

Council takes up debate on resources for immigrant families

By Adam Swift

Debate over how the city should allocate resources to help those in Chelsea affected by recent immigration enforcement actions dominated much of Monday night's council meeting.

During the public speaking portion early in the meeting, much of the discussion centered on an order introduced by District 7 Councilor Manuel Teshe. The order requested that the city manager refer to the council an appropriation request to provide an organization \$1 million to contract legal services in order to "combat rights violations perpetrated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Chelsea."

A number of residents and local small business owners noted that while they may have supported the intent of the motion, they balked at putting a heavy burden on taxpayers with the amount. Several also said that the city should focus on providing more help for small businesses or provide services that would benefit all members of the community.

"There's a lot of concern about the ordinance that was presented, and the concern not being that there is not a need," said Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell. "We completely understand, we sympathize, that's not the

issue. The issue is that we've had businesses in this community that have been hurting for over two years; they have been asking for help."

Hassell said there have been meetings between the Chamber and the city, but that there have been no major solutions to the problems.

"The business owners would really like to know, especially in your district Councilor Teshe, what you are prepared to do for them," Hassell said. "They respect what you are trying to do for those community members that don't feel safe, but they also would like some respect themselves in recognizing what their situation is and what exactly it is that you hope to be able to do with the council as a whole. These businesses are the backbone of our community, some of which have been here for decades."

Later in the meeting, Teshe noted that he had introduced several motions aimed at assisting downtown and small businesses that did not make it out of the council.

"I just wanted to start with that immigrant families, both documented and undocumented in Chelsea deserve protection and support, hands down," said Joan Cromwell, president of Chelsea Black Community.

Cromwell said she appreciated a conversation she had with Teshe over the week-

end, and said that diverting \$1 million of taxpayer funds to support immigration legal services is an admirable goal.

"However, the proposed amount is excessive and would place a heavy financial burden on our community that is already facing deep, deep financial challenges," Cromwell said.

Teshe later attempted to amend his order several times to first cut the amount requested down to \$250,000, and then to take the financial amount out of the order because it was found to violate the city charter.

Before the vote could be taken, District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor introduced a successful motion to lay Teshe's order on the table. The council voted 7-3 to table the motion, with Teshe and Councilors Roberto Jimenez-Rivera and Melinda Vega voting against tabling it. The order can be brought back at a future date if there is a motion and second to take it off the table, followed by a majority vote in favor.

A separate order introduced by District 4 Councilor Tanairi Garcia calling for a subcommittee meeting to be held with the city manager to discuss what city resources can be used to support families left behind by recent federal immigration enforcement actions in Chelsea.

"When we talk about community, we are talking about people, children, families, parents, and neighbors who make up the heart and soul of our city," said Garcia. "But what happens when those families are taken from us when ICE comes into our neighborhoods, when deportations tear families apart, what happens to the people left behind? This is where our responsibility as a city begins."

Garcia said the duty of the city and the council does not end at providing services or passing policies.

"Our duty extends to compassion, to care, and to protection," said Garcia. "We must stand up for the families living in fear, the children who go to bed at night unsure if their parents will be there in the morning, and the mothers and fathers who are doing everything they can to hold their families together despite the pain of separation."

The impact of federal immigration policies has touched the mental health of many in the city and created uncertainty for many in the community working hard to survive.

"This isn't just happening to undocumented families, this is also happening to our blended families where some members are U.S. citizens and others are not," Garcia said. "Families where children who are born here are growing up with a parent because of deportation; families who thought their citizenship would protect them from this kind of pain."

Garcia said the policies have created a terrible domino effect throughout the city.

"This is a time for unity and love, not segregation," said Garcia. "This isn't a time to compare races or argue over who has suffered

more. This is about our children who live in fear, children who deserve peace, safety, and stability.

"This is about sympathy and caring about seeing one another as human beings; we are one Chelsea, and when one of us is hurting, all of us feel it."

Jimenez-Rivera said he supported the subcommittee on conference meeting because it will give the council an opportunity to discuss its role in providing support.

"I understand that most of us want to do something about that and I am looking forward to that conversation," he said. "Something that I want to make sure that we are holding as we have these conversations is what is our role as a city, and what can we do given the fact that we don't have unlimited money. There are different parts of our society that should be taking more or less of the brunt of different aspects of this ... especially looking at philanthropy and non-profit agencies to make sure that they are doing their part and we are doing our part.

"As councilors, it is important for us to think of the best way for us in the city to have an impact on what is happening without necessarily opening us up for legal action against the city."

Teshe said he supported Garcia's motion and that it aligned with the intent of his original motion to help those in the city who feel alone and without help.

"I am really hopeful that this conversation is going to bring a lot of good answers for this city, and I want to give thanks to all the people that showed up today and engaged in this issue," said Teshe. "I'm happy that all of you acknowledge that this is a big problem. My reasoning is to help the people, because

ultimately, it's the people who are the backbone of the community."

Taylor said he agreed that the council should come together to figure out what the role of the city is in the issue.

"There are a lot of people at a lot of different levels dealing with this issue," said Taylor. "But I want to make one point, and I've said it before, and it is coming true, we just had a subcommittee with the superintendent of schools about the 300 (fewer) students this year and that means about a \$6 million shortfall for the Chelsea Public Schools. Now, I warned leaders in this city that if we sued the federal government it was going to put a target on our backs."

Taylor said the city has to be smart about how it deals with the immigration issues and work together to find consensus.

"I feel horrible about the trauma and the displacement that is going on," said Taylor. "But we as leaders have a responsibility to look ahead ... what is going to happen if we do this, what is going to happen if we do that? And I am telling you, it was as clear as the nose on your face exactly what was going to happen, and sure as the world it happened."

Council President Norieliz DeJesus said that she remains committed to fighting for the entire community and making sure all voices have a seat at the table.

"This is not an issue that is in silos working individually, we are all impacted," she said. "As we met with the superintendent earlier, we heard the stories of what is going on in our schools, and all of our children are impacted. This is our future and this is when we stand strong."

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places like coffee shops and fast-food restaurants to connect and get online," said Matt Frank, Director of Operations for the CHA. "This collaboration was about supporting our residents and making sure they have the tools they need to succeed, and the Housing Authority is honored to be recognized for this work alongside the City's IT Department and MAPC. We are excited to be at the forefront of expanding access and are already gathering our partners together to move forward on several other initiatives that will break down barriers for our residents."

"This recognition is a testament to our shared belief that internet access is not a luxury, it's a necessity," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "We're grateful to

our Chief Information Officer Ramon Garcia, whose dedication helped make this program possible, as well as our partners at the Chelsea Housing Authority and the MAPC."

"The digital equity planning process requires phenomenal partners, and the City of Chelsea and all involved in this project set a great example of how it can be done," said MAPC Executive Director Lizzi Weyant. "It's deeply rewarding to see the impact of free internet access for Pratville Apartments' residents. We look forward to our ongoing work with Chelsea and the opportunity to collaborate with neighboring municipalities in digital equity service delivery."

The project aims to close the digital gap for public

housing, by also providing digital skills training and support programs for all of the city's public housing residents.

Since launching this program, CHA has been accepted into the MBI Retrofit program to bring low-cost fiber internet service into four more sites including its Buckley, Margolis, Scrivano and Mace buildings. This program will bring high-quality dependable fiber optic internet at a low cost to residents in these buildings.

The Collaboration & Partnerships Award is a category within the annual MA Excellence in Technology Awards that honors an initiative demonstrating significant public-private partnership and collaborative work.

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"In this center, the City can provide educational, recreational, and athletic resources," Maltez stated. "A community center would transform our community."

Maltez said that the city does have the financial capacity to purchase the

school and complete the necessary renovations for a community center.

"The city will respect and honor the historic legacy of the school, and will ensure positive stewardship for generations to come," Maltez said. "The city can work

with the parish to ensure that the church community maintains access and availability of space for their current programs. In summary, the city will begin these negotiations as requested by the city council."

DiDomenico protects residents in day habilitation centers

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined the Massachusetts Senate to approve legislation aimed at protecting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, by updating an existing protection law to close an unintended gap for day habilitation participants. An Act to update Nicky's Law, S.165, strengthens protections for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities who participate in MassHealth contracted day habilitation programs and ensures that participants in day habilitation programs are af-

forded the same safeguards from abuse as individuals in other care settings.

"I believe we are judged by how we treat the most vulnerable individuals in society, and this bill takes a big step forward in protecting our neighbors with intellectual or developmental disabilities," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "Expanding safeguards for day habilitation center residents will increase safety for our constituents and put their family's minds at ease when taking them to these centers. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Chair Rodrigues and Senator Moore for their unwavering efforts on this important issue."

The legislation would ensure that the existing statewide registry that prevents individuals with substantiated abuse allegations from being hired in care positions would include day habilitation programs contracted by MassHealth. This bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Maura Sullivan, CEO of The Arc of Massachusetts

"The Arc of Massachusetts extends its immense gratitude to the Massachusetts Senate for their unanimous passage of An Act to update Nicky's Law to protect individuals with disabilities in MassHealth day habilitation programs. This is a huge step forward and a critical measure that will expand the Abuser Registry to protect the most vulnerable members of our community. We are incredibly

grateful to our bill's dedicated Senate sponsor, Senator Michael Moore, and to Senate Ways and Means Chairman Michael Rodrigues and the Senate President Karen Spilka. This bill has been a top priority for The Arc for several years. This amendment strengthens the registry and closes a critical loophole to ensure the safety and well-being of people with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are thrilled to see this bill move to the next stage and remain committed to ensuring its final passage into law."

Nancy A. Alterio, Executive Director of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission

"The DPPC Abuser Registry has proven highly effective in preventing abusers of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities from continuing to serve this vulnerable population. Unfortunately, an unintended consequence of a funding change for day habilitation clients removed these programs from purview of the Abuser Registry. The passage of this bill in the Senate marks an important step to reincorporate day habilitation centers into the Abuser Registry as initially intended by Nicky and Dana's Law. The DPPC appreciates the work of Senator Moore in sponsoring this measure, the advocacy of The Arc of Massachusetts, and the support of the Senate and its leadership to advance this bill and promote the protection of adults with disabilities."

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CHELSEA ELECTION NEWS

Councilor Brown garners local union support for District 8 City Council bid

Special to the Record

District 8 City Councilor Calvin T. Brown has announced the endorsements of several labor organization for his re-election campaign this week. To date, his campaign has been endorsed of by the Greater Boston Labor Council, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 2222, the Boston Carmen’s Union Local 589, supported by the Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 6, and

the Massachusetts & Northern New England Laborer’s District Council.

In a letter to Councilor Brown, Local No.2222 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Committee Local No.2222 member Andrew Farr said, “IBEW 2222 is proud to endorse Brown for his history of service to the people of Chelsea is inspiring and unimpeachable. The residents of Chelsea deserve a strong District 8 City Councilor. We know that Calvin will continue

to represent the people of Chelsea with dedication and distinction. We are happy to stand beside him and fight for the working people.”

Together, unions represent more than 100,000 hardworking families throughout every neighborhood in Greater Boston. We stand for opportunity, equity, and safety. We’re hotel workers, construction workers, healthcare workers, janitors, teachers, and more. We are also voters. Our labor champions on City

Councils, School Committees and in Mayors’ offices across the region are essential to creating communities where working people can live and thrive,”says Greater Boston Labor Council President, Darlene.”

“I’m appreciative and flattered that the Greater Boston Labor Council has endorsed my campaign for re-election,” said Councilor Brown. “Right now, we must set aside our differences and together to defend our democracy and build a

vibrant future for the next generation. The time is ripe to unite against those who would use this moment to make themselves richer off the backs of working people. With strong partnerships, we can continue to make Greater Boston a region for all of us.

In another letter, Boston Carmen’s Union Local 589, noted their support of Councilor Brown. “It is with great pleasure the Executive Board and C.O.P.E committee of the Boston

Carmen’s Union Local 589 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, AFL/CLC who represent over 6,700 worker’s voted to support Calvin T. Brown for Chelsea city Council. “Said Councilor Brown, I’m honored to have their support in my re-election bid.” He added, now mor than ever we need the strong presence of organized labor to help our families grow and succeed as we move forward.

City considers replacement fees for trash barrels

By Adam Swift

The public works department has been looking into the possibility of charging a fee for replacement trash barrels, according to City Manager Fidel Maltez.

Last month, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero requested Maltez look into the possibility of the city charging for replacement barrels if a resident could not provide a broken trash barrel in exchange for a new barrel. Several other councilors noted that there are occasionally instances where barrels are stolen, so it could be an undue burden on residents to pay for the

new barrels.

“Public Works has been evaluating this option for some time now,” said Maltez. “We are concerned that implementing a fee for trash barrels might lead to increased illegal dumping and worsening housing conditions, particularly in rental properties. Many of our neighboring cities have implemented controls on trash barrels.”

Some cities limit the amount of trash barrels issued to a property to one barrel per housing unit, while several cities charge from \$50 to \$100 for replacement barrels, Maltez

stated.

“Our DPW might be forced to implement similar practices, especially with the growing cost of trash disposal and trash barrels,” Maltez said. “In 2018, when the city rolled out trash barrels, the cost of each barrel was \$35.”

Today, the price of those barrels has doubled to nearly \$70, according to Maltez.

“Trash hauling and disposal has gone up at a similar rate,” Maltez said. “Our DPW team will continue evaluating this policy over the next several months to determine the best course of action.”

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inform future housing strategies and help the City establish a replicable model for maintaining long-term affordability in Chelsea.”

The pilot program is designed to prioritize Chelsea residents by providing six three-bedroom units at rents that are affordable at Area Median Incomes that reflect the needs of the Chelsea community and prioritize low and very low-income

families, according to Maltez. He added that the city endeavors to see if the program can serve as a model for city-led initiatives aimed at expanding deeply affordable housing options for Chelsea families.

“The city proposes that the purchase of this property is made with funds from our overlay account,” said Maltez.

The use of the overlay ac-

count requires a vote from the board of assessors before action can be taken by the city council.

“We will be presenting this purchase option to the Board of Assessors promptly,” Maltez said. “We will also request the city council approve the creation of a revolving fund that will allow this property to be self-sustaining once the initial acquisition is completed.”

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life here in Chelsea. With your support, I will continue to be an effective councilor for safe streets, affordable housing, food access, and development that supports a respected and welcoming City.

Together, over the past two years we have put our city on the right path fiscally, winning a third All-American City National Award while working to improve the quality of life for all residents. This award recognizes communities that leverage civic engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness and innovation to successfully address local issues.

Over the past term we have achieved much:

- * Completed \$14 Million Infrastructure Improvement on Beacham/Williams Corridor, rebuilt roads, installed shared bike/walking path, replaced traffic signals and repaved/repainted intersections.
- * Advocated for the new Route104, a high – frequency bus line that connects Malden and Logan Airport. This bus line runs every 15 minutes and provides critical connection for Chelsea residents. Route 104 runs through Second Street and Spruce Street, connecting through Market Basket.
- * Advocated for replacement of the Mary O’Malley dock area and received commitment from the Department of Conservation and Recreation that the dock will be replaced in the

next 2 years.

- * Repaved all streets in the district within the last 5 years and advocated for pedestrian improvement in all of the district.
- * Applied for and successfully received \$1 Million dollar grant from the State to replace infrastructure on Spruce Street and Second Streets. This will greatly improve infrastructure for the neighborhood and increase the walkability of the area.

I am proud of what we’ve achieved, but there is still much that needs to be done. As a member of the Council, I will collaborate with my colleagues and the administration to grow the supply and diversity of affordable housing options, opportunity for job creation in Chelsea, while maintaining the character of our unique neighborhoods.

The next City Council has the opportunity to ensure that Chelsea’s working families, students, and seniors can continue to live in the city we love. We must tackle a variety of issues with forward-thinking and fiscally responsible policies. I am committed more than ever to working with the other members of the Council and our City Manager to continue to build on the foundation we’ve built during my time on the Council and the last year in particular.

I love serving our city, and I enjoy all the activities and efforts which make it a

great city to live and raise a family in. Beyond my duties at city hall, I’ve attended annual local events whether it be a youth sporting event, the Taste of Chelsea, local road races, ALS & MS Walk for Living, Let it Fly Annual Basketball Classic or at local arts and theater programs. It is because I love Chelsea and care for our city that I support the many programs and events that bring us together.

I respectfully ask your vote in this upcoming election. IPA’LANTE CHELSEA ONWARD!

If you have any questions or would like to help our campaign, please feel free to call me at (617) 466-1548. Thank you!”

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“I’m running to bring a strong, grounded, and community-first voice to the City Council,” MacAlpine said. “District 4 deserves a representative who listens, who acts, and who shows up.”

A graduate of a vocational high school where she studied culinary arts, Marnie brings real-world experience and a strong work ethic to the table. She comes from a working-class family like so many of the residents in Chelsea and moved out on her own at age 18—proof of her independence and determination. Over the past two decades, she has built a successful career in the hospitality industry, rising quickly through the ranks to hold leadership roles and amassing more than 20 years of management experience. Her work has given her a deep understanding of hard

work, team building, and the importance of customer and community service.

A growing interest in the city and city governance led Marnie to volunteer for a position on the Chelsea Licensing Commission, where she has proudly served for the past four years, most of which as the Chairperson, building meaningful relationships with community members, local leaders and business owners. Through her role, she has been a consistent voice for fairness, transparency, equity and city decision making. Her commitment to listening, engaging and ensuring that every community member is heard has strengthened the trust between the city and the people it serves. Marnie is deeply committed to ensure that local governance is more inclusive, accountable, and responsive to the needs of all residents

of Chelsea.

Marnie is also the lead organizer behind the revitalized Chelsea Hill Community Group, spearheading monthly cleanups and safety walks to improve the city’s neighborhoods and foster a stronger sense of civic pride.

“This city has given me a lot, and I believe it’s my turn to give back in a bigger way,” she said. “I want to ensure that every voice in District 4 is heard and that we work together to create a safer, cleaner, and more inclusive Chelsea.”

Election Day is November 4th, and Marnie invites residents to reach out, get involved, and help build the future of District 4.

For more information or to get involved with the campaign, contact marnie@marnie4chelsea.com or visit <http://www.marni4chelsea.com>.

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The arrival of this year’s long weekend means that the fall season is squarely upon us, the time of year that has special meaning for all of us in New England.

Although the weatherman (as of this writing) is forecasting a mixed weekend weather-wise, we urge as many of our readers as possible to partake of the simple pleasure of getting outdoors to enjoy the crisp, clean air and the autumn colors before the colder temperatures arrive.

A nice hike, whether along the shore of the Cape, or in the Berkshires or the mountains of northern New England -- or even as nearby as the Blue Hills in Milton -- provides an opportunity to enjoy the natural world, far away from the noise of our daily lives that will do wonders for our emotional and physical well-being.

One of our favorite things to do with our kids when they were young was to go apple-picking, which is in prime season at many farms that are a short drive from the city.

We’ve always viewed this weekend as the last chance to take a mental and physical break ahead of the freneticism of the upcoming holiday season --- which will be here before we know it.

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FONDLY REMEMBER JAY ROSENZWAIG



In one of his final acts of kindness and cordiality that symbolized his life as a generous, giving person, in the photo right, Jay Rosenzwaig (left) wished a happy and healthy Rosh Hashanah to his longtime friend, Mark Krentzman (right) during a recent Temple Emmanuel social event. Also pictured is Rabbi Oksana Chapman. In the above photo, Jay Rosenzwaig (front row, third from left) is pictured at the event with Temple Emmanuel members who fondly remembered Jay as an outstanding person. Jay’s friend, Tina Bagnera, and cousin, Michael Baron, delivered beautiful and touching eulogies at the funeral service of Jay Rosenzwaig Monday at Torf Funeral Home. Jay was also a popular visitor to the Chelsea Senior Center where he enjoyed several social gatherings and luncheons.



MALDEN CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY RAISES FUNDS TO DEFEAT ALS



BY NICOLE DIANO

The Malden Catholic (MC) community continued its commitment to fighting Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehr’s Disease, by fundraising for the annual Ride to Defeat ALS.

The issue is personal for many within the community, including Nicole Diano, who participates in the 40 or 50-mile annual bike ride. Diano’s beloved grandfather, Charles Bent, succumbed to the disease, and ALS has also tragically impacted the MC community with the passing of alumni Christopher Snow ’99 and Timothy Paquette ’07, and Brother Joseph Comber, C.F.X., Ph.D.

For the past three years, Diano has participated in and fundraised for the event, which starts and finishes at the Longfellow Tennis and Health Club in Wayland, MA. This year, MC contributed significantly through an annual Dress Down Day, which raised \$2,192.50 for Team MC.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the total amount was presented to Ms. Hallie Cunningham, Manager of the Ride to Defeat ALS. The school thanked everyone who participated, stating that their collective efforts move them closer to the goal of defeating ALS.

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News Briefs

CHELSEA FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The Chelsea Fire Department is proud to join communities across the state in observing Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, 2025. This year's theme, set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), is Lithium-Ion Battery Safety, highlighting the importance of using, charging, and disposing of these batteries safely.

As part of the week's activities, the Chelsea Fire Department invites the community to an Open House on Saturday, October 11, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Central Fire Station, located at 307 Chestnut St. The event is free and open to the public.

This year's open house will feature a variety of family-friendly activities, demonstrations, and hands-on learning opportunities, including a smoke house simulator, a "Laws of Life" vehicle extrication demonstration, a drone demonstration showing our newest technology used to support firefighting, and an opportunity to operate a hose line from a fire engine alongside our firefighters.

Pizza will be provided, and we encourage residents of all ages to meet our firefighters and learn more about how we keep the community safe.

"Fire Prevention Week is a reminder that safety starts at home," said Fire Chief John Quatieri. "We look forward to welcoming the community to see firsthand how we work to protect Chelsea every day."

For more information, please contact the Chelsea Fire Department Fire Prevention Division at 617-466-4620 or FirePreventionDivision@chelseama.gov.

CHELSEA CITY BUILDINGS CLOSED OCTOBER 13 IN OBSERVANCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Most Chelsea municipal buildings will be closed on Monday, October 13, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Closures include City Hall, Chelsea Public Library, the Chelsea Senior Center, and the City Yard.

As always, public safety buildings will remain operational and online services

will be available. For a complete list of online services, visit www.chelseama.gov/online-services.

Trash and recycling will not be collected on Monday, October 13, resulting in a one-day delay in collection for the remainder of the week.

Residential Parking Permit Enforcement will be suspended on Monday, October 13, at 12 a.m. Enforcement will resume on Tuesday, October 14, at 12 a.m. Parking restrictions for street sweeping will also not be enforced.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday in the United States that celebrates and honors Indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October, and is an official city and state holiday in various localities.

CHELSEA, REVERE, & WINTHROP PARTNERING WITH STOP & SHOP TO HOST REGIONAL VACCINE CLINIC

The Cities of Chelsea and Revere and Town of Winthrop (North Suffolk Public Health Collaborative) are partnering with Stop & Shop to host a regional vaccine clinic on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center, located at 10 Riley Way. This is a walk-in only clinic; there is no pre-registration required.

The following vaccines will be available during the clinic:

- Flu (ages 5+, no insurance required)
- COVID (ages 12+, no insurance required)
- Shingles (ages 50+, insurance required)
- Pneumococcal (ages 50+, insurance required)
- RSV (eligible patients ages 50+, insurance required)

Attendees are encouraged to wear short sleeves to allow for easy vaccination. Those who have insurance should bring their insurance card.

Spanish interpretation will be available. The Chelsea Senior Center is accessible, with a convenient drop-off and pick-up area for individuals with disabilities. For questions about accessibility, please contact Chelsea 311 at (617) 466-4209.

The clinic is part of an ongoing effort to increase access to preventive healthcare across the region.

Jay Rosenzwaig

A kind soul who was always willing to help a friend

Jay P. Rosenzwaig of Everett and formerly of Chelsea passed away on October 3. He was 65 years old.

Jay was the loving son of the late Edward and the late Barbara Rosenzwaig, the dear brother of the late Michelle Schreiberman and her husband, the late Nathaniel Schreiberman. He was the loving uncle of Bryan Schreiberman and Helena Schreiberman. He also leaves behind many relatives and friends who were touched by Jay's kindness.

Jay was a kind soul who was always willing to help a friend. He had a great number of friends and many friends who helped take

care of him. In particular, his neighbor Robert Giannano and Tina Bagnera were constantly with him at doctor's appointments and anywhere he needed to be. Jay also leaves behind his cousin, Michael Baron and his wife, Leslie who lovingly took care of all health and family matters.

Funeral services were held at the Torf Funeral Chapel, 151 Washington Avenue, Chelsea on Monday, October 6 at 1 p.m. followed by Interment followed in Everett. Donations in Jay's memory may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

James M. "Marty Hayes" Haggerty

His love for sports was rivaled only by his devotion to family, faith and friends, which were the cornerstones of his life

James M. Haggerty, affectionately known as "Marty Hayes", passed away peacefully on September 30, 2025, at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was 75 years old.

Born on February 24, 1950, in Revere, Marty was the cherished son of the late Helen A. (Hartigan) Hayes. He grew up in Chelsea and completed his education by graduating from Chelsea High School in 1968, where he laid the foundation for a life characterized by hard work and dedication.

In June 1969, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving honorably during the

Vietnam War until his discharge as a Private First Class on April 16, 1972. His service to his country instilled in him a sense of pride that remained with him throughout his life.

Marty spent many years working as an independent construction laborer, contributing significantly to the commercial construction industry, particularly with Reppici and Sons Masonry. He found great joy in his many roles, often remarking that there was no greater reward than a job well done.

In addition to his work, Marty was a passionate athlete, playing baseball in the Chelsea Fast Pitch League with the "Ed's Grill" and "PPC" teams. A lifelong fan of the New England Patriots, he never missed an opportunity to cheer for his team. His love for sports was rivaled only by his devotion to family, faith, and friends, which were the cornerstones of his life.

Marty was a devout Catholic and a frequent communicant at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, where he was guided by his faith throughout the trials he faced.



He was predeceased by his siblings: Jack Hayes, Patricia Nolan, Elaine Marrota, Robert Hayes, and Eleanor Waitt. He is survived by extended family members and a close circle of friends including Richard Kelley, "Bucky" and Carol Cole, along with many others who will miss him dearly.

Lifelong friends Bucky Cole, Richie Kelley, Eddie Duval, and Kenny Lava agreed that James "Marty Hayes" Haggerty was admired by all.

"He was a New York Giants fan in the old days before becoming a big Patriots fan," recalled Bucky. "He was just a great friend. Everybody liked him."

A funeral mass will be celebrated in his honor on Tuesday, October 14 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, 100 Summit Avenue, Chelsea. Prior to the service, family and friends are invited to gather and pay their respects in St. Michael's Cardinal Cushing Pavilion, starting at 9 a.m. The ceremony will conclude with Military Honors and interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

As we gather to remember and celebrate the life of James Michael Haggerty, let us reflect on the profound impact he had on those around him and the legacy of love and service he leaves behind. Rest in peace, Marty. Your spirit will continue to guide and inspire us.

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You are still the most wonderful son I could have dreamt of. I miss you every second of every day. Happy 56th Birthday my baby boy up in heaven.

Love Mom



Lucia "Lucy" (Wilczynski) Klosiewicz

She was happiest when surrounded by her family and loved ones

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Thursday, October 2nd in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Lucia "Lucy" (Wilczynski) Klosiewicz, who passed away peacefully on

September 28th at 85 years of age surrounded by her loving family. Her Funeral was held at the Funeral Home on Friday, October 3rd followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere and Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Lucia was born and raised in Poland where she attended schools and obtained her bachelor's degree in education. She began a career in Poland as a schoolteacher when she met her husband, married and in 1961, she immigrated to the United States and settled in Chelsea. In 1968, Lucia became a United States Citizen and her proudest and first civic duty as a citizen was to cast her vote in the presidential election for Lyndon Johnson.

Lucia and her husband raised their family in Chelsea, where they remained as longtime residents. Aside from being a devoted wife and mother, she worked as a nursing assistant at the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home for over 20 years. Lucia was most happy when she was surrounded by her family and loved ones. Her biggest honor was becoming a grandmother, and she cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren.

Lucia enjoyed traveling after her husband passed away and she traveled a few times back to Poland to visit her family. She loved to sing and enjoyed talking to everyone she met. She was a kind, funny and a caring person.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Woburn Nursing care center, especially Martha, William, Rose and Joyce RN, who



took excellent care of her.

The beloved wife of the late Thaddeus E. Klosiewicz, she was the devoted mother of Edward T. Klosiewicz and his fiancé, Erica Borgado of Manchester, New Hampshire, Jane "Jennie" Klosiewicz-Gesualdi and her husband, Anthony of Billerica and the late Thomas J. Klosiewicz and his late wife, Pat Klosiewicz; cherished grandmother of Edward T. Klosiewicz, Jr. and his fiancé, Morgan Mahoney of Manchester, New Hampshire, Theresa Klosiewicz and her fiancé, Justin Hescocock of Stoneham and Thomas Gesualdi of Billerica; the dear sister of Irena Gajewska in Poland and the late Marianna Babicka, Czeslawa Milewska, Zofia Kukowska and Wladyslaw Wilczynski. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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SCENES FROM THE 2025 ALS & MS WALK FOR LIVING

Photo & Story by Marianne Salza

The Leonard Florence Center for Living, America’s first urban model Green House skilled nursing facility, held its 17th Annual ALS & MS Walk for Living on October 5. Residents, families, and community members participated in a two-mile walk around Admirals Hill to raise funds for patient care and programs.

“This walk and contributions provide residents who live at the Leonard Florence Center for Living a totally different kind of life than they would have had in any other nursing home,” began Betsy Mullen, COO, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare. “It truly makes Leonard Florence a center for living. The quality of life and care they receive every day is exceptional. It is because of the compassion and competent care that our staff provides.”

The Leonard Florence Center for Living, operated by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, cares for more individuals living with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) than any other facility in

the world. Revolutionary technology enables residents – many of whom, immobilized – to move independently throughout their residence, controlling lights, turning on the television, and opening doors with computers and sensors that track eye movement.

This year’s walk honored John Carroll, Managing Principal, The BC Group Private Wealth Management, a long-time advisor and supporter of the Leonard Florence Center for Living. Every year, Carroll and his team provide an all-inclusive experience for residents with the Boston Celtics at the TD Garden.

“When they say the Leonard Florence Center for Living, they truly mean living,” emphasized Carroll. “They want everybody to have their best life. For us, it is a beautiful thing to be able to contribute.”

Following the walk, participants enjoyed a barbecue, music, games, petting zoo, face painting, and dance performances by Phunk Phenomenon.



Amber and Andrew Sullivan, with their dog, Meatball, of Chelsea.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson and Councilor District 8 Calvin T. Brown.



The Murphy Family, of Northbridge.



Honoree, John Carroll, Managing Principal, The BC Group Private Wealth Management.



Betsy Mullen, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare COO welcoming participants.



Bonnie Berthiaume, with her granddaughters, Kennedy and Mackenzie.



Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, describing the Walk for Living as “emotion,” while seeing the faces of residents, and learning their stories.



Adam Ernst, Leonard Florence Center for Living Executive Director, with his dog, Luna, and Betsy Mullen, Chelsea Jewish Living COO.



Malden Catholic High School students, Nyla Taylor, Leah Sousa, Keira Corbett, An Nguyen, and Julianna Ferguson.



Melrose residents, Jordan Veek, Kiera Murray, Astro Dean, Ella DiPierro, Lily Huynh, Anna Sullivan, and Oona Murphy, patting Amelia, the goat.

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Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and his daughters, Ana Victoria and Maya.



Rita Singer and Barbara Buxton.



Orlatha Duffy, of Melrose, and Bridget Marino, of Saugus.



Participants beginning their two-mile walk.



Malden Catholic High School sophomores



Lauren Baino holding Elle, John Baino, Christine Uvello, and resident, Terry Baino.



Participants gathered for the 2025 ALS & MS Walk for Living on Admirals Hill on October 5.



Leonard Florence Center for Living CEO Barry Berman, with his granddaughters, Alexandra and Samantha, with Chelsea City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, and Ina Hoffman.

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Resident Roger Japlit, with his wife, Wilma Japlit, their daughter, Melanie Kasdon, and her children, Kaya, Clover, and Charlie Kasdon.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Fritter away meal planning

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For eons, cooks from many cultures have looked at what they have on hand and decided to turn leftovers into fritters. Today, we consider avoiding food waste a social and economic benefit, but for many, it is a matter of survival.

What is a fritter? We often turn to our copy of The Food Lover’s Companion for culinary definitions and explanations. Here, the authors call a fritter “A small, sweet or savory, deep-fried cake made either by combining chopped food with a thick batter or by dipping pieces of food into a similar batter.”

Our only disagreement with this description is that, most recently, deep-frying has often been replaced by pan-frying or air-frying. Perhaps that’s the reason so many food sites are featuring new takes on fritters.

Types of Fritters

This time of year is the

perfect time to try local apple, corn, or zucchini fritters. These are three of the most popular in this part of the USA. Or, if you find yourself at a Rhode Island clam shack, try our favorite fritter, “Clam Cakes”, which are perfect for dipping into a bowl of chowder.

Wikipedia has a long list of fritters from around the world that you may have enjoyed but never thought of as one. From the Middle East and North Africa, we enjoy falafel made with chickpeas or fava beans. From South Asia, we love pakora and onion bhaji. Penny’s uncle from the Philippines made banana fritters at family gatherings. Japan has takoyaki stuffed with octopus. The Bahamas are known for conch fritters. In the UK, fish and chip shops will fritter anything from mushy peas to a Mars Bar.

Fritter Basics

To discover the importance of fritters in the past, we consulted the 1896 Fan-

ny Farmer Cookbook. The section on fritters begins with five numbered recipes for fritter batter, and then suggests which ingredients will work best with each of the five.

Most home cooks from cuisines less reliant on precise measurements and recipes have used traditional ingredient ratios for fritter batter and then adjusted by eye to achieve the perfect batter for the fritter they were making. You can follow a recipe or search for “fritter batter ratios” to learn the traditional method.

For example, in his book Ratio, food educator Michael Ruhlman recommends a ratio of two parts flour to two parts liquid and one part egg for fritter batter. He also wrote, “Every time I make fritters, I ask myself why I don’t make them more often. Crisp and tender, sweet and spicy. A fritter batter, which is a muffin batter without the butter, is a vehicle, like a



Clam Fritters, also known as “Clam Cakes” or “Sinkers” in Rhode Island, are perfect for dipping into a bowl of Rocky Point Clam Chowder.

crepe or a dumpling, for a tasty main garnish and seasoning, whether corn or clam or apple or zucchini. Use just enough batter to hold the garnish together.”

The flour used to make a fritter can alter the flavor, nutrition, and accommodate dietary limitations. You can use all-purpose flour,

but consider the difference cornmeal flour could add to a corn fritter, or chickpea flour for an onion bhaji.

The next time you face the “what’s for dinner” question, fritter away a few minutes to scan your pantry and refrigerator for staples and leftovers perfect for fritters. Mix up a batter, add

the goodies you found, and serve up your own delicious version of a long-time favorite food!

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

With winter weather and increased gas usage on the horizon, Eversource previews bill changes along with programs available to help customers

Special to the Record

As temperatures begin to cool and winter weather approaches, natural gas customers will soon be turning on their heating systems, causing increased usage that will translate into larger bills for gas customers during the winter. Regular rate changes for natural gas customers are scheduled to take place on November 1 as the region transitions from the off-peak summer gas season to the peak winter gas season. This year, Eversource natural gas customers will also notice a redesign of their bill format – reflecting direct feedback from customers and communities – making the bill easier to read and understand.

The new user-friendly bill layout will break down a customer’s total bill into three categories – instead of the current two – to provide the bill in clearer language for customers to gain a better understanding of their charges and the costs associated with those charges. Currently, customers see charges in only two categories, which are “Supply” and “Delivery,” with “Supply” referring solely to the cost of natural gas and “Deliv-

ery” referring to everything else. Going forward, “Delivery” will now be clearly displayed as two separate components: “Maintenance and Infrastructure Investment” and “Public Benefits.” Maintenance and Infrastructure Investment are the costs necessary to ensure customers can safely and reliably heat their homes, including equipment, materials, and vehicles, as well as the workers who maintain, repair, and upgrade the system, especially during the cold peak days when customers need it most. Public Benefits are the costs of programs, including energy efficiency and payment assistance, that provide value to customers and the state by helping reduce energy usage and enabling customers to better manage their monthly bills, among other benefits. The redesign also follows direction from the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) earlier this year to include a line item for energy efficiency on bills to increase transparency. Eversource will be providing additional information about the bill redesign directly to customers in the coming weeks.

“We work every day to

ensure that our customers can safely and reliably heat their home during the winter, have hot water and cook their food throughout the year,” said Eversource President of Gas Distribution Kevin Kelley. “We take this responsibility very seriously, and it’s critical that we are transparent with our customers about this work and everything else that makes up their total bill. We heard our customers loud and clear when they said their bills needed to be easier to understand, and this bill redesign improves transparency – helping people better understand exactly what they’re paying for with the various rates included in their bills.”

This week, the energy company filed its cost of gas adjustment – or supply rate – with the DPU for the peak season, one of several rates that typically change at the beginning of November for gas customers. The supply rate changes every six months based on the regional wholesale market price of natural gas, is passed through to customers without any markup or profit to Eversource, and typically increases during the peak season due to higher demand driving up the market cost of supply. In addition, adjustments will also be taking place to rates that reflect necessary maintenance and investment to the natural gas system to provide safe and reliable service year-round for the hundreds of thousands of customers relying on natural gas to heat their homes, water and cook their food, as well as valuable public benefits programs that customers rely on and use. While rates will be increasing in total compared to last peak season, Eversource estimates that total customer bills will be slightly less or similar to last winter’s if the weather and usage return to 10-year historic averages.

“We work diligently to keep the maintenance and infrastructure costs we can control as low as possible, but the cost of this work is not optional – because heating our homes during a New England winter isn’t a choice,” Kelley continued. “Last winter was the coldest we’ve seen in recent years, driving significantly increased gas usage that – when coupled with

the regular Nov. 1 peak season rate adjustments – led to higher-than-normal bills and a renewed focus on affordability in Massachusetts. While we all hope for a milder season, the weather is not something any of us can control or predict, and we’re laser-focused on efficiently managing our maintenance and infrastructure costs while maintaining reliability, providing transparent information to customers, and connecting them with energy efficiency and financial assistance programs that can help anyone who may be struggling with their bill.”

Based on the filings that have been submitted to the DPU, beginning Nov. 1, an NSTAR customer using 126 therms per month will see a total bill increase of \$6.22 or approximately 2% in the supply portion of their bill, a total bill increase of \$34.47 or approximately 11% within maintenance and infrastructure investment, and a total bill increase of \$0.57 or approximately 0% in public benefits. Compared to the average peak season rates for last winter, NSTAR customers using 126 therms per month will see a total bill increase of \$41.26 or approximately 13%. Separately, EGMA customers using 127 therms per month will see a total bill increase of \$14.87 or approximately 5% in the supply portion of their bill, a total bill increase of \$26.65 or approximately 9% within maintenance and infrastructure investment, and a total bill increase of \$7.02 or approximately 2% in public benefits. Compared to the average peak season rates for last winter, EGMA customers using 127 therms per month will see a total bill increase of \$48.54 or approximately 17%.

How an individual customer’s bill will be affected ultimately depends on their usage and weather conditions. Bill impacts above are based on the average usage during a normal winter, which is 126 therms for NSTAR and 127 therms for EGMA. Due to the much colder temperatures last winter, customer usage increased significantly, to an average of 143 therms for NSTAR and 168 therms for EGMA. This increase in usage ultimately accounted for

approximately 40% of the bill increases that all customers saw last winter.

Help is available for customers who need it.

“We know that any rate increase can be difficult for our customers, which is why we’re encouraging them to prepare before the heating season begins by taking advantage of the programs and plans we have available – including Budget Billing, which can smooth out the spikes that usage and rate changes can have on a bill to keep your monthly bill more predictable, and energy efficiency programs like weatherization to reduce usage,” Kelley continued.

Eversource encourages customers to enroll in one of its payment plans or assistance programs if they need help with their energy bill by calling 866-861-6225 (NSTAR) or 800-688-6160 (EGMA), or online.

- Budget Billing Plans are also available and can help customers avoid seasonal spikes on their energy bill by paying a level amount each month based on their average annual usage.
- A Discount Rate is available to customers receiving public assistance benefits and have a household income at or below 60% of the state median income. These customers may be eligible for a 25% discount on their monthly natural gas bill.
- The New Start Program for NSTAR customers and the Residential Arrearage Management Program (RAMP) for EGMA customers can help income-eligible customers reduce or eliminate their outstanding balance in as little as 12 months when they make on-time monthly payments. Eversource will eliminate or forgive a portion of the total balance enrolled in the program – reducing the amount owed each month.
- Flexible Payment Plans are available to all customers, regardless of income, to pay their past-due balance over a period of time.
- The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a free resource offered by the state to help eligible homeowners and renters pay a portion of their winter heating bills. Customers can apply online.
- The Massachusetts

Good Neighbor Energy Fund provides energy assistance to residents in temporary crisis who do not qualify for state and federal assistance programs. Find your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center to apply.

- Beginning on Nov. 1, Eversource electric customers who use a heat pump to heat all or part of their home can take advantage of a seasonal Heat Pump Rate, which is a new, reduced distribution and transmission rate during the winter months (Nov. 1 to April 30) to help save on winter electric bills.

Eversource is also continuing to schedule in-person bill assistance events across the state, which are also posted online, along with additional information about energy efficiency and assistance programs.

Eversource (NYSE: ES), celebrated as a national leader for its corporate citizenship, is recognized as the #1 U.S. utility on TIME’s List of World’s Best Companies for 2024. Eversource transmits and delivers electricity and natural gas and supplies water to 2.2 million customers throughout Massachusetts, including approximately 1.58 million electric customers in 159 communities, 647,000 gas customers in 124 communities, and 12,000 water customers in five communities. Eversource harnesses the commitment of more than 10,000 employees across three states to build a single, united company around the mission of safely delivering reliable energy and water with superior customer service. The #1 Energy Efficiency Provider in the Nation, the company is empowering a clean energy future in the Northeast, with nationally recognized energy efficiency solutions and successful programs to integrate new clean energy resources like a first-in-the-nation networked geothermal pilot project, solar, offshore wind, electric vehicles and battery storage, into the electric system. For more information, please visit eversource.com, and follow us on X, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. For more information on our water services, visit aquarionwater.com.

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CHELSEA FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST SOMERVILLE



Jeffery Ramirez takes the opening kick-off.

The Chelsea Red Devils were defeated 13-6 by the Highlanders of Somerville High School at home.



DT Ugali Thomas takes a knee between plays while looking over the offense.



Captain Leeandro Castro gets a big gain on the ground.



Jay Hernandez makes a great football move to avoid a tackle for a Red Devil first down.



QB Yostin Hernandez looks over the defense while calling the play.

CHS Roundup

CHS FOOTBALL EARNs 11-6 WIN

The Chelsea High football team posted its second win of the season with an 11-6 triumph over Roxbury Prep last Friday evening under the lights at Chelsea Stadium.

The Red Devils, who have this week off, will travel to Malden next Thursday evening (October 16).

THREE WINS FOR CHS BOYS SOCCER; MEET REVERE TUESDAY

The Chelsea High boys soccer team enjoyed a perfect week with a trio of victories that stretched the Red Devils' winning streak to five in a row.

Coach Mick Milutinovic's crew opened the week by easily handling non-league opponent Cristo Rey last Monday (Sept. 29), 7-0. The Red Devils scored early often with two goals by captain Joe Joj and single tallies by Cristian Lopez and Jorge Sanabria in the opening 20 minutes. Erick Herrera added another before the half for a 5-0 lead, giving Milutinovic a chance to rest his starters for the next day's game with Lynn Classical.

Senior Gustavo Ramirez added two goals after the intermission for the 7-0 finale.

The Red Devils then traveled to Manning Field in Lynn and defeated Greater Boston League (GBL) rival

Lynn Classical last Tuesday, 4-1. Chelsea got off to another fast start. Lopez and Sanabria combined to score the first goal on which a low cross from Lopez allowed Sanabria the chance to just tap the ball into the back of the net.

Lopez then scored again to take the game to 2-0, but Chelsea gave away a penalty to allow Classical to cut the lead in half before the intermission. Although Lopez scored early in the second half to make it 3-1, "It was a very physical game and it always felt as though Classical could score at any moment and change the momentum of the game," said CHS assistant coach William Estrada.

However, junior Angel Umanzor scored his first goal of the season to give the Red Devils some breathing room for the 4-1 finale.

Last Thursday, Chelsea trekked to Dilboy Field and knocked off Somerville (which two days earlier had handed undefeated Revere its first loss of the season), 2-0. About 20 minutes into the second half, Chelsea won a free kick on the right hand side. Lopez appeared ready to take the kick, but he called over Erick Herrera, granting him the chance to take it.

The move paid off as Herrera curled a shot around the wall into the top left corner of the net to make it 1-0.

Chelsea's second goal came from a Lopez corner



CB Jeffery Ramirez leaps for a possible interception.

late in the second half that Jorge Perez deflected with his knee into the back of the net to make it 2-0.

Throughout the game, CHS keeper Michael Pomar Camacho made some incredible saves to not only keep his clean sheet for this game, but making it five games in a row without conceding a goal from open play, only conceding the PK against Classical during that span.

The Red Devils now stand at 7-2-1 overall on the season and are in second place in the GBL with a 5-2-1 mark. They were scheduled to travel to Everett this past Tuesday and will entertain Lynn English this afternoon (Thursday). They then



Captain Angel Mejia runs through a hole in the line.

will host first-place Revere next Tuesday and Malden next Thursday.

TWO MORE WINS FOR CHS GIRLS SOCCER

The Chelsea High girls soccer team earned a pair of victories this past week.

Last Monday, coach Randy Grajal and his crew earned an impressive 3-0 victory over Cathedral High, highlighted by a hat trick from junior captain Yahira Jovel-Rivas.

Yahira opened the scoring in the 27th minute, finishing calmly after a nice pass from Edlyn Hernandez

Enriquez.

Jovel-Rivas struck again in the 42nd minute when Britney Castellanos Ochoa sent in a cross that she buried with a precise shot to the right of the keeper. Yahira completed her hat trick later in the match after Andrea Andino Galeano broke free on the right side and delivered a perfect cross down the middle, which Jovel-Rivas converted with a strong finish to the left of the goal.

"We played with confidence, composure, and teamwork throughout the match," said Grajal. "This performance marks a strong step forward and sets the

tone for many more exciting games ahead this season."

The following day, the Lady Red Devils proved their coach to be prescient when they earned a thrilling 4-3 victory over Lynn Classical. Chelsea once again was led by captain Yahira Jovel-Rivas, who recorded her second consecutive hat trick in as many days.

Jovel-Rivas wasted no time in getting down to business, netting her first tally in the 3rd minute after a perfectly-placed pass from Edlyn Hernandez Enriquez. Chelsea extended its lead in the 20th minute when Her-

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DIDOMENICO CELEBRATES THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE BILL RUSSELL BRIDGE

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined Bill Russell’s family, as well as state and local officials for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the William Felton Bill Russell Bridge, previously known as the North Washington Bridge. This occasion celebrated the completion of renovations on this bridge, which was renamed in honor of Bill Russell, a prominent civil rights leader and Celtics’ legend.

“It is a major source of pride for me and our city now that we can officially refer to this as the Bill Russell bridge,” said Senator DiDomenico. “Bill Russell’s legacy extends far beyond basketball—he was a champion for equality, justice, and uplifting the most vulnerable members of society. Renaming this bridge in his honor is not only a tribute to one of Boston’s greatest sports icons,

but also a lasting reminder of his commitment to making our nation more just and inclusive.” The event was hosted by Governor Maura Healey, and Senator DiDomenico was joined by Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Bill Russell’s daughter Karen Kenyatta Russell and son Jacob, several Boston City Councilors, state elected officials, former Boston Celtics stars, and Celtics managers.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Boston City Council President, Ruthzee Louijeune (left), State Representative Dan Ryan (second from left), and Boston City Councilor Gabrela Coletta Zapata (second from right).



Senator DiDomenico with Governor Maura Healey (second from right), Senator Lydia Edwards (left), and former Celtic Leon Powe (second from left).



Senator Sal DiDomenico at the Bill Russell Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony.

Governor Healey proclaims October 5-11 Fire Prevention Week

Special to the Record

Governor Maura Healey has declared October 5-11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week in Massachusetts, joining the nation’s longest-running public health and safety observance and promoting this year’s theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.”

“This year’s Fire Prevention Week theme promotes the safe use, charging, and disposal of the lithium-ion batteries that power countless consumer devices in homes across the Commonwealth,” Governor Healey wrote in a proclamation.

“Lithium-ion batteries can pack a large amount of power into a very small device,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “This means that damaged or defective batteries can fail rapidly and violently.

A lithium-ion battery fire can release sparks, flames, burning cells, and toxic, flammable gases. I want to thank Governor Healey for bringing attention to the steps we can all take to protect ourselves and our loved ones.”

This year’s Fire Prevention Week theme educates residents on buying, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to prevent fires and explosions. The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the National Fire Protection Association, which coordinates Fire Prevention Week each year, offer these battery safety tips:

- When buying lithium-ion batteries or devices that use them, choose products that are listed by an independent testing laboratory. Look for a certification mark from an independent lab such as UL or Intertek/

ETL. This means the product meets important safety standards.

- Charge devices safely. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions and use the cords and charging equipment that came with the product. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don’t overcharge your device, and unplug it or remove the battery when it’s fully charged.
- Recycle batteries responsibly. Don’t throw lithium-ion batteries in household trash or recycling bins. Batteries crushed or damaged in a compactor truck or transfer station could start a fire that becomes difficult to control. Instead, recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Take them to a household

hazardous waste collection event in your community or visit www.call2recycle.org for a recycling spot near you.

In late 2023, the Department of Fire Services launched a data collection tool to help officials track the extent of fires, explosions, and other lithium-ion battery incidents. This investigative checklist is used by the State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit, and local fire inves-

tigators are encouraged to use it as well. While previous reporting through the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System suggested about 20 lithium-ion battery fires per year, the new tool identified that many in its first two months. About 135 lithium-ion battery fires were reported in Massachusetts last year, and even that number is believed to be a significant undercount.

DFS also held a lithium-ion battery symposium

in 2023, bringing subject matter experts together with fire service leaders to discuss hazards, strategies, investigations, medical concerns, and other aspects of the lithium-ion battery issue that firefighters are confronting across the country and around the world.

You can learn more about lithium-ion battery safety at the Department of Fire Services’ website.

BLO to perform at CHS

As part of the National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration the Boston Landmarks Orchestra will be featuring Puerto Rican saxophonist and composer Edmar Colón in a performance that honors the rich musical traditions of Latin America and beyond. Audiences will hear works by Astor Piazzolla, Bobby Capó, Manuel de Falla, William Grant Still, Louis Moreau Gottschalk, Lauren Bernofsky, David Amram, and

more. Highlights include Piazzolla’s haunting Oblivión, Capó’s Soñando con Puerto Rico, and Falla’s fiery Ritual Fire Dance.

The concert will be held on Thursday October 9, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Chelsea High School, 299 Everett High School.

The program will be featuring students from the Chelsea High School orchestra performing alongside Landmarks.



Saxophone player Edmar Colón.

Legislators and community partners to host ‘Supper & Sealing’ event

State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Senator Liz Miranda, and State Representative Chris Worrell

have partnered with Big Hope, Codman Square

CDC, North Suffolk Community Services, Greater Boston Legal Services, and more community partners in hosting a cost-free and judgement-free space for those who wish to seal their eviction records on Monday, Oct. 20 from 4:30 - 8 p.m.

This event will be held at 31 Erie St, Dorchester, MA. This event comes after passage of the Affordable Homes Act (May 2025), which included Senator Edwards’ bill to let tenants petition to seal certain eviction records. The new law aims to break down housing barriers for families who have faced eviction. This event will act as a free hub for the community to connect with local resources to get their eviction records and CORI sealed.

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