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## CONNELL HAS ATHLETIC TALENT

By Dave Merchant  
dmerchant9701@yahoo.com

Connell Alford is a Chelsea freshman on the go.

"I run cross country and track and I also do competitive cycling," Connell said. "I started running in 5th grade with the Chelsea Run Club and then went on

to continue running in middle school. I ran a lot during my middle school years with the high school cross country team which was a great challenge and definitely helped me improve."

His older cousin, Jimmy, was running **continued on page 10**

## Chelsea Education Foundation: Together We Give Fundraising For Grants on GivingTuesday, Dec. 1

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**CHELSEA EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The mission of the Chelsea Education Foundation is to enhance the Chelsea School District's educational experiences by financing projects beyond the resources of the District and by providing scholarships to District graduates.

December 1, 2020

**GIVING TUESDAY** | [ChelseaEducationFoundation.org](http://ChelseaEducationFoundation.org)

From D&B Strategic Marketing GivingTuesday

is a global generosity movement, which inspires people to give back to their communities on December 1, 2020. Chelsea Education Foundation (CEF) is leveraging this **continued on page 5**

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## Washtenaw County Chiropractor Dr. Lisa Olszewski Elected President of Michigan Association of Chiropractors Will Become First Woman to Lead One of Largest Chiropractic State Organizations in the Country

Dr. Lisa Olszewski, a Washtenaw County chiropractor who lives and practices in Chelsea, was recently elected President of the Michigan Association of Chiropractors (MAC), Michigan's only statewide professional organization for chiropractors. Her term

begins January 1, 2021 and runs through December 31, 2022. Dr. Olszewski served the MAC the past two years as the MAC's Vice President/Director of External Affairs and previously represented Washtenaw County on the MAC Board of Directors since 2010.

"This is a tremendous honor," said Dr. Olszewski. "Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, chiropractors across the state have stepped up and been incredible leaders in their communities, continuing to see patients and address **continued on page 3**

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# A Very Merry Nutcracker Film

December 4 & 5 - 7:00 pm • Drive-In Chelsea Fairgrounds



## From D&B Strategic Marketing

The COVID-19 pandemic has created enormous challenges for many arts organizations in sharing quality performance experiences with their communities. Despite these challenges, Ballet Chelsea remains committed to its role as an arts organization. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, "We're committed to remaining a source of joy, empowerment, health, and well-being for our community," shared Board President John Shea.

A Very Merry Nutcracker full-length film is a result of Ballet Chelsea's creativity and initiative. The filming

was enabled through the generosity of donor contributions to the recent "Partner With Us" digital fundraising campaign and the award of \$1,000 from Chelsea Area Festivals & Events Grants for the Arts.

While performing arts and theaters remain closed, Ballet Chelsea's new film production of the Nutcracker will spread holiday cheer via a drive-in movie at the Chelsea Fairgrounds on December 4 & 5 during Chelsea's Hometown Holidays. The success of the project was due in part due to the generosity and partnership with the Fairgrounds Board, developed while Ballet Chelsea retrofit-

ted one of the barns to hold studio classes and rehearsals.

The work behind the scenes was extensive. Much of Artistic Director Wendi DuBois's choreography had to be re-done to flow in nontraditional spaces. Dancers who were sidelined for almost six months worked hard to get back into shape while simultaneously learning new choreography. Ballet Chelsea had a tight staging and filming schedule of six short weeks; "the strengths of our artistic and administrative team as well as dedicated volunteers facilitated the timely completion of the project," shared

Jean Delwiche, Studio Manager & Registrar.

A Very Merry Nutcracker is not your "normal" Nutcracker. Michael Wecht, a talented local professional with both film and acting experience, took a very different approach to this film rendition of the holiday tradition. As a film artist, his presence within the choreography transformed the traditional stage production into an interactive experience. Through the lens, he invites viewers to join Marie & Fritz on their journey, not to the conventional Candy Palace, but rather to a beautiful, enchanted garden. Wecht spent more than 200 hours filming, editing, and creating the "magic" behind this collaborative endeavor. Proceeds from the CAFE grant, as well as a generous donation from the Wilkinson Foundation, assisted with this aspect of the project.

DuBois carefully

crafted Ballet Chelsea's traditional Nutcracker transformation, which premiered in 1997, into a fresh new narrative suited for non-traditional performance spaces and socially distanced choreography. The film format, chosen to allow for Ballet Chelsea's Nutcracker to be shared during the holidays, also guaranteed a safe viewing experience for the community. Natalie Krienke and Steffani Kitayama, two of Ballet Chelsea's professional dancers, participated in the film, which took place at the Chelsea Fairgrounds in Chelsea and Sharon Mills Park in Manchester.

Ballet Chelsea is giving back to the community with this full-length Very Merry Nutcracker film by offering a safe opportunity to participate in the magic during this very unusual holiday season. To purchase tickets to the Drive Inn production,

go to Ballet Chelsea's website: <https://balletchelsea.org/tickets/>.

Ballet Chelsea gratefully thanks the donors and sponsors who generously helped to underwrite this production. Their support enables Ballet Chelsea to keep their artistic staff and professionals in the dance field working, thereby keeping the arts community on its feet. Their push in creating innovative performance projects has kept student artists growing while providing some normalcy through the pandemic. "By refusing to allow the performing arts to be sidelined, we continue to share the joy of movement and music with our communities," said DuBois. "We invite others with a passion for the arts to continue to lend a hand as we turn our attention to the next creative project to be shared with our community. Together, we will continue to create beauty safely."

*A Very Merry Nutcracker*  
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## Washtenaw County Chiropractor Dr. Lisa Olszewski Elected President of Michigan Association of Chiropractors Will Become First Woman to Lead One of Largest Chiropractic State Organizations in the Country



Olszewski will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the MAC and will be responsible for the general and active management of the business of the organization. She will also be charged with ensuring that all orders and resolutions of the MAC Board of Directors are put into effect. The President also presides over Executive Committee and general membership meetings.

About Dr. Olszewski:

In 2013, in an historic vote of the MAC Board of Directors, Dr. Olszewski became the first woman to serve on the MAC Executive Committee, the body charged with overseeing the execution of the directives of the Board, with her election to the position of Director of Financial Affairs. When she becomes President this January, Dr. Olszewski will become the first woman to serve in this position, as well.

In 2017, Dr.

Olszewski was the recipient of a very special award, the MAC's "Extraordinary Impact Award," given "in appreciation for being a veracious chiropractic advocate, mentor, and leader." She also received the organization's "Rising Star Award" in 2012. The winner of this special award is given in appreciation of members who are stepping above and

beyond for the chiropractic profession by taking on leadership roles in the association.

Dr. Olszewski, a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, was the first student from Palmer ever elected as National Chairperson of the Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA). She was an active lead-

er within numerous clubs, classes, and organizations, and has received various awards demonstrating her commitment to excellence, including 2002 "Member of the Year" (SACA), the John Connolly Memorial Award (Outstanding Graduate – Palmer), and the 2002-2003 Member of the Year (Palmer Student ACA).

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the non-COVID-19 neuro-musculoskeletal complaints that would cause patients to seek care in an emergency room, urgent care facility, or primary care physician office at a time when these facilities

are already overburdened. The fact that these dedicated doctors from all corners of the state elected me to serve as President as we continue to deal with this global pandemic means a great deal to me."

As President, Dr.

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**The WTKA Top-Dog-of-the-Week is Dreamy**  
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**The W4 Country Pet-of-the-Week is Trinity**  
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**The Lucy Ann Lance Show Pet-of-the-Week is Dudley**  
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# Very Thankful Indeed!



Photos By Kitty Golding



By Kitty Golding  
This week we break from our year of design interviews within our community. With Thanksgiving at the forefront of our minds, and joy in our hearts, we wanted to express our gratitude. We are beyond

thankful for all of our clients – each possessing unique qualities, design desires and interests. We thank you for your continued trust and support. This has been a challenging year for certain and our hearts go out to those affected by the pandemic.

We are so thankful for all that have willingly participated with us in the Chelsea interior design interview series. We have had so much fun seeing a new side to those we have known and meeting people we didn't know

and establishing new relationships. Our hope is that this has been fun for you and brought our community together in a new way. We have eight more interviews to go, which will run into next year.

Even though the hardship of this year has affected our team

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# Chelsea Education Foundation: Together We Give Fundraising For Grants on GivingTuesday, Dec. 1

► continued from page 1 opportunity to raise the funds needed to support CEF Teacher Grants for the 2020-2021 school year.

CEF's mission is to enhance the Chelsea School District's educational experiences by financing projects beyond the resources of the district and by providing scholarships to district graduates.

"We are here as a support system to help Chelsea School District students and staff reach their fullest potential," said CEF President, Lynn Fox. "CEF serves as a link between school, businesses and our community to help strengthen Chelsea's future."

With the help of generous donors, CEF is able to provide funding for a wide spectrum of educational activities to benefit the students and the staff of the Chelsea School District. Contributions to CEF are given back to the school district through innovative grants for students, teachers and administrators, and as scholarships to CHS graduates.

"In order to provide extra support to address the increased needs our schools are currently facing, we added 2 new grant cycles this year. Through the GivingTuesday campaign, we are hoping to raise enough to help us fund additional grants in all 3 cycles," said Fox.

During the first

grant cycle CEF Awarded \$10,000 in Teacher Grants to the following programs:

- Strength, Speed and Conditioning | Beach Middle School
- Classroom Library Extension | South Meadows Elementary
- Level M and Lower Books | South Meadows Elementary
- 5th Grade Ukulele Project | South Meadows Elementary
- Art Supply Kits | South Meadows & North Creek Elementaries
- Classroom Leveled Books | North Creek Elementary
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**The Power of Giving**

• 45,000+ students have been impacted by CEF efforts and activities in the schools.

• 600+ CEF Grants have provided funding for programs ranging from art installations, to field trips, to classroom books.

• 900+ Scholarships have been awarded to students with outstanding character, service and academics.

Those who are interested in joining Chelsea Education Foundations' GivingTuesday initiative can visit <https://www.chelseaeducationfoundation.org> Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/chelseaeducationfoundation>) or follow @ChelseaEducationFoundation in Instagram and @ChelseaEducFndn on Twitter.

GivingTuesday was launched in 2012 as a simple idea: to create a day that encourages people to do good. Over the years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

**About Chelsea Education Foundation**

Chelsea Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3. Organized in 1990, the mission of CEF is to enhance the Chelsea School District's educational experiences by financing projects beyond the resources of the district and by providing scholarships to district graduates. Since its inception over 45,000 students have received benefits from the foundation, 600 grant programs have been funded ranging from art installations to robotics programs, and over 900 scholarships have been awarded to students with outstanding achievement.

To learn more about Chelsea Education Foundation, visit [www.chelseaeducationfoundation.org](http://www.chelseaeducationfoundation.org) or email the Board President, Lynn Fox, at [president@chelseaeducationfoundation.org](mailto:president@chelseaeducationfoundation.org).

**About GivingTuesday**

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osity. Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and ev-

eryone has something to give. GivingTuesday strives to build a world in which the catalytic power of generosity is at the heart of the society we build together, unlocking dignity, opportunity and equity around the globe.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



### NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by **CHELSEA 94, LLC at 627 S. DEARBORN BOX 708, HOWELL, MI 48844** for a variance from the requirements of ARTICLE 5 SECTION 5.14 (C) (9) Ordinance No.166 (Zoning Ordinance), to **ALLOW A COLOR BAND AROUND THE GAS STATION CANOPY.**

The property is described as follows:  
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**DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

## PUBLIC NOTICES



### LYNDON TOWNSHIP WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Township Board for Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan adopted amendments to Chapter 3, Sections 3.04; at a regular meeting held on November 10, 2020. Summaries of the amendments are below.

**Chapter 3 General Provisions**  
**Section 3.04 Street Access has been amendment as follows:**

A. In any district, every use, building or structure shall be upon a lot or parcel of land adjoining a public street or private road, or have access to a public street or private road by means of an exclusive access easement or shared residential driveway.

B. Private roads shall be established, constructed, and maintained as approved by the Lyndon Township Board under the terms and provisions of the Lyndon Township Private Road Ordinance.

C. Exclusive access easements and shared residential driveways must meet all applicable standards of the Township's Private Roads Ordinance including Section IX. Exclusive Access Easement for One Single Family Residence and Section X. Shared Residential Driveways.

A copy of the full text of the new Zoning Ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Township Offices (17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118). The new Zoning Ordinance Amendments will also be posted on the Township's website at [http://www.twp-lyndon.org/about\\_us/public\\_notices.php](http://www.twp-lyndon.org/about_us/public_notices.php).

The adopted amendment shall become effective 7 days after the notice is published, unless referendum procedures are initiated under MCL 125.3402 within seven (7) days after publication of this notice of adoption. If referendum procedures are initiated, the ordinance shall take effect in accordance with MCL 125.3402.

Linda Reilly  
 Lyndon Township Clerk  
 Lyndon Township Planning Commission Public Hearing:  
 September 30, 2020  
 Lyndon Township Board Adoption: November 10, 2020  
 Publication Date: November 20, 2020  
 Effective Date: November 27, 2020

## PUBLIC NOTICES



### Synopsis CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Monday, November 2, 2020 • 7:00pm ZOOM Public Meeting

**Call to Order**  
 Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call was taken and location was stated by each Council Member.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States**  
**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Meeting minutes of the October 19, 2020 regular meeting
- Approval of Bills  
 MOVED Albertson SECONDED Wiseley to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Regular Agenda**  
 MOVED Feeny SECONDED Iannelli to approve the regular agenda. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**  
**Presentation** - none  
**Public Hearing** - none  
**Council Business**

- Remote and Hybrid Meeting Policies and Procedures**  
 MOVED Kwas SECONDED Feeny to approve the attached Policies and Procedures for Remote and Hybrid Meetings. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- Council Board and Committee Liaisons and Delegates**  
 MOVED Albertson SECONDED Pacheco to approve the updated Board and Committee Liaisons and Delegates as listed and amended slightly on the attached document. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- Resolution to Assign Delinquent Stormwater Invoices to Taxes**  
 MOVED Albertson SECONDED Iannelli to adopt the resolution assigning delinquent stormwater bills to the City of Chelsea winter 2020 tax roll. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Staff Reports**  
**Council Reports**  
**Adjournment**  
 MOVED Feeny SECONDED Iannelli to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
**Approved: November 16, 2020**

This is only a synopsis of the Regular City Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI or online at [www.city-chelsea.org](http://www.city-chelsea.org)  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Laura Kaiser, City Clerk



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# CHELSEA ATHLETICS



## LIONS FOLLOW SUIT



By Dave Merchant  
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It is sometimes tough to be a fan of local teams who don't really ever seem to get better. The Detroit Lions are one such team.

After a disappointing 20-0 loss on the road to the Carolina Panthers it might be tough to see when the team will get any better.

They can't seem to find the answer in a head coach. This coach, Matt Patricia came from New England Patriots. Known for coaching defense he hasn't helped much in that recently, or if at all. Maybe it is time for him to go.

Sunday afternoon I watched Mathew Stafford get sacked at least five times by a normally not so good Panther defense. Stafford has not been able to get us to that next level in 11 years. Maybe it is time to look in another direction and work toward the playoffs.

Even by some strike of luck we should have been good at least for one year. The Super Bowl

is like the Holy Grail for the Lions. I think they are not sure if it really exists.

One of my favorite parts of the team is kicker Matt Prater who even missed one on Sunday.

A short week means the Texans at home on Thanksgiving. A win would be great but a close game is always fun to watch.

I remember watching Billy Sims growing up and see-

ing him shine. Barry Sanders came later and was exciting to watch running all different ways on the field.

Chelsea football star Tony Scheffler tried for a time as a Lion. Sodik Woodhaven High School grad Eric Lynch. Cory Schlesinger who played fullback for the Lions and is a teacher at Allen Park High School cracked helmets and all.

But alas, Sims got hurt and Sanders couldn't take losing anymore and retired.

I really want the team to do well. The one thing the teams all have in common is being owned by the Ford Family.

Maybe they should move on and sell the team. If the Lions were a Ford car I think it would be an Edsel.

Come on guys time to sell.

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# Very Thankful Indeed!



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tographers, friends and family that have helped us continue to grow and be a presence in our community.

Each day at Kitty & Company is so different and is as unique as our clients themselves. Let's just say, we never get bored! To all of our Chelsea Projects, a special thank you for choosing us to help you with your interior design needs. We enjoy the process of talking with you in the beginning of the project and seeing your spaces come to fruition. Working

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We wish everyone a beautiful and blessed Thanksgiving. We leave you with a sampling of projects that we have been very thankful and honored to be a part of in 2020:

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## Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 20-2505

Location: 1100 block of S. Main Street

Date: November 19, 2020

Time: 6:28 pm

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 1100 block of S. Main Street for the report of a retail fraud that had occurred at approximately 4:30 pm. The complainant stated that two male subjects and a female subject entered the business and began looking around throughout

the store and spent a significant amount of time in the store. A patron approached a store clerk and asked if they had seen the two white males and one white female run out of the store. The clerk said that they had not noticed them run out. When the video surveillance footage was reviewed the clerk noted that

the suspects had stolen multiple items by concealing the items in their jackets. At the time of the report a complete loss report was still being compiled. The suspects were observed getting into a "larger black vehicle" there was no further information available on the identities of the suspects.

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# CONNELL HAS ATHLETIC TALENT



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cross country too and that probably had an influence on him running. "Some of my accomplishments have been racing undefeated in my 8th grade cross country season as well as going under 16:00 in the 5k in my freshman year," he said. "For cycling I started riding in 4th grade after watching a lot of Tour de France with my Dad. I now race in multiple disciplines, road, cyclocross and track. I ride for a road team called Junior Cycle Sport out of Grand Rapids and race nationally with them."

He also races on the track at Lexus Velodrome on their Elite Junior Team.

"I race cyclocross for fun in the fall which is kind of combination of running and biking-you have to jump over barriers and run up hills at times," he said. "Some of my accomplishments in cycling include a 4th place finish at Road Nationals in the Criterium (a circuit race) and placing third overall at Track Nationals in the Omnium (3 race event). Due to COVID-19 I missed most cycling races this past summer- I am already looking forward to the 2021 season."

His favorite sports moment. "In the summer of 2019 I went to USA Cycling Track Nationals in Los Angeles." His first race there was not my best and he didn't place well. The next day he raced again and this time he went off the front of the pack and held the lead to win the 4 km "scratch" race. "This helped me place third overall in the event," he added. "I was very fortunate to have the support of the Lexus Velodrome coaches and funding to be able to participate. Lexus Velodrome provides free cycling to all youth under 18. They are a fantastic program serving inner city Detroit youth."

Connell's thoughts on Swager, "I've been running with him since my early running days as I've known his kids for a long time. I think he's a great coach because he really pushes

you and doesn't really accept excuses," he said. "He always keeps things interesting and expects a lot out of every runner."

Quotes from Eric Swager Chelsea boys' varsity cross country and track and field coach on Connell: "He works hard. Plain and simple. He is a testament to the power of aerobic training. Between his biking and running, he trains many hours at a high heart rate, therefore delivering oxygen to his muscles at an amazing rate. This, and his mental toughness explains his success."

"A lesson to parents of young athletes: look for any opportunity for kids to compete, and make it fun! Connor has done all these things with a great attitude."

Other activities include: "During Pre-Covid times I liked to hang out with my friends, play with my dog and eat (a lot)."

"I have one sister, Isobel, who is a junior and competitive figure skater," he said. "My mom, Jen, is an avid runner and my dad, JD, is a cyclist. Not surprising that I run and bike."

He is excited for the future.

"For running- I would like to make it to one of the major national races such as Footlocker or Nike Cross Nationals," he said. "I'd also like to be the first Chelsea runner to break 15:00 in the 5K. In cycling- I want to win a National Championship in either Road or Track racing."

He hopes to run Cross Country or Cycle at the College Level - some schools He would love to go to are: Northern Arizona University for running or Colorado Mesa University for cycling.

Favorite part of sports is winning, as he is pretty competitive. He has also made a lot of friends through sports.

"Training ends up hurting a lot but if you push through it you'll notice a lot of improvement and it's worth it in the end," he added. "Putting in the time and being dedicated pays off."

# Chelsea Hometown Holiday 2020



## From D&B Strategic Marketing

Chelsea Area Festivals & Events (CAFE) is planning the 34th Annual Chelsea Hometown Holiday presented by Rick Taylor Real Estate - Reinhart Realtors. The City of Chelsea will be decked in holiday splendor to warm our residents' and visitors' hearts and put us all in the holiday spirit.

Even the coronavirus pandemic can't be the Grinch of the 2020 Hometown Holidays thanks to the combined efforts of Chelsea Area Festivals & Events and the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC). This year they have reimagined events to follow safe social distancing measures.

"We are excited to have created a workable solution to continue our annual celebration of the holidays," said CAFE President Craig Common.

CAFE is organizing a "Santa Neighborhood Drive-Thru" as an alternative to the annual Light Parade. Santa will drive through City of Chelsea neighborhoods, wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas. Spectators can wave to Santa from their homes, driveways, or parked vehicles. Times and map routes will be available at [www.chelseafestivals.com](http://www.chelseafestivals.com) after Thanksgiving.

The popular Pam Radcliff Gingerbread Workshop will be modified so that the community can pick-up gingerbread kits to make at home. In addition to a safe, drive-through distribution plan (available at [www.chelseafestivals.com](http://www.chelseafestivals.com)), kits will be provided to WISD Chelsea Young Adult Classroom students and delivered to residents at St. Louis Center, Silver Maples, and Chelsea Retirement Community. The kits, made by Santa's helpers at Lakehouse Bakery, will contain four (4) Gingerbread people and icing to decorate.

For more than three decades, a garland of community events has taken place during Hometown Holiday, traditionally held the first weekend in December. In 2014 CAFE took Hometown Holiday under its umbrella, providing overarching event management, administrative support, and marketing services. This year, Hometown Holidays' management

is transitioning to the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Additional community holiday events are listed on the Chamber's community calendar at [www.chelseamich.com](http://www.chelseamich.com).

"The Chamber is delighted to retake the reins of Hometown Holiday in 2021, as it is one of the great events that help to make Chelsea the wonderful community that we know and love," said CACC Director Terris Ahrens. This year, the Chamber has created a few new events to add to the Hometown Holiday festivities, including a "Holiday Light Pole Decorating Contest", a "Holiday Homes Contest", and a "Festival of Trees." Event details can be found at [www.chelseamich.com](http://www.chelseamich.com).

Additional Hometown Holiday community events include A Very Merry Nutcracker full-length film by Ballet Chelsea. This project was aided by a \$1,000 CAFE Grants for the Arts. While performing



arts spaces and theaters remain closed, Ballet Chelsea's new film production of the Nutcracker will spread holiday cheer via a drive-in movie at the Chelsea Fairgrounds on December 4 & 5. Tickets on sale at [balletchelsea.org](http://balletchelsea.org).

Chelsea is a resilient close-knit community that will work through COVID-19 challenges. CAFE continues to remain steadfast in its mission to promote quality performing and visual arts throughout the year. CAFE President Craig Common commented, "As we look to the future, we continue to imagine what comes next and are looking forward to the opportunity to bring quality music and visual arts safely back to the streets of Chelsea. We are excited about moving forward with SculptureWalk and the

2021 Sounds and Sights concert series. CAFE sincerely appreciates everyone's contribution, passion, and support - all things that make Chelsea an exceptional place to live, visit, and work."

It is through the generous support of sponsors that Hometown Holiday takes place year after year. Presenting Sponsor: Rick Taylor Real Estate - Reinhart Realtors. Gold Bell Sponsor: Chelsea Retirement Community. Silver Bell Sponsor: Bill Ballagh State Farm Insurance. Bronze Bell Sponsors: Chelsea State Bank, Hardwood Solutions Inc., Liberty Title Chelsea, Mykala Mortgage Planning - Dart Bank, Rick Eder - Farm Bureau Insurance, Second to None, Secret Crisis Comics, Underwriter: Chelsea Community Foundation.



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