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Callahan students plant a Dogwood tree at the entrance of the school with assistance from PTO members Dawn Maguire, Danielle Giordano, Principal James Kennison, and Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh. See Page 12 for more photos.

Chevy Chase is coming to the Lynn Auditorium

By Cary Shuman

Jamie Marsh, general manager of the Lynn Auditorium, has announced that famous comedian and actor Chevy Chase is coming to the Lynn Auditorium on December 17.

“An Evening With Chevy Chase” will feature a screening of the movie, National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, followed by a conversation with Chase, one of the original cast members of the “Saturday Night Live” television show.

The Lynn Auditorium, which has become one of the most popular entertainment venues on the North Shore under Marsh’s direction, last hosted a show more than a year ago on Feb. 22, 2020, when South Side Johnny and the Asbury Jukes with John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band performed on stage.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced Marsh to cancel a number of shows that had been scheduled for the remainder of 2021 and early 2022.

But the shows are returning, with Marsh reporting that tickets are now on sale at www.lynnauditorium.com.

“And we’ll be announcing a variety of new shows this month,” said Marsh. “We’re excited about our schedule and we look forward to people coming to Lynn for great evenings of entertainment.”

Chase helped launch “Saturday Night Live” on to the incredibly successful show it has become,



performing comedy skits alongside such brilliant comedic performers as John Belushi, Gilda Radner, and Bill Murray.

Chase was also an original anchor of the “Weekend Update” segment currently co-hosted by Colin Jost and Michael Che. Chase also had a successful career as an actor, starring in such popular movies as Foul Play, Caddyshack, a comedy classic in which Bill Murray also had a role, and of course, Christmas Vacation, which will be shown at Chase’s appearance in Lynn.

Marsh said in addition to the entertainment schedule, he is hopeful that the Auditorium will be available for smaller capacity events. Area dance studios have held their season-ending recitals at the Auditorium. Graduation ceremonies have also been held at the Auditorium.

“Right now, we can hold events for up to 500 patrons,” said Marsh.

Timmons dominates in English’s win over Classical

By Cary Shuman

You can only have one “last football game at Manning Field” if you are a high school player in Lynn.

And Lynn English High School senior Anthony Timmons

certainly had one of the greatest last games ever, leading the Bulldogs to a 14-6 victory over Lynn Classical in the annual “Thanksgiving” contest played on May 7 at Manning Field.

Timmons did everything but sell tickets to the game, as

they say. The 5-foot-10-inch, 200-pound senior running back and linebacker rushed for 212 yards and scored two touchdowns. He had several tackles and a forced fumble and sealed the victory with an interception late in the game.

Lynn English head coach and former Bulldog great Chris Carroll, who as a quarterback and safety helped English go 4-0 (from 2002 to 2005) in Thanksgiving games against Classical, could only marvel at Timmons’ performance for the ages.

“Anthony had a tremendous game,” said Carroll, who went on to star at Bentley University. “He did it all for us.”

The English coach was proud to see his team put together a solid two-way effort after setbacks to Everett and Revere.

“After a couple of tough weeks with Everett and Revere to start the season, it was nice to bounce back and really play



PHOTO COURTESY SHANNON RIVERA

Lynn English High School football star Anthony Timmons is pictured with his family during Senior Night ceremonies before the English-Classical game May 7. From left, are brother Michael Timmons, father Tony Timmons, Anthony Timmons, mother Rachel Timmons, and brothers Nicholas Timmons and Joseph Timmons. See Pages 6 and 7 for game photos.

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EDITORIAL

GET THAT SHOT!

The idea of “vaccine hesitancy” is a relatively new phenomenon in our country.

For those of the Baby Boom generation, there never was any question about getting shots for all kinds of childhood and adult communicable diseases.

Vaccines, along with antibiotics, were universally accepted as wonders of modern medicine that chiefly were responsible for the increase in longevity and decrease in misery both in the U.S. and in populations around the globe.

However, the rise of baseless conspiracy theories and adherence to senseless political conformity, all of which have been amplified by unscrupulous voices on social media (including Russian disinformation), have combined to increase vaccine hesitancy to record levels during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Polls show that vaccine hesitancy spans all ages, educational backgrounds, social strata, political affiliations, and employment status.

In addition, the success of vaccines in bringing about the dramatic reduction in deaths from COVID-19 over the past two months has bred its own sense of complacency. With the pandemic on the decline and hospitalizations near zero in some places, the need to get vaccinated may seem less urgent than when the pandemic was at its peak.

However, there are three basic facts that make vaccine hesitancy a dangerous mindset both for individuals and for society at large.

First and foremost, the coronavirus still is infecting thousands and killing hundreds of Americans each and every day. Though the numbers in the U.S. are far below the peak from January, they still are unfathomably high.

In addition, across the globe, the virus is wreaking havoc from India to Brazil, where a lack of vaccines is ensuring that record numbers of people are dying every day. Vaccination is the only means by which transmission of this dread disease can be halted.

Second, all of the coronavirus vaccines being administered in the U.S. are both incredibly effective and incredibly safe. Any suggestions otherwise are being spread by self-serving groups who have no concern for the health of Americans, individually and collectively.

Finally, if enough Americans fail to get the vaccine and the virus continues to spread and mutate, the new variants may evade the protection of the vaccines, thereby establishing a vicious cycle in which we always will be a step behind and which ultimately will affect the economy.

Too many of our fellow Americans have died, too many lives have been upended, and too many of our front-line workers have made incredible sacrifices, to allow the progress we have made in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic to take a step backwards because of baseless claims that underpin “vaccine hesitancy.”

The simple reality is this: Mass vaccination is the only means by which we can defeat the virus and return to a semblance of normalcy. Both the public and private sectors need to do whatever is necessary to ensure that each and every American receives a shot -- and we urge all of our readers to do what they need to do in order to get the vaccine.

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GUEST OP-ED

Developing a life plan

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Have something to look forward to every day. Work a job. Work in your apartment or house. Have an exercise or health outing of some kind. Clean out a closet. Read a book. Your goal may be to sit on the porch and watch nature or the traffic go by. We all need leisure days. If you have an idle day then plan to enjoy your time.

Work on your health, mental and physical. Occasionally do a mind check. Clean out any garbage between your ears. Your mind is where you spend your life. Do away with negativity. Get rid of any bad or resentful feelings. Forgive and love yourself and forgive others. God has forgiven you and it's time you forgave yourself. Give peace and happiness every chance possible to exist in your head. Take care of yourself physically. A good friend who will be 100 soon says vegetables and fruit are her main dishes and every day she is physically active.

Put a few dollars aside as you

can. You can't take it with you when you die but you can enjoy it while you are alive. You also might be able to help others. You can build wealth if you will work and save a little every week or month. Get rich schemes and winning the lottery are like being hit by lightning, they seldom happen. Invest in your local bank's Individual Retirement Account, a 401K and buy safe stock as you can. Also, pay into Social Security. You'll need it eventually.

Work on your network of relationships. If you don't have any friends then at least try to be a friend. If you go looking for friends you probably won't find any. If you will be a friend then you'll build some long-lasting relationships. Don't give up on your family. Stay close to your relatives if you possibly can. Church and civic groups are good places to build relationships. We all need personal time but don't spend your life totally alone.

Continue to work on you. You aren't finished yet. You are still a work in progress. Too often we point to an accomplishment

or the past as the summation of our lives. What we did yesterday may have been wonderful or not so wonderful but it's in the past. Who are you today? Keep becoming a better person. We all are still growing and have room for growth.

Make your own decisions and make good ones. You and God can figure it out. Stay independent as long as possible. A friend of mine recently gave up her home and moved to a place where “others” thought she should be. I don't think she is too happy with her new surroundings. Before you do, what other people think you should do, make sure it's what you want to do.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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a good football game,” said Carroll. “Our defense was outstanding and the offense moved the ball really well.”

In addition to Timmons’ defensive contributions, Carroll also singled out defensive tackle and captain Ryan Dewan, defensive lineman Nolan Mulcahy, and defensive backs Shea Palmer (interception) and DJ Brathwaite. Quarterback Jesse Maggs did an excellent job running the English offense.

Timmons, who has committed to Bridgewater State University, said he hoped that he would get an opportunity to play his final football season after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the fall season.

“It meant so much to be able to play that last game at Manning,” said Timmons. “Coach Carroll was more happy than anything that we beat Classical but he did let us know that we should have put more points up against them. He was very happy with our defense.”

Timmons was a four-year football player, compiling a 3-1 record against Classical. He said the Bulldogs showed their capabilities and improvement in the win over Classical.

“I fully believe that we would have been a playoff team if we had a full season,” said Timmons.

What does the English-Classical Thanksgiving rivalry mean

to him?

“I just know there’s a long line of alumni that come to the game every year,” said Timmons. “My dad (former offensive lineman Tony Timmons) is an alumnus of English himself. He loves the Thanksgiving games. I’ve been going to the games since I was little. Just watching the games, I always knew that I was going to be on that field one day. There’s so much history to English-Classical. I knew this was my last game against our crosstown rivals. It was special, it really was. I couldn’t have written a better script for my last game at Manning.”

Anthony had a large family rooting section in attendance,

including his parents, Tony and Rachel, his three younger brothers, Nicholas, 13, Joseph, 10, and Michael, 8, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends. Two of his cousins, Shea Palmer and Dennis Davison, were his Lynn English teammates this season and both excelled versus Classical.

Anthony, played youth football in the East Lynn Pop Warner Bulldogs and Lynn Chargers organizations, is excited to begin his college football career Bridgewater State University in August. “I’m just going to try just as hard for a starting position as I did at English,” said Timmons. “I want to keep playing football because year-round you build that camaraderie and it’s

unmatched. I love my teammates at English.”

Ever a humble athlete, Timmons made it a point to thank his offensive linemen for their efforts in his own memorable 212-yard performance against Classical. “From left to right we had Greg Gomez, Ryan Dewan, Tyler Furlong, Nolan Mulcahy, and Christian Difo – they did a great job and our quarterback Jesse Maggs really led our team well,” said Timmons.

Timmons was excited to learn that Agganis Football All-Star Classic officials may be hosting the game this summer.

“That would be awesome,” said Timmons.

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OPENING CEREMONY AT THE YMCA DEMAKES FAMILY CENTER

A wonderful celebration took place at the Grand Opening for the Demakes Family YMCA. State, Local and YMCA officials were in attendance to open this new facility. A decade of preparation produced a beautiful \$31 million dollar project that was completed by Campenelli Construction and planned by Maugel Architects.

Senior Branch Executive Andrea Baez opened the ceremony by welcoming everyone to the Demakes Family YMCA. She continued to say, "This is a very exciting time for all of us to celebrate this Grand Opening. This facility will make an incredible impact in this city. This Y is not for us, but for everyone. In the next few years as we grow in programs and memberships, we hope to meet a goal of 25,000 people each year and to have available hundreds of good paying jobs to boost the economic realization within this city. We plan to transform our former main building into a dedicated community teen center and double our Y Learning Academy. Andrea then noted, "There are endless possibilities to make a positive impact on the youth and families. We will have so much to offer for City of Lynn."

CEO Tom Demakes expressed his feelings how people are so important as he said, "Please keep in mind this new YMCA is just a building; what is important is to have this YMCA staff running quality programs that will reach children, reach families, and the elderly. This facility should be a hub for terrific things." He further commented, "This new YMCA is geographically positioned to five schools nearby that can make a tremendous impact in this district. I am grateful to have this opportunity to give back to this great City of Lynn."

This state-of-the-art 70,000 square-foot building will offer more fitness programs, computer technology, and healthy cooking classes for the membership and the community.



Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with State and Local Delegation, YMCA Officials, and Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce members.



Early Learning Academy singers sang the "YMCA" song by The Village People to open the ceremony - Music Director Helder Tsinie, YMCA Staff Rosa Robles and CJ JeanMorty, and teachers, Vasilini Grimanis and Veronica Sao with the children.



Speakers at the YMCA Grand Opening: President and CEO of Mass Development Dan Rivera, CEO of Old Neighborhood Foods Thomas Demakes, Kathleen Walsh CEO of YMCA Metro North, and Mayor Thomas McGee.



Building Committee Bruce McDonald, Mayor Thomas McGee, Honoree Thomas Demakes, CEO of YMCA Metro North Metro Kathleen Walsh, and Maugel Architects Mark Pelletier and Rebecca Dessureault.

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Heineman approved as NSCC's President

NEWS BRIEFS

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education has unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. William Heineman as North Shore Community College's fifth president. Dr. Heineman will assume the presidency on July 1, 2021.

Dr. Heineman is currently the Provost at Northern Essex Community College. He is deeply familiar with Massachusetts' public higher education system and its participants having amassed a decades-long record of successive leadership and service as a faculty member, administrator in academic affairs and student affairs, and much more at NECC. MA BHE Chair Chris Gabrieli praised Heineman's leadership at NECC, particularly in developing its early college and CBE programs.

"I am proud and humbled by the endorsement of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education for the North Shore Community College Presidency. It was wonderful to have so many

members of the North Shore Board of Trustees in attendance at the BHE meeting showing their support, Dr. Heineman said. "I am excited to work with the NSCC Trustees to launch a new era at the college. I look forward to starting at North Shore in early July and going to work for its students, faculty, staff and the communities it serves.

"President Bryant and his leadership team have been enormously helpful as I get up to speed and I appreciate and welcome their support. My focus will be on helping our students reach the life goals they bring to NSCC and on supporting our employees in their efforts to take good care of the students. When our students achieve significant improvements in their lives as a result of their North Shore Community College education, they raise up all of our communities," he noted.

Dr. Heineman holds an Ed.D from the University of Massachusetts Boston, an MPP from

the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a BA History, Graduated magna cum laude with Distinction from the University of Rochester, NY. In addition, Dr. Heineman participated in the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Leadership, the American Association of Community Colleges Future Leaders Institute, and the Massachusetts Community College Leadership Academy.

NSCC Board of Trustees Chair Dr. J.D. LaRock said, "The Board of Trustees is delighted that the BHE endorsed our selection of Dr. Heineman and in doing so recognized the many strengths and talents he will bring to the position as the college faces the many challenges and opportunities ahead. We very much look forward to working with Dr. Heineman when he assumes the presidency on July 1 and to helping to introduce him to the entire college community."

LYNN, SWAMPSCOTT AND NAHANT ANNOUNCE CANCELATION OF THE ANNUAL 3RD AND 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

Given the ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19, Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee, Swampscott Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald and Nahant Town Administrator Antonio Barletta have made the difficult decision after discussions as a region, to cancel the Lynn-Swampscott Annual 3rd of July Fireworks and parade and Nahant's 4th of July Fireworks show. Even as a larger percentage of our populations get vaccinated, there are still newly reported COVID-19 cases each day and it is not anticipated that the state will have opened restrictions on gathering limits to a point where we feel that it is safe to host this large of an event.

program for Lynn public high school students, held at NSCC's Lynn Campus, 300 Broad Street.

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Fifty photographs by 26 makers, all members of the Greater Lynn Photographic Association will be exhibited from May 21-June 27, 2021 at GALA (Gallery at Lynn Arts), 25 Exchange St., Lynn MA. The Exhibition Opening is on Friday, May 21, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Covid protocols will be observed and masks will be required. There is no attendance charge.

NFL draft night with host Sean Stellato at the Ferncroft Country Club

Recently the annual NFL Draft took place and pro sports agent and founder and CEO of SES Sean Stellato hosted his acclaimed VIP reception at the Ferncroft Country Club. Prior to the start of the official, NFL draft night, guests were able to take photos of the six Super Bowl Trophies on display as well as meet and greet former Patriot Cheerleaders and players.

Stellato also the author of the best seller "No Baking Down" had books available for purchase and happily autographed them.



Joining the VIP Party for NFL Draft Night was Jim, Oscar and Julius Galante, shown with the NE Patriots Super Bowl Trophies.



Justin Saslan, a senior football player at St. John's Prep was a member of Sean Stellato's staff on NFL Draft Night at the Ferncroft Country Club.

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LYNN CLASSICAL HS VS. LYNN ENGLISH HS AT THANKSGIVING MAY GAME

The annual Thanksgiving Day classic was played in May at Manning Field. This was the 107th time these teams have met. Both teams played a defensive struggle. Lynn English ground gain led by Anthony Timmons who scored the go ahead touchdown in the third quarter making the score 14-6. English maintained the lead to the end of the game. Lynn English Quarterback Jesse Maggs completed 5 of 9 passes toward the win. Lynn Classical Freshman Marquese Avery rushed for 79 yards as Kyle Durant added 47 yards and a touchdown.

This was a game of sportsmanship between the two arch-rivals. Players showed respect to each other at the conclusion of the game. Friday evening will be the end of the spring season as Lynn English travels to Chelsea and Lynn Classical will host Everett.



Lynn English defenders Kevin Pena and DJ Barthwaite stops Lynn Classical Daren Omoregie.



Lynn English Dennis Davison stops Lynn Classical wide receiver Marquese Avery at the 35 yard line,



Lynn Classical Quarterback Nicholas Galeazzi sets up to pass as Lynn Classical Marquese Avery protects the pocket.



Lynn English Cole Story stops Lynn Classical running back Emil Bruno at the 20 yard line.

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Lynn Classical Daren Omoregie runs an end-around as Lynn Classical Marquese Avery blocks an English defender.

LYNN CLASSICAL HS VS. LYNN ENGLISH HS AT THANKSGIVING MAY GAME



Lynn English DJ Barthwaite tackles Lynn Classical #6 Wide Receivers Daren Omoregie at the 40 yard line.



Lynn English Quarterback Jesse Maggs throws a downfield pass.



Lynn Classical Daren Omoregie runs for a first down.



Lynn English running back Anthony Timmons rushes from the 10 yard line to score the go ahead touchdown making it 14-6.



Lynn Classical Wide Receiver Daren Omoregie sets up for a reception.



Lynn English #9 Running Back Anthony Timmons at mid field gains 30 yards for a first down.

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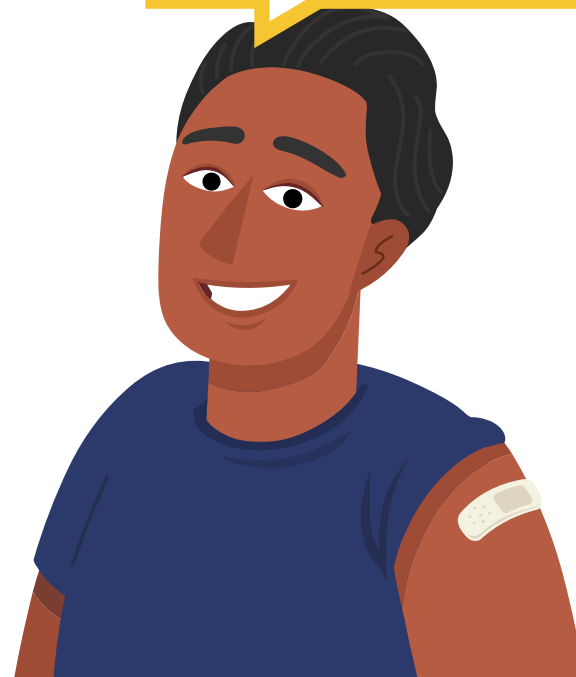


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LYNN CLASSICAL RAMS SWIM TEAM SENIOR NIGHT

Recently the Lynn Classical High School swim team recently held senior night at the Lynn Tech School Pool. This facility is used by Tech, Classical and English High School for swimming events.

Swim meets are held isolated at their home pool and times are shared between coaches to determine the winner in each event, with a neutral moderator at each event.



Senior Mary Collins with her mom, Maureen Mannion-Collins.



Senior Rafael Ocampo with his mom, Vanessa Romero.



The 2021 Lynn Classical High School Rams Varsity Swim Team and coaching staff.



Senior Jessica Page with her Parents, Jim and Kim.



Senior Captain Adam Mariano with his parents, Angelo and Amy.



Senior and Junior Captains of the Rams Swimming Team and the Coaches: Top row: Sr. Capt. Adam Mariano, Jr Captains Aleana Benedetto, Daniel Puma, Sydney Finnigan, Tassine Bakhouch and Sr Capt. Kitty Mannion. Coaches: Dom McKenney, Kay Rowe, Head Coach Denise Silva, Charlie Rowe.

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OBITUARIES

Crystal Ann Turner

Her greatest joy was spending time with her beloved children

Crystal Ann Turner, 40, of Florida and formerly of Lynn, died unexpectedly on Friday, February 12.

Born in Lynn in 1980, she was the loving daughter of Maryann (Gillis) Turner and the late Jessie Dace. She was raised and educated in Lynn and graduated from Lynn Vocational Technical Institute. Crystal was a religious, kind and compassionate person who would always help others in need. A "free soul," her greatest joy was spending time with her beloved children.

In addition to her mother, Maryann of Lynn, Crystal is survived by her children, Javan, Jhalyana, Kendal, Jr. and Jeremiah; her loving sister, Davina Canzano-Chiodi and her niece, Gianna of Revere; her siblings and family in Florida, Yolanda, Jess, Janae and Jahron Dace and many other family and friends including her former husband, Javan Close, Kendal Murga, Sr. and her sister-in-law, Carisa Brown. She was predeceased by her stepfather Homer C. Turner.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 21 at 12 Noon in the Solimine Funer-



al Home, 426 Broadway (Rt. 129), Lynn. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m-12 p.m., prior to the Memorial Service. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend and are required to adhere to the guidelines of the CDC, the State of Massachusetts and the Local Board of Health, which allows up to 50 family and friends in the funeral home at a time and all are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

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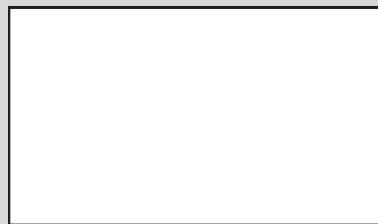
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL DISLIKES RESIDENCY ADDRESS

CHELSEA - There was nearly uniform disappointment last week from the City Council due to the choice by the new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion director's decision to forego Chelsea and to live on Revere Beach. City Manager Tom Ambrosino informed the Council of a residency waiver at the Monday meeting.

Candace Perez, who comes from New York and is eminently qualified for the job, had requested a residency waiver from the City due to relocating from New York to Revere Beach. Already, the Council has grown weary of City employees almost weekly requesting waivers to live outside of the City, and said they were getting concerned about it at the previous meeting. With the new director, who is to be immersed in the culture of Chelsea, five councilors Monday night questioned her dedication due to the decision to live in Revere.

And she doesn't even start the job until July 1.

"I did say I was disappointed that this person was relocating to Massachusetts and does not want to live in Chelsea," said Councilor Leo Robinson. "I have some real

concerns about that."

Councilor Enio Lopez has been a vocal critic of the many resident waivers that have come of late, and said this one was unacceptable.

"I am against this waiver," he said. "If this person is taking this kind of job, you should be in the City. How are you going to know what's happening here? You're going to go live in a nice beautiful place on Revere Beach where nothing happens. You just need to live here."

Councilor Calvin Brown said it is only a mile from Chelsea, and the price ranges are about the same - if not less in Chelsea - and the quality of the building she is moving into is equal to any of the new buildings in Chelsea.

"It's so close," he said. "I just can't believe she can't find a place in Chelsea. What does that say about her commitment to us? We had four councilors speak and it's all about not living in Chelsea... You want to come in and say what's wrong with Chelsea, but you obviously don't want to find out day-to-day what's going on here."

Council President Roy Avellaneda said it is very concerning to him. He said it's not like a typical City job such as in Assessing or some other matter. As the Diversi-

ty Director, he said he would expect someone to be fully immersed in the city and its culture at all times.

"I don't comprehend how that job is done without spending enough time here - even in the off-hours," he said. "It doesn't make sense to me. It doesn't. You need to live and breathe Chelsea for the next two years. It's not about taking some template that worked somewhere else and thinking that template is going to work here. It doesn't work that way...I hope what we've said here makes some impact."

The words were strong, but the power by the Council is minimal due to the City Charter - which doesn't allow the Council to interfere with day-to-day operations. The Council does not have the power to vote on residency waivers. They can only instruct the City Manager to not grant so many. So, in the end, the Council agreed that their verbal disappointment would have to suffice, but had they been able to vote, they likely would have rejected the waiver with a majority.

NEW PLAN FOR HOUSING AT ST. STANISLAUS SITE

CHELSEA - With the clos-

ing of St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church last year, developer Broadway Capital has now advanced a plan to re-use the church as a residential complex offering home-ownership and rental opportunities.

Mike Vienneau, of Broadway Capital, said they will be bringing their project to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) next Tuesday and it will represent one of several projects they have just finished or have in the pipeline.

The proposed project - to be known as "The Cathedral" - includes the conversion of a church to 16-unit residential units and the razing of the older rectory structure to construct a 14-unit multi-family building. The ground level of that building will also include a total of 45 off-street parking spots: 1.5 parking spots per residential unit. In total the proposed project will create 30 new residential units in the downtown area. The project will consist of 16 owner-occupied and 14 rental units. There will also be a shared open space terrace/ park area above the parking garage between the two building structures.

"We plan to keep the outside of the church intact and spruce it up with new windows and lighting," said Vienneau. "They had to take all of the stained glass out with the church closing, so we'll have new windows there, and it's going to be a nice project... There's a lot going on now and we're excited because we have home-ownership opportunities. Most people aren't doing home-ownership. The City needs and wants owner-occupied units more than rentals."

The project is in the R2 district, and is officially at 157-163 Chestnut St. If approved, Vienneau said they could start

in October, and be completed by March 2023.

While some had questioned what the real estate market might look like on the tail end of COVID-19 in a City like Chelsea that was hit so hard, many developers and real estate professionals are seeing Chelsea as a place with high demand.

Vienneau completely agreed, saying their experience developing the old nursing home at 932 Broadway showed that people want ownership opportunities in Chelsea at an affordable price.

"Absolutely the demand is there," he said. "We got 932 Broadway sold out pretty much by April. We started selling in January and had it mostly sold out by April, so really only in three months. There is a huge, huge demand for these owner-occupied units, especially the \$300,000 to \$400,000 range, but even those in the \$500,000 to \$600,000 went fast because they were the first ones we sold. After they were sold, people were even coming in and putting in back-up offers on them in case it fell through."

He said the demographic that is buying there is 25-35 year olds without children. He said he hoped to attract more Chelsea residents to the St. Stans property in the downtown.

Right now, Broadway Capital is doing site work on the old Reggie's Auto property at 25 Second St. They plan to finish construction on that product and have it to the market by Spring 2022.

Vienneau said there are further deals in the works for Chelsea, but nothing he could disclose beyond the proposed re-use project at St. Stans Church campus.

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Lynn English valedictorian Fermin Perez decides to go to Harvard

By Cary Shuman

Lynn English High School senior Erignacio Fermin Perez will be attending Harvard College in Cambridge as a member of the incoming Class of 2025.

“Eddy,” as he is known by friends and classmates, chose Harvard over fellow Ivy League academic powerhouse Yale. He said former Lynn English valedictorian Meghan Turner helped influence his decision. Turner is currently a student at Harvard, having followed in the footsteps of her sister, Ashley Turner, who graduated Harvard in 2013.

“I think talking with former valedictorian Meghan Turner of Lynn English about her experience at Harvard definitely had a big role in my decision,” said the 6-foot-3-inch Fermin Perez, a highly respected leader in the Lynn English JROTC program. “I’m grateful to Meghan for reaching out to me. Attending Harvard has always been a dream, so that also factored in my decision. I also want to thank my mother (Claribel) and my family for all their support.”

Lynn English Principal Anastasia (Tessie) Mower, Lynn School Committee member Jared Nicholson, and Lynn English Guidance Counselor Matt



Lynn School Committee member Jared Nicholson, a graduate of Harvard Law School, congratulates Lynn English senior class valedictorian Erignacio Fermin Perez on his decision to attend Harvard College.

Wilkins were among the many people congratulating Fermin Perez on his decision to attend Harvard, the world’s most prestigious university.

“I’m extremely proud of Eddy and we know he’s going to make his family and city proud,” said Mower.

Nicholson is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. Nicholson talked about his own Harvard experience with Fermin Perez in



Lynn English High School senior Erignacio Fermin Perez is pictured with Guidance Counselor Matt Wilkins and Principal Anastasia (Tesse) Mower near the famed statue, “The Bulldog,” inside the school reception area. Fermin Perez will be attending Harvard College.

a one-on-one conversation at the high school last week, welcoming him into the Harvard community of scholars.

“We’re so excited for him,” said Nicholson, who graduated Harvard Law School in 2014. “I think Lynn English, the City of

Lynn, and Eddy and his family should be proud. I understand that he’s interested in pre-law and hopefully he can develop those skills and go out and help the world.”

Wilkins was a guiding force and mentor to Fermin Perez

during the college admissions process. “We wish Eddy continued success in his academic career at Harvard,” said Wilkins.

Fermin Perez will deliver his valedictory address at the school’s commencement ceremonies in June.

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Principal James Kennison described his feeling of having this Dogwood tree planted as he said, "This day is important for the Callahan community. The tree represents a new beginning. Everyone is coming together re-shaping and reforming their relationships, not just in our school, but with our city workers and

parents. This is a healthy tradition celebrating Earth Day. This day was more needed than ever for what we have experienced over the last 12 months." As Principal Kennison explains, "Last year was the first year that the school did not celebrate Earth Day. Seeing the students now smiling with excitement being outside on this wonderful day is absolutely a great feeling for all of us."

This tree is a symbol of a new beginnings, noted PTO Member Dawn Maguire and she continued to say, "Getting a flowering tree that blooms each spring is a splendid sight for the school and for the children to enjoy."



Callahan students along with Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh raise the American Flag

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Principal James Kennison and PTO members, Dawn Maguire and Danielle Girodano stand next to the beautiful Dogwood Tree