



Chelsea Happenings

January | 2020

Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you had a very enjoyable Holiday Season. It's back to work at City Hall. Here is some helpful information about recent and upcoming events, as well as a preview of many of the projects the Department of Planning and Development has planned for 2020.

Tom A.

2020 City Council Inauguration



Back: *Paul Casino, City Council Clerk; Leo Robinson, Councillor At-Large; Giovanni A. Recupero, District 6 Councillor; Roy Avellaneda, Councillor At-Large, President; Todd Taylor, District 1 Councillor; Yamir Rodriguez, District 7 Councillor; Enio Lopez, District 4 Councillor; Calvin T. Brown, District 8 Councillor.*
Front: *Ledia Koco, City Council Administrative Assistant; Damali Vidot, Councillor At-Large; Melinda Vega Maldonado, District 2 Councillor; Naomi Zobot, District 3 Councillor; Judith Garcia, District 5 Councillor, Vice President.*

On Monday, January 6th, the City held inauguration ceremonies for the newly elected City Council. The new City Council President, Roy Avellaneda, and new Vice-President, Judith Garcia, also took their oaths.

There are three new Councilors: District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor; District 2 Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado; and District 3 Councilor Naomi Zobot.

A full list of City Councilors and School Committee members with their contact information is available [here](#).

New Judie Dyer Park

On Saturday, January 11th, the City of Chelsea recognized long-time resident and community activist Judith Dyer in a ceremony at Chelsea City Hall and by naming a park in her honor. The former Kaboom Park at the corner of Spruce St. and Heard St. is now officially the Judie Dyer Park.

Ms. Dyer was honored because of her great service to the City as a member of numerous municipal and civic organizations, including the Conservation Commission, the Beautification Committee, GreenRoots, Healthy Chelsea and others.

A new plaque will be installed at the park this Spring. We hope you will find time to visit soon.

Revaluation of personal property accounts

Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc. (RRC) has been contracted by the Board of Assessors to perform an interim revaluation of personal property accounts in the City of Chelsea for Fiscal Year 2021.

The scope of this project includes an interior inspection of businesses in order to list all taxable personal property such as inventory, furniture & fixtures, equipment, and

machinery used in the conduct of business. All personal property is listed and assessed in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5.

The Board of Assessors and RRC appreciate your cooperation in accessing your business to obtain information necessary to complete this project. Please keep in mind if your business is not inspected, an estimate will be made.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the Assessors' Office at (617) 466-4010.

Municipal Harbor Plan

The *Department of Planning and Development* is finalizing a comprehensive municipal harbor plan for Chelsea Creek and Marginal Street. After state review, the plan and related zoning amendments will be submitted to the City Council in early 2020.

The plan focuses on spurring sustainable business development, job growth, and the expansion of public space and amenities for residents. **Read more about the plan here.**

For more information, please contact Karl Allen, Economic Development Specialist, at 617-466-4190 or kallen@chelseama.gov.

440 Broadway Redevelopment

The *Department of Planning and Development* is planning to redevelop 440 Broadway, formerly the Salvation Army, to stimulate the creation of housing and retail space in the Broadway corridor.

The Department will seek zoning approval for a project with retail space on the ground floor and 16 housing units above, then release an RFF for the redevelopment.

For more information, please contact Alex Train, Assistant Director, at 617-466-4192 or atrain@chelseama.gov.

Garden Cemetery

Phase 1 of Garden Cemetery's restoration replacing the iron fence and stone wall that was in danger to collapsing is nearly complete. As the contractor finishes the remaining items, Phase 2 is under design.

Construction associated with Phase 2, involving the Central Avenue retaining wall, perimeter fencing, and gravestone restoration will begin in the Summer of 2020.

Read more about the project here.

For more information, please contact Karl Allen, Planner/Economic Development Specialist, at 617-466-4190 or kallen@chelseama.gov.

A promotional banner for the City of Chelsea's 311 service. The top half has a dark blue background with the text "311 CHELSEA COMING SOON!" in large white letters. On the right is the City of Chelsea seal. The bottom half has a yellow background with icons of a computer monitor and a smartphone. In the center, it says "REPORT NON-EMERGENCY ISSUES BY PHONE, WEBSITE, OR APP" and "Learn more at www.chelseama.gov/311".

**311 CHELSEA
COMING SOON!**

**REPORT NON-EMERGENCY ISSUES
BY PHONE, WEBSITE, OR APP**

Learn more at www.chelseama.gov/311

The City of Chelsea will be rolling out our new *311 Department* this Spring 2020. This new 311 Department/Service will be replacing and improving our current SeeClickFix Service.

We will have a 311 App, website and phone line. You will be able to report an issue and submit a service request like you can now through our app/website, but the app/website will now hold a very large amount of helpful information. Ranging from how to get a new water meter to how can I apply for a birth certificate?

The 311 phone line will also be a one-stop shop for city services. Instead of being transferred from line to line, 311 will do its very best to get you the information you need while also being able to take any service requests you may have. Simply dial 311 while in Chelsea from a cellphone or landline and you will be connected directly with our department.

We are very excited to share more information with you all very soon.

Housing Rehabilitation Program

The *Chelsea CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program* provides deferred-payment loans to income-eligible applicants for housing rehabilitation in 1 to 4 unit residential buildings. The loan is to bring the property into code compliance and eliminate violations that threaten the health and safety of building occupants. Funding is available for both owner-occupied and tenant-occupied buildings.

More information can be found at the City's Department of Planning and Development, by contacting Alex Train, Assistant Director, at 617-466-4192 or atrain@chelseama.gov, or by visiting: chelseama.gov/planning-development/pages/housing-rehabilitation-program-cdbg.

First Time Home Buyers Down Payment Assistance

The Department and Planning and Development has received funding from the Community Development Block Grant for a First Time Home Buyer Down Payment Assistance Program. Through this program, income-eligible applicants may qualify for funding, up to 50% of their required down payment, up to \$10,000, to defray the costs associated with purchasing their first home. Preparations for the program are underway.

Stay tuned for more information in February.

Economic Development Studies

The City is about to start several economic development studies over the next few months, including a *Workforce Development Plan* and *Small Business Economic Development Plan*.

The Department and Planning and Development is looking for residents and businesses who would be willing to be interviewed or participate in a discussion group. The studies will focus on workforce development, pathways to better jobs, small business needs, and enabling entrepreneurs.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Karl Allen, Economic Development Specialist, at 617-466-4190 or kallen@chelseama.gov.

Business Assistance Grant Pilot Program

To continue the recent progress throughout the Broadway corridor, the City has created a new, flexible grant program to assist businesses. Through the *Business Assistance Grant Pilot Program*, the *Department of Planning and Development* and Chelsea Business Foundation will provide five (5) grants, up to \$5,000 per business, and technical assistance. Applications are undergoing review at this time.

For more information, please contact Alex Train, Assistant Director, at 617-466-4192 or atrain@chelseama.gov.

Storefront Improvement Pilot Program

The *Department of Planning and Development*, in partnership with the *Chelsea Business Foundation and Chelsea Restoration Corp.*, has launched a pilot program to provide funding for signage enhancements, awnings, and lighting upgrades. Six (6) businesses were awarded funds through the program. Already, an attractive new sign has been installed at Rodeo Restaurant (142 Broadway). Be on the lookout for further improvements in the coming months.

For more information, please contact Alex Train, Assistant Director, at 617-466-4192 or atrain@chelseama.gov.

**WE ARE HERE
AND WE COUNT**

**U.S. CENSUS
MARCH- APRIL 2020**

What is the 2020 Census?

While the City of Chelsea does a local census every year to help maintain voter rolls, the federal government takes a count of the entire country only once every 10 years. The Census asks how many people live at each address, their ages, and their races/ethnicities.

The Census means money

The 2020 U.S. Census is hugely important to Chelsea. Massachusetts gets over \$22 Billion from the federal government each year based, in part, on how many people are counted in the census. See the breakdown [here](#).

For example, in 2019, Chelsea received *\$3,150,104 just in Title I School Funding*. We also get census-based funding for Head Start, SNAP, school lunch, fuel assistance, elder care, small business assistance, and other important programs. **Every person who responds means an extra ~\$2500 for Chelsea each year.**

Let's do better!

Unfortunately, during the last Census (in 2010), only 61% of households in Chelsea responded. Let's do better! Talk to your friends and family about how important the Census is to bring Chelsea the funding it deserves! This year, the Census will be online. Look for a postcard with instructions to come in the mail in mid-March.

CENSUS JOB FAIR

Saturday, January 25, 10.30 am

Where: Chelsea Collaborative

Address: 318 Broadway

Read more [here](#).

COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

If you or your organization are interested in joining us, email cfox@chelseama.gov

Reimagining Broadway

As part of the Broadway planning study, the City plans to implement a pilot shared bus/bike lane on Broadway in the Summer of 2020. The shared bus/bike lane will run down Broadway, from Washington Avenue to Third Street. The City will work with the MBTA and community members to conduct outreach before launching the pilot.

For more information, please contact Alex Train, Assistant Director, at 617-466-4192 or atrain@chelseama.gov.

Williams Street Intersection Improvements

The *Department of Planning and Development* is working to manage traffic congestion and alleviate chronic safety issues present in the Williams/Broadway and Williams/Chestnut intersections.

The City Council has provided funding for a project that involves the upgrading of the traffic signals at these locations with "smart" systems, as well as comprehensive upgrades to pavement striping, handicap ramps, sidewalks, and crossings. A construction contract has been procured.

This project will begin Spring of 2020 and will be completed by the Fall of 2020.

For more information, please contact Alex Train, Assistant Director, at 617-466-4192 or atrain@chelseama.gov; or Ben Cares, Project Manager, at 617-466-4187 or bcares@chelseama.gov.

6th/Walnut Roadway + Sidewalk Replacement Project

Funded through the City's FY19 *Community Development Block Grant Program* (CDBG), the City will repave roadway surfacing and replace sidewalks and handicap ramps along 6th St., from Washington Ave. to Arlington St., and Walnut St., from 6th St. to the 5th St. Parking Lot. Preparation of the project is underway and construction is anticipated to begin in the spring.

For more information, please contact Ben Cares, Project Manager, at 617-466-4187 or bcares@chelseama.gov.

Beacham/Williams Corridor Project

With funding from the *Department of Commerce* and *Mass Gaming Commission*, the *Department of Planning and Development* is designing utility and surface improvements to Beacham and Williams Streets, from Spruce Street to the City's boundary with Everett.

As a part of the City's sustainable economic development strategy, this project consists of drainage reconstruction, roadway reconstruction, traffic signal upgrades, and the introduction of sidewalks and a shared use path. Public meetings will be held throughout

2020. A two and a half year construction period is anticipated to begin at the end of Summer 2020.

For more information, please contact Alex Train, Assistant Director, at 617-466-4192 or atrain@chelseama.gov.

Everett Ave – Massworks 5

Construction on Everett Avenue is substantially complete. Decorative, architectural style lighting will be installed in February.

For more information, please contact the Department of Planning and Development at 617-466-4180 or atrain@chelseama.gov.

Renew Your Parking Stickers

The residential parking stickers are now available for renewal. Residents may apply for their 2020 residential stickers online at chelseamapermits.rmcpay.com

The online application makes the process quick and easy. If you wish to apply in person or by mail, please visit Parking for more information and the application.

You will need a valid driver's license, ID, or utility bill issued within the last sixty (60) days listing a Chelsea residential address and a copy of valid vehicle registration with a Chelsea residential address. All outstanding excise and parking tickets must be paid before applying, or you must show proof of a valid payment plan. Read more information [here](#).

You must display your 2020 residential parking sticker by April 1, 2020.

Traffic Update

Read more about Chelsea Road Closure and Traffic Updates [here](#).

Tobin Bridge and Viaduct Projects

Sign up [here](#) to receive periodic project look ahead schedules. *If you have questions*

or concerns, please contact the project team at Tobin-Chelsea@dot.state.us.

Interested in working for the City of Chelsea?

Some recently posted job openings include:

- **Business and Grants Manager - Police Department**

Check here for updates.

Working at Chelsea Housing Authority

The Chelsea Housing Authority is seeking a Administrative Aide.

Read the job description here.

Tax Work-Off Program for Seniors and Veterans

The City of Chelsea gives seniors over age 60 and veterans the opportunity to work part-time in City Hall during the year in exchange for a \$1,500 reduction in taxes. Work could include filing, mailing, organizing, and answering phones or help with park cleanup, city beautification, and event preparation. Starting in 2020, there are no longer income eligibility limits for this opportunity. Get the applications **here**.

Contact Human Resources at 617-466-4170 for more information.

The deadline to apply is January 31, 2020.

Notice of 2020 Board Openings

Over the next 6 months there will be several openings on the various Boards and Commissions of the City and city residents are encouraged to apply. Openings will need to be filled in the Board of Registrars of Voters, Board of Library Trustees, Community Schools Advisory Board, Conservation Commission, Council on Elder Affairs, Cultural Council, Historical Commission, Planning Board, and Traffic & Parking Commission. Information about each of these positions is available **here**.

All of these Boards have three year terms. *To apply, send both a letter of interest and a resume to the City Manager, either by mail to Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 or by email to tambrosino@chelseama.gov.*

Board Meetings to be Televised

At the request of the City Council, Chelsea Community Cable Television will soon be televising the meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Licensing Commission, and the Traffic & Parking Commission.

All meetings that take place in the City Council Chambers will be carried live while all others will be on tape delay. All the meetings will be shown on Cable Channel 3. CCCTV hopes to commence these broadcasts sometime this Spring.

Check the public meeting calendar [here](#).

Chelsea Biking & Pedestrian Committee

The *Chelsea Biking & Pedestrian Committee* is a collection of Chelsea residents, workers, staff, and community members who are passionate about increasing safety and access to walking and biking. The committee works primarily to spread information on new bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects within the city, participate in community events, and conduct community outreach and education.

It's been an incredible launch year for the Chelsea Bike & Pedestrian Committee. We look forward to continuing to provide you with even more during 2020.

CHELSEA



BIKING
& PEDESTRIAN
COMMITTEE

2019 IMPACT STATEMENT



Find us on Facebook at
Chelsea Bike & Pedestrian Committee



Join our email list at
BikeWalkChelsea@gmail.com

RAFFLED OFF

3 

CHILDREN'S BICYCLES AT
COMMUNITY EVENTS IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH
HEALTHY CHELSEA



PROVIDED

84 

HELMETS TO KIDS DONATED BY
PROJECT KIDSAFE OF
BREAKSTONE, WHITE, & GLUCK

PARTNERED WITH MASSBIKE

2x 

TO OFFER FREE BIKE REPAIR TO
THE CHELSEA COMMUNITY



REPAIRED & DONATED

12 

ADULT & CHILD BICYCLES FOR
FREE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPERS

RAFFLED OFF

2 

ADULT HELMETS IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
CHELSEA LIBRARY



HANDED OUT

100+ 

LIGHT UP BRACELETS FROM
MARGOLIS PHARMACY

Become a member or volunteer

The Chelsea Bike & Pedestrian Committee is always looking for passionate members and volunteers to be a part of our team. *If you are interested in joining you can reach out to Asad Rahman at asadthelion5@gmail.com.*

Upcoming events

**The Chelsea Recreation
& Cultural Affairs Division
is pleased to bring you our
Spring season!**

Courses starting soon:

Adults | \$20
Learn to Knit & Crochet for Adults

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30pm. Feb 1-Apr 4



We specialize in creating meaningful recreation opportunities accessible for all. Our 2020 Spring Guide, is filled with over 75 experiences that are sure to keep your entire family engaged.

Register online [here](#) or come Mon-Fri 4-8:30pm & Sat 9-4:30pm to the Williams Building (180 Walnut Street).

For more information: 617-466-5233, recreation@chelseama.gov, recreation.chelseama.gov.

Master the basic stitches for making a wool hat, scarf or gloves. Practice needles are available for the first class.

Adults | \$50
Spanish Advanced Beginner

Saturdays 10-12pm, Feb 8-Mar 28
Learn to speak Spanish in an engaging and supportive environment. Students have the opportunity to develop skills in grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, spelling, and conversation.

Ages 4-8 | \$30
Tennis Beginner

Mon & Wed Feb 3-26: Ages 4-6 with adult 5:30-6:15pm / Ages 6-8 6:15-7pm
Led by an approved US Tennis Association Net Generation coach, the program focuses on developing the skills to serve, rally, and score! All equipment is provided.

All Ages | Free

Storytimes and Lego Club at the Chelsea Public Library

Storytimes
Every Tuesdays, 10.30 am
For any baby, siblings, and family.

Lego Club
Thursday, February 6, 6 pm

All Ages | Free

Photographs of Chelsea from the 1970s & 1980s

Join us every first thursday of the month.

Where: Chelsea Public Library

Address: 569 Broadway

For more information: call 617-466-5233 or visit our **fanpage on Facebook.**



Arnie Jarmak Exhibit opens to the public now until the end of January.

Where: Chelsea City Hall Gallery,
500 Broadway, first floor, east wing.

Call for artists Black History Month

As part of celebrating Black History Month in our local Chelsea community, a month-long exhibit of artwork that embraces, celebrates, and explores themes relevant to African American history will be hosted at Chelsea City Hall Gallery.

Artists in the Chelsea community are encouraged to submit their work for inclusion in the exhibit. The submission deadline is Thursday, January 30 by 4 pm.

Read more information here.

Community events

Do you have an event for the Community Events Calendar? *Submit it here*

The People's A.M.E. Church & the Chelsea Community
Presents the Annual
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Celebration
National Day of Public Service – Project Opening Doors



THEME: "I HAVE A DREAM"

Public Schools Essay Contest Winners, Community Spirit Award Winners,
Young Adult Dreamers and Achievers Award (YADA) Winners,
Music by CES Cantata and the Charles Street A.M.E. Church Choir
Join the Youth & Young Adult Coalition (YYAC) and much more...

Keynote Speaker
The Reverend Dr. Gregory G. Groover
Pastor, the Historic Charles Street A.M.E. Church
Former Chairman, Boston School Committee

Monday • January 20th, 2020
at **new location:**
Clarke Avenue Middle School
8 Clarke Avenue Chelsea MA
limited parking, parking available at Chelsea City Hall on 400 Broadway &
Wright Middle School complex on the Walnut Street

For our headcount purposes Please let us know you are coming by email
peoplesame2012@gmail.com or call by phone @ 617-312-0957

(1) you will be attending breakfast or program event
(2) you will be a volunteer for the National Day of Public Service Project

Doors Open to Public for Continental Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m.
Program Begins Promptly at 10:00 a.m.

All Ages | Free

Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Monday, January 20, 9 am
Clark Avenue Middle School
8 Clark Avenue Chelsea MA

Keynote Speaker: The Reverend Dr. Gregory G. Groover.

Read more information [here](#).



CONNECT
4 Gerrish Avenue
617-889-1375
connectnow.org

Thursday, January 16, 1 pm
Interviewing for New English Speakers

Wednesday, January 22, 9.30 am
Fix that Credit

Thursday, January 23, 1 pm
Interviewing Fundamentals

Friday, January 24, 10 am
Coffee with Coaches

Tuesday, January 28, 2 pm
How do I Save Money?



Chelsea Collaborative

318 Broadway
617-889-6080
chelseacollab.org

Tuesday, January 21, 6 pm
Resume workshop

Wednesday, January 22, 10.30 am
Job fair

Saturday, January 25, 11 am
Census Application Session

Wednesday, January 29, 6 pm
Email workshop



GreenRoots

227 Marginal Street
617-466-3076
greenrootschelsea.org

Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 pm
Beautification Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 5 pm
Empty Bowls Paint Night for Youth

Saturday, January 25, 10 am
Chelsea Street Bridge Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 6 pm
GreenRoots Monthly Meeting

Tickets \$50 | In support of Mystic Valley Elder Services, Inc.

Bellyful of Laughs 2020

Saturday, January 25, 8 pm
Anthony's
105 Canal St, Malden

Featuring Comedy Show of Jim Colliton, Paul Gilligan, and Dave Rattigan. Read more information [here](#) or visit www.mves.org