Youth soccer scrimmage kicks off revitalized Highland Park project

City officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday evening at the newly renovated Highland Park soccer field. The project was funded with ARPA federal Covid-relief funds and has been part of the city’s capitol improvement plan.

City Manager Fidel Maltez welcomed residents who attended the ribbon cutting, and the field was put to good use with a scrimmage between players from the Matias Soccer School and Chelsea Youth Soccer. Officials thanked Juan Mejia, Director of the Matias Soccer School, and Ormision Medina, Director of the Chelsea Youth Soccer League, for everything they do for the city’s youth, and gave special thanks to the players and parents who provided an exciting game to highlight the night.

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Seven solar, wind, and storage facilities. It will also allow the department to support cleaning up as many new, solar, wind, and storage facilities. This language included DiDomenico’s proposal to increase the number of permits eligible for a single, bulk deposit as a way to keep costs down for ratepayers across the state.

A long-serving member of Rotary

T名家 Gordon, owner of the Rotary Club, was a member of the Rotary Club for 40 years. He was the third-longest member in terms of service, and it is clear how much he has contributed. I was proud to have been associated with Rick Gordon and I was pleased to see him recognized for his long service.

Rick Gordon, owner of a past association

Gordon was honored to represent the Rotary Club in his capacity as a long-time member. He was a member of the Rotary Club for 40 years and served as the club president.

Rick Gordon's contributions

Gordon enjoyed the small-town atmosphere of Chelsea and the vibrancy and energy of the Boston business district.

"It's a small world. Everybody knows everybody. It's a bit like a small town. The people are very friendly and the businesses are very approachable. Gordon is also known for his volunteerism. He has been involved in many community projects, including a campaign to clean up the town's trash. Gordon is a well-respected member of the community and a popular figure in the business world.

The climate bill will allow Massachusetts to reduce the amount of carbon emitted by its electric grid for the benefit of the whole state. A personable, good-natured person, Gordon has always maintained his presence in the community and has been involved in many local organizations such as the Rotary Club. His dedication and commitment to the community are evident in his many contributions.

The legislation would require the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to implement a program to incentivize EV usage, which would be crucial to achieving net zero carbon emissions.

The bill means in states that have already made the transition to EVs, the benefits are clear. In states that are just beginning the transition, it will take an in-depth look to see the potential impact under this legislation. A recent study by Massport found that the shift towards EVs as a primary mode of transportation would result in a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
The Chelsea High School baseball team in collaboration with the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce hosted the first Kickball Tournament Fundraiser June 29 at Carter Park.

Head baseball coach Michael Lush, Athletic Director Amanda Alpert, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director welcomed several teams to the coed tournament.

Following the games, the coaches and players enjoyed a get-together at the Brown Jug.

CHS BASEBALL TEAM AND CHELSEA CHAMBER HOLD KICKBALL FUNDRAISER

Cassandra Thompson and Carolyn Boumila-Vega.

Javier Martinez, John Feeley, former CHS baseball star John Monte, and Hector Rojas.

Kickball Tournament umpires, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Emergency Management Director Steve Staffier, and former CHS sports star John Hassell.

Do a great job organizing the first Chelsea High School Kickball Tournament Fundraiser, Director of Athletics Amanda Alpert, CHS baseball coach Michael Lush, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.

Jenny Reynolds, CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and Cary Hovey of CAPIC.

Team Kick-Fil-A players had a great time participating in the Kickball Tournament Fundraiser held at Carter Park.

Team Kiwanis Club of Chelsea, led by President Elaine Monge (front row, third from right) and Vice President Carolyn Boumila-Vega (front row, center).

The Chelsea Police Department, always ready to support the community, fielded a team in the Kickball Tournament.
HURRICANE BERYL: A HARBINGER OF WHAT TO COME?

By now we’ve all become aware of Hurricane Beryl, which left a trail of death and destruction in its wake during the past week stretching from the Southern Caribbean to Texas as it set records for the strongest-ever hurricane in the Atlantic. Warm ocean waters are the jet fuel for hurricanes, and the accumulation of heat off the coasts of Beryl is key for Beryl’s rapid intensity and re-intensi-

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Project Bread secures $10,000 grant to bolster anti-hunger efforts across the Northeast

Project Bread, the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts, is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a $10,000 grant from the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), the nation’s leading anti-hunger advocacy organization. This grant will bolster Project Bread’s pivotal role in advancing the Northeast Regional Anti-Hunger Network (NERAHN), a coalition dedicated to eradicating hunger in the seven-state Northeast region. States include Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The grant is supported by the Walmart Foundation.

“We are grateful to FRAC for their support, which will enable us to re-convene NERAHN and drive meaningful progress in the fight against hunger across the Northeast,” said Lenox Mac, Assistant Director of Policy at Project Bread, leading convener of NERAHN. “In an regional context, we are leading on national hunger policy – we have nine of the eight states nationwide providing free school meals to all students (MIAA, ME, and VT). Together with our coalition partners, we aim to ensure everyone in the state has access to the nutrition they need to thrive through food insecurity, to amplify the role of federal policy that exists to solve food insecurity, targeting USDA’s Northeast Regional Anti-Hunger Policy Conference in June. This fall, we will host our Regional Nutrition Action Council, convening with 14 member organizations to align regional efforts, to work on legislative and policy initiatives in support of federal efforts to reduce hunger, poverty, and health. There are three goals:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) serves as the nation’s first line of defense against hunger by providing federal nutrition resources to help millions of people afford to put food on the table.
- The School Nutrition Programs fuel children’s health and learning and combat childhood hunger.
- The Summer Nutrition Program provides nutritional meals and snacks to children at educational enrichment programs after the school day ends.

Summer Nutrition Programs offer nutritious meals to low-income children, replacing school breakfasts and lunches served during the school year.”

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides the ability of children and infants to receive support and guidance from a healthcare professional regarding nutrition, food planning, and overall health.

DiMomico expects final action on legislation by end of July

Sen. Sal DiMomico, D-Woburn, announced a proposal to bring a professional soccer stadium to the area and would partner with Everett to make a proposal on the mat. Project Bread, expect a vote on the matter next week at the House by the end of this week.

DiMomico’s bill, which removes the languish of the EPA (designated port) and re-establishes a green plant site in Everett – is a key focus of the state’s economic development bill. The Harbor project, according to the Governor (St. L., located across the river from Everett, is chaired by Peter Frates, CEO Eastern Bank Harbor Center.

"The entire bill will come to the floor on June 5th, and the vote on this is one of the key components of that bill,” explained DiMomico.

"Passage of the Senate’s economic development bill – which is expected – would move the bill to a Senate/Bouse conference committee (consisting of three senators and three representatives) sometime next week.

"The conference committee will negotiate the differences between the two bills (House and Senate) and then move the bill to the House and the Senate for floor vote. The Senate floor vote will be on consensus between the two bills, and the House floor vote would send it to the governor for his signature.”

"The bill signed by the governor, the public process – when residents would have the opportunity to voice their opinions about the site – would begin.

"The professional soccer stadium proposed for the waterfront for the first time in decades and clean up a hazardous waste site that has been polluting our harbor, air, land, and water to the detriment of our residents for over half a century.”

The excitement in Everett is palpable as Sen. Sal DiMomico’s bill – which is expected – moves forward.

"It’s a huge environmental win. It is an economic catalyst for development on that site. It’s going to create good-paying union jobs in construction and for employees at the stadium. It’s going to bring professional sports franchise to Everett and the waterfront for the first time in decades and clean up a hazardous waste site that has been polluting our harbor, air, land, and water to the detriment of our residents for over half a century.”

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Stars of Past and Present, Brian Doyle, Roy Butt, and Richie Kelley are excelling in Over-30 Baseball League

Brian Doyle, forever a champion

Brian Doyle is enjoying his experience in the Over-30 Baseball League a lot. His son, Ryan Doyle, who played Division 1 college baseball at Bryant University, is the Astros' shortstop and as he showed again in Sunday's game with his superb hitting and fielding, he's the league's best all-around player.

A left-handed power hitter, Richie Kelley, was a leading offensive force in the Chelsea Little League and the Chelsea Youth Baseball League.

Roy Butt, forever a champion

Roy Butt is the first baseman and player-coach for the Pirates. In his first at-bat, Roy showed his amazing batting eye with a single to right field.

The left-handed bat and power hitter's productive and powerful hitting is still present, several years removed from his career as an offensive force in the Chelsea Little League, Chelsea Youth Baseball League, Chelsea Babe Ruth Baseball, and for Joe Bevere's Red Devil in 1974 team, one year before the Red Devils captured the Eastern Mass. championship.

There was no bigger or more enthusiastic supporter of the Chelsea Youth Baseball League during that time than Roy's father, William "Roy" Butt, who was hit by just beyond the third baseline and hold court with baseball guys like Al Palladino and others like the YMCA director of maintenance Scooch. Mr. Butt's witty observations and strategic calls are priceless memoirs.

That family support was present Sunday as his wife, former CHS athlete Anna Malinowski and sons, Tom, sat behind the home plate backstop the entire game.

"I love playing in this league," said Roy Butt. "It's a great league. It's competitive but it's fun. Serious. I can still hit the ball, but I can't run." Yes, Roy will still be able to hit a big one on a baseball diamond, especially in the batter's box where his sweet swing stands the test of time.

Richie Kelley, a marvelous athlete who still competes in trackathons

By day, Richie Kelley works in a professional position as the chief financial officer at Regis College. By Sunday morning at Pine Banks Park in Melrose.

Pirates player-coach Roy Butt, arguably one of Chelsea High's greatest hitters, is pictured with his wife, former CHS shortstop and player-coach for the Pirates in the Over-30 Baseball League, Chelsea Youth Hockey Program where he was named captain of Paul Nickick. "Paul was an unbelievable goalie and we won three state championships. Joe Bevere and Andy Dufresne were also on those teams."

Richie, 54, is still an active competitor in triathlons, having recently participated in the Half Ironman Triathlon in Happy Valley, Pennsylvania, of the Penn State Nittany Lions. He has competed in eight triathlons.

Richie has a daughter, Kailyn, who is a nurse practitioner. "I'm proud of her," said Richie. As for his continuing baseball career, Richie added, "I love the game. I'll play baseball as many years as I can, until they drag me off."
PEOPLE OF CHELSEA PHOTO EXHIBIT AT SPENCER LOFTS GALLERY

The People of Chelsea Photo Exhibit was held July 1 at the Spencer Lofts Gallery in honor of Chelsea’s 400th Anniversary celebration.

Following is a message from professional photographer Darlene DeVita and professional writer Sarah Putnam of the People of Chelsea Project:

What a wonderful opening night we had at the Spencer Gallery on July 1 in celebration of the People of Chelsea, the Chelsea Black Community (CBC), and Chelsea’s 400th anniversary! To all who attended, Chelsea friends, neighbors, and those who came from beyond our city, your presence was an affirmation of our amazing, resilient, and feisty community. Thank you for coming! To everyone who contributed their time and support to make the opening night possible, we offer a special thanks.

The Chelsea City Council showed its strong support with its attendance at the People of Chelsea Project photo exhibit. From left, are Councilors Lisa Santagate, Todd Taylor, Melanie Teshe, and Leo Robinson, professional photographer Darlene DeVita, and Yahya Noor of Tawakal Cafe.

The People of Chelsea Project is a labor of love for us, and we are deeply honored to share stories we come across and interview, the more we photograph the more we learn. This project is a reflection of the richness of all that Chelsea has to offer. Thank you all again for being our collaborators in this effort.

With love and gratitude,
Dar and Sarah

Michelle Mirtes stands adjacent to her photo, accompanied by Natasha Gha and Araiya Reign Marrero.

Enjoying the photo exhibit are Isabel Caceres, Linna Barea, and Shahana Bhaduri.

Enjoying the photo exhibit are (from left) School Committee member Jonathan Gomez-Pereira, student Brandie Ray Garcia, School Committee member Sharon Neville, Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, and Devra Sari Zabot of Clark Ave Productions.

The Zabot sisters, Devra Sari Zabot and Naomi Zabot.

Sarah Putnam and Darlene DeVita, creators of the People of Chelsea Project, with CBC President Joan Cromwell.

From left, photographer Ron Pownall, Orlando Velasco, Sarah Putnam of the People of Chelsea Project, Darlene DeVita of the People of Chelsea Project, Brian Harkins of Nyx Breen Productions, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and Yahya Noor of Tawakal Cafe.

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Robert "Bob" Richman, 88, a life-long educator, died June 28, 2024. He was an eighth-grade science teacher at Revere's Agassiz Elementary School from 1967 to 2002. Richman was also a dedicated volunteer for the Revere Education Association for 64 years, serving as its president from 1995 to 2001. His passion for education was evident in his commitment to the students he taught and the profession he loved. Richman was predeceased by his wife, Susan, who passed away in 2008. He is survived by his daughter, Susan Richman, who is currently a teacher at Revere's Agassiz Elementary School. His son, Ralph, is also a dedicated educator, following in his father's footsteps. Richman's legacy continues to be carried on by the students and staff he mentored and inspired. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him for his positive attitude and his unwavering dedication to education.

Sherry Richman, the daughter of Robert "Bob" Richman, said her father was a very independent person, having such a positive attitude. "I really believe that he carried on his father's joys and memories, and five great-grandchildren."

Richman implemented various initiatives at the school to create a more inclusive and equitable learning environment. He was known for his creative teaching methods and his ability to connect with students on a personal level. Richman was a role model for his students, demonstrating the importance of hard work, perseverance, and a strong sense of community. The school was a second home for Richman, and he spent countless hours there, always striving to make a positive impact on the lives of his students and the community.

Richman was known for his ability to see the value in every individual, regardless of their background or circumstances. He believed in the power of education to transform lives and create a better future for all. His dedication to his students and his passion for teaching were evident in everything he did. Richman's legacy continues to inspire and influence those who knew him, and his impact on the lives of countless students will be remembered for generations to come.

Eric Richman, a beloved teacher and counselor, passed away peacefully in his summer home in Revere, Massachusetts. He was a maintenance counselor at Camp Lakeridge, a summer camp in the region.

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The Second Annual Pride Comedy & Art Show held at Kushala House & Tapas Bar will be on display for the evening, including the comedy and art show. Comedian Maria Palombo entertains the guests with her funny jokes and witty stories at the venue.

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firmly ensconced in City Hall for the past several years, and has also been a co-producer of the show. Comedian Maria Palombo entertains the guests with her funny jokes and witty stories at the venue.

New Deputy City Manager for Finance Michael Mason, Deputy City Manager for Operations Devon Fields, and Director of Constituent Services Bernadie Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, like Mason and Fields, said he is drawn to Chelsea by the city's commitment to bringing forward-thinking and putting systems in place to help residents. "A lot of people are trying to rebrand, and I think from Fidel's standpoint, his goal and vision for the city is that we have to get better, you set a standard," said Rodriguez. While the constituent services position is new, Rodriguez said it culminates a lot of the work he has done in both Chelsea and Somerville.

"His reputation preceded him, so I was thrilled to have him in that role," said Mason. "And then coming aboard, I was welcomed by everybody, the city manager's office, and the city clerk's office, the assistant city clerk in Somerville, so it was a smooth transition for everyone."

Rodriguez said there has also been a focus on providing essential assistance for those residents in the city facing major challenges. "We have been having a lot of these lately, so there are really some residents who are in dire need, their lives are changing in the snap of a second, and the city has been doing a lot to respond to that," he said. "I know cities don't get really involved in a lot of those private matters, but that's because the homeowner and the tenant, but I think Chelsea sets the standard. That is the big thing, how do we help, and to what capacity; even if it is to a small capacity that we are going to step in." "Looking toward the next several years in City Hall, Mason, Fields, and Rodriguez said they are all looking forward to continuing to work with Maltes and the city's residents and to help put systems in place for the city's benefit."

Rodriguez said one of his goals is to train the city's staff so that they are more familiar with issues across city government. "That goes across every department, and I think that this is an issue that all municipalities struggle with, is trying to have people know what is going on in other departments or other parts of the city," said Rodriguez.
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Chelsea Race 5K

September 8
Sunday 9 am

Scan the QR code to register

https://chelsearoadrace.racewire.com/

Chelsea Recreation & Cultural Affairs

Chelsea Road Race

8 de septiembre
Domingo, 9 am

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Save the Date!

September 21st, 2024

Chelsea Day Parade

Join us!
For a fun celebration with food, music, fireworks, and more!

Reenactment of the Speech of Lafayette

Saturday August 31st, 2024
9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Join us and come dressed for the era to learn about this historic speech and its significance to Chelsea and the history of The United States.

9:00am-9:30am | Networking
9:30am-10:15am | Presentations
10:15am-10:45am | Q&A
10:45am-11:00am | Closing Remarks

City Hall Lawn
500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150

Chelsea 400th

Come get your “Chelsea Swag” and represent your city as we celebrate 400 years! If you are interested in any of these items, please visit the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce!

$20 each

Available for special order

Chelsea Creek Cycle Boat Tours

Thursdays, July 18th 2024

Register here!

Here’s your chance to experience the historic Chelsea Creek from a WHOLE NEW PERSPECTIVE!

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