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Chelsea City Council Meeting April 5th

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The meeting opened with the approval of the consent agenda with the removal of the traffic control item because it was not ready at the time of the meeting. The consent agenda passed.

The next item on the agenda was the public comment. Debbie Osborne spoke first and asked about the Rockwell Building and further if there would be affordable housing in the apartments. John Hanifan reminded the mayor that the regular

agenda still needed approval. Joanne Ladio noted that the audit of the police department was not available. She requested that alternative counsel be present at the work session. David Bloom spoke next. Spoke out and stated that oppression happens when someone in a position of authority silences opposing views. David Bloom suggested the Council direct the change. He urged The Council to finish the job. Tim Peiter spoke next. He supports the suggestion for outside counsel. He

asked why the Council has not followed up and solicited bids on an audit. He noted that the Police Chief stated, "If you choose to get in the streets you do so at your own risk." He was upset by the idea that the police would not protect some citizens. Sandra (I can not provide the last name) requested that the Zoom meetings continue. She noted that her ability to participate is better with Zoom meetings and would like them to continue. Julianne Chard spoke next. She spoke about the num-

ber of kids living on her block of Washington street. She described the way people speed through and she's very concerned about pedestrian safety. She'd like passive traffic slowing solutions. Theresa Plank spoke next asking for an update regarding the police audit. She noted the resistance to the recommendations, outside legal counsel, and a third-party facilitator. Theresa thinks that the help would be beneficial to the community and the Council. Theresa ran a Foya **continued on page 4**

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Chelsea Senior Center Introduces the "Ann Van"



2018 by the Chelsea Senior Center to address transportation challenges in rural communities. The Center partners with WAVE to fund the operation of the ROAM bus. Transportation requests from area seniors will continue to be fulfilled using the ROAM bus. The new CSC van will be used to fulfill transportation needs outside of the WAVE's regular schedule and to meet the changing needs of the Center and its members.

ROAM is made possible through the Vital Seniors Initiative and funded by the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation and the Glacier Hills Legacy Fund.

The Chelsea Senior Center is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit located in the Washington Street Education Center at 512 Washington Street in Chelsea with office hours Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Visit www.chelseaseniors.org for more information about programs and services. CSC will be reopening for on-site activities for its members in the near future.

Feeney who volunteered for over 40+ years with the meals on wheels program. A very powerful force in improving the Chelsea Community, Ann epitomized what it means to be a "volunteer". In naming the van the "Ann Van", CSC honors the hundreds of dedicated volunteers, past and present, who support the Center and help make it the great community resource that it is. The photo below is of Michael Feeney following the inaugural ride.

ROAM (Rural Older Adults in Motion) was launched in

Chelsea Senior Center
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From: Bill O'Reilly, Executive Director, Chelsea Senior Center

In its on-going effort to increase transportation opportunities for area seniors, the Chelsea Senior Center (CSC) is excited to introduce the "Ann Van". The van supports its ROAM program and joins the WAVE's ROAM bus in providing transportation options for area seniors.

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2020 Large Business Leadership Award Winner Ugly Dog Distillery

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From: Terris Ahrens

The Business Leadership Award is presented to a Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce member who demonstrates commitment to strengthening our community and promoting a vital business environment.

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- Displaying innovative ideas and services.
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- Providing services that meet the

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- Enhancing the uniqueness of the community image.

- Demonstrating leadership in their business category.

- Supporting the activities of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

The formal presentation of the 2020 Large Business Leadership award will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 - during the Annual Membership Meeting of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce at Robin Hills Farm.

The 2020 Large Business Leadership Award winner will have a place of honor in the Chelsea Fair Parade in August 2021.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Ambassadors, we congratulate Ugly Dog Distillery on receiving the 2020 Large Business Leadership Award and thank them for their contributions to this community and the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

Summary of Chelsea Community Forum - March 13, 2021

From: Vincent Elie

The Chelsea Community Forum met via Zoom on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Participants suggested topics for discussion and two were selected.

Announcements were made regarding Sylvan Township's open space preservation efforts and the new Chelsea Arts Initiative, spearheaded by Patti Schwartz. This Initiative is advocating for the arts as a social, economic and aesthetic benefit to the community.

A group of local citizens have banded together to promote a "dark sky initiative".

One participant recalled increasing Chelsea's nocturnal light glow when viewed from the West and seeing the northern lights during the months of Summer. But this is no longer possible due to "light pollution." Another

attendee identified an issue that many Chelsea streetlights are not "directional," but rather shine upwards into 2nd story windows and the sky where it is dispersed by the atmosphere. People complained that the downtown street light spectrum is very blue and somewhat blinding when driving down Main St. This problem is noted to be more bothersome in the newer subdivisions where the street lighting is less likely to be designed to mitigate glare and "skyward scatter". Those concerned residents have submitted suggestions to the City Council for improvement during the redesign of the City's ordinances. Other ideas included a "Dark Park" at Green Lake. Concerns were raised about the expense, safety and technology of modifying

or mitigating nighttime lighting. Please contact chelseadarkskies@gmail.com for further information.

The Judge Report concerning Chelsea Police Department's citations of demonstrators last summer was discussed. One participant, who supported the concerns of the demonstrators, felt that a consequence of civil disobedience is not only peaceful disruption but the willingness to be cited, arrested, and/or jailed. There were concerns raised about the unevenness of the police enforcement of infractions. The Judge Report concluded that the police did not break the law in their issuance of multiple citations. It was mentioned that the youth are neither respected nor are their grievances heard. Some expressed the importance of being

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supportive of initiatives taken by young people and our need to value and listen to the voices of those with less social power in our society. The need for respectful and empathetic communication among conservatives, progressives, police, youth and adult citizens was emphasized as was the belief that the Chelsea region is composed of good, positive people living in tough times.

The Chelsea Community Forum is open to all with an

interest in the affairs of the Chelsea School District area and meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM, currently on Zoom. A link can be

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► continued from page 1 report on herself and is very concerned about the taxpayer dollars being spent. She was shocked at how much the police spent investigating her because she participated in a protest. Laura Damshorder supports an oversight board with teeth and an outside facilitator. She spoke about the desire for a different style of policing. Alex Moore decided to speak after hearing Theresa Plank speak, she was shocked and wanted to contribute asking for oversight and police reform.

The Council voted to approve the regular agenda.

The Chelsea Senior Center provided a presentation. The Chelsea Senior Center has a thousand members and is a vital resource for area seniors. Meals on Wheels is still going. The senior center helped schedule vaccinations for two hundred local seniors. Staff and volunteers have provided wellness checks and the center is providing

remote activities. When the center can open, the center has a new eight-seat passenger van which is used to take seniors to activities. With 90% of the seniors vaccinated the senior center will be reopening in April, but the center will keep safety protocols in place.

The second presentation was from Tri Terra Environmental consulting about the Rockwell Building. There is environmental contamination of the property. The existing build will be rehabbed to be 51 residential loft apartments. Construction will begin as soon as this Fall. The city of Chelsea deemed the property functionally obsolete. It has asbestos and a lot of lead-based paint. There is contamination below the building. Vapor mitigation will have to happen to make it safe for tenants. There are grants that are available to help decrease the cost of the clean-up. The city would likely need to be involved with the grant

process. They are looking forward to removing some blight and making it an asset for the city. The Council had several questions from roof to cost of apartments, to parking. There will be future hearings and opportunities for public input.

Council business was up next. The Ka-boom steering committee for the grant for parklets was seated. The steering committee will be in charge of using the grant funds for street planting and furniture. Councilmember Kwas was appointed to the committee. Kathy Finger from the DDA was appointed next. Erin Brayton from Park and Rec was appointed. Chamber of Commerce member Terris Ahrens was appointed next. Planning and zoning Julia Upfal was also appointed.

Item number 2, a citizen agenda item by Julianne Chard represented the people on Washington street. She thinks there is a need for immediate action

and long-term solutions. She wants to mitigate the speeding and is very concerned for the young children living on the street. John Hanifan stated that the recommendation is to continue to include Washington street in the pop project for the streets. It has been identified as an important issue to address. The city is working on engineering and would like to request extra enforcement. Speed tables and roundabouts are being examined. The Council is interested in addressing the issue and echoed the problem on Washington Street. John Hanifan stated that something will be happening this summer to address the issue. The transportation committee is working on it, will share it with the Council, and put recommendations in place. The recommendation is to continue to move forward and address the issue and would like to look to adding more enforcement.

Item three is Jiffy rezoning. Jiffy owns two adjoining lots that are zoned residential and should be rezoned industrial. The motion passed.

Item four is a public hearing request on the Rockwell Building on a potential abatement. This abatement is tied to the rehabilitation of vacant property into use. April 19th, 2021 will be the public hearing as the motion passed.

Item five is the social media policy. The motion to adopt the social media policy with a modification by the mayor passed.

Item six, the power purchase agreement. It recommended that the Council approves the purchase and authorizes the City manager to sign for that. The motion passed.

Item seven CAFE requests to use Palmer Commons and street closures. Staff is recommending approval. The Council approved the motion.

Item eight set the public hearing for utility rates for the coming fiscal year for May 17, 2021. The hearing was set.

Item nine public hearing date was set for budget and millage for 2021-2022 budget for May 17th, 2021.

The meeting wrapped up with staff reports. John Hanifan explained that the Council will make a decision on the police audit at the April 19th meeting. Chief Toth will discuss citizen's oversight committee at the April 19th meeting as well. Look on the city website for styrofoam recycling week and city-wide clean-up events. Links to the information should be on the city website soon. The meeting wrapped.



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By: Michelle Elie,
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Spring is in the air which means it's my favorite time of year! The spring real estate market is in full bloom!! It's that time of the year when sellers are preparing their homes for the market and buyers are chomping on the bit to purchase their new homes. The issue we had for most of 2020 continues to rear its ugly head....there's no inventory. Currently, there are only 24 homes available for sale in all of the Chelsea School District. As you know, Chelsea is a very desirable community in which to live, so when homes are listed at market value, they sell nearly immediately and in many cases, with multiple offers and for more than their list price. Here's a run-down of the first quarter sales in Chelsea.

First Quarter Statistics

Here's the First Quarter Statistics Chelsea Real Estate recap;

	2021
Average sale price	339,924
Average days on market	38
Number of homes sold	50
Number of homes listed	77

	2020
Average sale price	271,451
Average days on market	65
Number of homes sold	43

I'm sure you see the good news here; the average sale price increased over 68K since last year for the first quarter. Here's my advice; if you're planning on selling this year, do all those repairs and upgrades you know you need to do, and have your house in sparkling show condition. Spruce up the yard and outdoor living space. Lastly, hire a professional Realtor to help you sell. If you're planning on a purchase in 2021, firstly, hire a professional Realtor to help counsel and guide

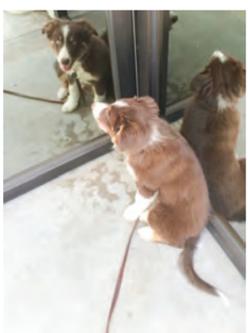
you through the process. It is incredibly competitive out there, and you need to have a Realtor that has experience and knows the best techniques to help you be the buyer that gets the house. Also, be sure you are pre-approved for a mortgage if you'll be using one. Reach out to me and I'd be happy to help you with either buying or selling, and I have great recommendations for contractors and mortgage loan officers as well. Enjoy your spring!

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Socialization is Important



Puppy Doug, learning about reflections.

By Laura Perkins,
Owner, Laura Perkins
Animal Behavior

This week, I want to talk about socialization. Socialization is a really important and popular topic in dog training and dog ownership. But as this concept has gained momentum, the term has accumulated many different interpretations!

The term socialization in dog training comes from another term. The socialization period. This is a developmental period in young puppies, under 20 weeks of age. During

this time, puppies generally are less likely to become afraid of new experiences. They are curious and want to explore new situations.

And aside, there is another developmental period called the fear period. This occurs sometime around 8-10 weeks of age. During this time, puppies are more likely to be reserved in new situations and they can even become afraid more easily. Like all developmental phases, the actual ages can vary by individual and breed. They are not set in stone. I mention this fear period because this is typically when dogs first come home from a breeder. The latest research suggests that waiting until 10 weeks of age to bring your puppy home has great benefits!

But let's get back to socialization. For our purposes, we are going

to consider the process of socialization as introducing puppies to the experiences and situations they will encounter throughout their life. This is most easily accomplished before that age of 20 weeks.

When you have a new puppy, it is helpful to develop a socialization plan. Think about what your life may bring over the next 15 years. What would you like to do with your dog? By picturing these things, you can make a list of the most important things to include in your socialization plan. For example, if you would like to take your dog camping, to hotels, to outdoor cafes or breweries, or to your kids' soccer games - those are all things to put on your socialization list!

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Now that you have your list, what do we do with it? My suggestion is to try to do 1-2 things on your list every day. Before your puppy has his first shots, you can start

with the household activities. To determine when your puppy can begin to go out into the world safely, talk with your vet and check out the AVSAB position statement on socialization (reference below). When you begin to take your puppy out into the world, beyond your home, go slowly and watch his body language very carefully.

If you notice that your dog is showing uncomfortable body language, that looks fearful or nervous, the most important thing to do is to give your dog lots of space from the event, object, or noise. This is where a lot of well-intentioned socialization efforts go wrong. There is a common misconception

that it is important for your dog to interact with things during socialization. But in reality, it is better for them to observe from a distance where they feel safe, happy, and confident. The interaction is a very tiny piece to the puzzle.

This is especially true for experiences with other dogs and people. Many puppies learn that interacting with other dogs and people is So. Much. Fun! This is great in way, you want your puppy to like people and dogs. But it can create problems too. A lot of leash pulling, barking at people or dogs on leash, and other behaviors we usually don't like can come from too much

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ON THE SIDELINE: BIRTHDAY WISHES, COWBOY BOOTS, SMASHED GRAVY BOWLS AND "JAWS"



By Don Richter
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What do the kids say?

"So, this happened."

Isn't that something the young people say nowadays? Dang, I sound so old. I certainly don't feel old. I mean, I have the usual aches and pains of anyone with an AARP card, but overall I think I'm okay. I think...

Anyhow, "so this happened" last week. What happened, you ask? Thanks for asking. If you should know, yours truly had a birthday last week. That's "what happened."

It's strange getting

older. I'm not going to say how old I am (not that anyone cares anyhow). I'll let those who wonder, do just that -- wonder. Here's a hint -- I was in elementary school when the movie "Jaws" came out. I remember standing in a line that wrapped around the theater parking lot and down to the street waiting for tickets to see the movie. I remember jumping out of my seat and hearing the entire theater scream when the head popped out of the submerged boat. If you've seen "Jaws" you know the scene I'm talking about. I remember later that summer being afraid to swim in our family's pool after watching the movie. To this day, "Jaws" is still one of my all-time favorite movies. I might go see it once again on the big screen. I hear the old Redford Theater in Detroit shows the movie every year.

That would be such a cool experience to see "Jaws" in all its glory again in a theater setting with a huge audience. Seeing the shark and hearing the haunting music would bring back a lot of wonderful memories.

So, anyhow, that's how old I am.

To celebrate my birthday, my family took me out for a steak dinner. I don't think I've been out to dinner since last year. It was nice to have a juicy steak and a lava cake (on the house for the birthday boy) and to see family again. Besides a huge gravy bowl slipping out of my brother-in-law's fingers and crashing down in the middle of the table shattering multiple glasses and plates, it was a good time. Not even a smashed gravy bowl could ruin my day. I think it's impossible to have a bad day when you're eating rich,

chocolate-filled lava cake and ice cream.

Adding to the fun night was one of my sisters bringing some old photos from back in the day to pass around the table. One set of pictures was of my sixth birthday. I still remember that day like it was yesterday. I haven't been that excited since that day. In the photos, it looks like my head is going to explode, my young face red and sweaty, as my Jack-O-Lantern, crooked teeth gleam brightly as I exuberantly smile. With my bowl haircut (mom, how could you?) framing my face, each photo in the set shows me opening my birthday gifts at the kitchen table. The photo with the largest smile is of me opening the box that

contained my super cool, outlaw-bad, all black cowboy boots. When I was that age, all I talked about was being a cowboy or a rodeo star, or both. So getting the unexpected cowboy boots was a surprise I still remember and feel to this day.

I wish I could be that excited about something -- anything -- nowadays.

"So this happened."

I had a birthday last week.

While at the steak restaurant last week, I blew out my lone candle on my lava cake the waitress brought to the table.

Everyone at the table told me to make a wish.

I paused for a second to think, then I blew out the candle.

I wished I was

JAWS



The movie "Jaws" is one of this columnist's favorite and most memorable films.

back sitting at our old home's kitchen table celebrating my sixth birthday. Dad was alive. Everyone was young.

And I was about to open the gift-wrapped box that contained my cowboy boots...

CHELSEA BULLDOGS WRESTLING

MUNSON EARNS ALL-STATE

By Dave Merchant
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Cole Munson placed 4th and is an all-state wrestler. "He battled back from an early loss to wrestle in the third/fourth match," Bulldogs

Coach Steve Chapman said. "He came up a few points shy and finished up a tough season."

Nolan Sinkwitts was knocked out of the tournament in the blood round, that

match determined who would be top eight in the state. "He had a good season qualifying for the state tournament and proving he belongs with the best wrestlers in the state," he said.

Socialization is Important

► continued from page 5 unstructured interaction with other dogs or people. It is such an important skill to teach your puppy to focus on you and to calmly observe from a distance when there are other dogs or people present, in addition to healthy play and positive social interactions.

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puppy soon or have one already, it's a great idea to work with a positive, science-focused dog trainer to develop and implement your socialization plan!

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CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

2021 GIRL'S TRACK & FIELD TEAM SEASON PREVIEW

From Loren Thorburn

All of 2020 spring teams throughout the State of Michigan lost a season. We had seven senior athletes last year not able to complete their final season of high school athletics. Those 2020 seniors were the following: Leah Burgess, Emily Chizek, Riley Davis, Morgan Kurth, Reagan Lehman, Myranda Montoye, and Hailey Neal. All of the seniors moved on to college and some went on to compete at the next level in athletics. Riley Davis is now playing basketball for Wayne State University. Myranda Montoye is running track for Oberlin College and Reagan Lehman is pole vaulting for Ohio State University. We are thankful for all of those 2020 seniors who contributed

to the Chelsea track and field program and wish our past seniors all the best.

The 2021 Chelsea's girl's track and field team wants to make a memorable season. We have six seniors that are going to make a significant impact on their final season. Those seniors are Breanne Black, Natalie Davies, Natalie Faleries, Morgan Majeske, Kasey Matusik, Kendra Patterson, and Riley Thorburn. As of the writing of season preview, we have three athletes who have committed to compete at the college level in athletics. Those include: Natalie Davies who has committed to run cross country and track at Wayne State University, Kendra Patterson who is going to run track and play field hockey

at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Riley Thorburn who has committed to the Coast Guard Academy to run cross country and track.

The 2021 track and field season will have its ups and downs, especially being part of a pandemic. One of our overarching goals is to make the best of our circumstances and train through the adversity. One of our main goals as a staff is to take as many athletes to the State Finals as possible as well as have athletes performing their best at the end of the season. We feel our seniors will lead the way with others stepping in to help fill in the lineups.

In the hurdles, Kendra Patterson will be leading the hurdle group. Kendra is shooting for plac-

ing high at the league meet and Regionals. One of Kendra's main goals is to make the State Finals in the hurdle events. Other hurdlers to watch this season are junior Molly Mannor, sophomore Brooke Matusik, and junior Anna King.

In the throws, we have a small but hearty group lead by senior Morgan Majeske who is looking to qualify for States in shot and discus. She will need throws of 30' plus in shot and 100' plus in discus. We feel she has power and the determination to reach these goals. Our other competitive throwers are junior Ava Woodward and freshman Lily Paddock.

In the sprints and jumps, Breanne Black is looking to make big heights (9'+) and see if she can make the State

meet again as a senior. Also, junior MaKayla Kegerreis will score many points in individual and relay sprint events. We feel that Makayla can make the State Meet in the 400m dash as well be an integral part of the 4x400m relay. Makayla also is one of our main long jumpers and we are hoping she can pick up where she left off in her freshman year. Other sprinters and jumpers to watch are senior Natalie Faleries in high jump, senior Kasey Matusik in the sprints, junior Audra Guthre in the pole vault, and sophomore Laney Smith in the short sprints.

In the distance events, Riley Thorburn will be one of our main point earners and critical leg in the 4x400m and 4x800m relays. Riley's main goals

are to make the State Meet in the 800m run and lead the 4x400m and 4x800m relays to the State Meet. Also, we are looking forward to the return of Natalie Davies in the 1600m and 3200m running events in the near future. She has the potential to make a State Meet qualifying standards in these events. Other talented distance runners who will contribute this season include: junior Rachel Bullock, junior Kate Gaiser, freshman Seren Angus, and freshman Trilian Krug.

As we come off of spring break, we are looking forward to a good start to the season with meets at Grass Lake, Pinckney, Lansing, and Lincoln over the next two weeks.

CHELSEA TRACK IS EXCITING

By Dave Merchant

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Chelsea track will be exciting this season.

Said coach Eric Swager: "Prior to last year, the guys had won seven straight Regional Titles...I believe unmatched by any sport in Chelsea School history. This year's squad is an unknown quantity for the most part, since graduation and maturity has changed the complexion dramatically since two

years ago." Swager boasts a young, strong distance crew. "This fall's cross country team was fourth in the state, and the main guys are all running track. Connor Alford was the top freshman in the state, any class, and sophomores Bram Hartuff and Zeb Swager were all region in the fall. Eric Reiber was All-state in XC, and middle distance runners Nick Spruce and

Owen Smith looked sharp heading into the spring. Jimmy Alford is a Senior that enters the season in the best shape of his life. We also have half a dozen more guys that could contribute," stated Swager.

"I am keeping our expectations wide open this year- but you can always count on us working hard and improving from whatever level we begin!"

Throwers Ryan Scott and Aiden McGuire look to pick up where they left off after their freshmen season. Both will look to make strides as possible state qualifiers this year.

They also have a nice group of newcomers with returning athletes who will have a great opportunity to compete. It should be an exciting season, one that we want to ensure doing so safely to be able to have a great season overall. Assistant Coach Kari Goorhouse said.

Vaulters Dominic Guthre and Parker Olk should place consistently well, as will Throwers Ryan Scott,

and Aiden McGuire.

There are most likely some "sleeping Giants" that will prove their worth as the season progresses, and the entire Track Fan Base should be fired up to see who the next star will be!, assist coach Dave Slusser said.

The sprinter squad is full of new faces to the track program, but shows much potential. Jack Krugh has provided steady Senior leadership throughout the pre-season and is poised for a great year. Nick Fisk, Brandon Snyder, Jaden Woody, and Dominic Guthrie are all varsity basketball players who are looking to make a big impact coming off an excellent winter season. Diego Mendel has been consistently keeping the sprinter squad energized and is ready to clock some great times this year. Many on the team haven't competed on the track team since they were in middle school or were sophomores and freshmen, so the beginning of the year will be exciting to see.

Said Swager: "I am head coach (27th year) and work primarily with the distance runners.

David Slusser is guys assistant, working with sprinters and High jump"

Bert Kruse - hurdles

Kari Goorhouse - Throws

Ryan Houle - Long jump

Shane Rodriguez - Pole Vault.

"We also have some quality volunteer assistants - Jen McPherson and Ty Santos."

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ership throughout the preseason and is poised for a great year. Nick Fisk, Brandon Snyder, Jaden Woody, and Dominic Guthrie are all varsity basketball players who are looking to make a big impact coming off an excellent winter season. Diego Mendel has been consistently keeping the sprinter squad energized and is ready to clock some great times this year. Many on the team haven't competed on the track team since they were in middle school or were sophomores and freshmen, so the beginning of the year will be exciting to see." said assistant coach Dave Slusser.



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advised that they would begin their investigation and would shut down that specific account since it appeared to be compromised. At the time of the report no details were available on any potential suspect or location of where these charges were made.

Letter to the Editor: Most Cost-Effective Tool for Housing Diversity Eliminated in Final Zoning Draft

The last chances for public input on the new Chelsea zoning ordinance are fast approaching. The Zoning Ordinance will be reviewed at the April 20 Planning Commission meeting at 7 pm. This meeting includes a Public Hearing on the Ordinance which is available at www.city-chelsea.org. When the Commission approves this Ordinance, it will be reviewed for adoption at the following two City Council meetings. Many positive changes are included in the revision, with one critical outstanding issue.

There has been much excitement and discussion about permitting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to promote housing diversity in Chelsea. ADU refers to adding an additional housing unit on your property, often called a "mother-in-law apartment". This makes it possible to keep younger or older generations close, or to provide additional rental income, allowing people to stay in their homes while adding more housing options for renters. The earlier drafts of the zoning plan differentiated between ADUs that are attached to or constructed within the original house and those that are detached in a separate building on the property. Detached ADUs were permitted in Single Family Residential Zones but Attached ADUs were not allowed there.

Since most residential areas in Chelsea are single family, this severely restricted the use of this important and less expensive tool for creating diverse housing opportunities, a goal stated in our Master plan and supported by

our citizens. It seemed that we were giving lip service to this goal while putting obstacles in its path. Why did attaching an ADU make it unacceptable?

One reason given for the prohibition on attached ADUs in single family zones was that it would be hard to legally differentiate between the Attached ADU and a duplex. To this point, accessory uses are clearly defined in the ordinance and could be easily applied to housing. (From the Zoning Ordinance, in Definitions - "ACCESSORY STRUCTURE. An attached or detached subordinate structure, the use of which is clearly incidental and related to that of the principal structure or use of the land, and which is located on the same lot as that of the principal structure or use.") Any lingering concerns about confusing an attached ADU with a duplex can be addressed by restricting the size of the attached ADU. Thus this reason for restricting attached ADUs does not hold up.

In addition, the following quote from the memo of 1/22/2021 prepared by the city's zoning consultants for the Joint Council/Commission Work Session on 1/25/2021 showed clearly that there was confusion and concern about why there was differentiation between Attached and Detached ADUs.

"One of the biggest pieces of feedback we've seen from the community lies in this table*. Folks want ADUs to be a permitted, primary use case for single family homes. I see that DEtached is listed as permitted, but attached is not. Why is that? Does that mean that if you have a sin-

gle-family home in RF-1 and you'd like to add an ADU onto your home, you cannot? And it also looks like there is not an option for a special use case application for that either, why?

Why no attached ADUs in R-1?"

Very disturbingly, in the final draft of the new ordinance, instead of expanding the use of Attached ADUs, this valuable option is eliminated entirely. Attached ADUs are never mentioned. ADU is defined as being constructed in a separate building. An important tool for housing diversity is not just restricted but eliminated.

Let's contact the council, planning commission and development director so that they know that we want to live up to our stated goal to actually increase less expensive housing diversity options by bringing back Attached ADUs in single family and two family areas. We also want to acknowledge the hard work and positive steps being taken in the zoning revision process. Contact information can be seen at: <https://www.facebook.com/OneWorldOneFamily>

*The table referred to in the quote is in Sec. 3.06 in the early draft of the Zoning Ordinance and shows Attached and Detached ADUs separately, with both being permitted in R-2 (Two Family) and R-3 (Multiple Family), but only Detached being allowed in R-1, the Single Family Residential Zones.

From the Housing Action Group of One World One Family Task Force

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