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Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Judith Garcia are pictured with members of the Chelsea delegation at the State House, from left, Ricky Velez, Keila Velez, Amanda Arsenault, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, Jennifer Hassell, and Matt Frank.

DiDomenico and Garcia celebrate Chelsea at the State House

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico celebrated the city of Chelsea on the Senate floor for being named the 2026 All-America City in Denver and taking home All-America City Awards for a record-breaking fourth time. DiDomenico also honored La Colaborativa's President and CEO, Gladys Vega, for her National Civic League's Leader Award that she received in Denver for her lifetime of work changing lives in Chelsea and beyond.

DiDomenico hosted the group in his State House office and took them on a tour all over the building

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Judith Garcia join City Manager Fidel Maltez, Community Engagement Specialist Dan Cortez, Police Chief Keith Houghton and Chelsea Police officers for a photo at the Speaker's rostrum inside the Mass. House of Representatives Chamber at the State House.

Markey, Pressley release report showing success of fare-free transit

Special to the Record

Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), member of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) re-

leased a new report, Making Transit Free, Frequent, and Reliable: Massachusetts shows the need for federal investment in fare-free transit, detailing the need for increased federal investments in fare-free transit. Sena-

tor Markey and Congresswoman Pressley are lead sponsors of the Freedom to Move Act, which would provide \$25 billion to communities to pilot fare free service and expand existing transit service.

"From Worcester to Boston to the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts is showing the nation what is possible when transit goes fare-free," said Senator Markey. "Our

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Maltez presents Key to the City to MCU President and CEO Robert Cashman

Metro honored for its 100th anniversary

By Cary Shuman

City Manager Fidel Maltez presented the Key to the City – Chelsea's highest honor – to Metro Credit Union President and CEO Robert Cashman during an impressive ceremony at its main headquarters on Revere Beach Parkway.

Maltez made the special visit to celebrate the extraordinary milestone of Metro Credit Union's 100th anniversary. He also pre-

sented a congratulatory citation from the Chelsea City Council.

"I'm here today to honor Metro Credit Union and wish you another 100," said Maltez. "It's pretty incredible the history you've had, the expansion you've had, the success that you've

had, and it's so special that the story began in Chelsea. Thank you for everything you do."

"And this is the official Key to the City that gets you into every building in Chelsea," joked Maltez.

Cashman humbly accepted the award, stating, "Thank you very much. Metro Credit Union has been a longstanding partner of the city. We couldn't have done this, with all the success that we've had currently without our partners, and obviously the City of Chelsea has been a strong partnership, and we're very excited about continuing that on. And thank you for all you've done to make Chelsea what it is."

Metro Credit Union was founded in 1926 with the



City Manager Fidel Maltez presented the Key to the City to Metro Credit Union President and CEO Robert Cashman in recognition of the credit union's 100th anniversary and its outstanding contributions to Chelsea.

guiding principle of "People Helping People." Since then, Metro has grown into the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts with more than 220,000 members.

Developers look to new plan for Revere Beach Parkway project

By Adam Swift

The development team behind a proposed project at the former Russo Tux and Limo at 320 Revere Beach Parkway has withdrawn its plans for a 67-unit residential building.

The proposed six-floor building project initially came before the planning and zoning boards this spring. While the development did garner support from several city councilors, there were concerns raised by board members and abutters about the size of the project.

Anthony Rossi, the project attorney, initially said the developers would take the feedback and come back to the planning and zoning boards with a revised proposal.

Last week, the planning board unanimously approved the developer's

request to withdraw the application for the project without prejudice. The move gives the developers more time to bring a revised plan for the property back to the city.

"They are submitting revised plans, and it just makes sense for them to withdraw fully and reapply with new plans, especially since this plan has been continued over the past couple of months," said Permitting and Land Use Planning Director Will Cecio. "It allows for re-advertising, and more public notices with more accurate information on what plans they are providing."

In other business at last week's meeting, the planning board recommended approvals for special permits and variances for two smaller building projects.

Both projects earned

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Early voting dates set for state primary

Special to the Record

Early voting dates have been released in Chelsea for the state primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

In-person early voting will take place Saturday, August 22 through Friday, August 28, at the City Clerk's Office, 500 Broadway Room 209. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, August 24, 2026 through Friday, August 28, 2026, during regular business hours (M, W, Th: 8-4 p.m., Tues: 8-7 p.m. & F: 8-12 p.m.)

The in-person deadline to register to vote for the primary is Saturday, August 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the City Clerk's Office, 500 Broadway Room 209. The

deadline for online registration, which can be done through the Massachusetts Secretary of State's website, is Saturday, August 22, by 11:59 p.m.

Polling locations for the elections are:

District 1: Public Safety Building (Fire Station), at Sagamore and Cheever Street

Ward 4 Precinct 2
Ward 4 Precinct 3

DISTRICT 2 & 3:
SAINT ROSE SCHOOL,
580 BROADWAY

District 2 - Ward 3 Precinct 1

District 2 - Ward 4 Precinct 4

District 3 - Ward 3 Precinct 2

District 3 - Ward 4 Precinct 1

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City Manager seeks resident to fill vacancy on Planning Board

Special to the Record

The Planning Board plays an important role in shaping Chelsea's future by reviewing development proposals, conducting public hearings, and providing recommendations on planning and zoning matters. The board reviews applications requiring Major Site Plan Approval, considers subdivision plans, and makes recommendations to the City Council on proposed zoning amendments. It also provides guidance on long-term planning policies that support the City's growth and development.

The nine-member board

meets at Chelsea City Hall on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Interested residents should submit a resume and a letter describing their interest, background, and relevant experience. Documents can be emailed to citymanager@chelseama.gov or mailed to City Manager, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts, 02150. Online applications are also available at www.chelseama.gov/board-openings

With any questions about serving on the Planning Board, contact citymanager@chelseama.gov.

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RECORD

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SIGNS OF SUMMER’S END

All in all, this has been a pretty good summer. The weather has been as close to perfect as we could expect for summer activities. The mornings along our coastline have been pleasantly placid for those of us who row on the ocean -- we belong to a rowing club on the South Shore that ventures up and down the coast and as far out as Minots Light -- while the breezes typically have been picking up in the afternoon for the sailors.

Our vegetable and flower gardens -- which are entirely contained in large pots on the patio of our condo --- once again have been superb. We’ve had more tomatoes than we know what to do -- and nothing beats the pop in our mouths of freshly-picked tomatoes in the summer (as opposed to those tasteless tomatoes that we have to settle for in grocery stores in the winter months).

However, all good things must come to an end, and so too it is with summer. The days now are noticeably shorter. With the sunset inching southward each day, the shadows cast in the late afternoon and early evening are far different than they were in June and July.

The blooming purple loosestrife -- though it is an invasive species, we have to admit it is quite striking with its spiky purple flowers -- is another harbinger that we have reached the back nine of summer. So too, are the tips of the marsh grass; a few weeks ago they were a verdant green, but now they are turning a golden yellow, yet another indication of the inevitable downward trajectory of the summer of 2026.

With parents and children gearing up for the start of the 2026-27 school year in just a few weeks, yet another summer season is sadly winding down.

Our long-time publisher, Andrew P. Quigley, who lived an extraordinary life, used to say, “When you look back on your life, you realize that all you really have are your memories.”

What summertime means to us -- whether it be the time we spend with our families and friends or long walks by ourselves on a summer evening -- reinforces the notion that the best things in life are free.

It also is a truism that while life itself is short, summer seems to pass in the blink of an eye. All of us will be saying both to ourselves and to each other on the Tuesday after Labor Day: “Where did the summer go?”

So let’s make the most of what is left of the summer of 2026. It never is too late to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Your opinions, please

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Forum

Governor Healey lays out energy affordability priorities

Special to the Independent

Governor Maura Healey called for swift action and passage of her energy affordability legislation to lower energy bills and rein in utility spending. In a letter to members of the conference committee negotiating the final bill, the Governor demanded the utilities stop fighting customer refunds and urged lawmakers to move quickly after their initial meeting to deliver relief for Massachusetts households and businesses by changing how utilities do business, getting charges off bills, and building more local sources of energy.

“It is absolutely outrageous that, at a time when the people of Massachusetts are struggling to pay their energy bills, utility spending, profits and shareholder payouts are skyrocketing,” said Governor Healey. “Enough is enough. Massachusetts ratepayers shouldn’t be footing the bill for unnecessary utility spending or excessive profits. And they shouldn’t be locked into paying high energy costs driven by President Trump’s Iran war. Passing my energy affordability legislation will ensure ratepayers are getting the best deal for energy, eliminate unnecessary

charges from people’s bills, rein in utility spending and profits, and lower costs. Utilities also need to drop their legal challenges to our efforts to return money to consumers and stop seeking rate hikes that people simply can’t afford.”

“Our energy affordability legislation meets the moment we are in. We need to act as Trump’s war drives up energy prices worldwide and utility infrastructure spending raises ratepayer bills,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “Our administration is ready to act to implement this critical legislation. We’re ready to strike charges, procure more energy, and increase oversight over utility spending.”

Since Governor Healey filed her energy affordability legislation in May 2025, Massachusetts gas and electric utilities have continued seeking higher profits, increasing shareholder payouts, opposing efforts to rein in spending, and pursuing additional rate increases.

As profits have risen, National Grid, Eversource, Berkshire Gas and Liberty Gas have all sought rate increases in the past year,

some as high as 55 percent, driven in part by significant infrastructure spending that also increases utility profits. Governor Healey has opposed those increases, and her administration has consistently argued before the Department of Public Utilities for stronger oversight and lower utility profit levels.

The utilities, which also earn profits from other arms of their businesses like transmission investments, have fought efforts to return exorbitant profit back to ratepayers. Earlier this year, FERC ordered the New England transmission owners to return approximately \$1.5 billion in profits collected over the past decade after advocacy by then-AG Healey and current AG Campbell. FERC also cut the allowed return on equity going forward. The transmission owners appealed this ruling, called for a slower rollout of the refund, and doubled down on increasing transmission profits going forward. Governor Healey and AG Campbell opposed this proposal and rallied all New England Governors to oppose the proposal.

Meanwhile, shareholder payouts keep going up.

Last year, Eversource and National Grid shareholders received billions in direct payouts.

Governor Healey’s energy affordability legislation gives the state new tools to lower energy bills by bringing more affordable energy online, reducing unnecessary costs for customers, and holding utilities accountable for excessive spending and profits. In her letter to the conference committee, she highlights key provisions that should remain in the bill to reduce costs, strengthen oversight and help deliver more affordable, reliable energy across Massachusetts. This includes changing how energy is purchased to get the best deals, eliminating fees and profit adders paid to utilities, getting charges off bills, avoiding unnecessary utility spending, bringing more energy into Massachusetts faster and more affordably and allowing the DPU to initiate audits of the utilities. Governor Healey also urged the committee to include protections for ratepayers, communities and the environment from higher costs and other negative impacts driven by data centers, in keeping with her recently released framework.

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report shows that fare-free transit saves families money, increases ridership, and helps make transit easier and simpler for passengers. More transit riders can mean less congestion, cleaner air, and safer streets. This report provides a roadmap for bringing those benefits to communities across the country. Congress should pass the Freedom to Move Act and help any community go fare free.”

“The data doesn’t lie and this report makes plain what we’ve long known: fare-free transit is essential to building connected communities, improving mobility, and making life more affordable for our families,” said Congresswoman Press-

ley, Co-Chair of the Future of Transportation Caucus. “Transit equity is an economic, racial, and climate justice issue, and it’s time we invest in public transit as the public good that it is. That’s why Congress must pass our Freedom to Move Act to continue to support fare-free transit across our state and nation.”

Massachusetts has become a national leader in fare-free transit through a range of programs serving urban, suburban, and rural communities. Regional transit authorities in Worcester, the Merrimack Valley, and elsewhere have launched systemwide or targeted fare-free service, while Boston has eliminat-

ed fares on several heavily used bus routes. The Commonwealth has also supported statewide pilot programs that have helped transit agencies test and expand fare-free operations.

Drawing on data from these efforts, the report examines how fare-free service is working across different transit systems and communities. The Massachusetts experience shows how eliminating fares strengthens public transit when paired with reliable service and sustained investment. It also demonstrates that communities nationwide could pursue similar programs with stronger federal support.

The Massachusetts ev-

idence points to five core lessons. Fare-free transit:

1. Lowers costs for riders
2. Brings riders back to transit
3. Leads to long-term ridership gains
4. Makes transit easier to operate
5. Works best when paired with operating support

Senator Markey and Congresswoman Pressley have long championed fare-free transit in Congress. In July 2025, they re-introduced the Freedom to Move Act which would provide \$25 billion in funding for transit agencies to offer fare free service and improve on existing transit service offerings.

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District 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8: Williams School Auditorium, Arlington Street Entrance

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District 6 - Ward 1 Precinct 1

District 6 - Ward 1 Precinct 2

District 7 - Ward 2 Precinct 3

District 7 - Ward 2 Precinct 4

District 8 - Ward 2 Precinct 1

District 8 - Ward 2 Pre-

cinct 2

Voters can check their registration status and voting locations on the elections page of the city’s website.

Regular voting for the state primary will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polls will be open for the general state election on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Elected offices on the state primary ballot include governor, Lt. governor, attorney general, auditor, treasurer, U.S. Representative, Senator, state Representative, and state Senator.

Two of the races getting the most attention are on the Democratic prima-

ry ballot, where long-time U.S. Senator Ed Markey is facing a challenge from Congressman Seth Moulton and the Suffolk Coun-

ty District Attorney, where incumbent Kevin Hayden is being challenged by former Suffolk County DA Rachael Rollins.

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News Brief

CHELSEA POLICE ARREST MAN ON COCAINE TRAFFICKING CHARGES

While conducting surveillance in the area of Marlborough Street in Chelsea, Chelsea Police Drug Detectives arrested Christopher Rivera, 19, of Chelsea for trafficking in cocaine (crack), as well as Shaun MacNeil, 41, of Revere for possession of cocaine.

Detectives recovered and seized 121 bags of suspected crack cocaine from Rivera, which weighed approximately 26 grams, as well as nine bags of suspected mar-

ijuana, according to Chelsea police.

Rivera was charged with trafficking in cocaine, distribution of a class B substance, possession with intent to distribute a class B substance, trespassing, and conspiracy to violate drug laws

MacNeil was charged with possession of a class B substance, trespassing, and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

“These are the types of arrests that can positively impact the quality of life for our residents and a great example of old school police work,” said Police Chief Keith Houghton.

City and cultural council announce Chelsea Heritage Celebration Grant awardees

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea and the Chelsea Cultural Council recently announced the recipients of the 2026 Chelsea Heritage Celebration Grant program, awarding over \$100,000 to support arts, cultural programming, public art, and community celebrations throughout the city.

Grants will support a wide range of 2026 projects including festivals, concerts, exhibitions, performances, literary programs and public art installations that strengthen community connections and showcase Chelsea’s many cultures.

- 2026 Recipients:
- Apollinaire Theater: Apollinaire in the Park - Festival 2026 - \$10,000
 - Boston Landmarks Orchestra: Community Concert at Chelsea High School - \$10,000
 - Friends of Mary O’Malley Park: Annual Kite Festival - \$1,000
 - Veronica Robles Cultural Center: Dia de Muertos Festival - \$7,500
 - Little Ant World LLC: AANHPI Cultural Market & Celebration - \$5,000
 - ñ press: Print as Public Art - ñ press activations in Chelsea - \$10,000
 - Chelsea Black Community: Juneteenth Community Celebration - \$10,000
 - Eileen Riestra: Unknown Stories: Immigrant Voices of Chelsea- \$10,000

Susana Ismatul Oliva: Chelsea Salsa in the Park - \$10,000

Wondermore: Authors/Illustrators in School - \$9,000

Chelsea Public Library: Plant a Seed, Read - at the Chelsea Public Library - \$2,000

The Neighborhood Developers: Bosson Block Party- \$4,500

La Collaborativa: Entre Nosotros: Latinx Youth Film Series - \$10,000

The Heritage Celebration Grant program helps organizations and individuals bring free, public cultural experiences to Chelsea and celebrate the city’s rich history, diversity, and vibrant community. The program continues to invest in projects that celebrate Chelsea’s diverse cultures, strengthen community connections, and expand access to the arts.

Through these events and installations, residents and visitors have opportunities to experience the creativity, traditions, and stories that make Chelsea a vibrant and welcoming community.

Chelsea’s Heritage Celebrations Grant program is directly funded by Encore Boston Harbor as part of its ongoing support for neighboring host and surrounding communities. For more information about the Heritage Celebration Program, visit the Chelsea Heritage Celebrations Grant Page on the Chelsea municipal website.

ZONTA ELECTS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE COMING BIENNIUM



COURTESY PHOTO

During its June meeting, members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore elected officers and board members who will serve for the 2026 -2028 biennium. Newly elected officers include: President, Janice Tatarka; Vice-President, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy; Treasurer, Adele Lubarsky; Recording Secretary, Lee Farrington, and Corresponding Secretaries, Diane Cambria and Georgia Green. Board members will be Sheila Arsenault, Janette Giso and Christine DePrizio. The business meeting was followed by dinner at the Route 1 Grill House in Saugus. Shown (front row, left to right) are Mary Jane O’Neill, Christine DePrizio, and Sheila Arsenault. Second row, (left to right) Barbara Lawlor, Theresa Czerapica, Janette Giso, Janice Tatarka, Georgia Green, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Adele Lubarsky, Diane Cambria, Janice Sikorski, and Lee Farrington.

Chelsea Police arrest two men during a drug search warrant

Following a two-month investigation into the illegal distribution of crack cocaine in Chelsea, Chelsea Police drug detectives executed a search warrant at 130A Cottage Street on Wednesday, July 29.

Detectives arrested Johel Mims, 26, of Chelsea and Jamel Antonio Maurais, 19, of Roxbury.

As a result of the investigation, members of the Chelsea Police Drug Unit obtained search warrants from Chelsea District Court after developing probable cause of the illegal distribution of crack cocaine by Mims in Chelsea. Prior to the execution of the search warrant, detectives conducted surveillance in the area of 130A Cottage Street and observed Maurais operating a vehicle with Mims as the passenger.

The vehicle was then stopped by investigators on Cottage Street. During the stop, officers stated that they recovered several baggies from Maurais of what was believed to be fentanyl and placed him under arrest.

Detectives then executed the search warrant at 130A Cottage Street where they stated that they recovered 60 grams of suspected crack cocaine, US currency in

various denominations, and paraphernalia consistent with drug distribution.

Mims was taken into custody and transported to Chelsea Police Headquarters, where he was booked. During booking an additional 15 grams of suspected crack cocaine was allegedly seized from Mims.

Mims was charged with trafficking cocaine over 36 grams but less than 100 grams and Maurais was charged with possession with intent to distribute a class A substance.

“Another great job by the CPD Drug Detectives who are relentless, which is ex-



CHELSEA POLICE COURTESY PHOTO

Drugs and money allegedly seized following a months-long investigation in the city.

actly what it takes to work of cases,” said Police Chief and close out these types Keith Houghton.

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the praise of several board members who noted they were responsible projects that would add housing to the city stock.

The first recommendation for approval was for Christopher Friend at 37 and 37R Central Ave. Friend is looking to build an addition on the second and third floor of an existing residence and expand it from a three- to a

four-family home.

The second approval was for the separation of a lot at 1 Lafayette Ave., allowing for the construction of a new two-family home, while keeping the existing two-family home on the

property.

Both projects will be before the zoning board of appeals at its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 11 for a potential final vote on the needed special permits and variances.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION: BOSTON LOGAN RUNWAY 27 SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Massport will host a virtual information session on the upcoming Runway 27 Safety Area (RSA) Improvements Project taking place this summer at Boston Logan International Airport. In collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Massport will begin work on Runway 27 on August 31, 2026, with construction planned for approximately 75 days.

The information session will provide an overview of the project's purpose, schedule, and temporary impacts and will be streamed in both English and Spanish.

Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00PM

Register for the information session by scanning the QR code below or visit www.massport.com/community/ongoing-projects

Requests for additional languages must be made by Friday, August 7, 2026. If you have questions, please contact community@massport.com.

FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES OF
ARNOLD JARMAK



This Arnie Jarmak photo from the late 1970s shows the faded, but still mostly-legible, signage on the brick wall on the side of the building at 49-51 Broadway at the corner of Broadway and Medford St. Williams Restaurant (top left) formerly was at 59 Williams St., just a short drive up Broadway in Chelsea Square. It is now Ciao! Pizza and Pasta. Croft Ale was a local Boston beer that eventually was bought by Narragansett Brewing Co. Boston Light (as in the lighthouse) beer was a specialty beer made in 1940 by the Boston Beer Co., which provides an approximate date for when the sign may have been painted. Back in that era and for decades before, Lower Broadway was a bustling and heavily-trafficked part of the city thanks to the Chelsea North Drawbridge that connected Chelsea and the cities to the north to Charlestown. But with the coming of the Mystic River Bridge (now the Tobin Bridge) in 1950, Lower Broadway essentially became a dead end, destroying commerce in that part of the city. The signage on the side of 49-51 Broadway, which had been a last remaining vestige of that era, today is all but faded away. Interestingly, the restaurant that occupied 49-51 Broadway was known as the Old Bridge Cafe, whose liquor license eventually was sold to what is now the renowned -- and appropriately named -- New Bridge Cafe in Prattville.

Chelsea schools reviewing
potential additional state funding

By Adam Swift

Additional state funding could be on the way to help with budget shortfalls in Chelsea and other school districts across Massachusetts.

Last month, Governor Maura Healey filed legislation to deliver \$100 million to school districts across Massachusetts in Fiscal Year 2027.

Local districts are still waiting to hear what the final numbers will be for their school budgets. Chelsea, along with many other school districts, faced budget cuts in their FY27 budgets as they saw the end of Covid grant funding, among other financial issues.

“We are grateful for the Governor’s continued commitment to public education and recognize that any additional investment in our schools has the potential to positively impact students and families across the Commonwealth,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. “At this point,

we are reviewing the details of the proposal to better understand how it may affect Chelsea Public Schools before offering more specific comments. We look forward to learning more as the budget process moves forward.”

In June, the city council approved a FY27 budget that included \$156,248,491 for the Chelsea Public Schools.

The school department budget increased by 3.55 percent, which City Manager Fidel Maltez called a minimal increase to address the revenue loss from an enrollment decline of nearly 350 students.

For FY27, the city increased its support of Chelsea Public Schools by approximately \$4 million, according to Maltez, which he said is the highest contribution above net school spending from any gateway community.

Maltez said the city is able to contribute this additional funding by utilizing \$4,495,000 in reserves to

support the budget.

In addition to declining enrollment and the loss of Covid funding, the city and district faced economic challenges due to issues such as the cost of regional schools, transportation, employee healthcare costs, and charter school costs.

In Revere, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly said that that city looked to receive about \$850,000 in additional school funding from the state.

Kelly noted that the supplemental money proposed by Healey is one-time funding.

“We do need to be thoughtful about how we want to spend that; we don’t want to put ourselves in a position where we’re using that money in a way that creates a legacy of being able to need to fund it going forward when we don’t know what the forward budgets are going to look like,” Kelly stated at a Revere School Committee meeting.

UNH awarded \$8 million to launch statewide plan
to study ticks, diseases and the environment

Special to the Record

Summertime in New England can mean getting outdoors to hike, garden, and head to the beach, but that can all come with a challenge — avoiding tick bites and tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease. Thanks to an \$8 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), a new initiative led by the University of New Hampshire could help provide more insight. The project is bringing together scientists from across the Granite State to launch an ambitious statewide research and education initiative focused on one of the region’s fastest-growing public health concerns: ticks and the diseases they carry and their impact on people, wildlife, outdoor recreation, and the environment.

The initiative, known as EMBEDDED-NH (Endeavor for Multi-Omics-Based Exploration, Data-Driven Modeling, and Education in New Hampshire), comes at a critical time since New Hampshire consistently ranks among the states with the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the nation — often ranking in the top ten.

“Ticks are an issue that touches nearly every community in New Hampshire,” said Dr. David Needle, clinical professor of molecular, cellular and biomedical Sciences and senior veterinary pathologist of the New Hampshire Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at UNH. “By combining cutting-edge science with statewide collaboration and education, we have an opportunity to build knowledge that benefits both our state and the broader scientific community.”

Needle is leading the four-year initiative that includes experts in the fields of genomics, ecology, and artificial intelligence, as well as an opportunity for undergraduate involvement, to better understand tick-borne disease risks. Researchers plan to investigate how ticks survive, spread, and transmit disease by using advanced genomic sequencing, microbiome analysis, environmental monitoring, ecological modeling, and machine learning. They will examine how climate, habitat, wildlife hosts, and microbial communities influence tick biology and pathogen transmission across New Hampshire’s diverse ecosystems.

The project will focus on three important tick species found in New Hampshire:

- The blacklegged tick

(Ixodes scapularis), the primary vector of Lyme disease,

- The American dog tick (Dermacentor variabilis),
- The winter tick (Dermacentor albipictus), which has major impacts on moose and wildlife health.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, emergency room visits have been higher than normal in many parts of the U.S. and in April, the rate of ER visits for tick bites was the highest for that time of year since 2017. Health officials and researchers are increasingly concerned not only about established tick-borne diseases, but also about the emergence of new pathogens and the spread of additional tick species into the region.

Tick populations and tick-borne illnesses, including Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, Powassan virus, and other emerging infections, continue to expand across the Northeast. Recent research shows that ticks are also showing up more in cities along the East Coast, not just in wooded areas. Warmer winters, changing land use, shifting wildlife populations, and expanding human development have all contributed to rising tick encounters and disease risk.

“Ticks are more than just disease vectors,” Needle said. “They have wide roles as parasites, prey, and hosts of diverse microbes. Their varied lifecycles, wide and increasing dispersal, and status linking ecosystems and ecological scales make ticks a powerful system for studying how genomes, microbes, hosts, and environments interact in a rapidly changing world.”

The researchers, students, and community partners come from the University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, Plymouth State University, state agencies, and industry collaborators to study the ecology and evolution of ticks across New Hampshire.

The initiative also places a major emphasis on education and workforce development. Undergraduate students across the state will participate directly in research through course-based research experiences,

summer research programs, internships, and fellowships. Students will gain hands-on experience in genomics, bioinformatics, artificial intelligence, ecology, and data science — fields that are increasingly important to the state’s scientific and technology workforce. Along with potential scientific discoveries, EMBEDDED-NH hopes to inspire more students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and public health.

The project builds on existing investments in New Hampshire’s research infrastructure, including UNH’s Hubbard Center for Genome Studies, statewide data science resources, and collaborations with public health and environmental agencies.

Researchers say the work of the new EMBEDDED-NH initiative could ultimately help improve disease surveillance, inform public health responses, support wildlife management, and guide future environmental decision-making.

UNH also offers tick testing to the public through UNH Extension. The service can detect the presence of a pathogen in a tick in as little as three days. For more information go to unh.how/tick.

EMBEDDED-NH is supported by funding from the National Science Foundation’s EPSCoR E-RISE program, which supports statewide research infrastructure, workforce development, and collaborative scientific innovation in emerging research areas.

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The King of Katz Bakery

Richard Katz fondly remembered by family, friends and customers

By Cary Shuman

Richard Katz worked hard to build the best bagel shop in the region, one so good that customers who used to live in Chelsea would return on Friday nights and Saturday mornings each week to buy his delicious bagels and pizza bagels, a delicacy that he invented - along with the “onions outside” bagel that he perfected.

Richard Katz, who owned and operated Katz Bagel Bakery at the corner of Park Street and Congress Avenue for 55 years, passed away on July 27, 2026. He was 84.

Family, friends, long-time customers, and former workers at Katz Bakery came to Stanetsky-Hymanson Memorial Chapel in Salem last Thursday to pay their final respects to a beloved man who was second to none in the bagel business.

Donnie Orne, who enjoyed a lifelong friendship with Mr. Katz, including their days at Camp Bauercrest in Amesbury and as classmates at Marblehead High School, spoke at the funeral service that drew a tremendous crowd to the chapel.

“When we had our high school class reunions, he was so generous feeding us every time, giving out bagels at the house all the time,” said Orne. “Richard was one of the strongest people I know - physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally. He got his muscles by lifting up 50-100 pound bags of flower and sugar. He would really build up some muscles doing that.”

Orne talked about their athletic careers at Marblehead High where Mr. Katz



Richard Katz is pictured outside his famous bagel shop, Katz Bagel Bakery, in Chelsea.

was a star and captain on the basketball court and the baseball field. “He was the only who could throw a baseball from centerfield to the catcher’s mitt without a bounce,” said Orne.

“I loved this dear man,” continued Orne. “He had a heart of gold. He loved his father in every single way.”

Orne paid tribute to Richard’s proprietorship of Katz Bagel Bakery. “He showed his love for his bagels. Each one was like a masterpiece to him. He gave the blood, sweat, and tears that it takes to make a great bagel shop. His name will go down in history as the ‘The Bagel Man.’ He was one of the finest people I’ve ever met in my life. God bless him.”

Some of Katz Bakery’s

customers, who date back more than 60 years, including Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson and CHS Class of 1970 President Charlie Sherman, have great memories of Katz Bakery and Richard Katz.

“Richie was a friend and a brother,” said Robinson. “The Lewis Latimer Society gave him a multicultural award for all his contributions to the City of Chelsea. He will be truly missed.”

Sherman, who lived on nearby Shawmut Street, said, “Like most people that grew up in Chelsea, you probably have your own memories of Katz Bagels. I can name a few right off the top of my head, like going in the side door and getting a dozen hot bagels right out

of the oven or stopping by the little store on the corner and getting a half dozen pizza bagels and a half dozen pumpernickel.

“I’d often be waited on by Richard Katz, who always seemed to be working” added Sherman. “To this day, whenever I am in Boston or southern New Hampshire, I make a quick trip to Chelsea to pick up a dozen Katz bagels to bring back to Florida. You don’t get Katz’s in Florida, that’s for future.”

Kenny Moore worked at Katz Bakery beginning in 1969, continuing as a baker there for the next decade.

“I was with him when we started making the pizza bagels back in the late 1960s,” recalled Moore, who attended the funeral service. “He was a really good guy. I’ll tell you, if you were in trouble, he’d help you in a minute. I used to stop in and see him all the time. My son was born on Richard’s birthday, and two months later, his son, Jeremy, was born.”

Jeremy Katz, who worked at the front counter, said he admired his father’s incredible work ethic. “He was a great father and great mentor to me,” said Jeremy. “I was so proud of him and the tremendous business he built in Chelsea. It brought me so much joy to see customers come from miles away to buy his bagels each week. They all greeted him so warmly and appreciated his hard work. I will miss my father forever. I know we can carry on my dad’s tremendous legacy like he wanted.”

Richard Katz was the undisputed bagel king, a title that he will always hold.

OBITUARIES

Retired US Air Force Colonel

Daniel F. Ruskiewicz

Of Florida formerly of Chelsea



Colonel (Ret.) Daniel F Ruskiewicz, 88 of Tampa, Florida passed away on April

29, 2026. He was born in Chelsea to Viola and Allen Sheppard on March 13, 1938. Dan served his country in the United States Air Force as navigator of a C-130 cargo plane during the Vietnam War, continuing his career in Ramstein, Germany and retired from Central Command in Tampa, Florida after 25 years of service. He followed his military service with a career in property management solely with Greenacre Properties Inc. where he spent the next 27 years.

Dan met Sharon in Dover, Delaware and they were married on October 8, 1967. Both Dan and Sharon devoted the early years of their marriage to rearing three children and living abroad, returning to the United States in 1980. Dan is preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Ruskiewicz; his mother and father Viola and Allen Sheppard; daughter, Kristen Ruskiewicz-Walters and son-in-law, Frank Walters Jr. Dan is survived by daughter, Robin Johnson and her husband, Leigh (Skip), and son, Jon



Daniel Ruskiewicz and his wife, Jennifer and his sister, Valerie Sheppard. Dan has seven grandchildren: Olivia, Fender, Parker, Austin, Brendan, Ashlynn and Landon that were the light of his life.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Daniel’s visiting hours at the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Friday, August 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A Funeral Service will follow the visitation in the Funeral Home at 11:30 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

We encourage family and friends to visit carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.



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New England Aquarium applauds Boston flood protection plan

Special to the Record

Given its location on Boston’s waterfront, the New England Aquarium is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, experiencing flooding during storm surges, king tides, and other extreme weather. Since 2019, the Aquarium has been among those leading the conversation about sea level rise and the importance of coastal preparedness, advocating for a comprehensive resiliency plan for Boston and championing a downtown waterfront for all—one that is resilient, accessible, and inclusive. The Aquarium is a member of A Better City, Boston Waterfront Partners, the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront (founding partner), the Green Ribbon Commission, and the Wharf District Council—all entities invested in advancing this vision. For the last two years, the Aquarium has engaged with the City of Boston and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as they conducted the Coastal Storm Risk Management Study for the City of Boston.

In response to the release of the full Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Assessment, the New England Aquarium is sharing the below statement from President and CEO Vikki N. Spruill.

“The New England Aquarium applauds the City of Boston and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whose Draft Integrated Feasibility Report would



New England Aquarium.

protect lives and billions of dollars in public and private assets along the waterfront and inland from future coastal flood events and sea level rise, while paving the way for an accessible, resilient, and inclusive waterfront for all. The proposed comprehensive system plan is a necessary and wise investment in Boston’s future, created through a process that provides a pathway to federal investment. Now, Boston has the ability and the opportunity to demonstrate what is possible when public leadership, private investment, scientific expertise, and civic ambition come together around the common goal of making our great city a global model for coastal resilience.”

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MBTA successfully completes latest infrastructure work on Red Line

Special to the Record

The MBTA has announced the successful completion of its latest infrastructure improvements along the Red Line, including critical and necessary track work, the repair of many floating slabs, work along complicated track areas, upgrading Red Line signals, and much more. This work took place during 10 consecutive days of shuttle bus service replacement between Alewife and Park Street.

“We made a commitment to the public to ensure that we perform essential preventative and corrective repairs to address conditions in a timely manner, ensuring we do not go back to the days of speed restrictions impacting every trip for decades. The work completed during this Red Line diversion was incredibly important to building upon investments and progress we have made to date on the Red Line over the last three years. This is a reflection of the new way the MBTA does business – no longer kicking the can down the road, but strongly committed to revitalizing our infrastructure to provide the best service possible for riders,” said Interim Secretary of Transportation and MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. “We know every diversion impacts our riders, and the last 10 days demonstrates even more how we need to ensure the long-term safety and reliability of the Red Line. I want to personally thank everyone for their patience, allowing us to perform vital work that has long been deferred. With the continued support from the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Legislature, we are re-investing in the system and delivering meaningful results, including during this historic summer. This is just a taste of how the MBTA

can be a best-in-class transit system that the entire Commonwealth and be proud of.”

Red Line Work Accomplished:

The 2024 Track Improvement Program was an ambitious and bold initiative designed to eliminate all existing speed restrictions through major track repairs and replacements. Of the 220+ system-wide speed restrictions removed in 2024, 85 long-existing restrictions were removed from the Red Line, giving back riders an hour of travel time.

The MBTA is committed to maintaining and building upon this progress, continuing to replace significant portions of track infrastructure that, if left unattended, would become more speed restrictions.

In November 2023, the MBTA also released its Capital Needs Assessment and Inventory, an exercise that helps the MBTA understand the magnitude of asset needs across the system. At that time, the MBTA estimated that the current overall State of Good Re-pair (SGR) Index for assets in need of rehabilitation or replacement to be approximately \$24.5 billion. Approximately 89% of the MBTA’s transit track assets were out of SGR, totaling \$2 billion for track improvements. For heavy rail subway track specifically, over 500 heavy rail track assets were found to be out of SGR (\$1.2 billion).

Since the release of the CNAI and the conclusion of the 2024 Track Improvement Program, additional work has taken place along the Red Line to maintain these improvements while also addressing important infrastructure needs. It will take time to fully re-store our infrastructure, but the MBTA continues to make important progress toward

this goal.

With unencumbered access to Red Line track areas, this service change allowed crews to accomplish critical and necessary track work, including the replacement of 24 primary floating slabs and 13 secondary floating slabs that were about 45 years old, which is also more than previously planned and announced. Crews also completed over 3,600 feet of rail replacements throughout the entire shutdown area, 950 feet of full-depth track replacement at Central (which replaces and upgrades all track, ties, and rail-related infrastructure in both directions at the station), 160 ties, and 3,290 feet of surfacing along complicated track sections.

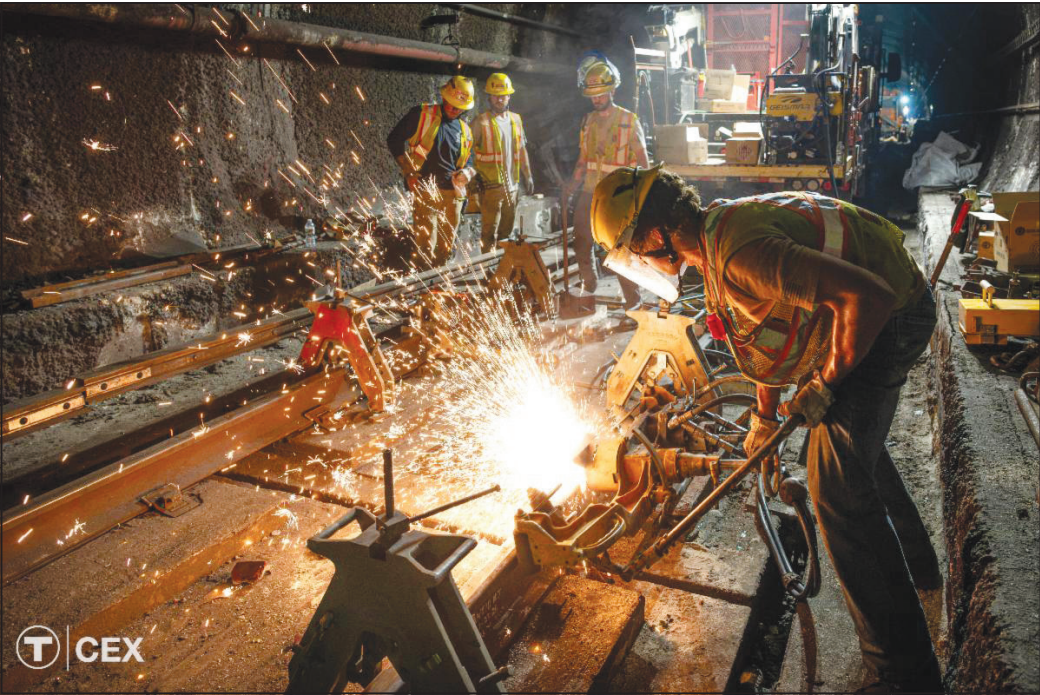
This work is part of the MBTA’s regular, planned renewal and revitalization work, which is ongoing and continuous, ensuring the long-term stability of our infrastructure and pre-serving the system for future generations of riders.

A variety of other work also took place along the Red Line to further enhance the rider experience:

- Major signal upgrade work at Porter, and moving and rewiring the critical signal racks at Central
- System-wide radio improvements throughout the shutdown area
- Third rail improvements throughout the shutdown area
- Alewife headhouse plaza renovations, including paving and resurfacing the plaza and performing electrical work outside the station
- Installing power conduits at Davis
- Concrete repairs at Davis, Harvard, and Alewife
- Stairway repairs on the inbound side of Kendall/MIT
- Station cleaning, power-washing, and other station work at Red Line stations throughout the shutdown area
- Hands-on Red Line tunnel inspections
- Bridge inspections in the area of the Longfellow Bridge near Charles/MGH
- Drone flight inspections within the tunnel area, including mapping of the tunnel and track

Alternative Service and Shuttle Bus Operations:

The alternative ser-



Tradesman working on the MBTA Red Line tracks.

vice plan during this Red Line service change was thoughtfully and carefully designed to minimize impacts to riders as much as possible. All shuttle buses were accessible and free, riders were reminded of bus routes that connect from the Red Line to the Green Line’s Medford/Tufts and Union Square branches, and the Commuter Rail was free between Porter Square and North Station. The dates of this outage were also intentionally scheduled to take place after a busy summer of events, including World Cup matches held at Boston Stadium, Tall Ships, and MA250 events and July 4 festivities utilizing the fleet of coach-style buses already in the area to support these events, while also taking place before typical autumn increases in ridership when students return to the region.

Ridership data was also evaluated to develop an express shuttle bus route between Harvard and South Station, serving the largest share of affected riders. In planning the express route, the Massachusetts Turnpike and the bus-only ramp into the newly reno-vated South Station Bus Terminal were utilized to provide meaningful travel time savings that are not achievable on other corridors. Express shuttle buses delivered over 8,000 riders every day between Harvard and South Station in 15 – 25 minutes during this ser-vice change – with regular Red Line service between Harvard and South Station taking about 15 minutes, this option was a meaningful alternative for Red Line riders.

The MBTA wishes to extend its appreciation to the municipalities of Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville for their partnership in implementing bus-only streets, temporary parking restrictions, and traffic signal timing adjustments that helped

shuttle buses move more efficiently through congested city streets. The MBTA also thanks the MBTA’s Transit Po-lice Department and local law enforcement agencies for their support in safely managing traffic and pedestrian movements and enforcing parking restrictions throughout this service change.

The MBTA is also grateful for its contracted transportation partners and Local 589 for operating the fleet of accessible shuttle buses and vans necessary to support the busi-est segment of the Red Line, impacting more than 74,000 rider trips each weekday.

Why This Service Change Was Between Alewife and Park Street:

To perform construction work on the northside of the Red Line, construction crews first need an entry point to load their heavy equipment and work materials on and off the track. Currently, there is only one entry point for all work vehicles to access the northside Red Line – near Charles/MGH, one stop away from Park Street. Park Street also includes a “crossover” track, where Red Line trains can change directions – when determining which station limits will be suspended, crossover tracks are needed to maintain regular train service outside of the shuttle bus limits.

The MBTA recognizes a single northside Red Line entry point for work vehicles causes cascading challenges in planning shuttle bus service disruptions, especially as the MBTA continues to prioritize future outages to revitalize its infrastructure. The work performed during this service change was critical and necessary, and the MBTA did accomplish many improvements between Charles/ MGH and Kendall/MIT as a result of these service out-

age limits, though the limited Red Line entry point at Charles/MGH highlights the urgent need for an additional access point on the northside for construction vehicles.

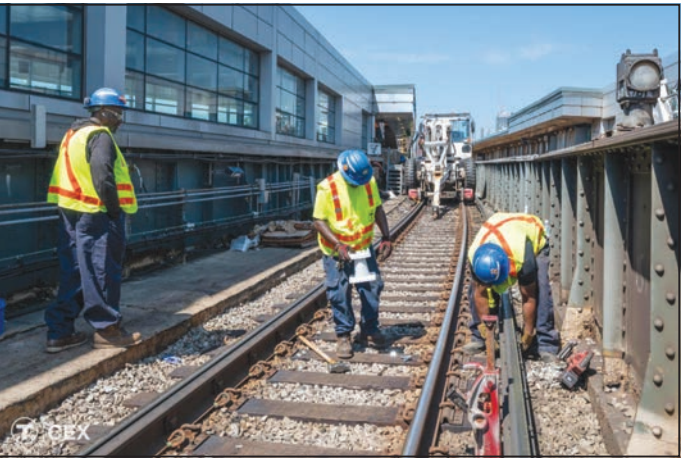
Next spring, the MBTA will begin construction on a new work vehicle tunnel in North Cambridge on the Red Line. While regular, planned maintenance Red Line work will continue to take place in the future, the new Red Line Hi-Rail Access Tunnel will enable shorter shuttle bus service interruptions.

Significance of Multi-Day Outages:

The MBTA is reminding riders that service outages such as these are a critical and necessary part of maintaining the infrastructure improvements that took place as part of the 2024 Track Improvement Program while also making further system upgrades and modernizing the MBTA’s infrastructure. This work cannot be performed during the overnight hours when the MBTA does not operate, and would be extremely inefficient and costly if planned during single weekend outages.

Closing a section of the transit system for multiple days is the most efficient way to perform the MBTA’s routine maintenance, revitalization efforts, inspections, and upgrade work, and combines the efforts of multiple contractors and the MBTA workforce around the clock 24/7 to maximize productivity. This work is necessary and continuous to maintain the reliable service riders count on.

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SENATOR DIDOMENICO STANDS WITH STRIKING NURSES

Senator Sal DiDomenico stood with Brigham & Women Hospital nurses and Mass General Brigham home care clinicians in Somerville as they stood on strike for better contracts. “It was inspiring to stand with these brave and essential health care workers across my district,” said DiDomenico. “I was proud to speak in support of the backbone of our healthcare system and their efforts to secure a fair contract.”

The Senator brought a carload of coffee and pastries to support those workers on the picket line. DiDomenico will always stand with health care workers who fight for patients over profits.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico's carload of coffee and pastries he brought to support the workers on strike.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico standing with striking nurses outside the hospital.

Celebrate // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

alongside Representative Judith Garcia. Rep. Garcia also celebrated the group of Chelsea leaders in the House chamber.

“I couldn’t be prouder to represent this vibrant and nationally recognized community that thrives because of how they embrace their diversity and shared values,” said Senator DiDomenico. “It is an honor to work alongside leaders like Gladys Vega, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and all the incredible public servants working tirelessly to improve lives for Chelsea residents and make this city beautiful and welcoming for all.”



Sen. Sal DiDomenico presents an official citation to La Colaborativa President and CEO Gladys Vega in recognition of her receiving the National Civic League's Leader Award at the AAC Awards in Denver. Also pictured is City Manager Fidel Maltez, who led Chelsea to its second consecutive All-America City Award.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico delivers remarks about the paintings featuring past Massachusetts governors during the tour of the State House for the Chelsea delegation.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico is pictured with members of the Chelsea delegation on the State House balcony overlooking the Boston Common. DiDomenico provided a guided tour of the historic building during the group's visit.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Judith Garcia are pictured inside the House Chamber with the Chelsea delegation that brought home the 2026 All-America City Award from the prestigious national competition in Denver.

Massport’s Community Summer Jobs Program kicks off 2026 season

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is celebrating another year of its Community Summer Jobs Program, supporting thousands of local students through partnerships with community organizations. This year, 29 organizations are receiving grants for nearly 300 seasonal jobs.

The annual program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to hire youth workers in Massport’s neighboring communities including Charles-

town, Chelsea, Concord, East Boston, Lexington, Lincoln, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop and Worcester. Participating organizations are responsible for recruiting, interviewing, hiring and supervising student employees. Since Massport’s Community Summer Jobs Program started in 1991, over 10,000 local high school and college students have had the opportunity to gain professional experience in various roles including camp counselor, office assistant, maintenance worker and lifeguard, which are all paid for by the grant.

This year, Massport provided \$715,000 in grants.

“Massport is proud to support local organizations that are doing great work in our shared communities,” said Rich Davey, CEO of Massport. “This year, hundreds of local students are able to work in their hometowns, doing important jobs like keeping swimmers safe as lifeguards to helping maintain local parks, while earning some money for the future.”

The 2026 program will support the following local organizations:

- Charlestown Boys & Girls Club
- Charlestown Community Center
- Charlestown YMCA
- Chelsea Boys and Girls Club
- Chelsea Department of Public Works
- City of Worcester Neighborhood Summer Park Steward Program
- Community Action For Safe Alternatives (CASA)
- Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC)
- Condon Community Center
- East Boston Social Centers
- East Boston YMCA
- JF Kennedy Center
- La Colaborativa
- Martin Pino Community Center
- Maverick Landing Community Services
- McDonough Sailing Center
- Minute Man National Historical Park
- Paris Street Community Center
- Piers Park Sailing Center
- Revere Parks & Recreation Department
- Sacred Heart Parish Summer Camp
- Salesian Boys & Girls Club
- South Boston Boys & Girls Club
- South Boston Neighborhood House
- Swift Waters After School Program
- Town of Lincoln
- Tynan Community Center
- Winthrop Parks & Recreation Program
- Worcester County Horticultural Society

Massport also supports local youth athletic and enrichment programs throughout the year and offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors. For more information on Massport’s community initiatives and youth programs, visit www.massport.com.

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THE 30TH ANNUAL TASTE OF EASTIE

The 30th annual Taste of Eastie was held at The Tall Ship. The fundraiser for East Boston Main Streets gave guests the chance to

sample a wide range of cuisine from the restaurants of the neighborhood. The weather was perfect and the event was well-attended.



Taquería Jalisco's Chef Romero Gonzales.



James Rasner, one of the owners of Democracy Brewing, braised beef on plantain.



Paula and Nadieska with Street corn from Veronica Robles table.



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The Tall Ship offered a scenic, open space to host Taste of Eastie.



The ladies of Dirty Water Dough present their pizza.



Sammy Carlo's is a 99-year old institution in East Boston. Chef Steve Scire prepares samples of The Godfather sandwich.



Reel Ji Chefs Jeffrey Fournier and Chef Reynel work on tuna tartare.



Joanne, Joanne, Nathalie, and Ava with Slush King present Lemon Italian Ice samples.



Chefs Victor Vasquez and Santiago Marin from Spinelli's work fast to prepare fresh samples for Taste Of Eastie guests.



Deisy and Chef Tenzin from Koro Raman + Sushi.



El Peñol Chef Juan Resdrapo and his crew.



La Hacienda Chef Jason Bautista (right) and his crew.



Raffaella Ochoa and Nicholas Moulaison with Carmella's Market Hand stuffed peppers.



Domenic and Domenic "Baby Domenic" Capogreco, Bridget Gentile, Grace Capogreco, Thielly Halladay, and Vlad Lopez.



The Rino's Place booth was ready to serve up guests with samples of their Italian cuisine.



The team from Rincon Limono Restaurante present the finest in Peruvian cuisine.



Taste Of Eastie drew in many visitors eager to sample the culinary delights that East Boston has to offer.



Massachusetts State Rep. Adrian Madaro with Eastie residents.

Greater Boston Stage Company announces Young Company Summer Festival 2026

Special to the Record

Greater Boston Stage Company is thrilled to announce its Young Company, Summer Festival 2026, featuring five fully staged musicals performed by students in grades 4 through 12. Running August 6–16, the festival brings together nearly 100 young performers from 22 Greater Boston communities to create five fully staged musicals under the guidance of professional directors, choreographers, music directors, designers, and theatre artists.

This year’s Summer Festival includes Disney’s The Little Mermaid JR., Singin’ in the Rain JR., Disney’s Camp Rock The Musical, Footloose: The Musical, and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. From Broadway classics to Disney favorites, each production gives students the opportunity to collaborate with professional theatre artists while presenting high-quality performances for audiences of all ages.

“Summer Festival is one of the highlights of our year,” says Autumn Blazon-Brown, Director of Education at Greater Boston Stage Company. “Over the course of just a few weeks, students build lasting friendships, develop confidence, strengthen their artistic skills, and create truly remarkable theatre together. Watching their growth from the first rehearsal to opening night is inspiring, and we can’t wait to share these productions with our community.” The Summer Festival is the culmination of weeks of intensive rehearsal and training, giving students the opportunity to experience the collaborative process of producing professional-quality musical theatre.

Disney’s The Little Mermaid JR.

Performed by Act 1 (Grades 4–6)
Friday, August 14 at 5:00 pm
Saturday, August 15 at 12:00 pm
Sunday, August 16 at 12:00 pm

Dive “under the sea” with Ariel, Sebastian, and all your favorite ocean friends in this magical adaptation of Disney’s beloved classic. When Ariel dreams of life beyond the ocean, she makes a daring bargain with the sea witch Ursula in hopes of winning the heart of Prince Eric. Filled with unforgettable songs, colorful characters, and heartwarming adventure, Disney’s The Little Mermaid JR. is a celebration of courage, friendship, and following your dreams.

Performed by students in Act 1 (Grades 4–6), this production showcases the imagination and enthusiasm of Greater Boston Stage Company’s youngest Summer Festival performers. Directed

by Katherine Gustafson, choreographed by Abigail Martin, music directed by Carrie Tully, and stage managed by Maisey O’Brien, this family-friendly musical promises a delightful journey beneath the waves.

Singin’ in the Rain JR.

Performed by Acts 1 & 2 (Grades 4–9)
Friday, August 14 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 15 at 3:00 pm
Sunday, August 16 at 3:00 pm

Step into Hollywood’s golden age as silent film stars Don Lockwood, Kathy Selden, and Lina Lamont navigate the exciting transition from silent movies to talking pictures. Featur-

ing classic songs, energetic dance numbers, and timeless comedy, Singin’ in the Rain JR. captures the excitement, humor, and glamour of one of musical theatre’s most beloved stories.

Performed by students in Acts 1 & 2 (Grades 4–9), this joyful production celebrates teamwork, perseverance, and the magic of live performance. Directed by Sarah Morin, choreographed by Mia Gage, music directed by Jacob Petersen, and stage managed by Olivia Da Cunha, audiences can expect plenty of laughter, memorable music, and dazzling choreography.

Disney’s Camp Rock The Musical

Performed by Act 2 (Grades 7–9)
Thursday, August 13 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 15 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, August 16 at 7:30 pm

Get ready to rock! Based on the hit Disney Channel Original Movies, Camp Rock The Musical follows aspiring singer Mitchie Torres and her friends as they discover confidence, friendship, and the courage to embrace their unique voices. When Camp Rock’s future is threatened by a rival camp, the students must come together to prove that teamwork, determination, and staying true to yourself can overcome any challenge.

Performed by students in Act 2 (Grades 7–9), this high-energy musical features beloved songs including “This Is Me” and “We Rock.” Directed by Chloe Selznick, choreographed by Ceris Speredelozzi, music directed by Abigail Nordan, and stage managed by Landri Elkins, this production is

packed with infectious music, dynamic choreography, and nonstop fun.

Footloose: The Musical Performed by Act 3 (Grades 10–12 & 2026 Graduates)
Friday, August 7 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 8 at 8:00 pm
Sunday, August 9 at 5:00 pm

When Chicago teenager Ren McCormack moves to the small town of Bomont, he discovers dancing and rock music have been outlawed. Refusing to accept the town’s rigid traditions, Ren inspires a community to rediscover hope, healing, and the joy of self-expression. Featuring iconic songs including “Footloose,” “Holding Out for a Hero,” and “Let’s Hear It for the Boy,” this electrifying musical has thrilled audiences for decades.

Performed by students in Act 3 (Grades 10–12 and 2026 Graduates), Footloose highlights the advanced talents of Greater Boston Stage Company’s oldest Summer Festival performers. Directed by Tader Shipley, choreographed by Erin Faria, music directed by Rena Marthaler, and stage managed by Madelyn Traynor, this production promises powerful performances, exciting choreography, and unforgettable music.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Performed by Act 3 (Grades 10–12 & 2026 Graduates)
Thursday, August 6 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 8 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, August 9 at 8:00 pm

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Book, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee follows six delightfully quirky middle school students as they compete for spelling championship glory

while navigating friendship, family expectations, and growing up. Filled with clever humor, touching moments, and an award-winning score by William Finn, this beloved musical has charmed audiences around the world.

Performed by students in Act 3 (Grades 10–12 and 2026 Graduates), this wit-ty and heartfelt production showcases the versatility and comedic talents of the Young Company’s oldest performers. Directed and choreographed by Jamie Cook, music directed by David Girardin, and stage managed by Emma Neary, Spelling Bee is a joyful reminder that sometimes winning isn’t everything.

“We are incredibly proud of the hard work and artistry these students bring to the stage every summer,” says Autumn Blazon-Brown. “The Summer Festival reflects everything the Young Company is about: artistic excellence, collaboration, creativity, and providing young people with professional-level opportunities in a supportive environment.”

The Young Company Summer Festival 2026 is supported by an outstanding team of theatre professionals. Sophia Lawder serves as Site Coordinator, with Hannah Estabrook as Access Coordinator. Festival Production Managers Kit Verweij and Shauwna Grillo oversee the productions alongside a talented team of scenic, lighting, costume, props, sound, and technical designers who help bring each show to life.

Tickets are \$25–\$35 and are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Box Office at 781-279-2200 or visit greaterbostonstage.org.

The Young Company at Greater Boston Stage Com-

pany, Greater Boston Stage Company is thrilled to announce its Young Company, 395 Main Street, Stoneham, helps the next generation become better artists, better audience members, and better people through dramatic education. Through artistic training and performance opportunities, The Young Company at Greater Boston Stage Company develops life skills such as confidence, self-discipline, and collaboration to inspire and prepare young actors for future creative engagement and success. Our process-oriented programming pushes students to the next level by working with exceptional Boston teaching artists and theatre professionals. Students are also provided with opportunities to work on Mainstage productions side-by-side with professionals. The Young Company lives by the idea that Good Theatre Makes Good People. Visit greaterbostonstage.org for more information.

We bring vibrant professional theatre and dramatic education beyond the boundaries of Boston, featuring world and regional premieres alongside fresh interpretations of familiar work. Within this setting, we uniquely foster the artists of tomorrow by providing ongoing performance and employment opportunities to our company of current and former students. Now in its 27th Season of live theatre in Stoneham, MA, Greater Boston Stage Company produces six Mainstage shows, presents a series of Special Events, and runs year-round classes, lessons, and fully staged productions through The Young Company for students in grades 1–12.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Wetlands and Waterways
Northeast Regional Office
50 Presidential Way Woburn, MA 01801

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26 - 53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for major fill/excavation associated with activities at the Slade’s Mill Dam in Mill Creek (adjacent to the parcel at 770 Revere Beach Parkway) in Chelsea and Revere, MA, by the City of Chelsea – Department of Housing and Community Development, 500 Broadway, Room 101, Chelsea, MA 02150. The project involves the removal of the northern terminus of the Slade’s Mill Dam within Mill Creek to provide localized hydrologic benefits and enhance the creek’s suitability for recreational boating. Additional information may be obtained from the applicant’s representative, Rhianna Sommers of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., 55 Walkers Brook Drive, Suite 100, Reading, MA 01867 at 978-548-6251 or at sommers.rhianna@wseinc.com. Written comments should be sent to MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, Attention Kyle Lally, 50 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801 or kyle.lally@mass.gov within 21 days of this notice. Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department’s Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Re: Los Amigos Diner & Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Los Amigos Diner
92 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission,
August 13, 2026

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a New All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages License application (On Premise) and an Amusement & Entertainment license application to Los Amigos Diner & Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Los Amigos Diner at 92 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify all abutters, via Certified Return Receipt mail, of this hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION ADVERTISE

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2026-14

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held on: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 Council Chambers. 3rd Floor, 500 Broadway 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Walmart Real Estate Business Trust c/o Jesse Fryer For Major Site Plan Approval seeking approval for a supermarket at the premises known as: 121 Webster Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB 2027-90

FIRE ALARM SERVICES
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for “FIRE ALARM SERVICES”.

Invitation for Bids will be available on or after August 6, 2026 by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids solicitations.php.

Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “FIRE ALARM SERVICES” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, 500 Broadway Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts. BIDS will be received no later than 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 20, 2026 and publicly opened. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company, or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the “City of Chelsea.” The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Ledia Koco Chief Procurement Officer

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA
Invitation for Bids
2027-102

On Call Emergency and Routine Jet/Vactor and CCTV Services
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “On Call Emergency and Routine Jet/Vactor and CCTV Services”. Invitation for Bids will be

available on or after August 6, 2026 by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids solicitations.php. Invitation for Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “On Call Emergency and Routine Jet/Vactor and CCTV Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:30 AM on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the “City of Chelsea.” The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Ledia Koco Chief Procurement Officer

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA
Invitation for Bids
2027-102

Inspections, Operations & Maintenance (O&M), and Ordinary and Emergency Repairs on the Admirals Hill Water Pumping Station and the Carter Street Drainage Pumping Station
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “Inspections, Operations & Maintenance (O&M), and Ordinary and Emergency Repairs on the Admirals Hill Water Pumping

Station and the Carter Street Drainage Pumping Station”. Invitation for Bids will be available on or after August 6, 2026 by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids solicitations.php. Invitation for Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Inspections, Operations & Maintenance (O&M), and Ordinary and Emergency Repairs on the Admirals Hill Water Pumping Station and the Carter Street Drainage Pumping Station” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30 AM on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the “City of Chelsea.” The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Ledia Koco Chief Procurement Officer

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LEGAL NOTICE

Re: MMACG LLC d/b/a Michael G’s Trattoria
22 Adams Street, Chelsea, MA 02150

Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 13, 2026
Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the

City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA for an Amusement & Entertainment License application for a Television and Karaoke Machine for MMACG LLC d/b/a Michael G’s Trattoria, 22 Adams Street, Chelsea, MA 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Mario A. Claros and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq): Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 50 Warts Street, given by Mario A Claros to RBS Citizens, N.A., dated October 5, 2010, and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 47009, Page 284, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 7, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on July 27, 2026. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

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LEGAL NOTICE

CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Fire Alarm Testing, Inspection, and Repair Services
RFP No. CHA-FA-2026-01
The Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA), Chelsea, Massachusetts, invites sealed proposals from qualified contractors to provide Fire Alarm Testing, Inspection, and Repair Services for approximately twenty-five (25) residential and administrative properties owned and operated by the Authority. This procurement is conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 6. Issue Date: July 29, 2026 Optional Pre-Proposal Walk-Through: August 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Chelsea Housing Authority 54 Locke Street Chelsea, MA 02150 Written Questions Due: August 12, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. Proposals Due: August 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Proposal documents may be obtained at no cost by contacting: Wayne Brooks Procurement Officer / Business Manager Chelsea Housing Authority 54 Locke Street Chelsea, MA 02150 Email: wbrooks@chelseaha.com Phone: (617) 438-7952 The Request for Proposals will also be available on COMMBUYS and the Chelsea Housing Authority website. The Chelsea Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive informalities, and award the contract in the best interest of the Authority. Chelsea Housing Authority Wayne Brooks Procurement Officer / Business Manager

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PROTECT Act passes in the legislature, includes sweeping protections for communities across Massachusetts

Special to the Record

After months of deliberation, commission-building and drafting, An Act promoting rule of law, oversight, trust and equal constitutional treatment—the PROTECT Act (H.5620) – has been passed in both chambers of the legislature. The PROTECT Act was originally filed by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus and guards against violations of all residents’ Constitutional rights, promotes trust in local and state police, and protects against fear-inducing federal immigration actions at sensitive community locations, such as courts, public school grounds, and hospitals.

“I’m feeling immense gratitude for the countless electeds, partners, advocates, and voices who came together in this moment to deliver for our immigrant neighbors,” said Senator Lydia Edwards. “Passing the PROTECT Act reminds us of the significance of staying in the fight – no matter what. I want to especially thank my fellow members of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, chaired by Representative Andy Var-

gas, for leading on this crucial legislation. The fight is far from over, but I’m proud to share that Massachusetts now has the strongest protections for immigrants in the nation.”

Included in the PROTECT Act are three provisions led by Senator Lydia Edwards:

1Protecting courthouses by prohibiting federal immigration agents/agencies from conducting warrantless civil arrests both in Massachusetts state courthouses and the courthouse curtilage – the surrounding area.

2Establishing a State-wide Commission on Immigration to operate for the next three years, tasked with advising on immigration policy and implementation across the Commonwealth, reviewing immigration legal defense funding, and responding to emergencies.

3Reforming the U and T Visa certification process to better protect immigrant survivors of crime. U and T visas are federal protections for victims of serious crimes—including assault, domestic violence, kidnapping, and human trafficking—who cooperate with law enforcement investigations or prosecutions. The

legislation reduces the certification timeline from 90 days to 30 days, with an expedited 10-day process for emergency situations, such as when a survivor is facing imminent deportation.

Key Provisions of the PROTECT Act

Creates a Civil Remedy for Constitutional Violations. The Act establishes a new civil cause of action allowing individuals to seek damages when federal officers violate their constitutional rights. For the first time, federal immigration agents operating in Massachusetts will be held to the same legal standards as state and local law enforcement, strengthening accountability for unconstitutional conduct. This reform addresses a longstanding gap in accountability and ensures that federal officers are subject to the same legal standards as state and local law enforcement while operating in the Commonwealth.

The legislation creates an important new tool for families seeking justice after alleged misconduct by federal immigration officers. Had this legal remedy existed previously, it could have provided an additional avenue for accountability in cases such as the devastat-

ing loss of Alex Pretti and Renee Good.

Protects Residents from Discrimination. State and local law enforcement may not stop, question, or investigate someone based solely on their actual or perceived immigration or citizenship status unless necessary for a criminal investigation.

Limits Local Participation in Federal Civil Immigration Enforcement. The legislation prohibits state and local law enforcement from using public resources to enforce federal civil immigration law, honoring civil immigration detainers, or questioning individuals about immigration status during routine interactions unless necessary to enforce criminal law.

Prohibits New 287(g) Agreements. Law enforcement agencies in Massachusetts may not enter into new agreements deputizing local officers to carry out federal civil immigration enforcement except in limited criminal law circumstances.

Protects Sensitive Locations. Warrantless civil immigration arrests are prohibited at sensitive locations, including public schools, childcare centers, healthcare facilities, and state courthouses. The leg-

islation also authorizes the Governor to restrict ICE operations in non-public areas of state facilities and requires multilingual guidance explaining individuals' rights and how to respond to immigration enforcement actions.

Helps Families Prepare. Parents may establish pre-arranged guardianship plans for their children in the event detention or deportation separates a family.

Preserves Criminal Law Enforcement. The Act makes clear that these protections do not prevent state and local law enforcement from investigating crimes, executing judicial warrants, participating in criminal investigations with federal authorities, or enforcing state and federal criminal laws.

Strengthens Oversight of Immigration Detention. The Office of the State Auditor is directed to audit county sheriffs' immigration detention agreements with the federal government, as well as other immigration detention facilities operating in Massachusetts.

Supports Victims of Crime. The legislation expedites U and T visa certifications so immigrant survivors who assist law enforcement can continue par-

ticipating in investigations and prosecutions without unnecessary delays.

Effectively creates a Detainee Bill of Rights. Individuals held in state or county correctional facilities will receive new legal protections, including written notice of their rights, access to legal counsel, confidential attorney phone calls, and the right to decline interviews with state or federal law enforcement. Correctional facilities must also provide a public method for confirming that someone is being detained while limiting unnecessary disclosure of personal information and maintaining records of access and information disclosures to promote transparency and accountability.

Requires Advance Notice of Workplace Immigration Audits. Employers must notify employees not later than 48 hours after they receive an ICE notice of inspection for employment eligibility verification or other employment records.

The PROTECT Act will now head to the Governor’s desk for her signature. Read the bill text at malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H5620.

Fenway Health and Boston Legacy FC team up to advance health, well-being and belonging

Special to the Record

Fenway Health and Boston Legacy FC announced a new community and health collaboration that brings together two organizations committed to advancing inclusion, health and belonging across Greater Boston. The collaboration will launch during Boston Legacy FC’s Pride Match against the Portland Thorns on August 9 at Centreville Bank Stadium, marking the first activation between the organizations.

For more than five decades, Fenway Health has provided equitable, affirming healthcare, education and advocacy, while Boston Legacy FC is building a club that is deeply connected to its community through professional women’s soccer and meaningful community engagement. Fenway Health believes that health and well-being are shaped not only by access to high-quality healthcare, but also by opportunities to move, connect and feel welcomed within one’s community. That vision aligns with Boston Legacy FC’s commitment to creating a welcoming environment and fostering a sense of belonging both on and off the pitch.

“Health is shaped not only by the care people

receive, but also by the communities, activities and spaces that help them feel connected, active and supported,” said Jordina Shanks, Chief Executive Officer of Fenway Health. “Boston Legacy FC is creating that kind of inclusive community through sport, and we’re proud to partner with them to advance health, well-being and belonging across Boston, beginning with the Pride Match.”

“Boston Legacy FC is committed to building a club that reflects our city and creates a place where every fan feels welcomed,” said Jennifer van Dijk, Team President of Boston Legacy FC. “Fenway Health has been a trusted healthcare provider

and advocate for Boston’s LGBTQIA+ community and many others for more than 50 years. We’re proud to launch this collaboration with Fenway Health at our Pride Match and look forward to working together to advance health, well-being and inclusion across Boston.”

During Boston Legacy FC’s Pride Match on August 9, Fenway Health will be recognized on the pitch as part of the matchday program. Ahead of kickoff, Fenway Health will participate in FanFest, where attendees can learn more about its healthcare services and community programs. Fenway Health employees and their families will also

have access to discounted group tickets, along with a limited number of complimentary employee tickets. Additional activations and engagement opportunities will take place throughout the day.

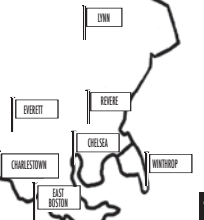
Beyond the Pride Match, Fenway Health and Boston Legacy FC plan to continue working together to explore future opportunities that promote health and well-being, strengthen community connections and advance inclusion throughout Greater Boston.

To learn more about Fenway Health’s healthcare services, become a patient, support its mission, volunteer or get involved, visit www.fenwayhealth.org.

Real Estate Transfers

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Helping rescue animals

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There are many ways you can help dogs in rescue situations. You could volunteer with a rescue group or shelter and see what assignments might fit your lifestyle and schedule. You could walk dogs and play with cats, giving critters one-on-one attention while they are in the shelter. If you have more time, you could visit and assess potential adoptive homes. You could also help transport animals to and from shelters, foster homes, or new families.

Foster Homes

If you’ve ever wondered whether there’s room in your life for another dog or cat, you might try fostering an animal. This is simply providing shelter, training, comfort, and affection to an animal in your home for a few weeks. Your assessment of the animal can be used to match them with a permanent home that will

suit their personality, activity level, and behavior.

Fostering depends on your own animals as well as the rescue. Our second Westie, Maggie Mae, was a social butterfly who loved spending time with other dogs. We fostered dogs until she reached her senior years and needed more of our attention. You also have to be sure the incoming dog has been cleared as free of any issues that might harm your family, including children and animals.

One of our mentors in Westie Rescue used to say, “All rescues come with baggage. We have to help them unpack.” This has always been the approach we’ve taken with the dogs we fostered, and we passed on this advice as we delivered dogs to their new homes.

Home Visits

Home visits fit into our current lifestyle. With each request, we can choose to take on the task or not.

Since we don’t have a car, we often visit homes accessible by MBTA. Our understanding of city life helps us prepare a report that is fair to the rescue group and the prospective family.

Home visit volunteers are the eyes and ears of the people who process applications and make the decisions about placing dogs in what they call “forever” homes.

We also answer questions about the breed, and warn of possible dangers around the house that someone who has not lived with a tenacious terrier might not spot.

Transporting

Many rescue groups move dogs long distances with volunteer drivers. We’ve driven some of these runs and helped coordinate a Westie transport group for many years. A route is planned from the foster home that has the dog to where the pup can be handed over to the adoptive fam-



Swiffer was one of our rescues who became part of our family when his adoptive humans became friends we consider to be family.

ily. Coordinating transport is the type of job that can be done by any reliable person from their home.

There are also opportunities to transport by air if you are traveling between cities and would be willing to take a small dog in the cabin with you. We’ve been the local connection for vol-

unteers flying into Logan.

Leaders & Worker Bees

Every rescue group needs leadership and worker bees. People make phone calls to shelters, pick up dogs at homes where they are being surrendered, take the dogs in rescue to veterinary visits, nurse them after surgery or as they recover from ne-

glect, injury, or illness.

Finally, you can provide financial support. From writing a check to devoting your life, there is a place for you if you’d like to do your bit to help homeless animals. Pick a group, pick a task, and give it a try. Each success along the way will fill your heart with joy.

New England Aquarium applauds Boston flood protection plan

Special to the Times-Free Press

Given its location on Boston’s waterfront, the New England Aquarium is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, experiencing flooding during storm surges, king tides, and other extreme weather. Since 2019, the Aquarium has been among those leading the conversation about sea level rise and the importance of coastal preparedness, advocating for a comprehensive resiliency plan for Boston and championing a downtown waterfront for all—one that is resilient, accessible, and inclusive. The Aquarium is a member of A Better City, Boston Waterfront Partners, the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront (founding partner), the Green Ribbon Commission, and the Wharf District Council—all entities invested in advancing this vision. For the last two years, the Aquarium has engaged with the City of Boston and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as

they conducted the Coastal Storm Risk Management Study for the City of Boston.

In response to the release of the full Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Assessment, the New England Aquarium is sharing the below statement from President and CEO Vikki N. Spruill.

“The New England Aquarium applauds the City of Boston and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whose Draft Integrated Feasibility Report would protect lives and billions of dollars in public and private assets along the waterfront and inland from future coastal flood events and sea level rise, while paving the way for an accessible, resilient, and inclusive waterfront for all. The proposed comprehensive system plan is a necessary and wise investment in Boston’s future, created through a process that provides a pathway to federal investment. Now, Boston has the ability and the opportunity to demon-

strate what is possible when public leadership, private investment, scientific expertise, and civic ambition come together around the common goal of making our great city a global model for coastal resilience.”

The New England Aquarium is a nonprofit research and conservation organization that has protected and cared for our ocean and marine animals for more than 55 years. We provide science-based solutions and help shape policies that create measurable change to address threats the ocean faces. We inspire action through discovery and help create engaged, resilient communities.



New England Aquarium.

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VINYL ECHOES BAND PERFORMS AT REVERE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Cary Shuman Photos

The Vinyl Echoes band performed as part of the weekly Revere Summer Concert Series Sunday night on the American Legion Lawn.

The talented group of vocalists Valerie Moscone and Chris McGonagle, guitarists Mark Loud, Frank Tavano, and Paul Rogalski, and drummer John Barrett entertained the large crowd with a selection of classic rock ‘n roll, country, and blues hits during a high-energy two-hour show.

Moscone excelled especially with her rendition of Cher’s “Shoop Shoop Shoop Song (It’s In His Kiss),” while McGonagle had the crowd responding well with the Red Sox eight-inning theme song, Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline,” and Tommy Tu-

tone’s “876-5309/Jenny.” When Loud was called upon for some guitar soloing, the Winthrop resident was terrific.

Council President Anthony Zambuto again provid-

ed complimentary bottles of water on a hot summer evening. Ward 4 Councilor Paul Argenzio, accompanied by his son, Vincent Argenzio, and Vincent’s wife, Ploy Argenzio, distributed

free Hood ice cream sandwiches. School Committeeman Stephen Damiano Jr. gave away free snack packs of Pringles.



Vinyl Echoes performs in the Revere Summer Concert Series Sunday night on the American Legion Lawn.



The Rizzo and Damiano families with School Committeeman Stephen Damiano Jr., Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio, Vincent Argenzio, and Ploy Argenzio, City Council President Anthony Zambuto, and School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano.



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