
Director of Elder Services

## Homelessness

Over the past week, Chelsea Elder Services has been deeply involved in aiding five cases of homelessness within our senior community. Despite some financial aid being available, the current support system remains inadequate. The state's grant structure only offers a brief 2-3 day stay in a hotel, contingent upon availability. Once this period ends and the funds are depleted, individuals are directed to seek shelter. However, shelters consistently operate at full capacity, leaving individuals to repeatedly call in hopes of finding space, an unacceptable situation for this

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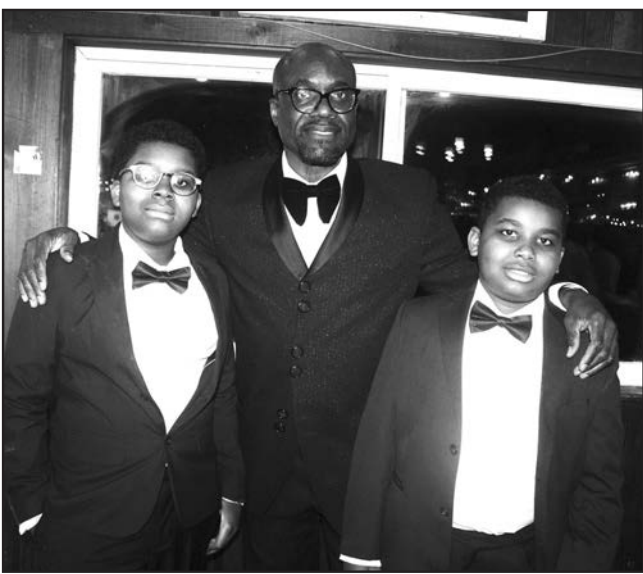
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PEOPLE'S AME CHURCH 147TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



The Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon, with his sons, John George and William.

The Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon, Pastor of People's AME Church, Chelsea, felt in his heart that an anniversary dinner would be a fitting way for the African Methodist Episcopal Church to celebrate its unique and glorious 147-year history and honor its resiliency.

The AME Congregation responded to the esteemed Reverend's wishes and hosted an impressive and festive gala Saturday night at the Chelsea Yacht Club.

Church Trustee Joan Cromwell, who is president of the Chelsea Black Community, served as

master of ceremonies for the program.

Church Trustee Nicole McKoy and Church Steward Beverly-Martin Ross delivered the opening prayer and welcoming address respectively.

Boston/Hartford District Presiding Elder Jocelyn Hart-Lovelace was the keynote speaker. Ms. Hart-Lovelace electrified the gathering with an inspiring address imploring the members of the Church to "carry on" the Church's outstanding legacy and to not let any obstacles impede that path of excellence.



The Rev. Kenneth Whitley and the Rev. Dr. Sandra Whitley, former Pastor of the People's AME Church, returning to Chelsea to honor the Church's 147th anniversary.



Rep. Judith Garcia brings the official greetings from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and congratulates the Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon (right) on the People's AME Church's contributions to the Chelsea community.



People's AME Church Trustee Stacey Smith and Steward Beverly Martin-Ross proudly display their award certificates that were presented at the Church's 147th Anniversary Dinner.



Proudly displaying their People's AME Church Steward Certificates are Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell and CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell.



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People AME Church Steward Beverly Martin-Ross, the Rev. Dr. Sandra Whitley, and former Bunker Hill Community College Associate Dean Sharon Caulfield.



The Rev. Viola Morris-Buchanan, Samarie Mojica, and Kirosha C. Sidelca.



Church Trustee Stacey Smith, People AME Church Pastor, the Rev. George Walters-Sleyon, and Church Trustee Joan Cromwell, the program's master of ceremonies.



Enjoying the People's AME Church 147th Anniversary Dinner are Maureen Lee, Sarai Hernandez, Odilon Lozano, the Rev. Shedrick C. Flynn, and Leroy Tyler.



Eddy Lovelace, John George Walters-Sleyon, Presiding Elder Jocelyn Hart-Lovelace, William Walters-Sleyon, the Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon, People AME Church Steward Beverly Martin-Ross, and the Rev. Dr. Gregory Grooben.

La Colaborativa secures major grant, deploys new digital equity program

With over 40% of low-income residents lacking access to affordable, reliable internet, the digital divide profoundly impacts marginalized communities and prevents economic stability in Chelsea and beyond. La Colaborativa is pleased to announce it has secured a transformative \$497,621 grant from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI), in conjunction with the MassHire Metro North Workforce Board.

"We're grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration, as well as our partners at Massachusetts Broadband Institute and MassHire, for this historic investment," announced Alex Train, Chief Operating Officer of La Colaborativa. "Through this new initiative, La Colaborativa looks forward to serving residents, from young

adults seeking to work in the web design field to seniors looking to remain connected to their loved ones."

In an age where digital access is fundamental, a lack of affordable, accessible technology prevents residents from obtaining a living wage job, connecting with family, completing schoolwork, and accessing medical care. La Colaborativa will deliver a first-of-its-kind, intergenerational digital equity program in Chelsea and the greater region, with the ultimate aim of helping all residents access the skills, resources, and opportunities to lead connected and upwardly mobile lives.

"These grants ensure that thousands of residents in communities across the state will have the tools and training they need," said MBI Director

Michael Baldino. "The digital divide is narrowing, and that is due to our strategic efforts to expand infrastructure and boost access. When high-speed internet is available in a Massachusetts neighborhood, these programs ensure that residents in that neighborhood can take advantage of everything the digital economy has to offer."

Through a multifaceted approach, La Colaborativa will recruit and train local residents as Digital Navigators, offering workforce development and career readiness programming, in conjunction with MBI and MassHire. Stationed in Chelsea, the Digital Navigators will host an array of workforce training opportunities and educational classes for the community, from workshops on using smartphones to

job training for residents pursuing careers in web development, logistics, and other sectors.

"The MassHire Metro North Workforce Board (MNWB), through its Work to Thrive initiative, are delighted to be partnering with La Colaborativa on this important regional investment in digital equity and access," said MNWB President and CEO Chris Albrizio-Lee. "La Colaborativa has been a long-standing partner to MNWB on various workforce initiatives targeted at Chelsea and surrounding communities. We look forward to working together to close the digital divide and increase access and opportunity for all."

In tandem, the Digital Navigators will host publicly accessible computer labs and offer a range of technical support to help

residents troubleshoot device issues, access telehealth appointments, and enroll in affordable internet service. To address the lack of affordable computer and internet access, La Colaborativa will distribute over 1,500 laptops and internet hotspots, while providing ongoing technical support for residents enrolled in the program.

As part of MBI's Digital Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Consortium, La Colaborativa seeks to make meaningful strides towards eliminating digital inequities, uplifting communities across the Metro North and North Shore regions, encompassing cities such as Revere, Chelsea, Everett, and Malden. La Colaborativa's comprehensive approach is focused on fostering a digitally inclusive future where everyone has

the opportunity to realize equitable prosperity.

For more information on this pivotal new initiative and how you can support or benefit from its programs, please visit [la-colaborativa.org](http://la-colaborativa.org).

La Colaborativa is a community-based organization dedicated to empowering, uplifting, and celebrating Latinx and immigrant communities through comprehensive direct services, leadership development, and advocacy. With a strong focus on digital equity and inclusion, La Colaborativa works tirelessly to ensure that everyone, regardless of their background, has access to the digital resources they need to succeed.

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## A FREAKY FRIDAY.....

Did you feel the earthquake Friday morning?

We were sitting in our recliner in our home when the whole house started shaking and the chair started moving rapidly back and forth. We live on the coast, so at first we thought it might be a change of direction or increase in the velocity of the wind, which can cause our house to creak and the windows to rattle a bit.

But we saw no change in the ripples on the water, so we then thought that perhaps a big truck was on the roadway. But there was no truck. Those two thoughts came in rapid succession within about five seconds, so as the shaking of our chair continued, our next, panicked thought was, "It's an earthquake!"

Five seconds later -- about 10 seconds in total -- the shaking and rattling stopped.

We immediately looked out our windows to see if the water was receding from the shoreline, thinking that if it were an off-shore quake, under the ocean, there might be a tsunami. (Of course, there wasn't.)

We then went on the internet to search for "Boston earthquake," and there were a bunch of posts on X and other social media confirming that there had indeed been an earthquake.

The earthquake's center was in New Jersey, where the seismographic recording was a 4.8. The effect in our area was considerably less.

Although there was no damage reported from the quake (even at its epicenter in New Jersey), we have to admit we were shaken to our core. Our otherwise calm Friday morning had been upended by the most random event we could have imagined -- an earthquake. It made us realize how fragile our existence is and how at a moment's notice, our world can be upended.

It also made us empathize with those who are the victims of a major earthquake and for a few seconds, we understood the sheer terror that one feels amidst an event such as that.

We realize that some might say, "It is what it is," but we have a better one: "Everything is good....until it isn't."

## .....AND A MANIC MONDAY

We had not intended to view the eclipse, so despite the hype, we had not purchased special eclipse eyewear. We figured we'd focus on what was happening around us -- the birds and other animals, the shadows, the suddenly-cooler air -- rather than on the interplay between the moon and the sun.

But a neighbor drove up as we were standing outside our home and mentioned that he had an extra pair of eclipse eyewear, which he offered to us. So we took it and got a chance to view the eclipse safely -- and we are so glad we did.

Watching that black moon disc slide over the glowing sun (to about 92% of totality here in the Boston area) was indeed a spectacle that was jaw-dropping. Although the news was filled with reports of traffic jams and millions of people traveling to watch the event in places where the eclipse was 100%, viewing the actual eclipse itself brought about a sense of calm and serenity that we can't describe. It was as if our brains were hypnotized in some way by a celestial, supernatural event.

All of us take the sun and the moon for granted each and every day. But Monday's eclipse created a sense of wonderment that never will be forgotten by those who viewed it.

## STATE BUDGET WOES: HERE WE GO AGAIN

With state revenue falling off a cliff and almost \$1 billion being spent (on an annualized basis) to house, feed, and care for immigrants who have made their way to Massachusetts from the southern border (and with no end in sight), the outlook is bleak for our state's finances.

Gov. Maura Healy last week announced a hiring freeze for state employees. In addition, the governor's \$58 billion budget proposal's allocation for local aid, particularly for education assistance, is falling far short of the needs of many cities and towns who are dealing with the influx of new migrant students.

For those of us who have been around for a while, we are well-familiar with the ups and downs of the state budget cycle. The down cycles seem to hit their trough every 12 years or so. The last downturn occurred during the Great Recession of 2008-09, but the state avoided a down-cycle during the pandemic thanks to the massive federal spending that occurred during COVID and its aftermath.

However, the unrestricted COVID funding stream has run dry and state budgets now have to deal with the new reality of less aid from the federal government amidst a time of falling revenue and increased spending.

Hopefully, with federal infrastructure spending coming on-line and unemployment still at record lows, we'll get by with a little bit of belt-tightening -- and we'll avoid the starvation-diet mode that marked previous state budget troughs.

## DAWN STALEY: A GREAT LEADER

We wish to offer our congratulations to the South Carolina women's basketball team for their incredible undefeated season and national championship, but more importantly, we wish to express our appreciation to their head coach, Dawn Staley, for exemplifying what sportsmanship is all about.

Coach Staley is a class act. Her post-game press conference, in which she spoke glowingly about Caitlin Clark and the Iowa team, was the epitome of winning with grace. She clearly rates among the top coaches, male or female, in the sports world today and her team's excellence is a reflection of her outstanding leadership.

Coach Staley has set an example not only for the sports world, but also for leaders in government and business. Hopefully, they will follow her cue.

# Forum

## Pioneer Charter School of Science Dean of Students to run Boston Marathon with student support

Pioneer Charter School of Science (PCSS) Dean Vick Jean will line up with thousands of other accomplished runners to run the most prestigious race in America: the Boston Marathon. A lifelong goal, Jean will be running the city's 128th race with PCSS students cheering for him along the famed route.

"You can run a million different marathons, but you have to run Boston to be a legitimate runner," said Jean. "The minute you say you're running Boston, there's a level of acceptance."

Now the Dean of PCSS in Everett, Jean began his career teaching Health and Physical Education in Boston Public Schools (BPS). From there, he transitioned to South Bos-

ton High as Director of Student Support and part of their administrative team. He is now in his third year with PCSS as the Dean and track and football coach. He credits his extracurricular athletic endeavors to the support he has within PCSS.

"I found a community here, and it has really helped me to focus on training," said Jean. "Not wanting to let the community down, it's a sense of pride."

A former football player at Charlestown High, Jean began running to stay healthy. When friends started encouraging him to run 5ks, he set out to tackle the Chicago Marathon in 2021. It was at that race that Jean set his sights on Boston. While he is proud of his Chicago

accomplishment and other races he has run out of state, he says that running his hometown race is his lifelong goal.

Dean Jean runs with the Heartbreakers of the Heartbreak Hill Running Co., a Boston institution. His running team and Coach, Dan, have kept him motivated and disciplined in his quest to complete the Boston Marathon. The team has trained every Saturday since Christmas of 2023 despite the fickle and inclement New England weather. Part of his training includes proper nutrition, as PCSS students have been quick to remind him.

"On Fridays, we get pizza. Some students remind me that I can't have it," said Jean. "They care. They will say, 'You have

to finish the race, no pizza for you!' They keep me honest."

PCSS students and student-athletes coached by Jean will be along the course this Monday to cheer their mentor and coach on as he accomplishes his goal. Seeing them there keeps Jean excited and focused, and his biggest advice to his students and novice runners is to stay the course and keep reaching for the next goal.

Post-race, Jean's next goal is to procure an "extra-large vanilla milkshake," a treat training has prevented him from enjoying.

Dean Jean is running for the Boston Running Collaborative. You can follow along with him using his bib number, 30201.



Above, left: PCSS Dean Vick Jean along the Boston Marathon training route. Above, right: PCSS students' card of encouragement for their Dean.



## Rates // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

opportunity to discuss this issue with our city council ahead of this public hearing."

This year, the public works department performed an assessment of the usage tier thresholds for water rates and the properties served in each tier, according to Fox-Lent.

"Overall, we find the structure to be equitable and have retained the three

tiers," she stated in a letter to Maltez. "This year, we propose a flat increase for all water users."

The three tiers are determined by monthly water and sewer usage, with higher rates per hundred cubic feet for uses that use more water per month.

Across all tiers for water and sewer, the proposed increase is 1.5 percent.

"For the monthly trash rates, we completed a sim-

ilar analysis and recommend an increase of 8% across the different usage groups," stated Fox-Lent. "Owner-occupied units will remain at no trash charge. Our 10-year contract with Wheelabrator in Saugus ends in December 2024. As landfill space in Massachusetts becomes more limited, costs for trash disposal are increasing significantly statewide."

In order to keep utilizing the nearby Saugus incinerator, Fox-Lent said the city can expect to see a jump in rates compared to the past decade.

"Other disposal options would have much larger travel costs associated," stated Fox-Lent. "Despite the increase, rates remain below the full costs of disposal, resulting in a deficit that must be subsidized by the general fund."

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# Commuter Rail and Blue Line Service Changes. What You Need to Know.

Beginning April 20th through April 28th, Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail train service will be replaced by shuttle buses between Swampscott and North Station. Additionally, Blue Line service between Airport and Wonderland will be replaced by shuttle buses during the same time.

## **NEWBURYPORT/ROCKPORT CLOSURE**

The Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail closure is for continued implementation of the Automatic Train Control (ATC) work being done to make Commuter Rail safer. It is an upgrade to the existing signal system and is required by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

## **BLUE LINE CLOSURE**

The Blue Line closure will allow for accelerated track construction work to eliminate 16 of the 18 speed restrictions on the line. At the same time the T will also undertake station repairs including lighting, painting, and deep cleaning.

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#### **Shuttle Buses\***

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Morticia Addams sings "Secrets" with Alice Beineke.



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Wednesday Addams, played by Jamairys Rivera, tries to unwind with torturing her little brother Pugsley, played by Nina Reyes.



Morticia Addams gets acquainted with her guest Alice by showing some family photos as the Addams Ancestors join in.

**MASS. BOXING COMMISSIONER  
MICHAEL ZULLO OFFICIATES  
AT REVERE POLICE BOXING SHOW**



Mass. Boxing Commissioner Michael Zullo (left) is pictured with Revere Police Officer and boxing coach Joe Singer at the Revere Boxing and Outreach's Rumble in Revere exhibition Saturday at Revere High School. The president of the Chelsea High School Class of 1974, Michael is the son of the late amateur boxing champion Michael "Mickey" Zullo and Jeanette Zullo.

**CHS Roundup**

**TWO WINS FOR  
CHS VOLLEYBALL**

The Chelsea High boys volleyball team earned a pair of victories this past week, defeating Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Everett and non-league opponent Madison Park.

In the hard-fought victory over Everett, which went to the full five sets, Red Devil captain Brandon Rodriguez Pereira had 18 kills and served six aces. Middle blocker Xavier Gonzalez delivered six aces and contributed seven kills. Captain and Libero Jason Rodrigues hustled for 11 digs and served four aces.

In the match last Friday against Madison Park, which the Red Devils won by a score of 3-1, setter David Murillo set an astounding 29 assists for his teammates. Rodriguez Pereira turned in another superb effort with six service aces and 16 kills. Outside hitter Alejandro Zeped contributed immensely to the Chelsea offense with 10 kills. Libero Rodrigues made 16 digs, while Gonzalez displayed an impressive jump serve, adding three aces as well as 11 kills.

CHS head coach Gabriel Morales and his crew were scheduled to meet GBL foe Revere yesterday (Wednesday) and will travel to GBL opponents Medford on Monday and Lynn English next Wednesday.

**RED DEVIL  
BASEBALL  
TOPS TECH  
BOSTON**

The Chelsea High baseball team bounced back from a 14-4 loss to Everett last Wednesday to record an 11-8 victory at Tech Boston Academy on Friday.

Although the Red Devil hitters faced some adversi-



Leudy Sanchez went 2-for-3 with a triple and a three-run, inside-the-park homer and scored three runs to lead the CHS baseball team to an 11-8 victory over Tech Boston Academy last Friday.

ty (the Tech stadium lights wouldn't turn on), they were able to put together a big offensive show to come away with the victory. Among the Red Devils providing the major highlights was Leudy Sanchez, who went 2-for-3 with a triple and a three-run, inside-the-park homer and scored three runs.

"Leudy hit the first home run of his high school career, with hopefully many more to come," said CHS head coach Mike Lush.

Xavier Santiago also swung a big bat for Chelsea, going 2-for-2 with two RBI and a run scored. Victor Murillo reached base via a walk and scored twice and Jesse Castillo drew two bases-on-balls and scored both times. Emmanuel Rodriguez-Vega earned a four pitch walk and scored once. Lead-off man Djeury Jules also scored a run.

Chelsea starting pitcher Darwin Martinez helped

his own cause with a single and scored a run. Darwin earned the win, yielding seven runs while striking out seven opponents. Jeanluis came on in relief and picked up the save, giving up one run on two walks and fanning two.

"The team is really starting to come together," said Lush. "The hard work is starting to pay off, and we really have some great leadership this year with Jesse, Xavier, and Elijah (Rivera). It's nice that they are getting some wins under their belts, because I think the kids are starting to realize that when you work hard, you can be successful both on the baseball field and in life."

Lush and his crew were scheduled to play Revere yesterday (Wednesday). They will travel to Lynn English next Wednesday and to Medford next Thursday.

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# Cartwright announces candidacy for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court in Suffolk County

Suffolk County Attorney Allison S. Cartwright announced she is running for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court in Suffolk County. Cartwright is looking to build on her thirty-plus years of legal representation and management in the Clerk position, which oversees critical functions within the court system including managing the court's single justice caseload concerning bail reviews, appeals from state registration boards and agencies, and appeals from lower courts. Additionally, the Clerk handles all matters concerning the admission of attorneys to the Massachusetts bar, and attorney discipline.

"Fundamentally this job is about navigating justice and access to our state's highest court," said Allison Cartwright. "Ensuring the working class and poor people have access



Allison S. Cartwright.

to justice and be able to navigate the court system has been my life's work. I have represented everyone from children to adults, immigrants, citizens, people in recovery – essentially everyone who has ever needed a second chance. Key to that second chance is a system that is fair, open, and equitable."

Cartwright currently serves in the Committee for Public Counsel Services's Public Defenders Division, where she oversees seventy-five public defenders, social workers,

and investigators for Suffolk and Norfolk counties. She works daily to ensure that staff have the tools necessary to provide top notch defense, necessary services, and are able to protect fundamental constitutional and human rights.

In recognition of her zealous advocacy, commitment to justice, and formidable career, Attorney Cartwright has been appointed to a number of advisory boards, including Boston's Police Reform Task Force, the Massachusetts Advisory Board on Probation, and the Governor's Restorative Justice Advisory Committee. Through her service on these boards, she has shaped criminal justice policies at the city and state level.

Cartwright today also announced that Maggie Van Scoy will spearhead her campaign as cam-

campaign manager. Van Scoy brings public service experience, having most recently served as Mayor Michelle Wu's Office of Neighborhood Services liaison to Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Kenmore, and Mission Hill, where she served as the administration's primary point of contact for area residents and helped facilitate the delivery of core city services across the those neighborhoods.

"I am thrilled to join the Cartwright campaign and have the opportunity to elect someone with such an impressive background in law and public service to this critical position in our judicial system," said Van Scoy. "To know Allison is to be in awe of her dedication to justice, fairness, and society's most vulnerable."

Rounding out the initial campaign team are Attorney Cartwright's

two campaign committee co-chairs: Attorney Keren Goldenberg and Massachusetts State Senator for the Third Suffolk district Lydia Edwards.

"I am so excited that Allison Cartwright is running for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. As a courtroom lawyer, I know that the best clerks have litigation and management experience, and Allison has both," said Attorney Goldenberg. "As Allison's colleague and friend, I know that she is organized, respectful of others, and thoughtful. Lawyers, judges, litigants, court staff, and the public will benefit from having her in this position."

"I can't think of anyone more qualified or prepared for this job. I have met plenty of lawyers in my life, and am one myself, but Cartwright's experience and resume is beyond

impressive. Not only does she manage attorneys she is educating the next generation of lawyers at Harvard Law School," said Senator Edwards. "There is something about this position that calls not just for legal experience but for an impartial, apolitical record of dedication to helping people. That's what Allison has. She has advocated in the courts, provided access to the courts, and now it's time to let her to work for the courts."

Additionally, Attorney Cartwright is honored to have former Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Geraldine Hines and civil rights attorney Rashaan Hall serving as members of her growing campaign committee.

The primary election is September 3, 2024.

## Massachusetts requires analysis of cumulative impacts for air quality permits near EJ populations

The Healey-Driscoll Administration moved to address air quality issues in or near environmental justice areas by announcing amendments to state air pollution regulations. The communities of Revere, Everett, Chelsea, Charlestown and East Boston are considered in environmental justice areas. The changes require certain facilities seeking air emissions permits in or near communities with environmental justice populations to conduct a cumulative impact analysis, which evaluates existing local environmental and health conditions in

a community. The regulations also require enhanced public outreach to, and meaningful involvement of, environmental justice populations in the permitting process. The new regulations are now in force and apply to permit applications filed with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) on or after July 1, 2024.

"Our administration is committed to addressing longstanding environmental injustice," said Governor Maura Healey. "Massachusetts is proud to make history as the first state in the nation to

launch a statewide program to require a detailed, site-specific evaluation of cumulative impacts to consider public health and other factors. We hope to set the standard for others to follow as we seek to right past wrongs and build healthier, more inclusive communities."

"A cumulative impact analysis will offer a more complete picture of environmental and health conditions in affected communities and equip residents to be involved in the permitting process from the very beginning," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This is a

significant development as our administration continues to prioritize participation, transparency, and protection of public health in permitting decisions."

"This approach takes a holistic look at what existing conditions might be worsened by a new or increasing source of air pollution," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "It provides opportunities for residents to meaningfully engage in the permitting process to help identify mitigation strategies and ensure that these facilities are a benefit to – not a further burden on – environmental justice communities."

People are exposed to pollution through air, water, and land. Over time, these exposures can add up and interact with each other, and combined with existing health and socioeconomic conditions, can cause adverse health impacts.

Communities that are home to numerous sources of pollution – such as highways or waste facilities – often have higher rates of asthma and other serious health conditions. This is especially true in communities with environmental justice areas, where residents have higher instances of health issues related to socioeconomic conditions. Current air pollution regulations do not require new facilities to assess potential pollution in light of existing environmental and health conditions or existing pollutant sources in the area. By requiring new and expanding facilities that will emit air pollution to conduct a cumulative impacts analysis prior to applying for an air permit, residents will be empowered with practical information about potential impacts to their health and community.

"The cumulative impact analysis gives our agency and the public a better basis to evaluate project proposals in real-world contexts," said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. "MassDEP has developed innovative tools and compiled comprehensive datasets that can be used by permit applicants and interested residents to assess local impacts."

"These new regulations will empower communities with information about the impacts of air pollution on their health," said Undersecretary for Environmental Justice

and Equity María Belén Power. "As new facilities seek to come into neighborhoods, environmental justice communities will have the data and transparency they deserve. This is an important step towards achieving justice for all people in Massachusetts."

### Community Engagement

Early community engagement and advance notification are key requirements of the new rules.

The regulations apply to projects that would emit significant amounts of air pollutants in or near environmental justice communities – for example, certain power plants, large boilers, and manufacturing facilities. At least 60 days before applying for a new or modified air permit, the permit applicant must provide a notification and fact sheet about the proposed project to nearby environmental justice populations, local officials, and MassDEP. The applicant also must provide public involvement opportunities and document and respond to comments and concerns raised by the public.

### Comprehensive Analysis

The new rules require permit applicants to assess existing community conditions by evaluating 33 environmental, health, and socio-economic indicators. These indicators help characterize existing pollution sources, health vulnerabilities, and other stressors that could be worsened by increased air emissions from the proposed project. The updated rules require a more comprehensive analysis of the impacts of these projects to local communities, including consideration of:

- Existing air pollution and health conditions.
- Vulnerabilities in affected communities; and
- Socioeconomic and demographic indicators.

MassDEP has developed guidance and tools in support of the new regulations that can be used by permit applicants and environmental justice populations. These include guidance on how to conduct a cumulative impact analysis, including public outreach, assessment of existing community conditions, and analysis of cumulative impacts; a Mapping and Data Application for use in the assessment of existing community conditions; and a Massachusetts Air Toxics Risk Screening Tool (MATRiST) that can be used

in the cumulative impact analysis to estimate cumulative air toxics risks from proposed projects.

MassDEP plans to review this program within two years of the effective date of the regulations, including by soliciting input and feedback from the public regarding potential updates.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has made environmental justice central to its climate and environmental agenda. Under Governor Healey, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs created the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity, led by Undersecretary María Belén Power and secured \$7 million for environmental justice staffing and initiatives across agencies, including MassDEP. The Office of Environmental Justice and Equity also recently announced the state's first Environmental Justice Strategy, which includes MassDEP's department-specific strategy to meaningfully engage with environmental justice communities.

"The new Massachusetts air permit regulations take a bold step to protect overburdened and underserved communities in a new way, requiring consideration of cumulative impacts from environment, public health and socioeconomic conditions as part of the permitting process," said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. "The combination of considering cumulative impacts and enhanced community engagement to address community priorities early in the process is foundational to environmental justice. We hope that this will serve as a model for other states across the country and bring new air quality and public health improvements to Massachusetts residents."

"For environmental justice communities and advocates, the concept of cumulative impact assessment – that some communities bear a greater collective burden than others – is fundamental. We applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration and, in particular, the Department of Environmental Protection for moving the ball forward and incorporating cumulative impact assessment in the Commonwealth's air permitting process," said GreenRoots

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# Registry of Motor Vehicles cautions public to beware of deceptive and mimic websites

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding customers to use only Mass.Gov/RMV for information or to perform many transactions, including when trying to renew a license or registration. While there has been no sharp increase in reports of deceptive and mimic websites to the RMV, this is a busy time of year for customer transactions so the RMV is issuing this reminder to the public about sites which have been created to mislead customers into thinking they have reached the official RMV website.

"We urge everyone to be vigilant when performing transactions or providing information online for RMV-related services. Customers should avoid using any unofficial third-party websites claiming to assist with RMV services, and inform their relatives and friends about this as well," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "On our official website Mass.Gov/RMV, customers can look up how much specific services cost and see which services are available to them at no charge."

To ensure you are accessing the official RMV site, please remember the following:

- In Massachusetts, we use the term "Registry of Motor Vehicles" and "RMV," so log-off if the site refers the "DMV" or the "Department of Motor Vehicles."
- At Mass.Gov/RMV, you will never be charged to check your license, registration or title status.
- At Mass.Gov/RMV,

you will never be charged to access Registry forms and information.

• At Mass.Gov/RMV, you will never be charged to change your address on file.

The Registry actively posts online about this topic including on X @ MassRMV, and a warning regarding third party websites remains featured in the RMV's Driver's Manual.

Reports of fraudulent websites can be directed to the Attorney General's Office at <http://www.mass.gov/ago/consumer-resources/consumer-assistance/consumer-complaint.html> and the Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftc.gov/>.

In addition, customers should beware of text messages or emails which claim to be from MassDOT or the RMV, as these communications often are dangerous phishing scams and not official MassDOT and RMV sources. These fraudulent texts and emails may include links, which do not lead to official MassDOT or RMV websites, and customers should not follow the links nor reply to these messages with personal information.

Customers with additional questions about how to identify and avoid scams can contact the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation by calling the Consumer Hotline at (617) 973-8787, or toll-free in Massachusetts at (888) 283-3757.

For the latest Registry updates and information, follow the RMV on X @ MassRMV.

## Gerald Ralph Buckler

Former Chelsea Police Dept. member and retired carpenter



At 101 years of age, Gerald Ralph Buckler passed away

Thursday afternoon, April 4th at the Life Care Center of Stoneham.

Gerald was born in St. John's Newfoundland, Canada and moved to the United States when he was seven years old. He was a longtime Chelsea resident before moving to Malden. Gerald lived in Malden for 36 years before taking residence in Stoneham.

He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1942. After graduation, Gerald enlisted in the U.S. Navy. A WWII Veteran, Gerald was honorably discharged on December 20, 1946. He was a former member of the Chelsea Police Department. A carpenter by trade, Gerald retired in 1986. He was a late member of the Carpenters Union, Local #327, the Pile Drivers

Union, Local #56 and the American Legion Post #69 in Malden. Gerald will be fondly remembered by all who loved him.

Gerald was predeceased by his wife, Katherine A. "Kay" (McHatton) Buckler and his sister, Jean LeGrow. He was the dear uncle of Mark LeGrow, Kenneth LeGrow, Patricia Fothergill and her husband, Herbert "Chuck" and Leo "Buddy" McHatton.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Wednesday, April 10. Funeral services followed the visitation in the Funeral Home. Services concluded with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

Family and friends are encouraged to visit [carafafuneralhome.com](http://carafafuneralhome.com) to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

## Patricia Ann "Patty" Ippolito

She leaves behind a legacy of strength that will endure for generations to come

Patricia Ann "Patty" (Frongillo) Ippolito, the beloved matriarch of her family in Revere, passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday, April 7th, at the age of 76, surrounded by her loving family. Her brave spirit and dedication to her family will be dearly missed.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours today, Thursday, April 11th in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., followed by a Funeral Service in the funeral home at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

A loving daughter to the late Andrew and Jenny Frongillo of Revere, where she was born and raised as the youngest in a family of eleven children. Patty worked for the New England Telephone Co. as a long-distance operator after graduation. She then met Frank in Chelsea, her soon-to-be husband. After marriage, she lived in Chelsea as a homemaker and stood by him in running the family businesses, Mills Corner Service Station and Ippolito Snow Plowing of Chelsea.

She was very active in sports and loved to ski. She played softball for Reardon's Pub and was nick-named "Flash" for her speed and team spirit. She always liked taking chances, be it a card game, playing the lottery, or spinning the roulette wheel hoping for her lucky number (2) two. She was a special person, known for her toughness, generosity and desire to win.

Patty loved summer activities with her family and was always on the go, enjoying St. Anthony's Feast and seeing the sandcastles on Revere Beach along with trips to Hampton Beach, Cape Cod, and Maine. She also enjoyed traveling to visit her family in North Carolina and Florida.

She was very active in her grandchildren's schools, known as "Nana Teddy" to the Revere High School JROTC community, and she volunteered at the Paul Revere and Hill Schools. Patty leaves behind a legacy of strength that will endure for generations to come.

She is survived by her devoted son, Frank J. Ippolito III, of Boston and her loving daughter, Melissa M. Ippolito of Revere, both of whom stood



beside her at every step of the way in fighting a long battle with illness.

Following the passing of her beloved husband, Frank J. Ippolito Jr., thirteen years ago, Patty supported her son, Frankie, who carried on the legacy of the family business that she supported for over 50 years.

Patricia also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren, Haley and Ethan Tedesco of Revere, whose lives she enriched immeasurably, and a great-granddaughter, Audianna, who brought her boundless joy and smiles. She was a loving sibling to Junior Frongillo, Jeanette Tammara, Anthony Frongillo of Revere, Dottie Bernstein and Robert Frongillo of Saugus, Lillian Robinson and Kay Ferragamo of Supply, North Carolina and the late Marie Perella, Irene Souza and Joseph Frongillo. She also leaves behind her sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia O'Sullivan, Joseph Ippolito of Chelsea, and Jimmy and Jane Ippolito of Saugus.

Throughout her life, Patty touched the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her legacy of giving, resilience and love will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to be a part of her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Patty's memory to the American Kidney Fund by visiting [www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org) to continue her legacy of giving back to the community that helped her in many ways.

A heartfelt thank you to all the caring staff at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Fresenius Dialysis Center in Chelsea, Care Dimensions Hospice and the Ride Right Transportation company in Revere. The suffering is over, rest in peace, dear Patty.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com).

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

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Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni. "But we know that cumulative environmental impacts affect more than just the air we breathe; it affects our water and is reflected in the land use decisions we make. We look forward to continuing to work with the Administration to fully implement cumulative impact assessment in all aspects of the Commonwealth's equitable protection of our environment and the health of its residents."

"Cumulative Impact Assessments will vastly improve our ability to protect air quality by making fact-based, historically informed decisions about permitting in vulnerable communities. We applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Department of Environmental Protection for taking this first-in-the nation

step to ensure cleaner air for all Massachusetts residents," said Amy Boyd Rabin, Vice President of Policy for the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

"Safeguards for overburdened communities that already experience too much pollution and health damage are sorely needed and are critical to make sure we don't deepen environmental injustices," said Cindy Luppi, National Field Director, Clean Water Action. "We're grateful that the Healey-Driscoll Administration wants to address this on-going pattern of injustice in some of the Commonwealth's low-income and BIPOC communities. Meaningful regulations offer the promise of a healthier and more just tomorrow and we hope that many more states follow Massachusetts' lead."

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# 5,000 North shore educators taking action for paid parental leave

In an unprecedented move, more than 5,000 educators across 11 North Shore school districts are banding together for a coordinated series of morning demonstrations next week. The united front presented by local unions belonging to both the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts is fighting for access to paid family leave, calling it an immediate necessity for educators who are expectant parents as well for educators who need to care for family members.

Members of participating unions will gather outside their school buildings before the start of the workday and will walk into work together, raising awareness about public school educators' lack of paid family leave.

While educator unions were among the strongest advocates for the state Paid Family and Medical Leave Act, approved in 2018, the law excluded municipal workers, including public school employees.

Consequently, educators need to use the contract bargaining process to establish paid family leave that is comparable to the benefits afforded private-sector workers.

Districts participating in the week of action include Beverly, Gloucester, Revere, Ipswich, Hamilton-Wenham, Massconomet Regional, Danvers, Salem, Marblehead, Georgetown, and Chelsea. The educator unions in these districts are actively bargaining new contracts, with current ones set to expire this year.

Educators in these districts explain why they support the initiative:

"Educators in Beverly keep giving and giving to make sure our students have everything they need to be successful," said Allison Nichols, a seventh-grade Spanish teacher and expectant mother at Beverly Middle School. "It is so disheartening that our district, in negotiations, makes us feel unworthy of having a benefit all other workers in Massachusetts have access to by law."

"Every day, teachers come to work and must navigate under-resourced and under-appreciated classrooms," said Siobhan Keplin, the music teacher and parent of two at Garfield Elementary School in Revere. "Despite working for a community that I have loved for 16 years, I experienced two largely unpaid maternity leaves that my family is still recovering from, and I am far from the only one to go through this. My colleagues and I are walking in to raise awareness of this injustice, and in hopes that with a fair contract, no future expectant parent needs to go through what I went through."

"With the nationally reported teacher shortage occurring, why would any new educator — especially those planning to become moms like myself — come all the way to Gloucester when they can go to another district that provides this fundamental benefit?" asked Brittany McGrail, an eighth-grade ELA/Social Studies teacher at O'Maley Innovation Middle School in Gloucester

and an expectant mother. "If Gloucester wants to attract and retain the best educators, it must offer competitive compensation—including paid parental leave."

"We are now seeking the same basic rights and dignity. Educators need time to welcome new children into their families and be there when loved ones need them," said Kathryn Anderson, an eighth-grade special education teacher at Browne Middle School in Chelsea and president of the Chelsea Teachers Union. "This will make us better educators. And being able to offer paid family leave will make it easier to retain staff and to fill job openings at a time when most schools are scrambling to fill vacancies."

More than 5,000 educators will participate in standouts and walk-ins next week. Members from individual districts will be available for interviews. Each local union will distribute a press advisory with the date, time and locations for their members' walk-in.

# Open Space // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Chelsea until being sent to a farm school with his siblings.

"This was the beginning of a distinguished career, which notably included drawing the blueprints for Alexander Graham Bell's telephone patent in 1976 and improving on Thomas Edison's initial design for the electric

lightbulb," stated Maltez. "His improvements make incandescent light bulbs practical, affordable, and longer-lasting than Edison's original invention. He went on to supervise the installation of public electric lights throughout New York, Philadelphia, Montreal, and London."

Other notable inven-

tions by Latimer included the first toilet for railcars and an early forerunner of air conditioning.

Robinson has long been an advocate of Latimer and his historical impact.

"I think this is long overdue within our city to recognize people who have made great contributions to our country," said

Robinson.

Currently, the project itself is in an early design phase as the city advances through permitting, which Maltez said he expects will take the next 12 to 18 months given the complexities of the site.

# Grant // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

borhood shopping, community centers, bus and subway stations, and the limited number of supermarkets in Chelsea and East Boston," stated Maltez. "Our community is deeply connected to East Boston by cultural, social, and economic ties. Residents, employees, and visitors frequently travel between our communities

to reach major job centers, including Logan Airport, connect to essential bus and subway services, and access a high density of business, housing, and cultural and recreational resources."

Maltez said connecting the paths is also an opportunity to make substantial advancements in the communities' resilience to cli-

mate change, noting that Eastern Avenue is a critical regional transportation corridor that is currently a major flood pathway in the city.

"As sea levels rise and extreme storms become more common, the threat of significant flooding from Chelsea Creek will only grow," stated Maltez. "Chelsea and East Boston

are difficult to navigate between when traveling by foot, bike, or public transit. Chelsea Street and the Chelsea Street Bridge carries significant motor vehicle, transit, and freight traffic, are missing links in the growing high-comfort walking and biking network and are not designed to accommodate existing and proposed high-fre-

# Concerns // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

sus and Kelly Garcia, state Representative Judith Garcia, and City Manager Fidel Maltez to inform the public and hear concerns.

Vega said she also worked with Council President De Jesus to hold an emergency council meeting with state officials to ask questions about the plan.

A second informational meeting with representatives from La Colaborativa, the service provider the state chose for the shelter, is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center.

In her outreach to her district and the city, Vega said she has heard concerns from residents about whether the Quigley Building is habitable for the migrants who will be housed there, as well as about the increase of foot traffic and the lack of outdoor space in the neighborhood.

"Regularly, it is not a neighborhood with heavy foot traffic," said Vega. "Also with the construction going on, we know that there are going to be families who are living in the shelter temporarily have access to outdoor spaces. Right now, there is no park, there are not really outdoor spaces."

Vega said some neighbors have also asked about who they should contact if there are safety or other concerns associated with the shelter.

"There are a lot of unknowns that they are

concerned about, and the best folks to answer are the state and the service providers," said Vega. "In addition to those concerns, they also had concerns about school funding, and if the children are going into our school system, how are we going to be reimbursed."

Having the public information meetings and platforms for the neighbors to share their concerns is a priority, Vega said. In addition to the residents of the neighborhood, she said it is also important to reach out and inform the current residents of the new Soldiers' Home and the domiciliary campus about how the temporary shelter will impact their lives.

While there has been a premium on getting out information in the wake of the announcement of the temporary shelter, Vega said she and other city leaders will continue to work to get information from the state and, in turn, inform the public, during the entire six to 12 months the building is expected to be in use.

"In addition to listening to my constituents' concerns and making sure that everyone is informed to the best of my ability, is making sure that folks are reminded that this is a humanitarian crisis and that we are doing this because it is what's necessary," said Vega. "Aside from working with my constituents, I've also been meeting with neighbors who want to make sure that the folks who come here feel welcomed."

quency bus services or growth in traffic."

Creating new walking, biking, and transit connections while also balancing critical freight needs, will become increasingly important in the coming years as traffic through Chelsea continues to grow, Maltez added.

"We look forward to advancing this project in

partnership with the City of Boston and the BPDA, and look forward to a future where our communities are more closely connected and prepared to withstand the hazards of climate change," said Maltez.

# LEGAL NOTICES

## LEGAL NOTICE



**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
Invitation For Bids  
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The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked "Chelsea High School HVAC System Replacement Phase I".  
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Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Chelsea High School HVAC System Replacement Phase I" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts.  
• A Non-Mandatory pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 8:00 am to 10:00 am, Chelsea High School, 299 Everett Avenue, Chelsea 02150. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) -HVAC category and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement. GENERAL BIDS will be received no later than

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Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
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Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "CENTRAL FIRE ROOF REPLACEMENT" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts.  
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU24P0654EA  
Estate of: Robert McAllister  
Date of Death 10/25/2023  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Adviniacare At Eastpointe of Chelsea, 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: Jessica L. Libby, Esq. of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 22, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate  
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And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
Docket No. SU23D1006DR  
Jose A. Coral Salas Plaintiff  
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Angjie G. Ardila Moreno Defendant  
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 21, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304  
Docket No. SU24P0746GD  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300  
In the matter of: Felix Guillen Of: Revere, MA  
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Felix Guillen is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Luis Guillen of Chelsea, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
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object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/02/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 04, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate  
04/11/24

**BRUINS Beat** by Bob Morello

**Bruins lack drive in Hurricanes loss**

Things can sometimes get out of hand when the forecast is 'Hurricane,' and you end up almost getting a tsunami. The Bruins can attest to that, as the most damage in their 4-1 loss was caused by the hurricane named 'Andrei' (Svechnikov), who scored his 19th goal of the season via his third career lacrosse type goal. Svechnikov, continued the chaos by assisting on Teuvo Teravainen's goal, which gave the Carolina Hurricanes (50-22-7) a quick 2-0 lead, as the Canes closed the gap between them and the New York Rangers, to just three points, in the race for the top spot in the Metropolitan Division. The loss to the Hurricanes put an end to the B's four-game win streak. It was not a good night for Bruins goalie Jeremy Swayman, as he was beaten on shots that would usually not be a problem for him, excepting of course the goal which was accidentally tapped in off the Boston goal, off the stick of Bruin Pavel Zacha. Following the game, Swayman was modest in his explanation, "They (Carolina) are well-coached and they have a great team. We just have

to accept it. Obviously not something we want to do in our home barn, but I think it's good for us moving forward, understanding that no team's going to be soft on us just because there's four games left in the season. So, it's our job to get punched in the face and get back up." Good explanation, but I don't think that Swayman's recent performance enhanced his shot at getting the nod for starting Game 1 of the upcoming playoffs.

Boston fell to 46-18-15, and their lead over the Florida Panthers is now a mere three points, with each having three games remaining. An obvious lack of effort were the names of Brad Marchand and David Pastrnak, missing from the game scoresheet, despite coach Montgomery pairing them up during the game, in an attempt to bolster the offense. This game was not the type of 'playoff hockey' that one would expect would carry the Bruins deep into the playoffs. In the post-game press conference, head coach Jim Montgomery summed up the evening's work with, "We really had no transitional offense. I give them credit, they checked and

that's what we're going to see in the playoffs, we had a good stretch here, we've been playing well. We've got a couple of days off. We'll reset. We'll come back to work on Pittsburgh (6-1-3 last ten, Saturday 8:00pm)." The locals are off until they encounter the Penguins on Saturday, followed by the short trip to face the Washington Capitals (4-4-2) on Monday 7:00pm. The B's return to TD Garden for their final regular season game when they face the Ottawa Senators (6-4-0) on Tuesday 7:00pm. Last ten game notes are based on current records as of today (Wednesday).

**2023-24 SEASON AWARDS**

Charlie Coyle was named the recipient of the Eddie Shore Award, for the second season in a row, and is given to the player who shows exceptional hustle and determination. David Pastrnak was chosen as the winner of the Elizabeth Dufresne Trophy, for the third season, this trophy is awarded to the player exemplifying outstanding performance on home ice as determined by the Boston Chapter of the Professional Hockey Writers Association. Li-

nus Ullmark was named winner of the John P. Bucyk Award for providing exceptional off-ice charitable contributions, chosen by Bucyk, who is in his 67th season with the

organization. The final category was 98.5 The Sports Hub Three Stars. Winners were David Pastrnak (First Star), Jeremy Swayman (Second Star) and Brad Marchand (Third

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15. Problem solves income discrepancy.
16. Performs other related duties as required.

**Minimum Qualifications and Experience:**

Strong math, writing and computer skills including, but not limited to, MS Office. Knowledge of PHA-WEB is preferred not required. Ability to work with numbers in an accurate manner. Good communication (written and oral) skills, must be well-organized and accurate in making mathematical calculations and data-entry, must be able to work well with persons of diverse backgrounds. Must exercise good judgment in maintaining the confidentiality and integrity of CHA's financial information. Good organizational and office skills. A minimum of three years' experience and High School diploma or GED is required

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### MVES ANNOUNCES TECH COURSE GRADUATES



Carla Matute, Technology Access Program Coordinator for Mystic Valley Elder Services, leads the iPad Basics class in Chelsea.



Graduates of Mystic Valley Elder Services' iPad Basics course poses with their certificates of completion, as Michael De Jesús, Program Coordinator at the Chelsea Senior Center cheers them on.

Residents Complete iPad Basics Training Class at Chelsea Senior Center. Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is proud to announce the completion of its first iPad Basics course. The class was held in partnership with the Chelsea Senior Center through MVES' Technology Access Program, which was created to bridge the "digital divide" and promote access to technology among older adults and

people with disabilities. The four-week iPad Basics course was offered bilingually in Spanish. The instructor was Carla Matute, MVES' Technology Access Program Coordinator. In addition to partnering with Chelsea Senior Center, MVES received a grant from the City of Chelsea's Chelsea Community Fund, which enabled participants to receive their own iPad. "It was wonderful to

watch our participants gain skills and confidence as the course progressed. They were thrilled to graduate, but I think the MVES and Senior Center teams were even prouder!" said Matute. "It's gratifying to see the immediate and lasting impact our Technology Access Program has had since it launched." In addition to iPad Basics, the MVES Technology Access Program provides one-to-one train-

ing, Troubleshoot Cafés, assistance with obtaining affordable internet access, and more. "Through classes like iPad Basics, the Technology Access Program instills a comfort level with technology that opens doors for older adults and people with disabilities," said Lisa Gurgone, Chief Executive Officer, MVES. "Telehealth, connection with loved ones, the ability to apply for services

and programs – these are things many of us take for granted. Our world is increasingly reliant on technology and the goal at MVES is to ensure no one in our community is left behind by that shift." Interested in helping to bridge the tech divide? MVES needs more volunteers! Tech expertise is not required, just a comfort level with basic computer and internet practices. Bilingual and multilingual

volunteers are welcomed. Visit [www.mves.org](http://www.mves.org) or call 781-324-7705 to learn more. Mystic Valley Elder Services has provided a wide range of home- and community-based care and resources to older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers since 1975. A nonprofit, MVES serves Chelsea and 10 other Greater Boston communities.

## La Colaborativa tackles food insecurity, youth economic development through new urban agriculture initiative

La Colaborativa, a major community organization focused on empowering Latinx residents and enhancing quality of life, is pleased to announce an unprecedented expansion of its Food and Nutrition Department. Through this expansion, La Colaborativa will launch a new urban agriculture unit to boost access to healthy, culturally familiar produce, while establishing a new youth development program focused on training young adults for careers in the food security, culinary, and nutrition fields.

"As climate change and gentrification intensify, residents across the community are grappling with rising prices and grave food insecurity," said Alex Train, COO of La Colaborativa. "We're thrilled to deploy this unique model to address social determinants of health, while setting out pathways for our youth to pursue careers that can transform their community."

In conjunction with Freight Farms, a pioneer in container farming technology, La Colaborativa will install and operate the first containerized urban

farming unit in Chelsea. Harnessing the power of technology, the unit will cultivate up to 12,000 pounds of fresh produce for the community each year. Grounded in the principles of health equity, La Colaborativa's efforts aim to comprehensively address social determinants of health by promoting a model of survival, stability, and empowerment. Distributed through its large-scale food pantry, fresh vegetables from the freight farm will help residents access healthier emergency food products, improving physical and mental health, which are a vital lifeline as rent, utility, and household costs sharply grow.

"La Colaborativa is committed to a holistic approach to combat food insecurity," said Juan Camilo Saavedra, Director of Food and Nutrition at La Colaborativa. "This project will allow us to dramatically boost hyper-local food production by involving the next generation of community leaders, increasing access to healthy, culturally familiar foods."

Connected to the food

pantry, residents gain access to essential resources, such as emergency housing assistance, rapid reemployment, and urgent healthcare. As members stabilize, La Colaborativa works with the entire family unit to improve physical, mental, and social determinants of health, a pillar of prosperity often overlooked by social service providers. Amongst various services, nutrition counseling and cooking classes, utilizing healthy produce harvested from the freight farm, empower families to adopt healthy cooking habits, yielding positive health impacts and long term stability.

Looking towards our shared future, this partnership introduces a multifaceted program aimed at empowering youth to cultivate skills and pursue career ambitions that reveal economic opportunity. By receiving workforce and career readiness training related to food security, urban agriculture, and community resilience, youth will be employed to manage the freight farm. In parallel, youth will be connected to career opportunities that can posi-

tively impact the community. Youth contributing to the freight farm will be supported through robust mentorship and leadership development activities.

This collaboration marks a groundbreaking step towards combating food and economic insecurity in Chelsea, particularly in communities lacking access to healthy, culturally familiar foods. Simultaneously, this new initiative seeks to catalyze lasting economic opportunities for youth, with the ultimate goal of fostering generational community development.

Youth STEM Workforce Development: At the heart of this initiative is a commitment to the youth of our community. By providing hands-on experience in Freight Farms' innovative wet lab environments, local youth can engage directly with the science and technology powering modern agriculture. This approach allows participants to see the tangible results of their work within weeks, fostering a deeper connection to the food system and opening up new pathways in the STEM fields.

Mental Health Benefits: This initiative recognizes the therapeutic benefits of interacting with nature and focuses on mental well-being. Given Chelsea's scarcity of green spaces, the Freight Farm offers a unique opportunity for community members to engage with plant growth in a meaningful way. This connection not only eases anxiety and promotes mental health but also instills a sense of responsibility toward nutrition and food security within the community.

Expanding Urban Farming Capacity: In an era where urban farming is increasingly recognized as crucial for sustainable agriculture, this partnership aims to leverage Chelsea's urban landscape effectively. Given the local challenges, including significant soil pollution that can adversely affect health, this initiative opts for soilless agriculture methods to provide safe, nutritious food options for local households. Simultaneously, it lays the groundwork for long-term environmental recovery and sustainability.

A Vision for the Future:

By combining technological innovation, youth development, and a commitment to health and sustainability, La Colaborativa and Freight Farms is setting a precedent for how communities can overcome barriers to food security and education. This initiative addresses immediate needs and invests in the future of Chelsea's residents, ensuring they have the skills, knowledge, and resources to thrive in a changing world.

La Colaborativa is a cornerstone of community support in Massachusetts, dedicated to empowering immigrants and low-income families through advocacy, social services, and educational programs. Its commitment to the welfare of diverse communities makes it a leading voice in the fight against hunger and poverty.

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