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SCHOOL COMMITTEE AWARDS

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Lori Loussedes, the curriculum coach at the Early Childhood Center, was presented with the school district's Butterfly Award at last week's school committee meeting.



Kathryn Anderson was presented with a Name, Strength, and Story Award at last week's school committee meeting for her advocacy for the district's immigrant students.



Veronica Dyer-Medina, the executive assistant to the superintendent of schools and the school committee clerk, was presented with a Name, Strength, and Story Award at last week's school committee meeting.

New location for Chelsea Then & Now Receivership Panel, now at the Chelsea High School auditorium

Special to the Record

With more than 150 attendees expected, the City of Chelsea has announced the location of its Chelsea Then & Now: 35 Years

Since Receivership panel will now take place inside the Chelsea High School auditorium instead of the City Council Chambers. The entrance to the auditorium is located at 299 Everett

Avenue, Chelsea.

During the event, panel moderator Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association Adam Chapedelaine will interview Chelsea's first

four city managers—Guy Santagate, Jay Ash, Thomas Ambrosino, and Fidel Maltez—who brought Chelsea

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School administration provides updates on attendance and testing

By Adam Swift

Chelsea school district administrators reviewed some of the final school indicators of success tied into the district's overall strategic plan at last week's school committee meeting.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty reviewed the June numbers for attendance, the school drop-out rate, and the number of students taking AP and early college courses for the 2025-26 school year.

"Our daily attendance ending in June, year to date, we are at 89 percent at the district level," said Blake-Canty. "We continue to work toward our goal of reaching 95 percent."

The attendance rate is the highest level it has been at since the 2020-21 school year, where it hit 90.8 percent.

Blake-Canty also re-

viewed the number of students who took AP and early college classes for the 2025-26 school year.

"For AP courses, we started the school year with 442 students and ended the school year with 427," she said. "In terms of calculus courses, we started the school year with 115 students, ended the school year with 110 students."

For early college courses, the district began the school year with 264 students and ended with 343.

"More students are taking early college courses instead of AP and calculus," Blake-Canty.

The 442 students enrolled in the AP courses took a total of 719 AP exams, with 39 percent of the students completing the exams with a higher test total of a 3, 4, or 5, according to Blake-Canty.

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Traffic commission opens up meetings to public comment

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea Parking and Traffic Commission added a permanent new item to its agenda at its September meeting with the addition of a public comment period.

Two city councilors took advantage of public comment to highlight several of their concerns that were not on the agenda for the Sept. 2 meeting.

"First of all, I'm here to celebrate the fact that there is public comment at traffic and parking commission now," said District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate. "I just want to thank you for adding that, because I think that it has been missing and I am thrilled there is an opportunity to talk about things in general."

As far as business was

concerned, Santagate said she wanted to follow up on some long-brewing issues involving the intersection at Marlborough, Shurtleff, and Broadway.

"You may remember that there were some safety measures that were going to be implemented because the area was identified as one of the most dangerous in the city; in the top 5 percent for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles," said Santagate. "Since your last meeting, three additional pedestrians have been hit."

Santagate said the only safety mitigation measures that have been put in place since January have been the painting of some lines.

"There have not been

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Celebrate the Chelsea Way at Chelsea Day this Saturday

Special to the Record

Chelsea will celebrate the Chelsea Way with the annual Chelsea Day Festival this Saturday, Sept. 12.

The festival itself takes place from 3-7 p.m. on Broadway at Beacon Street. The entire community is invited to enjoy live music, food, performances, a beer garden, games, fireworks, and more. The fireworks display is scheduled to go off at 7:30 p.m.

This year, the city will be celebrating its back-to-back, and fourth all-time,

All-American City designation.

"For decades, Chelsea Day has been a celebration of our local pride, cultural diversity, and achievements," said City Manager Fidel Maltez. "This annual event is especially important to the City because it

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ANOTHER GREAT
CHELSEA RACE DAY

We just want to drop a note to offer our congratulations -- and thanks -- to City Manager Fidel Maltez, the Chelsea Police Dept., and all of the city workers and volunteers who helped to make Saturday’s third annual Chelsea 5K Road Race a great success once again.

The race was a truly joyous affair, for both the 654 participants and hundreds of spectators, who shared in the positive energy that has typified this event since its inception. This year’s race featured a wheelchair division for the first time and included food trucks and other information tables that highlighted healthy living.

It is clear that the 5K Road Race has become a popular fixture on our community’s calendar. We’ll be looking forward to the festivities in 2027.

REMEMBERING 9/11

For every generation of Americans for the past near-century, there have been seminal events for which those who were of a certain age can recall “where they were” when they “heard the news.”

Every member of the Greatest Generation could recall with vivid clarity the announcement by President Roosevelt of the Day of Infamy of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A generation later, everyone knew where they were when the announcement of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy came across our TV screens. A generation after that, the Challenger space shuttle disaster riveted our nation.

And then, on September 11, 2001, every American watched with horror and disbelief as the Twin Towers of the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C. came under attack from a terrorist organization we barely knew existed.

In each case, long-held views about our world and our nation were shattered. Before Pearl Harbor, we had thought that the thousands of miles of oceans separating us from the warlords of Europe and Asia would keep us out of harm’s way. John F. Kennedy’s assassination made us realize that history could be altered by a single bullet. The Challenger disaster made us aware that despite three decades of travel in space and despite our prowess in the realm of technology, in the end, everything we do as humans is subject to failure, because that is the human condition.

As we viewed the images on our TV screens on 9/11 of the fireballs in the upper parts of the Twin Towers, and then watched with horror and disbelief as those skyscrapers crumbled, trapping thousands of our fellow Americans, we realized that America no longer was insulated from the sort of outside terrorist threats that had plagued almost every other country the world over.

Every American knew that our lives would be different from that point onward.

However, in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attack, it became clear that countless of our fellow Americans responded with incredible strength and bravery. Police officers and firefighters responded fearlessly without regard to the impending danger to their own safety in order to save the lives of their fellow Americans.

A total of 343 firefighters and 71 police officers perished when the towers crumbled, and hundreds more suffered lifelong illnesses because of the toxic air they inhaled while searching for survivors both that day and beyond.

There were many civilian heroes as well, most notably the “young man with the red bandana” who led occupants of the towers to safety and the passengers who thwarted the hijacking of the plane that was headed for the White House when it crashed into Pennsylvania farm fields.

The events of 9/11 deeply affected the Boston area. The two planes that struck the Twin Towers, United Airlines Flight 175 and American Airlines Flight 11, took off from Logan Airport that fateful morning, carrying a total of 147 crew and passengers who mainly were from our area, including American flight attendant Kathleen Nicosia from Winthrop and United employee Marianne MacFarlane (who was headed for a vacation) from Revere. Their names and those of all of the passengers and crew are marked on the 9/11 memorial at Logan which is located just outside of Terminal A.

It is hard to believe that 25 years have passed since 9/11, and even harder to conceive that there are millions of a younger generation of Americans who have been born since that day and who have no first-hand knowledge of that tragic event.

So let us resolve to remind ourselves, and to inform the young people we know, that this was a day not merely of great tragedy, but that it also was a day of great heroism that exemplified the best of what America stands for.

HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH

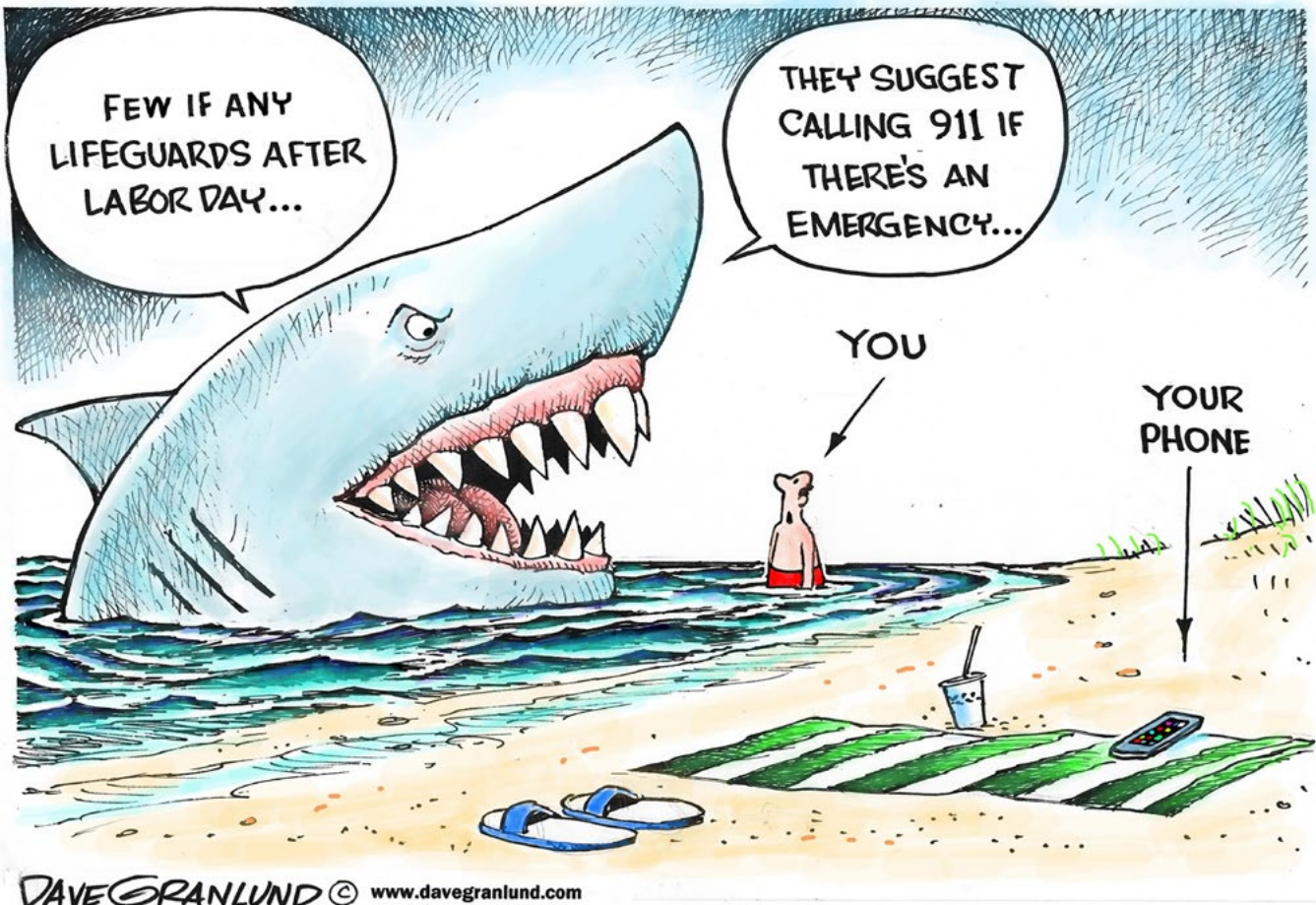
Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will start at sundown this coming Friday (September 11) and will end at sunset on Monday (September 13). During the three days of festivities, members of the Jewish faith will gather with family and friends to engage in prayer services and share traditional foods.

Rosh Hashanah begins the Ten Days of Repentance, the high holy days for Jews worldwide, culminating in Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish year and will be observed starting at sundown on Sunday, September 20, and ending at nightfall on Monday, September 21.

To all of our friends of the Jewish faith, we express our wishes for, “Shanah Tovah.”

Forum



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back from its 1991 devastating financial collapse. The event will feature a Q&A, and Stephen McGoldrick will provide an overview of what led Chelsea to receivership and what it was like to be by chief of staff to the state receiver.

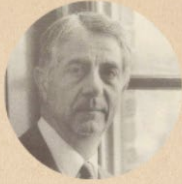
To reserve your spot, submit an RSVP at www.chelseama.gov/chelsea-then-and-now or email city-manager@chelseama.gov.

On September 12, 1991, the day the City went into total state receivership, Chelsea collapsed under \$10 million in debt, unable to pay its teachers, employees, firefighters, police officers, or bills. The last mayor John J. “Butch” Brennan Jr. resigned, and four former mayors and several police

CHELSEA THEN & NOW

35 YEARS SINCE RECEIVERSHIP

PANEL EVENT



GUY SANTAGATE

1995–2000



JAY ASH

2000–2014



TOM AMBROSINO

2015–2023



FIDEL MALTEZ

2023–Present

officers were either sent to jail and/or prison.

The panelists are ready to discuss the institutional lessons from 1991 that

state and municipal leaders must apply to today’s fiscal challenges; the reality of governance when standard political structures are dis-

solved by the state; and hidden insights into one of the most drastic government interventions in Massachusetts history.

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NEW Health expands access to primary care with addition of three new providers

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health), a community health center in Boston, announces it is expanding access to primary care with the addition of three new providers to its medical staff: internist Dr. Catherine Yu, pediatrician Dr. Patricia Guglietta, and family nurse practitioner Bianca Dias-Pigott. The new providers strengthen the health center’s ability to meet the growing demand for primary care services. New patients – both adult and pediatric – are being accepted immediately from throughout the City of Boston, with a particular focus on individuals who live or work in the North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods of Boston. Patients who live or work in Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett and Somerville are also accepted.

“As our communities continue to grow, so does the need for accessible, high-quality primary care,” said Vincenzo Scibelli, CEO of NEW Health. “We’re excited to welcome these talented providers, whose experience, compassion, and commitment to



SDhown (left to right) are family nurse practitioner Bianca Dias-Pigott, internist Dr. Catherine Yu, and pediatrician Dr. Patricia Guglietta.

community-based care will help us continue delivering exceptional care to patients of all ages and of many cultural backgrounds. All our new providers are bilingual.”

Dr. Catherine Yu joins NEW Health as an internal medicine physician with additional specialty training in infectious diseases. She earned her medical degree

from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and completed her residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. Fluent in both English and Spanish, Dr. Yu is passionate about improving access to care and serving the diverse medical needs of the community.

Joining the pediatric team is Dr. Patricia M. Guglietta,

an experienced primary care pediatrician who graduated from Harvard College and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Before coming to NEW Health, she spent more than 20 years at MGH Chelsea, where she served as the sole pediatrician in the refugee program. During her tenure, she was part of a team recognized with a Partners in Excellence Award and was a finalist for the Schwartz Center Compassionate Caregiver Award. Fluent in Spanish, Dr. Guglietta has extensive experience in complex pediatric care, school advocacy, and caring for refugee families. She looks forward to growing NEW Health’s pediatric practice while providing compassionate, equitable, and collaborative care to children and families.

Bianca Mara Dias-Pigott, MSN, APRN, FNP-C is a Family Nurse Practitioner specializing in Family Medicine. She is fluent in English and Portuguese and brings a diverse healthcare background shaped by her training and experience in both Brazil and the United States. She earned her Mas-

ter of Science in Nursing from Duke University and completed her Family Nurse Practitioner clinical training at NEW Health, caring for pediatric, adult, geriatric, and OB/GYN patients. She chose to return to NEW Health because of its commitment to compassionate, culturally sensitive care and its mission to improve the health and well-being of the community. Passionate about building lasting relationships with individuals and families, she strives to empower patients through education and partnership in their healthcare journey.

Patients can make appointments with new providers at www.newhealthcenter.org or by calling (617) 643-8070.

As a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) extends its world-renowned healthcare services to people who live and work in and around Boston’s North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods. NEW Health is committed to improving the

quality of health and life for those it serves by providing high quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood-based, affordable, and produces positive outcomes. NEW Health is a 2023 Health Center Quality Leader (HCQL), the only Massachusetts health center to receive a Gold badge from the Health Resources and Services Administration, among the top 10% of health centers nationwide.

NEW Health has been serving the North End of Boston and the surrounding community since 1971. In addition to primary care services for all patients, many specialty services are also offered including dental, vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and x-ray services. NEW Health is a private, non-profit corporation that is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and licensed by the Department of Public Health. More information at www.newhealthcenter.org, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Sending my best wishes for a sweet and happy new year. May Rosh Hashanah bring peace and unity.



State Senator
Sal DiDomenico

& Family

Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning "head of the year," is the Jewish New Year. It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days that occur in the early autumn of the Northern Hemisphere.



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Orange Line will be suspended between Forest Hills and Back Bay for five days, Sept. 10 – 14

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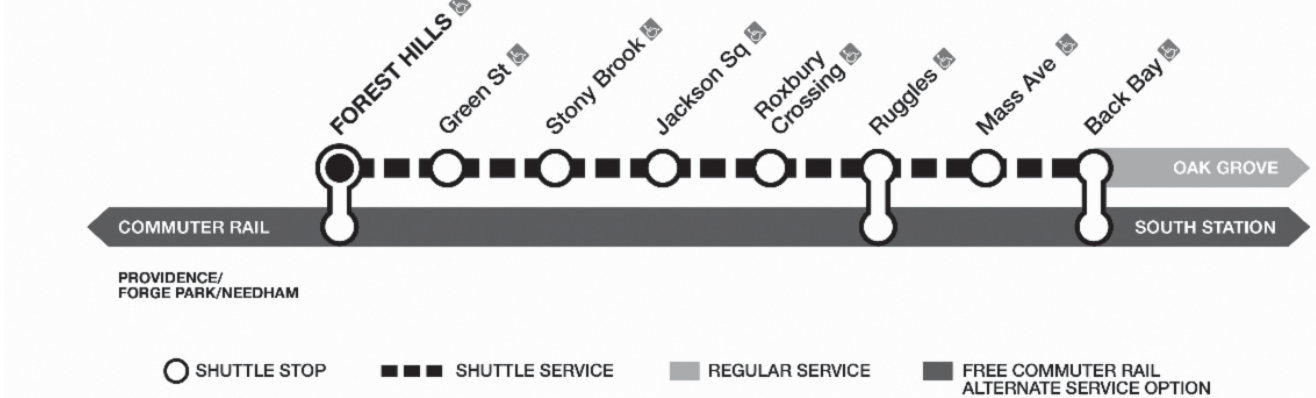
The MBTA is reminding riders that Orange Line service will be suspended between Forest Hills and Back Bay for five consecutive days, September 10 – 14.

More about the Work:

During this service suspension, the MBTA will continue to advance the Ruggles Station Improvements Project. Serving riders on the Orange Line, Commuter Rail, and several key bus routes, Ruggles is one of the most used stations in the network, and the MBTA has spent the last few years making improvements to provide riders with a better travel experience. During this service change, crews will make concrete repairs at platforms, along stair walls, and at the Ruggles Street Bridge.

The MBTA will also maximize the unencumbered access to the Orange Line track area by accomplishing many other piggy-backing projects. This work includes the following:

As part of the Jackson Square Station Accessibility Improvements project, crews will upgrade the station platform, perform electrical work in the track area, work on the platform ceiling, and perform expansion joint repairs in the track



area. Critical Orange Line signal modernization will continue to take place between Forest Hills and Roxbury Crossing.

Crews will make repairs to the staircase at the north end of Green Street.

The MBTA's Maintenance of Way team will perform spot tamping as needed within the Forest Hills yard facility.

Alternate Travel Options: Riders can find complete information at MBTA.com/OrangeLine. More information on these service changes and alternate travel options is below:

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops between Back Bay and Forest Hills.

Riders are encouraged to consider the Commuter Rail for fare-free service between Forest Hills, Rug-

gles, Back Bay, and South Station. The trip between Forest Hills and Back Bay on the Commuter Rail is approximately 10 minutes.

Riders using shuttles bus service should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider travelling to Downtown Crossing from Forest Hills should budget at least an additional 30 minutes of travel in addition to their regular commute.

All shuttle buses are accessible to riders with disabilities. However, some buses used during weekday periods will be lift-equipped, coach-style buses. All shuttle buses operating on weekends will be ramp-equipped, low-floor buses.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff

will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

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.

For more information, please visit MBTA.com/OrangeLine or connect with the T on X @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America's first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States.

AG Campbell releases annual labor day report spotlighting actions to protect Massachusetts workers

Special to the Record

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell released the Attorney General's Office (AGO)'s annual Labor Day Report, spotlighting the AGO's dedicated efforts to protect the rights of Massachusetts workers and ensure access to fair pay, benefits, and safe working conditions for all.

"While decisions by the federal government create new uncertainty for workers and families, my office continues to do what it's always done: protect working people," said AG Campbell. "I am proud to release this year's Labor Day Report,

which highlights the efforts of my office's Fair Labor Division to ensure that workers are paid for every hour they work and receive the minimum wage and overtime they have earned."

FY2026 By the Numbers

In Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26), between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026, the AGO's Fair Labor Division (FLD) took 1,292 enforcement actions against 1,183 employers for violating various protections, helping more than 16,410 workers and assessing nearly \$12.7 million in restitution for unpaid wages and penalties.

The construction indus-

try faced the highest rate of enforcement actions (20%), followed by restaurants/hotels (19.5%), healthcare (8%), landscaping/snow removal (6.3%), and cleaning/janitorial (5.6%). Failure to Make Timely Payments was the most common type of violation (474 citations).

Fighting Exploitation in the Construction Industry

In FY26, FLD assessed more than \$2.5 million in restitution and penalties related to investigations in the construction industry, entitling over 1,300 employees to restitution payments.

One such enforcement action involved a complaint

against Master Millwork – a West Wareham company that specializes in the manufacturing and installation of custom cabinets and millwork – alleging that the company was not paying workers properly. FLD's investigation revealed that the company failed to properly pay overtime and misclassified workers as independent contractors. As a result of the investigation, Master Millwork agreed to pay more than \$280,000 in restitution and penalties.

In addition to enforcement, FLD continues to utilize a dedicated, multilingual investigative team to conduct unannounced compliance visits to active construction sites throughout the Commonwealth with the goal of ensuring a continuous and supportive presence in the field. This field team visited 37 construction sites in FY26, successfully engaging over 160 employers and nearly 400 workers to provide direct guidance on state wage and hour laws.

Following a visit by FLD's Construction Field Team to a construction worksite, FLD conducted a full investigation and issued five citations totaling more than \$218,000 to Donizetti's Tile Services, Inc. for failure to pay overtime, failure to furnish pay slips, misclassifying employees as independent contractors, failure to permit employees to earn and use sick time, and failure to keep true and accurate payroll records.

Combating Independent Contractor Misclassification

Addressing worker misclassification remains one of the AGO's highest enforcement priorities. Misclassification occurs when companies improperly classify workers as independent contractors, as opposed to employees. Misclassification by non-compliant employers strips workers of their rights as employees and denies basic workplace rights, including guaranteed minimum wage, overtime pay, timely compensation, accrued sick leave, employer retaliation protections, and essential benefits. In

FY26, FLD took action against nearly 60 employers who misclassified approximately 1,500 workers, totaling more than \$2.1 million in restitution and penalties.

As part of the ongoing efforts to address worker misclassification, FLD reached a settlement with online grocery-delivery company Weee! to resolve allegations that the company violated Massachusetts independent contractor and earned sick time laws. As part of the settlement, Weee! paid more than \$865,000 in citations, including restitution for over 160 impacted workers and penalties.

In another matter, FLD issued citations totaling nearly \$420,000 against Beverly-based cleaning/janitorial company Advanced Maintenance Solutions, Inc. regarding allegations that the company failed to pay overtime, failed to comply with the state's earned sick time law, and misclassified employees as independent contractors.

Protecting and Empowering Restaurant Workers

In FY26, FLD issued nearly 400 citations and assessed almost \$2.5 million in restitution and penalties involving the restaurant and hospitality sectors. This enforcement effort impacted over 3,400 workers in these industries, particularly workers who rely on customers' tips to earn at least the minimum wage.

One such enforcement action involved Carrie Nation and The Dubliner, two restaurants located in Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood. After receiving a complaint that the businesses failed to remit the total proceeds of service charges to service employees, FLD investigated and ultimately cited the employers for tips violations. As a result of the citations, the employers paid a total of \$422,000 in restitution and penalties.

Community Engagement and Education

FLD, along with the AGO's Community Engagement Division, recently marked the 10-year anniversary of the Wage

Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region's economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, the Better Bus Program, and the Rail Modernization Plan, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders' daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mediarelations@mbta.com. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA.com or follow @MBTA on social media.

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Jury acquits Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins of extortion charges

Special to the Record

A federal jury acquitted Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins of extortion charges this past Wednesday, September 2, following a trial in the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston.

Tompkins had been charged with two counts of extortion related to an investment in a cannabis company.

Tompkins was appointed

Sheriff of Suffolk County in 2013. He won a special election in 2014 and two general elections for six-year terms in 2016 and 2022. His current term ends on January 3, 2029.

During his 13 years in office, Tompkins has always been highly visible at events throughout the county that includes Boston, Revere, Winthrop, and Chelsea. He was known for being greeted warmly by fellow officials and residents and often delivered

remarks at ceremonies and public events that displayed his wittiness and vibrant personality.

State and city officials spoke about the jury’s unanimous decision and wished Tompkins well as he prepares to return to his position as Sheriff of Suffolk County.

“I am so grateful for the jury’s service,” said Sen. Lydia Edwards. “Sheriff Tompkins has been acquitted and can now move on. He wants nothing more

than to get back to serving the people of Suffolk County.”

State Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco of Winthrop said, “I am pleased that a jury has unanimously acquitted Sheriff Tompkins. Upon hearing the news, I immediately recalled the words of former Labor Secretary Ray Donovan, also acquitted, when he asked, ‘What office do I go to get my reputation back?’ Steve Tompkins has been a champion of criminal justice reform,

and I look forward to him continuing to serve the people of Suffolk County.”

Chelsea Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, a longtime friend and supporter of Tompkins, said, “I’m glad that the jury acquitted Sheriff Tompkins and that he will be returning to his position of leadership in Suffolk County. The sheriff has been a friend of mine for many years, and I think he’s done a great job overall.”



Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins

Healey invests \$4.2 million to grow offshore wind workforce and research

Special to the Record

Governor Healey and the Mass Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) announced \$4.2 million in funding to 20 projects that will prepare workers for offshore wind and maritime careers, and support research on fisheries, wildlife, and the marine environment. The funding is awarded through two MassCEC programs: \$1.7 million through the Offshore Wind Works program and \$2.4 million through the Offshore Wind Science, Research and Analysis program. These awards are part of Massachusetts’ continued investment in the people, infrastructure, and science needed to support the state’s offshore wind industry.

“Offshore wind means good jobs, more clean energy and real economic opportunity for Massachusetts,” said Governor Maura Healey. “We’re investing in the workers who will build this industry and the research needed to develop it responsibly and protect our fisheries, wildlife and marine environment.”

“Massachusetts has everything it takes to lead in offshore wind: world-class ports, skilled workers and coastal communities with deep maritime experience,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “These grants will help more residents prepare for good-paying careers and make sure we’re ready for the next generation of projects.”

“The clean energy transition doesn’t happen without the people doing the work,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “We need skilled workers to build offshore wind and researchers who can help us better understand our ocean, fisheries, and wildlife. Investing in both is how we grow clean energy responsibly and make sure Massachusetts continues to lead.”

“These two efforts work in tandem: one grows the talent pipeline for offshore wind projects, the other expands the knowledge base the industry needs for the long haul,” said Ben Downing, Mass Clean Energy Center CEO. “Investing in both is how Massachusetts prepares the way for future accelerated offshore wind deployment.”

Through Offshore Wind Works, \$1.7 million will support eight projects in building a Massachusetts workforce that is capable of planning, deploying, operating, maintaining, and manufacturing components for offshore wind projects. Many of the skills and credentials developed through these projects are transferable across clean energy, maritime, construction, and other port-based industries—strengthening workforce resilience beyond offshore wind alone. Since launching in 2018, Offshore Wind Works has awarded

\$22 million to 35 grantees, leveraging more than \$11 million in additional cost-sharing.

“Massachusetts’ clean energy future depends on having a skilled workforce ready to build it,” said State Senator Jake Oliveira, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development (D-Ludlow). “These investments will create pathways into good-paying careers, strengthen partnerships with organized labor, higher education, and workforce training programs, and give workers skills that can serve them across industries. By investing in our workforce alongside research and responsible development, we are positioning Massachusetts workers to benefit from the economic opportunities created by the clean energy transition.”

“The clean energy transition is also a workforce opportunity, and the Commonwealth must make sure our workers are positioned to lead it,” said State Representative Paul McMurtry, House Chair of the Labor and Workforce Development Committee (D-Dedham). “From union trades and maritime workers to students and people exploring new careers, these investments are creating pathways into skilled jobs while building a workforce that can grow with the industry. That means more opportunity for Massachusetts workers and a stronger, more resilient economy for the future.”

This year’s awards will fund projects across three focus areas: Workforce Training & Upskilling; Training Equipment & Infrastructure; and Career Exploration & Education. The projects are expected to leverage an estimated \$892,241 in additional cost-sharing and in-kind contributions from grantees and their partners.

The 2026 Offshore Wind Works awardees are:

Massachusetts Maritime Academy: \$260,000 for Workforce Training & Upskilling

Funding will be used to establish the equipment, certifications, and instructional capacity needed to deliver Helicopter Underwater Escape Training.

Partners: RelyOn USA

TITAN Structural Group LLC: \$500,000 for Workforce Training & Upskilling and Training Equipment & Infrastructure

Funding will be used to equip trades workers with offshore wind safety and technical certifications.

Partners: Ironworkers; IBEW; IUPAT union affiliates

UMass Dartmouth: \$250,000 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to add 30 paid internship opportunities to the offshore wind internship program.

UMass Boston: \$249,243 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to develop and deliver ten learning modules covering offshore wind topics ranging from engineering and aquaculture to ports and supporting infrastructure.

Partners: Academic Center for Reliability and Resilience of Offshore Wind (ARROW)

STEAM the Streets: \$209,330 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to launch a statewide campaign to increase public understanding of offshore wind and clean energy careers.

Partners: Environmental League of Massachusetts; Boston Public Schools; New Bedford Public Schools; MassHire South Shore; MassHire Greater New Bedford

UMass Amherst: \$141,427 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to expand the Career Access Scholarship Program, enhance workforce training with a focus on transferable skills, and foster new partnerships between Massachusetts and Nova Scotia.

Partners: MANSA Consulting; Salem Alliance for the Environment; Spirit Advisory

MANSA Consulting, Inc: \$100,000 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to expand the WindWorks campaign to increase awareness of offshore wind career opportunities and connect participants to introductory offshore wind training.

Partners: Bristol Community College; IWNL Energy Trustees of Tufts University: \$40,000 for Career Exploration & Education

Funding will be used to publish findings on offshore wind workers’ experiences, safety culture, and working conditions, while highlighting industry best practices through a case study.

Through the Offshore Wind Science, Research and Analysis program, \$2.5 million will support 12 projects in advancing research that informs the responsible development and operation of offshore wind in Southern New England and the Gulf of Maine. Each project has a direct connection to a Massachusetts-based business or research institution, a Massachusetts-based intern, or both. Collectively, these awards will create at least seven paid internships for students attending Massachusetts universities, giving early-career researchers hands-on experience in offshore wind science.

This year’s awards will address five topic areas: Fisheries; Habitat & Wildlife; Regional Transmission Planning; Regional Monitoring; and Science Communication.

The 2026 Offshore Wind Science, Research and Analysis awardees are:

New England Aquarium: \$246,075 for Fisheries research

Funding will be used to research how offshore wind development is affecting recreational and for-hire fishing activity in Southern New England.

Partners: Pelagic Strategies

UMass Dartmouth: \$280,501 for Fisheries and Habitat research

Funding will be used to continue a study focused on understanding offshore wind impacts on cod spawning grounds in Southern New England.

\$199,589 for Regional Monitoring

Funding will be used to create a regional data-collection strategy to guide future monitoring and inform responsible offshore wind development in the Gulf of Maine.

Partners: Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative & Northeast Regional Ocean Council (separate \$30,000 award to support this project)

Center for Coastal Studies: \$284,642 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to evaluate the ability of ocean circulation models to predict zooplankton aggregations to inform methods for understanding potential offshore wind effects on North Atlantic right whale prey.

Partners: Integral Consulting

atdepth MRV Inc.: \$252,000 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to create a digital twin model of the Gulf of Maine to study potential effects of floating offshore wind turbines on ocean processes and North Atlantic right whale prey.

Tufts University: \$269,910 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to develop an implementation framework for incorporating nature-inclusive design into offshore wind projects.

Partners: Outer Harbor Consulting; Responsible Offshore Science Alliance; Nomadic Foundry

JASCO: \$246,746 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to examine existing offshore wind wildlife protection measures using quantitative modeling to assess risk reduction and implementation costs.

Ocean Tech Services, LLC: \$77,414 for Habitat & Wildlife research

Funding will be used to install a Motus radio telemetry receiving station at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute’s Air-Sea Interaction Tower, re-establishing important offshore detection capability for migratory birds and bats.

Power Advisory LLC: \$186,995 for Regional Transmission

Funding will be used to build on existing offshore wind energy transmission studies to investigate inter-regional transmission scenarios for New England, New York, and Atlantic Canada.

Partners: Johns Hopkins University; UMass Amherst

Responsible Offshore Science Alliance: \$149,997 for Science Communication

Funding will be used to communicate results of existing offshore wind fisheries research to Massachusetts fishing communities and the general public.

Partners: Fat Moon Creative

Biodiversity Research Institute: \$149,206 for Science Communication

Funding will be used to translate and communicate offshore wind science and research into accessible, stakeholder-informed materials for Massachusetts and beyond.

Partners: Consensus Building Institute

CBN Media, LLC: \$125,000 for Science Communication

Funding will be used to increase public understanding of marine life interactions with offshore wind infrastructure in Southern New England.

For more information on Offshore Wind Works and Offshore Wind Science, Research and Analysis, visit massecc.com/our-focus/offshore-wind.

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THIRD ANNUAL CITY OF CHELSEA 5K ROAD RACE



The 654 runners who participated in the third annual City of Chelsea 5K Road Race this past Saturday fill Broadway as they make their way toward the Tobin Bridge. The race, which began and ended at the Williams School and traced a route through Admiral's Hill, once again proved to be a joyous event for runners and spectators alike on a perfect late-summer morning. (photo by A.N. Drew)



Antonio Wilson, the winner of the men's division in the Chelsea 5K Road Race Saturday with a time 16:49, is flanked by second-place and third-place finishers Agudelo Gomez (17:02) and Adam Roy (17:30) as they display their trophies atop the medalist podiums.



Nya Weems, the winner of the women's division in the Chelsea 5K Road Race Saturday with a time of 19:40, is flanked by second-place and third-place finishers Bianca Macedo (19:52) and Jojo Emerson (21:28) as they display their trophies atop the medalist podiums.



Delmace Mayo was the winner of the men's wheelchair division in Saturday's Chelsea 5K Road Race in a time of 13:14. Also in the photo with Mayo are (l-r) Jackson Hauman (who made the clocks from the Chelsea Clock Company that were presented to the winners), Jorge Monzon (who presented all of the medalists with gift memberships to Carter Park Cross Fit), and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. The wheelchair division was new to the race this year.



Mary MacDonald was the winner of the women's wheelchair division in Saturday's Chelsea Road Race in a time of 18:06. Also in the photo with MacDonald (who gave an inspirational message to the crowd after receiving her trophy) are (l-r) Jackson Hauman (who made the clocks from the Chelsea Clock Company that were presented to the winners), Jorge Monzon (who presented all of the medalists with gift memberships to Carter Park Cross Fit), and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. The wheelchair division was new to the race this year.



Dulce Perez and Miriam Sanchez from the city's Rec. Dept. were on hand to sell Chelsea Running Club T-shirts at Saturday's Chelsea 5K Road Race.



The Chelsea Police Dept. once again ensured the safety of the more than 650 runners through the city's streets in Saturday morning's 5K Road Race. In addition, officers Jonathan Maldonado and Jose Torres grilled hundreds of hot dogs after the race for hungry runners and spectators.

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Hiram Cruz-Oliveras traveled all the way from Springfield, Mass., to compete in the Chelsea 5K Road Race this past Saturday with Angel Robles. They finished the race in a time of 20:12.

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THIRD ANNUAL CITY OF CHELSEA 5K ROAD RACE



The runners are ready for the start of the 2026 City of Chelsea 5K Road Race Saturday morning on Arlington St. at the rear of the Williams School.



Kathleen Le from the city's Public Health Dept. provided educational health information at the 3rd annual Chelsea 5K Road Race Saturday morning.



DJ Sisko spun high-energy tunes that motivated the runners for the 3rd annual Chelsea 5K Road Race Saturday morning.



Chelsea State Rep. Judith Garcia is flanked by Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez (left) and Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe (right) at the start of the 3rd annual City of Chelsea 5K Road Race Saturday morning. Both Maltez and Keefe ran in the race.

CHS Roundup

CHS FOOTBALL TEAM TO OPEN SEASON THIS FRIDAY AT LOWELL CATH.

The Chelsea High football team will kick off its 2026 season this Friday evening at the McCarthy Middle School field in Chelmsford when coach David Roque and his Red Devil crew take on Lowell Catholic.

The opening kickoff for the Friday Night Lights encounter is set for 7:00.

CHS GIRLS SOCCER READY FOR 2026 SEASON

The Chelsea High girls varsity and junior varsity soccer teams have been working hard in anticipation of their 2026 season.

“We are excited for the season ahead,” said CHS head coach Randy Grajal. “This year’s varsity team features a strong group of 10 seniors, led by captains Andrea Mendez and Yahira Jovel, whose experience and leadership will play an important role throughout the season.

“A highlight of the preseason has been the selection of two additional captains, juniors Katherine Benitez and Kimberly Fuentes Chavez. Their teammates voted to recognize their outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment shown during summer training and preseason practices,” said Grajal.

“The team also had a successful showing at the preseason Jamboree in Medford, where they competed against Arlington Catholic and Methuen High School,” Grajal continued. “The event provided valu-

able opportunities to build team chemistry, showcase the squad’s strengths, and identify areas for continued growth. The players and coaches have used those experiences to prepare for a competitive and exciting season, and the team looks forward to representing Chelsea High School with pride.”

Grajal and his crew were slated to open their season yesterday (Tuesday) at Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere. They will make the short trek across the Parkway next Tuesday to meet GBL foe Everett.

FULL SLATE ON TAP FOR CHS SPORTS

The 2026 fall sports season kicks into high gear for Chelsea High athletes this week. The boys soccer team was scheduled to host Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere this past Tuesday. The Red Devils will take on non-league foe East Boston tomorrow (Friday) evening at 6:00 at East Boston Stadium and then will make the short trek down the Parkway to face GBL opponent Everett next Tuesday.

The CHS boys and girls cross-country teams were set to host Malden yesterday (Wednesday) on their home course at Admiral’s Hill. They will travel to Somerville next Wednesday.

The CHS girls volleyball team will play four matches in eight days. The Lady Red Devils were scheduled to make the short trip to Everett yesterday (Wednesday); host non-league opponent Winthrop tomorrow (Friday); and then travel to Revere next Monday and to Malden next Wednesday.

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any flexible barriers added as was the plan, so I just wanted to come up and give you the lowdown on what has or hasn't happened and add continued urgency to the area," she said. "I understand that they have ordered the flexible barriers. I didn't realize it would take so many months, and I was worried that more people would be injured, and that is what has happened."

The District 5 Councilor said she did not know if the safety measures would be put in place before work begins on a planned redesign of the streets around city hall next year.

"This is very urgent for my district and for the neighborhood," Santagate said.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero spoke about the number of construction vehicles that have been left parked on city streets.

"The city, I think, has an ordinance that was done a

few years back that construction vehicles should be moved and they should not be left on the city streets because there is no place to park," he said. "I'm getting a lot of complaints from the people saying they are taking up the spaces and there is no place to park."

Recupero asked if there was anything the traffic and parking commission could do to make sure the ordinance was enforced, or to help with the issue of construction vehicles taking up parking spaces overnight.

He also spoke about the issue of handicap parking spots in the city, noting that he was in favor of residents requesting them and having the spots given out by the city. However, he said that residents requesting the handicap spaces have to be reminded that if they are approved, they are not assigned spots, but can be used by anyone with a handicap parking placard.

CITY COUNCILOR CALVIN T. BROWN ATTENDS PROFESSIONAL BOXING SHOW AT ENCORE

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Boxing publicist and journalist Bob Trieger (left) is pictured with former Regional Manager of the Boston Carpenters Union Richard Pedi at Encore Boston Harbor. Pedi was the starting second baseman for the 1971 Chelsea National Little League All-Star team that advanced to the Final Four in Massachusetts before going on to have an excellent athletic career at Pope John XXIII High School and Chelsea High School, Class of 1976.



Chelsea City Councilor Calvin T. Brown (left), a former amateur boxing champion, was a guest at the professional boxing show at Encore Boston Harbor where he was greeted warmly by Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe.

Chelsea Day // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

gives us an opportunity to connect residents with essential resources, services, and programs. We're looking forward to seeing everyone come together as one Chelsea this Saturday."

Musicians slated to perform during Chelsea Day

include Willie Colon y El Grupo Chevere and The Brothers Walk Band. Some of the food vendors scheduled to participate include Roxy's Grilled Cheese Food Truck and Koffee Glow.

Broadway will be closed for vehicles from Beacon

Street to the Yacht Club starting at 12 p.m., so city officials are strongly encouraging walking, biking, or taking public transit.

The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 13.



Former Chelsea resident and avid sports fan Michael Krasco (right) and friends, Brian Alves (left) and Carlo Carpentieri (center) owner of Performance Physical Therapy in Chelsea, are pictured at the Aug. 29 professional boxing show at Encore Boston Harbor in Everett. The Krascos were an outstanding Chelsea family under the leadership of William and Susan Krasco.

CHS THREE-SPORT GREAT BOBBY BREAU AND FAMILY AT WINTHROP END-OF-SUMMER PARTY



Bobby Breau (back row, left) one of Chelsea High School's greatest three-sport athletes, is pictured with his wife, former Chelsea Assistant Supt. of Schools Linda Breau, and their family at an end-of-summer celebration in Winthrop. Bobby recently celebrated his 54th high school reunion with his classmates.

Chelsea High School Class of 1971 will hold reunion on October 10

The Chelsea High School Class of 1971 will hold its 55th Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026 at Rosaria's, 109 Main St., Saugus.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. There will be a buffet dinner at 7 p.m, followed by reminiscing and dancing to the music of DJ Al LaBella until 10 p.m.

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CHELSEA BEARS HOLD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BBQ AT BEAR PARK ON CONGRESS AVENUE

The Chelsea Bears youth football organization held a Scholarship Awards Ceremony BBQ at Bear Park on Congress Avenue.

Michelangelo Recupero, general manager of the Bears, cooked delicious Kayem hot dogs on the grill that were enjoyed by players, coaches, and families.

The Bears and the park are named in memory of legendary coach and mentor James “Bear” Burke, well known as a manager of the Pony League Pirates.

City Councilor Giovanni Recupero, proud father of Michelangelo and a loyal supporter of the Chelsea Bears, was a special guest at the gathering.

Scholarships were presented to the original Chelsea Bears football players who graduated from Chelsea High School in 2026.

The Chelsea Bears will begin indoor workouts in January for the 2027 season that starts in March and continues until the playoffs in July.



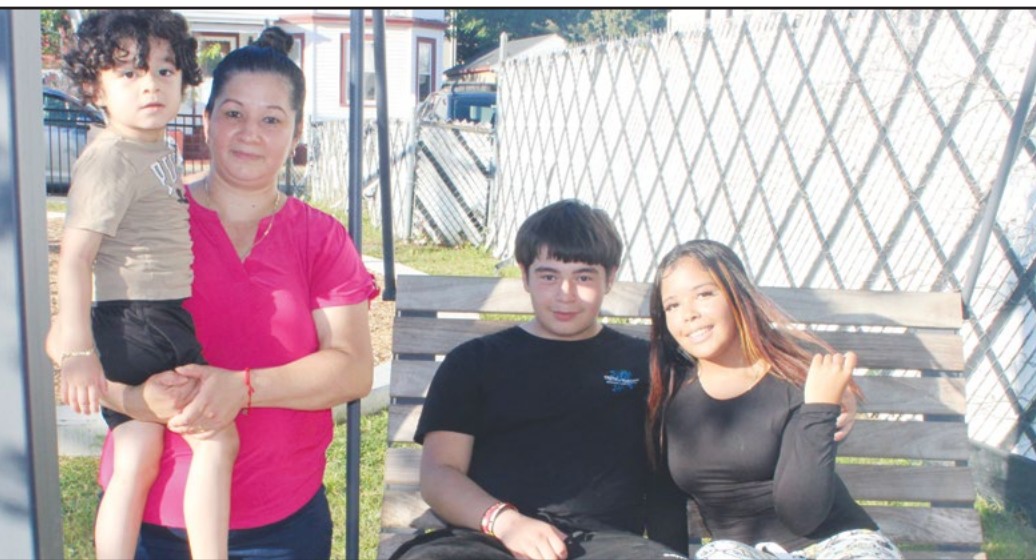
Michelangelo Recupero, general manager of the Chelsea Bears, is pictured at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony BBQ with his father, City Councilor Giovanni Recupero.



Chelsea Bears head coach Brian Jeffrey is pictured with two of his players who were standouts on the 2001 Chelsea Pop Warner national championship team, Wendell Marz (left) and Michelangelo Recupero (right). The Red Devils won the title in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.



Dedicated supporters of the Chelsea Bears (from left) are Maria Torres, Maria E. Torres, Vanna Recupero, and Adrianna Recupero.



Pictured at the Chelsea Bears Scholarship Awards Ceremony BBQ are Chelsea Bears player Bryan Sola, his mother, Blanca Sola Portillo, his brother, Mario Ramirez, and his friend, Emma Rodriguez.



Pictured from left to right, are General Manager Michelangelo Recupero, Isaiah Robles, Bryan Sola, Yoshua Ramirez, Jeffry Ramirez, Joshua Ramirez, Alex Pinto, Derick Hernandez, and Jayden Hernandez.

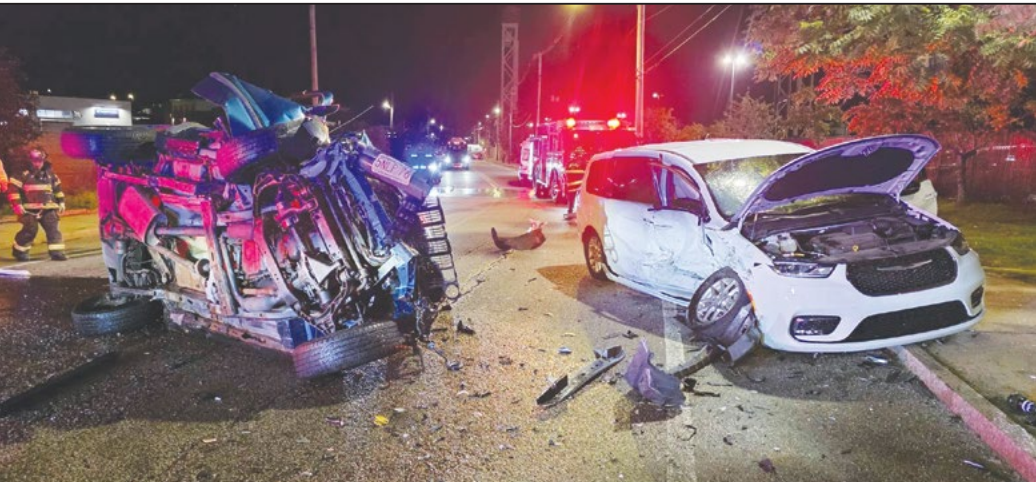
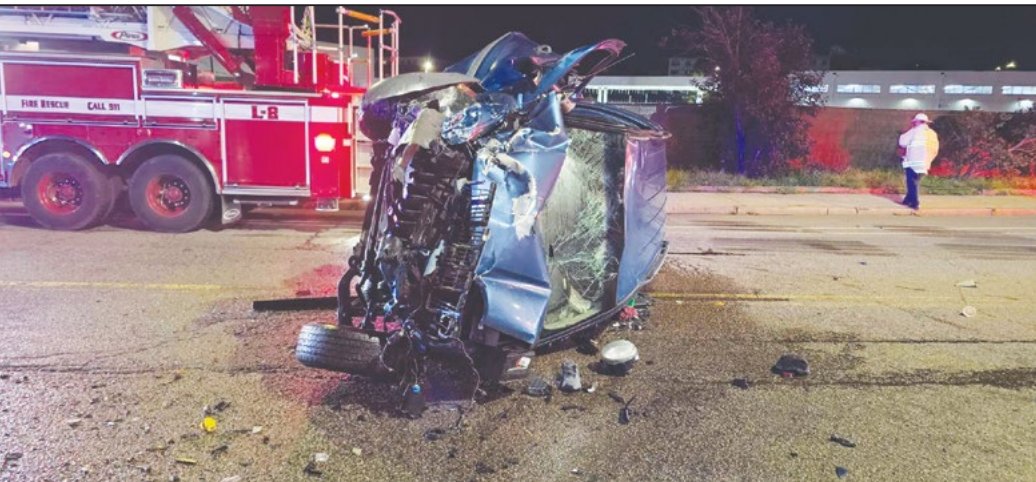
ACCIDENT ON MARGINAL STREET

Emergency personnel responded to a serious motor vehicle crash on Marginal Street in Chelsea on Monday, Sept. 7 around 4 a.m.

Two people were taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, and the accident remains under investigation.



Shown (above and below) are scenes from the accident on Marginal Street in Chelsea



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Healey issues PROTECT Act guidance for health care providers, employers, law enforcement and state agencies

Special to the Record

Governor Maura Healey today released new guidance and resources to implement the PROTECT Act, providing state government actors, health care providers, law enforcement agencies, and employers with clear direction as additional protections for residents under the law take effect.

The new guidance addresses protections for non-public areas of state property and in health care facilities, limits state and local law enforcement participation in civil immigration enforcement, and a new state law requirement for employers to notify workers in writing if ICE is going to inspect employee records.

“We passed the PROTECT Act to keep people safe from the dangerous tactics we are seeing from ICE here in Massachusetts and across the country,” said Governor Maura Healey. “This guidance makes clear what officials across state government, health care providers, law enforcement agencies, and employers need to know and do if they come across ICE. The PROTECT Act is about keeping our communities safe, pro-

tecting people’s rights and preserving the trust that allows people to seek care, report crimes and access the services they rely on.”

“The PROTECT Act gives communities across Massachusetts important protections, and this guidance helps turn those protections into practice,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “Our employers, health care providers, law enforcement officers and state employees are on the front lines serving people every day. We want to make sure they have the clarity and support they need to do their jobs, keep people safe and continue providing the services that families and communities depend on.”

Governor Healey signed the PROTECT Act on August 5, establishing some of the strongest protections in the nation against abuses by federal immigration authorities. The law limits civil arrests in courthouses, schools, child care programs, nursing homes and nonpublic areas of health care facilities; restricts the use of state property for civil law enforcement; strictly limits state and local participation in civil immigration

enforcement; strengthens protections for workers and families; and creates a state civil rights remedy for constitutional violations.

The guidance released today includes:

State Property

Governor Healey and the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) issued statewide guidelines limiting civil law enforcement activity in nonpublic areas of state property.

Under the guidelines, civil law enforcement activities, including civil arrests, are prohibited in designated nonpublic areas of state buildings and other property, unless they are required by state or federal law or to administer a state or federally supported program, authorized by a valid judicial warrant or judicial order, or necessary to address a specific and immediate health or safety threat.

The Act applies broadly to any property owned, leased, occupied, controlled by or used for business by the Commonwealth, except courthouses. The guidelines instruct state agencies and other Commonwealth offices to review their property portfolio and designate ar-

reas as “nonpublic,” with the goal of preserving access to essential public service and the ability to conduct business with the state, without fear or intimidation.

“We, as an administration, take the health and safety of residents of Massachusetts seriously,” said Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew J. Gorzkowicz. “No one should be afraid to access state buildings or the government services to which they are entitled. These guidelines will ensure people feel safe and protected by their state government.”

Health Care Facilities

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Department of Public Health (DPH), Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and MassHealth developed guidance and a model policy to help health care providers implement new protections for nonpublic areas of their service sites. The law requires covered providers to establish policies for interactions with law enforcement engaged in civil law enforcement, including federal

immigration enforcement, within 30 days of today.

“No one should have to weigh their health and safety against the fear of immigration enforcement,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Kiame Mahaniah, MD, MBA. “The PROTECT Act will help residents maintain access to services they need, and ensure that places where people go for care will remain a trusted resource.”

The requirements apply to a broad range of providers, including hospitals, community health centers, clinics, mobile clinics, nursing and rest homes, emergency medical services, adult day health centers, substance use disorder treatment programs, certain physician and advanced practice nursing practices, providers serving people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and certain MassHealth day habilitation providers.

Under the Act, certain covered providers must designate a point of contact for interactions with civil law enforcement, identify nonpublic areas where people receive care or discuss protected health information, or that are otherwise not open to the public, and establish pro-

cedures so staff, volunteers, and administrators know how to respond to requests from civil law enforcement. Civil arrests are not allowed in those designated nonpublic areas without a judicial warrant, except as otherwise required by law or to administer a state or federally supported program. Covered providers required to adopt a policy under the Act must do so by October 4. Today’s release of guidance and a model policy by the Healey-Driscoll Administrations is designed to assist in those efforts.

Law Enforcement and Civil Immigration Enforcement

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) and Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association (MCOPA) developed new roll call training materials to help police officers, dispatchers, records staff and other law enforcement personnel understand the PROTECT Act’s requirements and how they apply to day-to-day public safety work.

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A public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, 6:00 PM
For consideration and comment on the City of Chelsea's Comprehensive Master Plan, Chelsea Pa'Lante! Onward! Since 2024, the City of Chelsea has engaged in a comprehensive planning process to produce an updated master plan for the first time in over 55 years. Through extensive community engagement and data analysis, the new Comprehensive Master Plan has created a unified vision to help steer Chelsea's future for the next 15 years. To achieve this vision, long- and short-term goals have been identified along with planning principles and key strategies to advance these goals. This framework will drive Chelsea's growth and development to ensure immediate needs are met, long-term prosperity is built, and everyone can thrive in Chelsea. This plan will help inform policies as they relate to land use and zoning, economic and community development, housing, community safety, environmental resilience, and culture.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. A copy of the draft plan is available for review and comment at: <https://palante.chelseama.gov/home/> Comments on the draft plan may also be sent to this email: palante@chelseama.gov

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LEGAL NOTICE

Re: Chelsea SPI, LLC
571 Washington Ave, Chelsea MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, September 10, 2026
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a New Petroleum Storage License application for Chelsea SPI, LLC at 571 Washington Avenue, Chelsea MA. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

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SECTION 00100
LEGAL NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
City of Chelsea, Massachusetts (Owner)
Sealed bids for construction of Central Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Phase II Project, Contract No. 2027-99, for the

City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, will be received at Room 204, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 until 11:30 a.m. prevailing time on September 17, 2026, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work includes roadway reconstruction in Central Avenue between Shawmut Street and Highland Street in the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts. Roadway reconstruction shall include approximately 1,550 cubic yards of rock, cobble, streetcar rail, timber tie, and concrete pad removal & disposal; 4,630 square yards of full depth roadway reconstruction; 2,210 tons of binder, intermediate, and top course pavement; pavement markings; construction zone safety; and maintenance and protection of traffic. The required contract completion period is June 30, 2027. Copies of the contract documents are available through the City of Chelsea Purchasing Department online at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids___solicitations.php. The Purchasing Department website requires prospective bidders enter their name, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and email in order to secure contract documents. Addendum will be published to furnished email addresses. The Instructions to Bidders, Form of General Bid, Agreement, Specifications, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the offices of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., 55 Walkers Brook Drive, Reading, Massachusetts. Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the bid, in accordance with Section 00200, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. After the bid, the selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00700 GENERAL CONDITIONS of these specifications. All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended and all applicable Federal law. This project is funded through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Chapter 90 Program. MassDOT prequalification of Contractors in the class of work of Highway Construction, for this project with estimated total value of \$1,049,900.60, is required. Only Contractors

appearing on the MassDOT approved prequalified bidders list for the applicable class of work and project value, or on the MassDOT approved waiver list, will be eligible to submit a bid. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids.

CITY OF CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS
BY ITS CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.
Reading, Massachusetts 9/10/26 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
DIVORCE
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Docket No. SU26D0828DR
Sunmba Adegoke Plaintiff
vs.
Anneesh A Robinson Defendant
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Ifeanyi M Okeke, Esq. IMO LEGAL, LLC 294 Pleasant St Suite 202B Stoughton, MA 02072 your answer, if any, on or before 09/23/2026. If

you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Judge of this Court.
Date: July 31, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Docket No.SU21P0643EA
Estate of: Riia Yannetti
Date of Death: 10/09/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: Thomas Keating of Tewksbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Thomas Keating of Tewksbury, MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 09/25/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 28, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
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ORDER OF NOTICE
TO:
Vu Thach Nguyen; Anh N. Trinh and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq): Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 66 Orange Street, given by Vu Thach Nguyen and Anh N. Trinh to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, as mortgagee, as nominee for Caliber Home Loans, Inc., dated October 21, 2016, and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 57001, Page 311, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated July 15, 2021 and recorded at said Registry in Book 65996, Page 22 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before October 19, 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 September 4, 2026.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder 9/10/26 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Announcement of Invitation to submit a PROPOSAL
The enclosed REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) and accompanying
Specifications are for your convenience in submitting a proposal for the enclosed referenced products and services.
Information Technology Services
Contractors
CLOSING DAY AND TIME:

Sealed proposals will be received no later than: 4:30 pm EST, September 25, 2026
Bid packages may be picked up at CAPIC's Main Office, 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14, Chelsea, MA 02150, or can be sent upon request. Small and minority firms are encouraged to apply. The advertisement is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the request for proposals. CAPIC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Agency. For additional information, please contact Aida Montello, Human Resources Manager, 617-884-6130. All proposals are subject to price negotiation.
PLEASE MARK SEALED ENVELOPE:
Information Technology Services Contractor Proposal RETURN PROPOSAL TO: Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc.
Attn: Richelle Cromwell, Executive Director
100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14 Chelsea, MA 02150
Organizational Overview
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) seeks the services of a qualified information technology firm to function as CAPIC's outsourced IT department and provide comprehensive technology management and support to CAPIC locations and programs. CAPIC is a private, non-profit corporation chartered in 1967 and designated to identify and eradicate the root causes of poverty in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. CAPIC has been designated by the State and Federal Government as a Community Action Agency and currently employs approximately 120 employees.
Project Description
Scope of Work
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) invites qualified information technology contractors to submit proposals to serve as CAPIC's outsourced IT department. The selected firm will assume responsibility for the day-to-day management, maintenance, security, support, and strategic oversight of CAPIC's complete technology environment and will work collaboratively with CAPIC's separately employed IT Coordinator. The firm will provide help-desk support; user onboarding and offboarding; email, software, and account administration; management of computers, servers, networks, Wi-Fi, firewalls, printers, phones, licenses, backups, and all other technology assets; cybersecurity monitoring and incident response; patching and system updates; equipment inventory and procurement support; vendor coordination; business-continuity and disaster-recovery planning; employee technology guidance and training; documentation

of systems, credentials, work performed, and changes; technology planning and budgeting support; and regular reporting and recommendations to CAPIC leadership. The firm must provide timely remote and onsite support, after-hours emergency response when necessary, and continuity of service when assigned vendor personnel are unavailable. Work and material system changes must be authorized by CAPIC and performed in accordance with confidentiality, security, and data-protection requirements.
TAXES
CAPIC is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales tax; therefore, tax must not be included in the proposal's price.
RESERVATION OF RIGHTS
CAPIC reserves the right to accept any proposal or alternative proposal proposed in whole or in part, to reject any or all proposals or alternatives proposals in whole or in part and to waive irregularity and/or informalities in any proposal and to make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of CAPIC. CAPIC reserves the right not to consider any proposal which it determines to be unresponsive and deficient in any of the information requested within the RFP.
CAPIC reserves the right to determine whether the scope of the project will be implemented entirely as described in the RFP, a portion of the scope, or that a revised scope be implemented.
CAPIC appreciates your time and effort in preparing this proposal. Please note that all proposals must be received at the designated location by the above-mentioned deadline. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for the award of the contract and will be considered void and unacceptable.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE
Electronic Bids submitted in the format furnished by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) and clearly identified as a bid will be received through DCAMM's E-Bid Room at www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/ home no later than the date and time specified and will forthwith be publicly opened remotely by DCAMM Bid Room personnel and read aloud over a conference call line. Persons interested in accessing the

remote bid opening can do so by using the following phone number: Audio Conferencing Dial-In Number (617)-315-0704, Meeting Number 2333 916 4237#. If prompted for attendee ID, please press #. Mass. State Project No. DCP2604
DCP – MITC Building – Occupancy Upgrades DTA, Chelsea, MA
Sub Bids at 12:00 PM: October 5, 2026
The Following Sub Bids:
Masonry; Tile; Acoustical Tile; Resilient Floors; Painting; Fire Protection; Plumbing; HVAC; Electrical
General Bids at 2:00 PM: October 22, 2026
Every Filled Sub-Bidder must be certified by DCAMM in the category for which they bid. Every General Bidder must be certified by DCAMM in the category of work listed below and for no less than the bid price plus all add alternates of this project, if applicable. The Category of Work is General Building Construction E.C.C: S5,280,734
This project is scheduled for 274 calendar days to substantial completion. Scope: Renovation of an office facility, including new entryway and new windows. All systems will be tied into the building base systems.
A Pre-Bid/Site Visit will be held on September 14, 2026 @ 11:00 AM at 200 Arlington Street, Chelsea, MA. Bring valid ID. Check in with main security before the meeting. Meet in the main lobby.
Minimum rates of wages to be paid on the project have been determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor Standards. These rates are incorporated into the bid documents.
Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through DCAMM's E-Bid Room <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/home>. A hard copy set can be made available for viewing in DCAMM's Bid Room located at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA during normal business hours by appointment only by contacting DCAMM's Bid Room. In order to access bid documents and submit bids through DCAMM's E-Bid Room potential bidders must first be verified by DCAMM's Bid Room and then register with the E-Bid Room vendor. Instructions on the processes can be found on DCAMM's website www.mass.gov/dcam/bids or contact DCAMM's Bid Room at bidroom.dcammm@mass.gov or (617) 727-4003.

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Freedom Trail after dark experiences

Discover the Freedom Trail in a new light – after dark – on the official Freedom Trail Lantern Tours. Freedom Trail Foundation announces the return of the unique Lantern Tours, offering visitors and residents the opportunity to experience the sinister history and mystery of the Freedom Trail by lantern-light! The annual Lantern Tours will be offered on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 6 p.m. from September 17 until October 30, and Wednesday, October 28. Official Freedom Trail historic sites’ evening Crypt Tours at King’s Chapel and Old North Church also return this fall.

Duels, the grave of a ruthless pirate, punishments of

convicted witches and more: all real and explored on the Freedom Trail Lantern Tours. Investigate the ghoulish side of Boston’s iconic red-lined-path and hear historic tales too dark and macabre for daytime. Join Freedom Trail Players, darkly garbed with lanterns, and bring true accounts of appalling crimes, spies and assassins, to life on these 90-minute walking tours.

Lantern Tours start from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center plaza and illuminate the Granary and King’s Chapel burying grounds as the final resting places of convicted pirates and others connected to Boston’s less-illustrious past. Locations such as the Bos-

ton Massacre Site and the former site of the Old Gaol (Old Jail), adjacent to the Old State House and home to many of old Boston’s most infamous criminals, are also featured along the way on the Freedom Trail.

“The Freedom Trail Lantern Tours and sites’ Crypt Tours are a great way to experience the darker side of our history,” says Suzanne Taylor, Executive Director, Freedom Trail Foundation. “These nighttime tours give visitors and residents the opportunity to learn about Boston’s true, yet lesser-known, ghoulish history as people celebrate the spooky Halloween season.”

Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom Trail

Foundation walking tours are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children 12 and under. Purchase of a ticket includes a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation’s Preservation Fund, which helps support preservation projects at official Freedom Trail historic sites. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center (8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.) or online at The-FreedomTrail.org. Lantern Tours may also be scheduled as a private group tour year-round. For more information about the Lantern and Crypt Tours, please contact the Freedom Trail Foundation at 617-357-8300 or visit The-FreedomTrail.org.

Updates // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“For our high school dropout rate, we started the school year with 1,683 students,” she said. “We had 87 students who dropped out, and that gives us (a dropout rate) of about 5 percent.”

The number of students who dropped out last year is in line with the 2024-25 school year, and lower the number of high school students who dropped out in the three years previous to that.

“For our mobility rate, at the end cumulatively, we had 479 students who came into the district; we had 367 students who exited the district,” said Blake-Canty. “We were able to hold on to 112 students.”

School Committee member Dr. Sarah Neville asked if the district was looking at

revamping its strategic plan and indicators of success in the coming year.

“On this strategic plan, we had returned from Covid,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. “We are doing what we call a refresh; the priorities will remain the same.”

Neville said the school committee and administration may want to return to the strategic plan in the next year or two and tweak some of the indicators of success.

“Maybe we could have the data be a little more meaningful for readers of this report,” said Neville. “For example, when you have the number of students enrolled in AP courses, you have the number of students enrolled in calculus courses, the number of students

enrolled in early college. I have a lot of questions, like what is the total number of students, and those are also hard numbers to look at in isolation because sometimes a student will maybe choose not to take early college because they are in AP, or things like that.

“Maybe there is a different data point we could look at, like the percentage of students who are enrolled in at least an AP course or a calculus course or an early college course or any other kind of creative ways to look at these to give you an easier to understand picture of these trends.”

School committee member JAKE Small said he agreed there were some opportunities for improvements in the way the data is

collected and reported.

“I think that sometimes we can’t see the things that we are working on, but also, sometimes we can’t see the things that are going really, really well,” said Small.

Small pointed to the increasing number of students involved in AP courses and achieving higher scores in the AP exams as one example of a positive trend.

“This is a point of pride for our city and for our school district, and 39 percent, while it sounds low, is actually meeting average and maybe slightly above average for our state,” he said. “Real kudos to our students who are engaging this really rigorous coursework, meeting the mark, and doing a great job.”

PROTECT Act // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

Beginning today, the law limits when state and local law enforcement may inquire about, record, share or act on a person’s immigration or citizenship status. It also restricts the use of state and local personnel, facilities, equipment and other public resources to conduct or participate in federal civil immigration enforcement and prohibits holding someone past the time they are otherwise eligible for release based solely on an immigration detainee.

The guidance makes equally clear what the PROTECT Act does not change. Massachusetts law enforcement can continue investigating and enforcing criminal laws, making lawful arrests with a judicial warrant, conducting booking procedures, keeping the peace, responding to emergencies and working with federal, state and local partners on criminal investigations.

If a crime or breach of the peace occurs during a federal civil immigration operation, officers may respond to address the public safety issue while remaining separate from the civil immigration enforcement activity itself.

Notice to Employees of I-9 Inspections

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (LWD), Office for Refugees and Immigrants (ORI) and Attorney General’s Office issued guidance to help Massachusetts employers comply with a new state law requirement to notify employees of upcoming inspections of I-9 employment eligibility records by ICE.

Under the PROTECT Act, Massachusetts employers must provide employees with written notice within 48 hours of receiving a Notice of Inspection from ICE for I-9 forms or other employment records, except where otherwise required by federal law.

The Administration is also

providing employers with a sample notice that can be used or modified to comply with the law. Notice must be provided individually to employees and should be provided in the employee’s primary language; posting a notice at the workplace alone does not satisfy the requirement.

“This guidance gives employers clear steps to follow while ensuring workers receive timely and accurate information,” said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Lauren Jones. “By making sure employers and employees are informed, we are strengthening work-

place protections and helping employers across the state understand and meet their responsibilities under the PROTECT Act.”

Today’s guidance builds on guidance released by Governor Healey last month to help K-12 schools and child care programs implement the PROTECT Act. Those resources provided model policies and procedures for responding to civil law enforcement, reviewing requests for access, protecting confidential information and communicating with students and families.

Earlier this year, Governor Healey also signed Ex-

ecutive Order 650 to protect access to essential state services and issued statewide guidance to schools, child care providers, colleges and universities, health care facilities and places of worship on interacting with federal immigration enforcement.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration will continue working with state agencies, employers, health care providers, law enforcement and communities across Massachusetts to fully implement the PROTECT Act and ensure its protections are carried out effectively statewide.

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Kori bustard chick hatches at Franklin Park Zoo

Special to the Record

Throughout the day, the dedicated team at Franklin Park Zoo takes turns visiting a small fluffy, striped kori bustard to make sure the month-old chick is getting enough exercise and reaching important developmental milestones.

Hatched on August 1, the female kori bustard chick is being raised by the Animal Care team to ensure it has the best opportunity to thrive. This is a significant hatch for this species, and marks the first successful hatch at Franklin Park Zoo since 2003.

The chick has been eating well and is continuing to gain weight daily, growing from 83 grams when it

hatched to now more than 300 grams. There is a steady rotation of care team members who are ensuring that the chick receives enough exercise, which is critical to healthy development.

“Exercise for long-legged birds like cranes, storks and kori bustards is essential for proper development of their legs, muscles and behavior. In the wild, the chicks follow their parents all over grasslands and plains, and through the exercise schedule we have established, we are emulating that here,” said Bill Robles, Area Curator at Zoo New England.

Zoo New England’s Franklin Park Zoo is committed to the conservation of kori bustards, and this

hatch was the result of a recommended breeding. Franklin Park Zoo is home to Onyx, a male kori bustard, and females M’Guu and Kibibi. When this chick is old enough it will move to another institution accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Native to southern and eastern Africa, kori bustards live in open grasslands and the lightly wooded areas of the savannah. This species is one of the heaviest flying birds in the world, and adults can weigh more than 40 pounds. While these birds are classified as near threatened, they do face threats in the wild from human encroachment on their habitats.



The kori bustard chick.

PHOTOS COURTESY ZOO NEW ENGLAND

FRESH AND LOCAL

Many farmers’ markets are still open

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

If you’re someone who thinks that September brings an end to the fresh, local, healthy ingredients you’ve been purchasing at a local farmers’ market, you are wrong. While some markets run for a short time, many others continue into November.

Halley Stillman from Still Life Farm and Still-

man’s Farm recently told us why this is a great time of year for regular visits to area farmers’ markets. She said, “This is the best time of year to shop. You have all the stuff from the summer, and we are going into all the best stuff of the fall. The seasons will converge in this month.” (Below you’ll find a list of the markets that remain open.)

Longer Seasons and

More Crop Diversity

Today’s farmers’ markets have expanded beyond produce. You can purchase local seafood, meat, bakery products, flowers, eggs, grown and foraged mushrooms, and prepared food.

Every year we notice new offerings at the markets we attend. Once okra was a rare sight; now we have had it much longer. A wide variety of berries keep farm stands



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filled with healthy options for snacking and cooking.

Some family farms have expanded their scope with each generation. For example, today you’ll find Stillman’s Farm offering items from the original farmstead, plus Halley and Curtis Stillman’s Still Life Farm fruit and berries, and Kate’s Stillman Quality Meats.

Greenhouses and hoop-houses have allowed regional farmers to extend their growing seasons, offering earlier and later crops that once had very short seasons.

What About Prices?

Recent produce recalls and distrust of the government’s ability to ensure food safety have expanded the market for our farmers. We’ve noticed longer lines and people surprised by the offerings at local markets. And when we suggest that people concerned about these issues shop at farmers’ markets, they complain about the prices.

Yes, food is expensive!

It’s expensive at the supermarket and when dining out. However, food waste is even more expensive. The food you purchase at a farmers’ market is fresher, will last longer, has more nutrition, and you can usually buy exactly the amount you need.

Farmers face higher prices for all the elements that go into growing the food you want. These farmers drive large trucks long distances from their rural farms to city markets. They face higher fuel and energy costs to run farm equipment and heat greenhouses.

Farms are labor-intensive, and with many potential workers prevented from entering or forced to leave this country, they must pay workers a competitive wage. Additional workers are needed to staff farmers’ markets, and they pay fees for market space.

The list goes on and on: seeds, equipment, taxes, interest payments on loans and mortgages, equipment purchase and repair, water, insurance, and all the other costs any business requires.

We’re fortunate they are willing to keep providing the safety of a local food source and deliver it to markets near our homes.

Here’s that list of markets. (Exact locations, dates, times, and other details are available at www.massfarmersmarkets.org.)

Open into late September: Assembly Row, Kendall Square, Revere Beach and Winthrop. Open into late October: Boston Fish Pier, Charlestown, Chelsea, Mission Hill, South End Greater Neighborhood, SOWA, and Union Square.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No. SU26P1583GD

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the matter of: Christine Gouveia of: Chelsea, MA

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

partment of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Christine Gouveia is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the

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

at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 09/02/2026. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing

the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions

about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court

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