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City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher cuts the ribbon on Chelsea 55 last Thursday.

City cuts ribbon on affordable housing units

By Adam Swift

Affordable housing is at a premium in Chelsea and across the state, and city leaders are taking a unique approach to help provide more affordable units.

Last week, following a series of renovations, city officials cut the ribbon on the first city-owned and managed affordable housing property in Chelsea's history at 55 Heard St.

Now known as Chelsea 55, the six three-bedroom unit apartment building went into receivership in 2025. The city secured authorization from the board of assessors and the city council to purchase the building as part of its efforts to expand affordable hous-

ing options in Chelsea.

After the purchase, the city's public works department began renovations on the building to ensure conditions were habitable and comfortable for its future occupants. While renovations were underway, the city launched its first affordable housing lottery, which had more than 300 applicants.

The first family was scheduled to move into Chelsea 55 on Sept. 1, with more families to follow throughout the month. Priority for the units has been given to current residents, families, veterans, and anyone recently displaced from Chelsea.

City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher said the prop-

erty at 55 Heard St. was an example of a building in the city that fell into disrepair with the owners running out of resources and walking away, leading to it ending up in receivership.

"These properties sit vacant, deteriorate, and drain resources from neighborhoods all around," said Fisher. "Often, what comes next is worse ... investors buy these properties, do the minimum, and flip them at prices that push longtime Chelsea families out of the neighborhoods."

Chelsea 55 represents a different choice, the city solicitor said.

"Rather than stand by while the cycle repeats itself, the city decided to be part of the solution instead

of contributing to the problem," Fisher said. "This property is the city's first affordable housing development owned and managed by the city. It's true that we can take a building on the edge of being lost and turn it into something that actually serves the people who live here."

City Manager Fidel Maltez said Chelsea 55 didn't happen by accident.

"It happened because we asked ourselves a different question," Maltez said. "Instead of accepting the status quo, which Cheryl has shared, that we see here in Chelsea, what if the city used the tools already in

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Chelsea Fire Department assists disabled fuel tanker

Special to the Record

The fire department responded early morning on August 26, to a Level 1 hazardous materials incident involving a tractor-trailer transporting approximately 10,000 gallons of Jet A aviation fuel.

At approximately 4:40 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to the area of 324 Marginal Street after a tractor-trailer experienced a mechanical failure while coming over the Chelsea Street Bridge. The vehicle sustained damage to its rear axle, leaving the fully load-

ed tractor-trailer disabled in the roadway.

Chelsea Police responded and assisted with traffic control. Marginal Street was temporarily closed between Central Avenue and Highland Street to while the jet fuel was offloaded from the damaged tanker to another

tanker truck.

Engine 3 deployed a hose line equipped with a foam as a precaution. Firefighters also took preventative measures to protect the area by diking off a nearby storm drain beneath the truck.

"Transferring 10,000 gallons of jet fuel from one tractor-trailer to another in the middle of a roadway presents significant fire and environmental hazards," said Chief John Quatieri. "Our Hazmat Technicians did a great job managing this operation to ensure the fuel could be safely offloaded."

No fuel was released, and no injuries were reported. The fuel was safely offloaded from the disabled tractor-trailer, and then the vehicle was removed from the roadway.

The incident was cleared at approximately 7:10 a.m. and the roadway was re-opened.



COURTESY PHOTO

Shown is the tractor-trailer transporting approximately 10,000 gallons of Jet A aviation fuel and the replacement tanker.

Markey gets big support despite low turnout in Chelsea

By Adam Swift

Incumbent U.S. Senator Ed Markey had a big showing in Chelsea, as he held off a challenge from North Shore Congressman Seth Moulton in Tuesday's state primary election.

Statewide, Markey outpaced Moulton by about 30 percentage points. In Chelsea, Markey tallied 1,353 votes to 427 for Moulton.

It was the most closely watched race on the ballot Tuesday, and Markey will

now go on to face Republican challenger John Deaton in November.

Overall, turnout for the state primary was light in Chelsea, with just 2,152 of the city's 20,302 registered voters casting ballots for a total of just under 11 percent.

In a contested race closer to home on the Democratic ballot, incumbent Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden defeated

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Chelsea WalMart proposal heading back to ZBA

By Adam Swift

WalMart still has some work to do to gain the favor of the planning board for a proposed distribution center at 121 Webster Ave.

WalMart was before the planning board last week for a special permit recommendation and site plan approval for a proposed 25,000-square-foot WalMart Depot in the Home Depot plaza on Webster Ave.

Some board members, as well as residents and offi-

cials who spoke during the public hearing, raised concerns about traffic, truck routes, landscaping, and whether the proposed project is the best use for a retail plaza. The board ultimately voted 4-3 to recommend a denial from the zoning board of appeals for the special permit.

The ZBA is hearing the case at its next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The ZBA can grant the special permit,

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City announces Labor Day closures, one-day trash delay

Special to the Record

In observance of Labor Day, the following Chelsea municipal buildings will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026: City Hall, the Senior Center, and the Chelsea Public Library. Public safety buildings will continue to operate.

Trash and recycling collection for the City's trash customers will be delayed by one day for the week of September 7:

- Monday's route will be collected Tuesday;
- Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday;
- Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday;
- Thursday's route will be collected Friday; and
- Friday's route will be collected Saturday.

Enforcement of the City's Residential Parking Program will also be suspended from 12 a.m. on Monday, September 7, until 12 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8. Street sweeping will not take place on the holiday.

The City's online services will remain available 24/7 and can be accessed by visiting www.chelseama.gov/online-services

Questions about any part of this announcement can be directed to Chelsea 311 at 617-466-4209 during City Hall business hours. City Hall is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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ENJOY THE GREAT WEATHER
ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND

With the weatherman predicting a great Labor Day weekend from Friday through Monday, we hope that all of our readers will have a chance to make the most of the final weekend of the summer season.

The Summer of '26 overall has been just the way we like it -- hot and humid -- with just enough rainfall (until recently) that our gardens did very well. This has been a banner year for vegetables and flowers of all types -- we have had more tomatoes than we know what to do with, as well as lots of basil and cucumbers.

Our petunias, marigolds, sunflowers, and other annuals burst into a riotous display of color all summer-long, and both ours and our neighbors' hydrangeas gave us blooms that were profuse and stunning.

This summer also has been an unusually calm one. We belong to a rowing club on the South Shore that ventures a couple of miles out into the ocean beyond Minot's Light (our readers who are boaters no doubt are familiar with it, as are those who have taken the ferry to Provincetown, which passes close to it) and we experienced many "flat water" days for our early morning rows.

But the summer also has been great for sailors. The winds usually picked up in the late afternoons, just in time for the evening races hosted by the area yacht clubs.

The weekends were generally sunny, providing us with plenty of perfect summer days that created memories that will last a lifetime for our friends, families, and ourselves. The promise of a dry and sunny Labor Day weekend gives us one final opportunity to enjoy a last taste of summer.

However, as always, we urge our readers to do so safely, not only for ourselves, but also for our family members, friends, and loved ones, whether we are on land or on the water.

None of us wants to be a tragic statistic, and that means making sure that both we and those around us do not over-indulge in alcohol. Yes, accidents do happen even under the best of circumstances, but generally speaking, no one ever becomes a victim if they are sober. It's when "a couple of beers" become four or more that the chances for a tragedy increase exponentially, whether behind the wheel of a car, at the helm of a boat, or riding a bicycle.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

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LETTER to the Editor

WE ARE DEEPLY
GRATEFUL TO
EVERYONE WHO
HAS HELPED MAKE
IT POSSIBLE

To the Editor,

For more than two decades, Taste of Chelsea has brought together restaurants, businesses, neighbors, and community members in support of domestic violence survivors. What began as a community event has become a beloved HarborCOV tradition, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who has helped make it possible.

This year, we are taking a pause from Taste of Chelsea.

Our local restaurant and vendor partners have given so generously to this event over the years, donating food, time, staff, and re-

sources to support HarborCOV and survivors in our community. We know that many of these businesses are navigating rising costs, staffing challenges, and an increasingly difficult operating environment. Given these challenges, and after more than 20 years of asking our vendors to show up for us, we believe this is the right time to pause the event, honor the generosity of our restaurant partners, and give our vendors an opportunity to focus their time and resources on their businesses.

This pause is an opportunity to appreciate the incredible commitment our vendors have made to HarborCOV. We are grateful for every meal donated, every staff member who worked the event, and every restaurant that opened its doors to our community in support

of survivors. During this year, we will be reimagining and rebranding Taste of Chelsea, with plans to bring the event back in a new form that reflects the changing needs of our community and creates a sustainable experience for the restaurants, businesses, and supporters who make it possible.

While Taste of Chelsea is taking a year off, our work continues, and so does the need. Each year, hundreds of survivors facing imminent homelessness turn to HarborCOV for shelter and support. HarborCOV's Community Housing Initiative provides emergency, transitional, and permanent housing alongside the wrap-around support survivors need to move from crisis toward long-term safety and stability.

We hope you will continue to stand with HarborCOV

and local survivors. If you would like to support our work during this year away from Taste of Chelsea, we encourage you to make a gift to HarborCOV. Your support helps ensure that survivors have access to safe housing, crisis support, and the resources they need to build lives free from violence.

Thank you to the restaurants, businesses, volunteers, sponsors, and community members who have made Taste of Chelsea such a meaningful part of HarborCOV's history. We are so grateful for everything you have given, and we look forward to sharing what's next."

Thank you,

Kourou Pich
Chief Executive Officer
HarborCOV

Planning Board recommends approval of InterPark special permits

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea Planning Board recently recommended the approval of two related parking projects for Chicago-based InterPark.

The projects, when completed, will open up more than 11 acres of the company's Eastern Avenue property for future development and tax revenue for the city.

InterPark has operated in Chelsea for over two decades, with a Park and Fly operation at 111 Eastern Ave. servicing Logan Airport passengers, and a separate parking garage at 270 Central Ave. that services airport employees.

InterPark is seeking to build a six-story parking garage on the northern portion of the 22-acre Eastern Avenue property.

That garage, according to InterPark representatives, would serve as the new garage for the Logan Airport employees, with approximately 2,400 parking spaces.

The existing garage at 270 Central Ave. is currently used for the Logan employees. That garage would

be converted to the park and fly operation currently housed in the parking lots on Eastern Ave.

The Central Avenue garage currently has over 1,500 parking spaces. InterPark representatives said there would be no changes to the existing parking garage, other than some restriping to increase the size of the parking spaces, cutting the capacity down to about 1,460 vehicles.

The special permit requests are headed back to the zoning board of appeals on Tuesday, Sept. 8 for a potential final vote on the special permits.

InterPark consultants said the traffic analysis shows there will not be much new traffic generated on Eastern Avenue. In addition, the design team is looking at adding a traffic signal at the Bellingham Street intersection to help people on Bellingham Street get out of that street, as well as easing the left turns for the shuttle buses headed to the airport.

"Switching around the park and fly, bringing the Massport employees onto Eastern Ave. I think will do

a lot of good and benefit that intersection," said city land use and permitting director Will Cecio. "Thinking about the special permit for this project for a parking facility and the height, again, we feel it is meeting a social need, a community need giving parking to Massport employees and also, I think, there's a traffic components to this too where it is providing a lot of traffic benefits to the the traffic flow in the area."

The groundbreaking for the garage project is scheduled to get under way next spring with a two- to three-year construction period, according to InterPark officials.

"This project has been in the works for a very, very long time," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "The city worked on the municipal harbor plan to make this happen, and that took a few years."

Maltez said he has been working to help move the project along since he became city manager two-and-a-half years ago.

"I have met with Massport many times on this

move, because as you can imagine, they are very much the ones who are making this investment also," he said. "They are in partnership with the city and InterPark, so there are a lot of players in this equation. I am really excited about the southern portion because what it does is it unlocks, for, I hope, more taxes and more revenue that can then allow us to do more programming elsewhere or build more parks."

"But that is a conversation that I think is going to happen later on, and obviously involves the sale of the property to another entity."

The project will help Chelsea maximize the use of an underutilized part of the city, Maltez said.

"I have heard a theme that we want to see more industrial development in the waterfront, so this is it," he said. "This is development where we have heard what the community wants to see and it is relatively low impact in terms of affecting neighbors or creating additional traffic on our streets."

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former DA Rachael Rollins and Linda Champion. Hayden finished with 860 votes in Chelsea to 452 for Champion and 365 for Rollins.

Democratic Governor's Councilor Terrence Kennedy held off a primary chal-

lenge from Dawn Balis by a total of 1,060 to 495 in Chelsea.

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, state Senator Sal DiDomenico, and state Representative Judith Garcia all ran unopposed on the Democratic ballot and will

face no challengers in the general election in November.

State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Treasurer Deb Goldberg, Secretary of State William Galvin, and Attorney General Andrea Campbell all ran unopposed on the Democratic ballot, as well. Campbell will face Michael Walsh in November, and Goldberg is being challenged by Republican Elizabeth Dionne.

On the Republican side,

Michael Minogue defeated Brian Shortsleeve in the governor's race. Minogue tallied 212 votes in Chelsea to 94 for Shortsleeve. Shawn Oliver ran unopposed for the Republican Lt. Governor spot.

They will face the Democratic incumbents, Governor Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, in November. Healey and Driscoll were unopposed in the primary.

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front of us to meet our community’s needs directly? That meant thinking outside of our traditional playbook, and it meant that a lot of people across the city ... working together and willing to do something that had never been done before.”

Maltez thanked the board of assessors for helping to make the project financially possible. He also thanked the city council who be-

lieved in the vision and gave its support for the project. “This is what it looks like when a city government, across all of our departments, and our elected leadership come together and actually solve a large problem instead of just kicking the can down the road,” said Maltez. “I’ll be clear, Chelsea 55 is a pilot; I am not pretending that this is going to solve all of our

problems in Chelsea and I am not pretending that this is going to be the answer of how we are going to solve affordability in Chelsea. But this is real, this is a tangible start. It is six units where families can now afford to stay in our community and call it home.”

If Chelsea 55 proves successful in providing stable, affordable transitional housing that meets the needs of

residents and the city’s budget, the administration may pursue similar opportunities to purchase additional buildings, said Deputy City Manager Devon Fields. She said the city will be tracking the success of the program over the coming year to see how viable purchasing future units for the city may be.



City leaders and staff outside the new Chelsea 55 affordable housing project.



City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher outside 55 Heard St.



City Manager Fidel Maltez outside Chelsea 55.

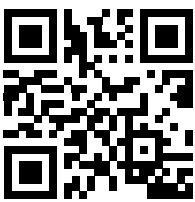


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CHS Roundup

CHS FOOTBALL TEAM WORKING HARD IN THE PRE-SEASON

The Chelsea High football team has been hard at work getting ready for their 2026 campaign.

“We have been working hard in our pre-season sessions and the team is really committed to improving every day. I’m excited to see how the group comes together this year,” said CHS head coach David Roque, who noted that he and his staff are still in the process of putting the final touches on the roster and selecting captains.

The Red Devils were scheduled to meet Lynn Tech in their first pre-season scrimmage this past Tuesday.

“Lynn Tech always is a very tough team to go up against,” said Roque. “Coach (James) Runner is always great to work with. They will help find our strong points and definitely our weaknesses. This will hopefully put us in a good place to start preparing for week 1 against Lowell Catholic.”

The Red Devils will face a challenging schedule, starting with the season-opener at Lowell Catholic on Friday, September 11. Roque and his crew then will trek to Division 2 Waltham on September 19 before hosting Hamilton/Wenham on September 25.

Chelsea will meet Greater Boston League (GBL) foes Revere, Malden, Medford, and Lynn Classical in October and play at Minuteman Regional on October 29.

That will lead into the MIAA playoff/consolation

format in November. Chelsea will meet East Boston on Thanksgiving Eve under the lights at Chelsea Stadium.

“This year’s schedule has us on the road a bit more and all of our opponents are quality teams,” said Roque. “GBL teams are always competitive since all the teams are nearby and the athletes know each other.

“This year we have D2 Waltham in our second game of the year,” Roque continued, “and even Minuteman Tech almost came back to win in the final seconds last year. We will be challenged this year, but the commitment from this team is incredible. They have been putting a lot of work towards having a winning season.”

CHS FALL SPORTS SEASON SET TO GET UNDERWAY NEXT WEEK

After two weeks of practices and scrimmages, the Chelsea High fall sports season shifts into high gear next week:

-- The CHS boys soccer team will entertain Revere on Tuesday (September 8) and will travel to East Boston on Friday;

-- The CHS girls team will make the short trek to Revere on Tuesday;

-- The CHS girls volleyball team will travel to Everett next Wednesday and will host non-league foe Winthrop next Friday;

-- The CHS boys and girls cross country teams will host Malden on the course at Admiral’s Hill next Wednesday; and

-- The CHS football team gets its season underway

next Friday evening (Sept. 11) when the Red Devils make the trek to non-league opponent Lowell Catholic.

NEW FORMAT THIS YEAR FOR GBL IN SOCCER, HOOP, BASEBALL; GBL CUP INTRODUCED

The Greater Boston League (GBL) has adopted a new format for its eight schools in the sports of soccer, basketball, and softball/baseball for the 2026-27 season.

Instead of each school playing its seven GBL foes twice each, each school now will play its GBL rivals just once. The team with the best record in those seven games will determine the GBL champion.

In addition, there also will be a GBL Cup at the end of the season. Teams will be seeded 1-4 and 5-8, with both brackets playing semifinal and finals contests. The winner of the 1-4 bracket will be awarded the GBL Cup. In addition, the losers in the semis in both brackets will meet in consolation games.

The GBL is switching to the new format reportedly because one of the schools felt that playing each GBL school twice adversely affected its MIAA power rankings, which determines qualification and seeding for the post-season MIAA state tournaments.

Each school is free to schedule more than one game per season with a GBL foe, but the second contest will be deemed an exclusionary game for purposes of deciding the GBL championship and seeding for the GBL Cup.

FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES OF ARNOLD JARMAK



Harry Nyman was a legendary figure on the Chelsea political scene for many decades, from the 1920s through the 1970s. The son of immigrants, he was born in 1899 and passed away in 1985. He and his wife Sonia raised five children (daughters Lorraine, Arlene, Sandra, and Brenda, and a son, Sidney) all of whom graduated from Chelsea High and had successful careers. Harry served on the Chelsea Redevelopment Authority in the 1950s, to which he was appointed by then-Mayor Andrew P. Quigley. Arnold Jarmak captured this photo around 1979 of Mr. Nyman (whose nickname -- at a time when everybody had a nickname -- was “Pickles”) outside of his long-time cleaning business on Everett Ave. Harry typically would sit outside his storefront, greeting passersby and others who would come to visit. Notice that the phone number on the sign begins with a TU (which in those days stood for TURNER). That was before an area code (such as 617) was required for every phone call. Chelsea had two unique prefixes (which indicated the city or town) in those days, TU4 (884-) and TU9 (889-).

Chelsea announces free, fall-inspired “Autumn in the Square” event series

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea is excited to announce its free Summer in the Square community events happening in Chelsea Square every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday will transition to a fall-inspired Autumn in the Square event series beginning September 1 and continuing through November 1, 2026.

Autumn in the Square will feature family-friendly events such as weekly farmers markets and movie nights; a dog-friendly Barktoberfest event featuring a puppy costume parade and beer garden; two major festivals: the Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration on Saturday, September 26 and the Annual Dia De Los Muertos Festival on Sunday, November 1; and more.

The weekly Chelsea Farmers Market, featuring farm-fresh produce, a robust lineup of vendors, lawn games, musical performances, and more, continues through October 20. To become a vendor, contact farmersmarket@chelseama.gov. To learn more about the market, visit www.chelseama.gov/farmers-market.

During the event series, 2nd Street will be closed from Park Street to Broadway to support the continued community programming and public safety.

Upcoming Autumn in the

Square Programming:

Chelsea Farmers Market: Every Tuesday, September 1 – October 20, 3 to 7 p.m.

Movie in the Square—Interstellar: Thursday, September 3, at 8 p.m.

Chelsea 5K (no Autumn in the Square): Saturday, September 5

Chelsea Farmers Market featuring Music by Ashley Soto: Tuesday, September 8, 3 to 7 p.m.

Zumba in the Square: Tuesday, September 8, 6 to 7 p.m.

Movie in the Square—Jurassic Park: Tuesday, September 8, at 8 p.m.

Movie in the Square—To Be Announced (TBA): Thursday, September 10, at 8 p.m.

Chelsea Day (no Autumn in the Square event): Saturday, September 12

Movie in the Square—Moonstruck: Thursday, September 17, at 8 p.m.

Comedy in the Square: Saturday, September 19, 22, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Zumba in the Square: Tuesday, September 22, 6 to 7 p.m.

Movie in the Square—Hoppers: Tuesday, September 22, at 8 p.m.

Chelsea Overdose Vigil: Thursday, September 24,

at 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival: Saturday, September 26, 3 to 6 p.m.

Movie in the Square—Transformers: Thursday, September 29, at 8 p.m.

Noche de Impacto | Hispanic Heritage Month: Saturday, October 3, 3 to 7 p.m.

Barktoberfest: Saturday, October 10, 2 to 6 p.m.

Día de los Muertos Ofrenda: Friday, October 30 – Sunday, November 1

Trunk or Treat: Friday, October 30, 4 to 7 p.m.

Día de los Muertos Procession: Sunday, November 1, 1 to 5 p.m.

Additional movies will be shown outdoors in Chelsea Square on the following dates: October 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29.

Additional Autumn in the Square programming will soon be announced. For the ever-growing schedule, and more information, visit www.discoverchelseama.com/autumn-in-the-square.

With questions about these events, or event ideas, please contact Delia Harrington, Manager of Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy for the City of Chelsea, at dharrington@chelseama.gov.

Several roads to be temporarily closed during Chelsea 5k Road Race

The third annual Chelsea 5K Road Race will be held on September 5, beginning at 9 a.m. Several roads will be closed as needed and will be reopened as runners pass by, with all reopening at approximately 10 a.m.

Road Closures for the Chelsea 5k Road Race:

Arlington St. at Everett Ave

Arlington St. at 4th St.
Arlington St. at 6th (traffic diverted to Heard St.)

Washington Ave at Chestnut St.

Broadway at 4th St.

Broadway at Congress St.

Broadway at Everett Ave

Broadway at 2nd St.

2nd St. at Park St.

Arlington St. at 2nd St.

Spruce St. at 2nd St.

Williams St. at Spruce St.

Beacon St. at Broadway

Williams St. at Broadway

The Chelsea Police Department will be provide police details and escort for the event. Motorcycles will lead the procession. At 10 a.m., all remaining participants will be directed up onto the sidewalk.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CPS FEATURED IN “ALL ACCESS WITH ANDY GARCIA” PIECE HIGHLIGHTING THE IGNITE READING PROGRAM

CHELSEA – Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) was featured in an “All Access with Andy Garcia” segment alongside Ignite Reading. Stream History Documentaries

The segment debuted on Monday, August 24, and will be broadcast on more than 170 participating Public Television stations nationwide. The segment will air as interstitial programming for one full year through 2027.

The piece highlights the work of Ignite Reading, an organization dedicated to ensuring that every student is a confident and independent reader. Ignite provides early literacy intervention for students in the form of high-dosage tutoring, pairing students with an online tutor for 15 minutes during the school day to provide each student with personalized reading instruction.

Ignite Reading has been a partner with CPS for multiple school years, and recent data has shown the positive impact that the program has had for Chelsea students. According to Ignite Reading data, 86 percent of the students (primarily first graders) who participated in the program last year fully mastered foundational phonics skills such as basic alphabet knowledge, letter names and sounds. The television segment goes into further detail about Ignite’s mission, their practice, and the positive results happening right here in Chelsea.

“For me, as a superintendent, learning about Ignite Reading was a game changer. The individualized instruction, grounded in the Science of Reading, meets students where they are and intentionally builds their skills over time. I knew this was something that could make a real difference for our students,” CPS Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta said.

Footage for the story as well as interviews were recorded at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex last winter. Dr. Abeyta and Berkowitz School Principal Blanca Restrepo were interviewed along with Berkowitz School parent, Alma Leiva, and her son Isaiah, a Berkowitz student.

“I’m so thankful for Ignite Reading. They have taught him [Isaiah] a lot. He has made a lot of progress. I’m so happy and proud of him,” Leiva said.

Isaiah added, “I really like working with my tutor. We have a lot of fun learning to read. When I do a good job reading, it makes me feel good.”

Elementary-aged students in Chelsea Public Schools will continue to participate in the Ignite

Reading program during the 2026-27 school year. A link to watch the video will be on the

Chelsea Public Schools website and social media accounts as soon as it is available.

THE EAST BOSTON LATIN MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL IS BACK!

EAST BOSTON – Senator Lydia Edwards, in proud partnership with ZUMIX and Salsa y Control Dance Company, is excited to announce the return of the

East Boston Latin Music & Dance Festival on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at East Boston Memorial Park.

This year’s festival will highlight musical acts by DJ Dante, ¿Porque Puma? (ZUMIX Youth Latin Ensemble), Moab Latin American Rock Ensemble, Una Papayera en Boston, Chico Mania, Efrain Martinez y su Orquesta, La Excelencia and dance performances by VROCC Youth Dancers, BOMBAntillana, SambaViva and Salsa y Control.

“It is a true honor to celebrate the rich, diverse Latin American cultures that help make our city so special,” said Senator Lydia Edwards. “Partnering with local organizations and showcasing incredible talents from across the community is what makes this event one-of-a-kind. On September 13th, we invite families, neighbors, and friends to come together for a day of music, dance, food, and community—free and open to all!”

“It’s been an honor to work with Senator Edwards and many local organizations to produce the 5th annual East Boston Latin Music & Dance Festival. This is an uplifting celebration for everyone in the surrounding area to enjoy,” said Madeleine Steczynski, Co-Founder & Executive Director of ZUMIX. “It highlights the beautiful cultures of our Latin American neighbors, and the spirit of community that is particularly strong in East Boston. Local restaurants will be offering free food for the first hour, so bring lawn chairs, come early, eat, dance, laugh and play – and enjoy the entire day!”

“Music and dance have always been an integral part of the Latin American experience and working with Senator Lydia Edwards and Zumix to host not only one, but two stages showcasing some of the best talent in both art-forms has been an absolute honor,” said Johnny Giraldo, Co-Founder of Salsa y Control Dance Company.

The festival was established to further embrace and uplift East Boston’s Latino community, recognizing its vital contributions to the cultural and social fabric of our neighborhood.

This festival is made possible by the shared efforts and vision of Senator Lydia Edwards ZUMIX, Salsa y Control, and countless local leaders and volunteers.

Follow @eastlatinfest on Instagram or visit the East Boston Latin Music & Dance Festival page on www.eventbrite.com for more information.

EVERETT YOUTH BUILD SKILLS AND MAKE MEMORIES THROUGH CRIMSON KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM

EVERETT – The City of Everett’s Crimson Kids Summer Program gave local youth a summer filled with new experiences, friendships and opportunities to build skills they can carry with them well beyond the program.

Hosted by Everett Youth Development and Enrichment, the annual six-week program offered sports, arts and crafts, team-building activities, educational enrichment and field trips throughout the summer. Participants visited destinations including TD Garden, Franklin Park Zoo and Connors Farm before wrapping

up the program on Friday, August 21 with a field day outside the Recreation Center.

While keeping kids active and engaged during the summer, Crimson Kids also gives participants opportunities to develop skills like teamwork, responsibility, communication and leadership.

“Crimson Kids gives our young people a place to have fun, try new things and build confidence,” said Roberto Velasquez, Director of Youth Development and Enrichment. “It’s great to watch the friendships and growth that happen over the course of the summer.”

Programs like Crimson Kids also provide young people with positive outlets and opportunities to feel more connected to their peers and community.

“Keeping young people connected and engaged is an important part of prevention,” said Eric Mazzeo, Assistant Director of Youth Substance Use Prevention. “Crimson Kids gives them a positive environment to build relationships, discover new interests and feel like they’re part of something.”

The program concluded with water balloons, a bouncy house, games and a cookout with burgers and hot dogs.

“Programs like Crimson Kids are an important investment in Everett’s young people,” said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. “They’re having fun and making memories, but they’re also learning how to be part of a team, take on new challenges and build confidence in themselves. Those are skills that will serve them in school, in the workforce and throughout their lives.”

The City of Everett thanks the counselors and staff at Everett Youth Development and Enrichment for their work throughout the summer to create a welcoming, engaging and positive experience for Everett youth.

COUNCIL HONORS GROUNDBREAKING WOMEN COUNCILLORS

REVERE - The Revere City Council honored three female trailblazers in its chambers Monday, unveiling the official memorial portraits of former Councilors Margaret “Peggy” O’Hara, Elvira “Vera” Curcio, and Catherine “Cathy” Penn.

O’Hara was the first woman to serve on the city council when she was appointed to an at-large seat in 1973 to replace Edward O’Hara. Curcio was the Ward 3 Councillor from 1976–1981 and was the first woman elected to serve as a ward councillor. Penn served from 1980–1986 and was the first woman elected to serve Ward 2, and the first woman council president in 1983.

“Tonight is truly a special and historic moment for the Revere City Council, as we unveil these portraits, we honor three remarkable women,” said Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya.

The three councillors broke barriers and helped pave the way for every woman who followed them onto the city council, Guarino-Sawaya said.

“In a time when very few women held elected office, (O’Hara) stepped forward, took her place in this chamber, and opened the door that had never been opened before,” Guarino-Sawaya

A RECEPTION FOR LT. GOVERNOR KIM DRISCOLL AT VALSOS TABLE AND BAR



Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe with Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Senator Lydia Edwards, Jamie Russo, and Mayor of Medford, Breanna Lungo-Koehn shown at Valso’s Table and Bar.

said. “She not only broke a barrier, but also helped establish the presence of women in local government in Revere.”

Curcio continued that progress when she was the first woman elected to represent Ward 3, she added.

“She was a strong voice for her neighborhood, advocating for the needs of her constituents and ensuring that Ward 3 residents were heard in every city decision,” said Guarino-Sawaya. “Her election demonstrated that women not only belonged at this table, but could also effectively represent and lead their community.”

As the first woman council president, Guarino-Sawaya said that Penn helped guide the work of the council and set an example of what women could achieve in positions of authority in city government.

“Tonight is about much more than hanging three portraits on a wall,” said Guarino-Sawaya. “For many years, when we looked around these council chambers, we saw the faces of men who helped shape Revere’s history. But Margaret, Elvira, and Catherine were part of that history, too.”

“They served in this chamber, represented the people of Revere, and helped shape the city.”

WINTHROP COUNCIL BEGINS STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

WINTHROP – At a special meeting last week, the Winthrop Town Council began discussions on shaping a townwide strategic plan that will highlight goals and projects for the next five to 10 years.

During the initial conversations about the strategic plan, councillors talked about what they see as some of the biggest issues in Winthrop the council needs to address. They also debated the shape the strategic plan should take in the coming months.

Town Manager Tony Marino said that the council could look at bringing in an outside consultant to help with the planning process. He estimated the cost would be around \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Precinct 3 Councilor Joe Romano asked that a representative from the consulting firm meet with the council to discuss the planning process at its next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The council agreed to the request.

“What we are looking for is the direction in terms of

projects we think need to be prioritized,” said Letterie. “Obviously, infrastructure and flooding is going to be a major concern, but there are other things that the town should be looking at doing. It could be in terms of the schools or maintenance of our buildings or streetscapes or whatever the interests happen to be.”

Letterie and Marino both mentioned the Win2030 Vision document that was completed a number of years ago as a launching point for the current strategic planning process.

“It was a great document ... and that is sort of what I was using as my template or guideline for projects and things that the council at that time wanted to do,” said Marino. “We have been using that; we met with Councilor (Suzanne) Swope and Council President Letterie. Councilor Swope did a great job with going through and identifying a lot of the projects that we had already done in the 2030 Vision, so the thought process that she had was maybe to expand on this, to take the 2030 document and add some new projects in there so we don’t have to reinvent the wheel.

“Or the council can look to adopt a whole new strategic plan,” the town manager continued. “It’s goals for the next five to 10 years – where do we want to be – global thinking.”

In the previous towns where he has worked, Marino said the strategic planning process has consisted of the town leaders coming up with strengths and weaknesses in the community, ideas for goals and projects, and narrowing that list down to five or six strategic goals.

“As I work for you folks ... that is certainly something that would help me,” said Marino.

During the initial strategic visioning meeting last week, councillors hit on a number of major issues and goals for the town.

The ongoing flood mitigation and infrastructure issues in the Tileston, Girdlestone, Pico, and Morton

areas were mentioned by several councillors. Also brought up by several councillors were efforts to rehab the old middle school gym and the ice rink to increase recreational programs for youth and all residents.

“I would love to see a complex (at the old middle school gym), that would be a lot of money, but that is more of a long-term thing,” said Precinct 6 Councilor Martin Finn.

Marino noted that in addition to the possibility of converting the old middle school gym as a broader-based community sports and recreation complex, it could also be used as an emergency shelter in place of the high school, in turn opening up the opportunity for more grant money to rehab the gym.

Letterie said the town has had long range plans to make improvements to the ice rink, noting that locker rooms in the gym have to be used for the rink, and that there are also handicap accessibility issues that need to be addressed at the ice rink.

“There’s been a plan in place to explore additional locker rooms ... and to just redo the lobby itself,” said Letterie.

Romano said some of his goals include finding more ways for the town to get mitigation funds from Massport for town projects, and for the town to work with the state on an improved Yirrel Beach management plan.

Precinct 2 Councilor Kim Dimes said that in addition to the Tileston and Girdlestone improvements, she would like to see a study of all public and private seawalls in Winthrop.

Councilor-at-Large Kurt Millar’s wishlist included an improved marketing plan for the town and upgrades to its IT infrastructure.

Councillor-at-Large Max Tassinari noted that the town has a tough needle to thread when it comes to balancing economic development with the impacts it could have on the town through factors like traffic and parking.

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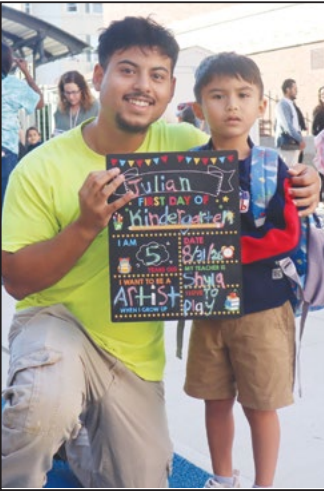
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Fourth grader Brenny (right) stopped for a picture outside the Kelly School before heading in for her first day.



ELC Pre-K students Victoria (left) and Lia (right) share an excited embrace before entering the school building on the first day of school.



A proud father Cruz (left) stopped for a photo with his son Julian (right) before his first day of Kindergarten at the ELC.



Kelly School student Jayla (Middle) arrived at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex with her family including her mother Heidi (right) and father Jeffrey (left).



CPS Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta pictured with Kelly School students Emmalyn (left) and Ezri (right) on the first day of school at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex.



Balloons and words of encouragement greeted students at the Clark Avenue Middle School on Wednesday, August 26, as teachers and school staff welcomed students back to school on the first day.



Sokolowski School student Aneesa pictured with her mom, Sandra, and dad, Jack.



CPS' crossing guards were hard at work around the City helping students and families walk to school on Wednesday morning.



Jacquelyn Baker (far right) and Joshua Baker (far left) joined family at the ELC today for their son Mateo's (sitting) first day of school. Mateo is sitting with his grandmother, Chairwoman of the Chelsea School Committee Ana Hernandez.



The fleet of yellow school buses were back on the roads on Wednesday, August 26, dropping students off at school at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex.



Students and families gathered outside the Sokolowski School on Wednesday, August 26, before the start of the first day.

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Chelsea police officer moving to new position with trial court

Special to the Record

Friday, August 28 marked Officer Darien Lavino’s last day with the Chelsea Police Department as she begins an exciting new chapter in her career with the Trial Court Probation Department.

“Although she is leaving our agency, she will continue serving the community and contributing to the criminal justice system in a new capacity,” said Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton. “I want to take a moment to thank Officer Lavino for everything she has brought to our department. Her high energy, compassion, and genuine commitment to helping others have



Chelsea Police Department photo of Officer Darien Lavino

made a lasting impression on the people she has served and on all of us who have had the privilege of working alongside her.”

Houghton said the depart-

ment could not say goodbye to Officer Lavino without mentioning her uncanny dog-whispering abilities.

“Her special connection with our four-legged friends has been truly remarkable and has become one of the many qualities that made her such a valued and memorable member of our CPD family,” said Houghton. “While we are certainly sorry to see her leave, we are proud of her as she takes this next step in her career. We know she will bring the same dedication, compassion, and enthusiasm to the Trial Court Probation Department that she demonstrated here at the Chelsea Police Department.”

Chelsea police officer retires after 41 years

On Friday, August 28, the Chelsea Police Department celebrated the last official shift and retirement of Officer Bernard Grayson after nearly 41 years of dedicated service to the Chelsea Police Department and the City of Chelsea.

“Officer Grayson’s career is one that represents the very best of what it means to be a police officer,” said Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton. “His compassion, dedication, courage, and unwavering commitment to the people of Chelsea have been beyond reproach. Throughout his four decades of service, he consistently treated people with dignity and respect while carrying out his responsibilities with professionalism and integrity.

The chief said one of Officer Grayson’s greatest contributions will be the legacy he leaves behind through the decades of officers he mentored.

“The example he set through his professionalism, patience, knowledge, and manner of treating others has influenced countless members of this department,” said Houghton.



Chelsea Police Department courtesy photo of Officer Bernard Grayson.

“Those lessons will continue to be passed from one generation of Chelsea Police Officers to the next.”

Houghton said Grayson has given nearly 41 years of his life to protecting and serving this community. That is an extraordinary accomplishment and one that deserves our deepest gratitude and respect.

“Bernie, you will be greatly missed around the Chelsea Police Depart-

ment,” Houghton said. “But while your time wearing the uniform may be coming to an end, your legacy will continue through the officers you mentored, the people you helped, and the example you set for nearly four decades.

“On behalf of the entire Chelsea Police Department, thank you for your remarkable service and dedication to the City of Chelsea.”



From left to right, NeighborHealth President & Chief Executive Officer Jamie Hazard poses with Karen Mattie, Senior Clinical Director at BMC; Dr. Mothusi Chilume, Medical Director; Jeff Merritt, Operations Manager; Jimmy Sherman, PT, DPT, Manager of Outpatient Rehab Therapies at BMC; Julio Mazul, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer; Maria Coppenrath, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; and Christopher Durham, Operations Supervisor.

NeighborHealth and BMC celebrate 10 years of expanding access to care in Winthrop

Special to the Record

NeighborHealth and Boston Medical Center (BMC) celebrated ten years since the historic opening of a shared facility in Winthrop, Mass., marking a decade of collaboration to bring comprehensive healthcare services closer to home for patients in Winthrop and surrounding communities.

The shared clinical facility at 17 Main Street opened to patients in 2016 to address the need for more convenient access to primary, specialty and rehabilitation care in Winthrop, East Boston and Revere, communities geographically separated from many of Boston’s major health care facilities. The spacious waterfront building, designed by leading healthcare design firm ingenuity, provides convenient access to NeighborHealth’s Family Medicine and Specialty Care services, including sports medicine, gastroenterology, pulmonology, podiatry and endocrinology, alongside BMC’s state-of-the-art Physical and Occupational Therapy clinic and gym.

The anniversary celebration brought together dozens of leaders, providers, staff, patients and community members to recognize the patients and care teams who have shaped the partnership over the past decade.

“Over the past 10 years, this partnership has made it easier for our patients to get the care they need, closer to where they live and work,” said Dr. Mothusi

Chilume, Medical Director, Family Medicine at NeighborHealth. “By bringing primary, specialty and rehabilitation services together in one location, we are helping patients spend less time navigating the health care system and more time focusing on their health. That kind of access is what community-based care is all about.”

Over the past decade, the partnership has helped create a more seamless experience for BMC and NeighborHealth patients in need high-quality rehabilitation services north of Boston, allowing access to skilled care without crossing the harbor.

“This facility is a testament to what hospitals and community health centers can achieve when we work together,” said Karen Mattie, Senior Clinical Director, Boston Medical Center. “By joining BMC’s leading rehabilitation care with NeighborHealth’s family medicine expertise, we have created a model that has allowed our organizations to respond to thousands of patients’ needs in a more connected way. This partnership continues to be an example of how collaboration can strengthen the continuum of care and create lasting value for communities.”

In addition to providing an integrated model of care for Winthrop and surrounding communities, the space continues to bring two leading employers to the beachfront community. Earlier this year, NeighborHealth

was named a 2026 USA Today Top Workplace and BMC was named a 2026–2027 Best Regional Hospital by U.S. News & World Report.

For more information about NeighborHealth and BMC’s Winthrop location visit: www.neighborhealth.com.

NeighborHealth, formerly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, is one of the nation’s largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 55 years, NeighborHealth has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston’s South End and Roxbury neighborhoods. NeighborHealth is licensed through Boston Medical Center and champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other healthcare providers in our state. For more information, visit www.neighborhealth.com.

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From left to right, NeighborHealth team members Diana A. Gallego, Executive Assistant; Nathalie Berrio, Administrative Assistant; Amanda McGee, Vice President / General Counsel, Marketing & Communications; Eugenia Coronado, Vice President, Specialty Services and Patient Experience; Jamie Hazard, President & Chief Executive Officer; Stecy Casseus, Operations Manager; Rita Sorrento, Board Chair; Julio Mazul, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer; Sandra Caggiano, Board Chair; Dr. Mothusi Chilume, Medical Director; and Takesha Hurd, Chief of Staff and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager, cut the cake in celebration of the 10th year of partnership with Jimmy Sherman, PT, DPT, Manager of Outpatient Rehab Therapies at BMC, fifth from right.

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Debra Krinsky

Dedicated Chelsea schoolteacher

Debra “Deb” Carin (Waxman) Krinsky, 74, of Peabody, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully at the UC Irvine Medical Center in Southern California on August 23, 2026, with loved ones by her side. Deb was born on February 8, 1952, in Boston, MA, to William and Doris (Baritz) Waxman.

Deb grew up in her beloved Chelsea, graduating from Chelsea High School in 1970. She attended Boston State College, receiving a bachelor’s degree in education in 1974 and eventually earning her master’s in special education from Lesley College. She began her teaching career in the Chelsea Public Schools but initially left after just four years to start a family.

Deb spent many summers working at Camp Menorah in Essex, MA, where she met her best friend and the love of her life, Martin “Marty” Krinsky of Hyde Park, MA. After years of friendship and “wooing” (as they would jokingly say), they married on June 2, 1974, going on to spend a remarkable 52 years together, all as residents of West Peabody, MA. As newlyweds, they joined Temple Ner Tamid. Deb became immediately active with the youth groups and served as Chair of the Nursery School.

While she loved being a teacher, nothing brought her more joy and pride than her three children: Matthew, Jonathan, and Erica. She cherished her time as a stay-at-home mom, providing warmth, care, and guidance not only to her own kids, but to their friends and many others as well, earning her the affectionate nickname of “Momma K.”

During this time, her volunteer work extended to Cohen Hillel Academy, serving as Co-President of Hamishpacha, the school’s parent-teacher organization. She later became a popular substitute teacher at Hillel before returning to Chelsea as a full-time 4th grade teacher, a role she held until her retirement in 2017.

Following the birth of her eldest child, Deb was diagnosed with kidney disease and was told that sometime down the road, she would need dialysis and an eventual kidney transplant. Determined not to let this sideline her, she defied the odds and went 15 years without needing to begin any treatment. After a brief stint on dialysis, she was fortunate to receive her first kidney transplant in 1994, and it lasted an extraordinary 23 years. She was forced to resume dialysis in 2017, leading to an earlier-than-planned retirement from teaching, and received her second kidney transplant in 2019. Even prior to this second transplant, she started experiencing what would become a long series of medical issues that made her final 14 years a constant struggle, one she faced with grace and a positive attitude.

Her family was the greatest source of strength as she overcame so many challenges that would’ve brought many others down. In addition to her husband and three children, along with her daughter-in-law and son-in-law, the absolute loves of her life were her four grandchildren. Regard-



less of the destination, family vacations were among her happiest times, and she managed to squeeze in one final trip to Disneyland before her unexpected passing.

Deb is survived by her husband, Marty, of Peabody, MA; son Matt of Los Angeles, CA; son Jonathan and daughter-in-law De’Arna (Maragioglio) Krinsky of Peabody, MA; daughter Erica (Krinsky) and son-in-law David Mazza of Peabody, MA; brother Ronald Waxman and partner Misti Covitz of Seattle, WA; brother Steven Waxman of Chelsea, MA; and her grandchildren, Gemma and Wesley Krinsky and Lucas and Elias Mazza, all of Peabody, MA. She was predeceased by her devoted dialysis companion and granddog, Buster.

Family, friends, and members of Temple Ner Tamid packed the synagogue in Peabody for funeral services Monday, Aug. 31. Debra’s husband, Marty Krinsky, and son, Matt Krinsky, delivered beautiful eulogies paying tribute to Debra’s indomitable strength and courage during her many health battles and how loved and admired she was by her family and friends.

“Today I want to tell you about my wife, my hero,” said Marty Krinsky. “She was one of the bravest people I have ever known, having to deal with more medical challenges than any one person should ever have to face. There always seemed to be another health hurdle to overcome, another obstacle in her way, but somehow she always found the strength to keep going. She did not let her medical issues stand in the way of raising three kids, going on adventures, cooking for holidays, caring for grandkids, attending their sports games and dance recitals, or most importantly, cleaning the house to prepare for the cleaning lady.”

Matt Krinsky, a rising and talented filmmaker, said about his parents’ loving relationship, “Your 52-year love story is one for the ages and just know how much Jonathan, Erica, and I valued growing up in such a warm environment that you both created for us.”

Rabbi Emeritus Richard Perlman said, “The deeds she did, the things that stay within us, those memories of her soul will live on. We are here today with full hearts and with heavy hearts because we come to honor the woman whose smile, whose spirit, and whose way of moving through the world touched every one of us. Our dear friend and TNT congregant Debra Krinsky has now come home. Though she took her final steps in Los Angeles, she returns now to the community she loved and to the Temple family that loved her right back.”

Healey-Driscoll Administration expands joint active shooter response training statewide

Special to the Record

More than 1,000 police, fire and EMS professionals have completed joint active shooter response training across Massachusetts this year as the Healey-Driscoll Administration expands efforts to prepare first responders to act quickly and work together during a crisis.

One of the latest Active Attack Integrated Response courses brought approximately three dozen first responders to Tufts University for two days of classroom instruction, hands-on exercises, and realistic scenarios. Participants included personnel from the Massachusetts State Police, Arlington Police, Lexington Police, Lexington Fire, Medford Fire, Somerville Fire, Somerville Police, Stoughton Fire, Cataldo Ambulance, and the police departments of North Shore Community College, Tufts University, and Worcester State University.

“Massachusetts was the first in the nation to adopt an internationally recognized framework for consistent, statewide active shooter response training,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Gina K. Kwon. “Our law enforcement, fire service, EMS, telecommunicator, and emergency management personnel are training together in courses like this one so they can work together in a real-world crisis.”

The Active Attack Integrated Response (AAIR) course was coordinated by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, the Municipal Police Training Committee, and the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center, with support from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

The course was held August 18–19 in partnership with Tufts University and the Tufts University Police Department. Tufts also hosted AAIR courses in June and July.

“We significantly ramped up AAIR deliveries to meet increased demand after last winter’s active shooter event at Brown University,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “So far this year, we’ve delivered 35 classes for first responders across Massachusetts, from Provincetown to North Adams. That’s more than 1,000 police, fire, and EMS professionals ready to stop the

killing and stop the dying.”

“The AAIR curriculum provides life-saving training to first responders at every level of experience,” said Captain Amy Fanikos (Ret.), Deputy Executive Director of the Municipal Police Training Committee. “From classroom instruction to hands-on exercises to increasingly complex scenarios, it builds the skills necessary for law enforcement and fire/rescue to work seamlessly together when every second can be the difference between life and death.”

“I received great feedback from the Somerville firefighters who took part in this course,” said Somerville Fire Chief Charles J. Breen, Jr. “It builds on many of the emergency medical skills we already use, and it provides a strong foundation for working with our police partners. Trainings like this one could help save lives in a crisis most people don’t want to contemplate.”

“Massachusetts is doing some of the most aggressive AAIR training in the country,” said John Cantarella, Northeast Regional Manager for the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University.

In 2022, Massachusetts became the first state to adopt NFPA 3000, Standard for an Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response Program, as a statewide framework for active shooter response training through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Municipal Police Training Committee and State Police Academy.

Developed following the 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, NFPA 3000 emphasizes the importance of law enforcement, fire, EMS, and other public safety partners planning, training, and coordinating before an emergency.

AAIR puts that framework into practice. The curriculum uses plain language and common terminology to help first responders establish command, stop an attacker, and reach injured people as quickly as possible. It also trains participants in the Rescue Task Force model, in which law enforcement protects fire and EMS personnel as they provide immediate medical care and evacuate patients.

The Department of Fire Services and Municipal Police Training Committee also offer Active Attack



Shown are scenes from the joint active shooter response training program.



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MyRWA offering to residents free trees

Special to the Record

Do you want to be a part of making your city greener, cleaner, and healthier? The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) is raising awareness about multiple programs offering free trees to plant on your property this fall:

Greening the Gateway Cities MA Urban Canopy Project – for residents of Chelsea, Everett, Malden, & Revere

TreesMedford Fall 2026 Giveaway – for residents of Medford

Green Cambridge Canopy Crew Tree Program – for residents of Cambridge

You can learn more about these opportunities and sign up to receive a free tree at www.mysticriver.org/trees.

The benefits of trees are not just aesthetic. Trees lower temperatures and provide shade, which helps communities weather increasingly hot summers. The most urban communities in greater Boston—with the least tree cover—are often the hottest. These communities also tend to have the highest percentages of low-income residents and/or people of color. When MyRWA asked residents what changes they wanted to see to address this problem, trees were one of the top solutions.

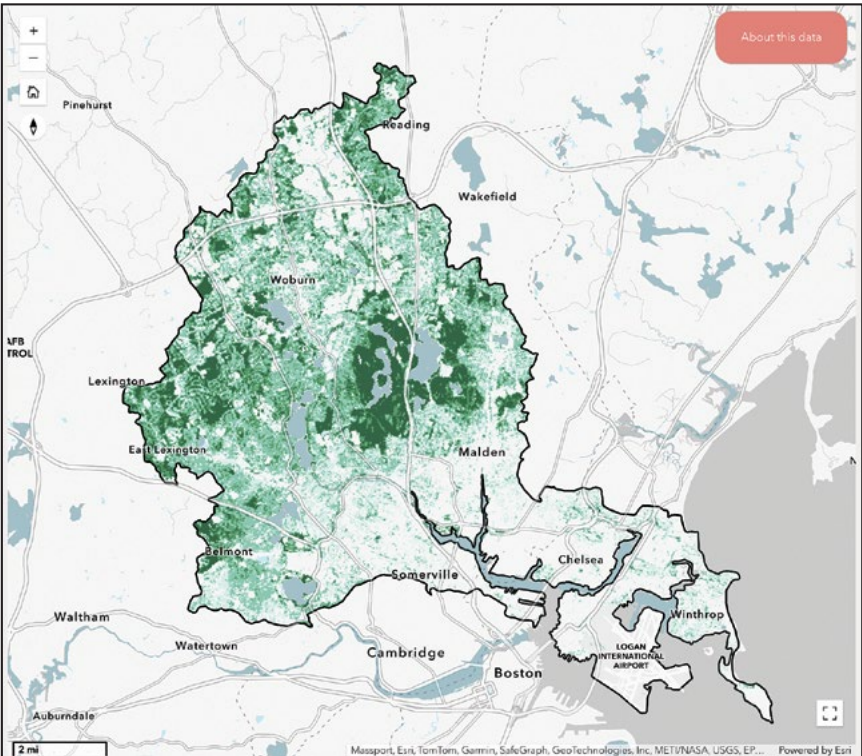
Trees bring other benefits beyond shade and cooling. They can improve air quality by absorbing pollutants, and tree roots soak up water, reducing the volume of polluted runoff into rivers and streams. Trees create habitat for beneficial birds, insects, and other wildlife. More greenery in a community can also reduce stress and improve mental health. Finally, trees can save you money! Tree cover reduces energy usage, bringing down cooling and heating costs, and more greenery can increase property values.

The Mystic River Watershed Association is committed to building solutions so that all people across the watershed, no matter who you are or where you live, have safe and easy access to nature and a healthy environment. MyRWA is working with cities and towns to plant trees on public property, including parks, paths, and parking lots. So far, the organization has helped plant over 1,000 shade trees, but resident tree planting is key to expanding the canopy even further. Request a free tree today!

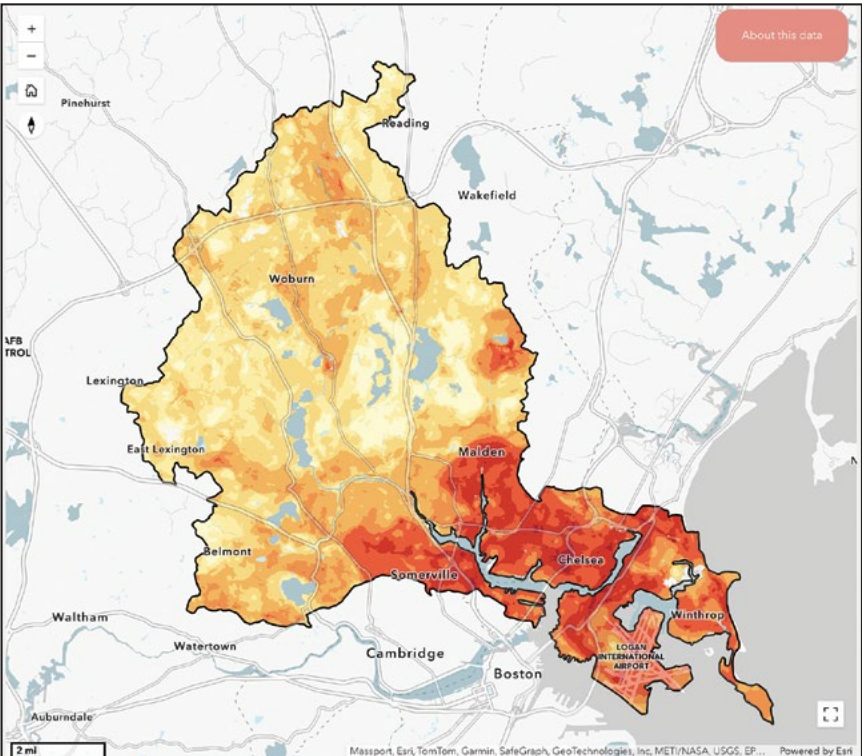
Mystic River Watershed at a Glance

The 76-square-mile Mystic River watershed stretches from Reading through the northern shoreline of Boston Harbor to Revere. An Anglicized version of the Pequot word *missi-tuk* (“large river with wind-and-tide-driven waves”), it is now one of New England’s most densely populated, urbanized watersheds.

Its 21 municipalities are home to 600,000 residents, including many who are disproportionately vulnerable to extreme weather: environmental justice communities, new Americans, residents of color, elders, low-income residents and



Tree Cover in the Mystic River Watershed.



Wicked Hot Mystic Afternoon Heat Model.



Mystic River Watershed Association tree planting in Chelsea.

employees, people living with disabilities, and English-language learners.

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) builds shared solutions so that all people, no matter who you are or where you live across the Mystic River Watershed, have safe and easy access to nature and a healthy environment. MyRWA believes that understanding the roots of current inequity, access to information, and opportunities to learn about the natural world empower us all to work together for a better future in the Mystic.

CITY PAWS

At-home grooming

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

This month, we needed more home grooming for our dog, Poppy, because she had to go five weeks instead of four between professional grooming sessions. Part of our job as companion animal guardians is ensuring our animals receive the grooming they need.

Poppy has a regular morning grooming session with Ed, who cleans her feet, checks her ears, medicates specific areas as directed by her dermatologist, and brushes her teeth. She also has a nightly toothbrushing before bed.

Poppy has a Sunday appointment with Penny each week for a grooming check and brushing. If we keep up with her double coat, we avoid mats between professional spa days. Penny uses

a stripping comb to keep her hard outer coat in good condition rather than have our groomer shave it. That coat protects her from rain and cold and makes it easier to remove dirt.

With the current tick situation in our area, we recommend a check for ticks after every walk. Ed found one tick in Poppy’s ear this season while he was doing his morning checks.

Different Dog, Different Needs

Grooming needs differ by breed. Long-haired dogs like Golden Retrievers, Sheepdogs, and Spaniels will take a bit more time to brush. We see people who do daily brushing in the park and watch birds that love to pick up dog hair to make nests.

Vizslas, Boxers, Labrador Retrievers, and other short-

haired breeds may be touted as needing less coat maintenance. But a good routine of regular brushing will help control shedding and distribute the natural oils throughout the coat for that glow of good health.

When you groom at home, take steps that help your dog feel safe, secure, and less stressed while you work. Use a non-slip mat instead of a slippery surface to bring the pet to an easy working level. Consider offering a lick mat with a favorite treat like peanut butter or cheese to distract a stressed pup.

Baths

As long as your dog has not had an encounter with a skunk, rolled in goose poop, or dug up a mud puddle, most baths are done on a scheduled basis. Use dog shampoo and use as little as possible. We dilute our dog shampoo with warm water in a spray bottle to make it easy to cover each area with a light but ample supply of suds.

If you want to do this at home, consider purchasing a spray hose you can connect to your bathtub fill spout. This will make it easier for you to rinse, rinse, rinse.

In their step-by-step bathing instructions, Chewy asks, “Think your dog is completely rinsed? Go ahead and rinse them some more.



Wash, rinse, rinse, rinse, then dry!

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Chelsea Uniting Against the War’s starts 23rd year of anti-military recruitment efforts at Chelsea High

By Fran Roznowski

As students arrived to Chelsea High School on August 31, they were greeted by members of Chelsea Uniting Against the War (CUAW) with fliers about their right to opt out and deny their contact information to military recruiters.

In 2003 Chelsea parents and residents began leafletting at the start of the school year in response to No Child Left Behind, an act signed by President Bush, which states that public school

administrators must send high school students’ name, address and phone number upon request to military recruiters. Students have the right to not have this personal information released to all branches of the armed forces by signing the opt-out form on their school issued computer.

The flier written in English and Spanish challenges that serving in the military is viewed as a patriotic Duty, in that, a soldier may be expected to kill ci-

vilians, destroy homes and food supplies. Veterans may return home physically disabled and with serious mental or health issues. In addition, veterans benefits such as healthcare, housing and disability benefits continue to be slashed.

Joe Kavartas, a member of Chelsea Uniting Against the War and Veterans for Peace, while leafletting stated ”I served in Vietnam from 1971 – 1972. It’s a tragedy that guys from Chelsea at 18 and 19 years

old were killed in that war. At 77, I lived a full life and I encourage students not to follow the same path (into the military).”

Chelsea Uniting Against the War continues to safeguard students’ rights. For more information or to join this year’s fundraiser – Bowl for Peace on Sun. November 15, at Central Park Lanes, East Boston contact Joel Romero 617-688-1197 or follow us on Facebook Chelsea Uniting Against The War – cuaw.



Joe Kavartas, Veteran for Peace, Vietnam War Veteran member of Chelsea Uniting Against the War



Joshua Hernandez and Joel Romero share OPT-OUT info with students the second week of school

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even with the recommendation for denial from the planning board.

At its meeting, the planning board also voted to continue the site plan review for the project until its next meeting on Sept. 22. Board members stated that they want to see a traffic study, a community meeting with abutters, and the lease proposal for the distribution center space before voting on the site plan.

During last week’s public hearing, WalMart officials explained the plan for the WalMart Depot center.

ful, it could generate additional traffic in the future.

Planning board member Sarah Ritch said she was concerned that since drivers are paid by the number of deliveries they make, it could make for unsafe and dangerous driving conditions in and around the plaza.

“Currently, I would say there’s probably just as much risk as anyone trying to hustle home to beat the rush hour traffic, but I understand your concern,” said Wilkins.

Czernizer and other board

members also raised concerns that there would be nothing to mark the building or increase its curb appeal.

“You’re doing zero to the front of the building,” said board member Mimi Rancatore. “I get you want to have a building that is unmarked, but we also need a lighting plan and security ... you’ve got to do something to the front of the building. You can’t just have a door and have all these people because everybody’s going to wonder what it is.”

City Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson said he be-

lieves the city can do better with development at the Webster Avenue site.

“I don’t think even one percent of the community is going to utilize this service, so I don’t see a real benefit for the community other than we are going to take on all the traffic and we’re going to tie up Webster Avenue more than it is tied up every morning, every afternoon when school is getting out, it is just going to be awful,” Robinson said. “We’re not getting any real big return in regards to taxes. I’ll just say we can do better.”

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No, really. Dog fur is great at hiding pockets of soap, and if you don’t rinse it off now, it could cause skin problems ranging from flakiness to irritation to infections. Use your hands to feel around your whole dog to find soapy spots you can’t see, especially around the belly, under the armpits, and genitals.”

Side Benefits to Grooming

Grooming activities can help you and your dog bond. If you make it a gentle, pleasant experience, it can relax you both. Methodically stroking, brushing, and combing a pet will not only improve their fur, but will also let you discover any lumps, bumps, or other ab-

normalities. You can check ears for debris and any off smells and give your pal a quick check-up.

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The Trial Court

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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In the matter of: Christine Gouveia of: Chelsea, MA

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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by De-

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appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance

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