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Chelsea Resident helping Collect Camping Supplies for Homeless Community Members

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Those of us utilizing social media, have likely seen the heartwarming stories of the Polish people helping Ukrainian refugees. It's nice to see people being kind in a world that feels brutal much of the time. One need not travel all the way to Poland to find people being kind and trying to make the world a better place. Chelsea resident Renae Kempf

posted a request for items in an attempt to help our neighbors who need us. She wasn't doing it for a pat on the back. In fact she resisted being interviewed for the article. She tried to put me in contact with someone else. After explaining that she would not be the focal point of the article, she agreed.

Warming Shelters are closing on April 3rd. Those of us in Michigan understand

that nights may still be cold. We also understand that even when it's warm out, trying to sleep outside is not ideal for comfort. Camping might be fun, but so too is coming home to clean sheets, a shower and air conditioning. Maybe the Polish people can't prevent the troubles in Ukraine. Maybe you don't have the solution to homelessness, but you can make the tran-

sition from warming shelters to outside a little more comfortable. If you saw the heart-warming stories and imagined you'd be equally as kind when the situation arose, now is your chance. The shelter Association of Washtenaw County, Community Mental Health, and Peace House are asking for help. Donations of tents, tarps, sleeping bags, cots/ mats, **continued on page 2**

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From: Laura Brown, Adult Librarian

Chelsea District Library (CDL) is excited for the return of our annual author event, the Midwest Literary

Walk. Each year, the library welcomes acclaimed authors and poets to historic Chelsea for a day of literary celebration. Mark your calendars to join us on April 23 from 1-5pm for three amazing au- **continued on page 9**

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Story on page 10.

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camping stoves, bug spray, and other camping items are needed. Items can be dropped off M-F from 8:30-5:00pm at the Annex Building located at 110 N Fourth Ave Ann Arbor.

It is easier to look away from homelessness in the US when we believe homelessness is the fault of the homeless person. Our homeless population chose to be homeless unlike the refugees of war. But the reality is homelessness is inextricably linked to health. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, people living in shelters are more than twice as likely to have a disability compared to the general population. On a given night in 2017, 20 per-

cent of the homeless population reported having a serious mental illness, 16 percent conditions related to chronic substance abuse, and more than 10,000 people had HIV/AIDS. Unless you believe that a disability is merely the result of a bad decision, you can't just look away while passing judgment. Homelessness is often tied to attempts to escape violence. According to end-homelssness.org, on a single night in 2019, homeless services providers had more than 48,000 beds set aside for survivors of domestic violence. Homelessness does not discriminate, based on age, gender, orientation, race, ethnicity or religion. If you have items you'd like to donate but cannot make it to Ann Ar-

bor, Renae Kempf has even offered to help. Text or call Renae at 734-717-5910 and she will drop items in Ann Arbor for you. Over 100 people are currently being served by the warming centers that are set to close. Personal hygiene items like toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes and unused clothes, especially socks are always welcome through the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County. To keep apprised of events, check out their website: <https://www.annarborshelter.org/?fbclid=IwAR2ikB-sTaXLORK97LT-CeOCWVBd-CP5OnEGF8078aH-Qv2QAAM1kXzB-0Fwqs5Q> and their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DelonisCenter>.

CACC Announces Presenting Sponsor for 2022 Sounds & Sights



From: Terris Ahrens
Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC) re-

cently announced that Rick Taylor -Reinhart Realtors will be the presenting sponsor for the 2022 Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights Summer Concert Series and the Sounds & Sights Festival.

Now in its 17th season, **Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights** kicks off on June 2 and runs every Thursday night through July 28th. These open-air concerts are known for their variety of music, dance, comedy, and family entertainment.

In addition to the 9-week schedule, a two-day **Sounds & Sights Festival** will take place on July 29 and 30, which includes a classic car show, kid-zone, art market, chalk art, live music, farmers market, and social tent. The festival, now in its 44th year, helps raise funds necessary to support the free Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights concert series.

"Rick Taylor continues to support the community of Chelsea. His generous sponsorships over the years have enabled so many great events and activities in this community. We are appreciative and excited that he is returning as

the Presenting Sponsor again this year." ~ Dr. Jon Curtis | President, CACC

"Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights is one of my family's favorite things to do in the summer. I feel lucky to be a part of Sounds & Sights and can't wait for this summer," ~ Rick Taylor | Reinhart Realtors.

"Even during this transition year, as the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce starts to organize and plan these events - the support from area businesses, like Rick Taylor Real Estate, is so inspiring. These events would not be possible without the support of so many in the community and the financial investment of over 100 sponsors. That support is a true testament to the desire for these events in Chelsea" ~ Terris Ahrens | CACC

There are several sponsor levels still available for businesses, individuals, and families. Please reach out to Terris Ahrens, Executive Director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, to see how you can support these amazing community events. terris@chelseamich.com or 734-475-1145

April Events 2022

Jump into Fitness (DEX)
April 1-30
 Participants will choose their level: 1, 2, 3. You will receive a calendar that will indicate how many of each exercise to do that day in April. There will be one winner for each level. Everyone that completes the card in the month will be entered in a drawing for \$100 in FitFunds. To register contact the Member Service Desk.

Easter Egg Hunt (CHE)
April 1-30
 Paper Easter Eggs will be hidden throughout the Center! If you find one, complete the fitness task on the back of the egg and take it to the Fitness Desk to be entered into a drawing to win one of the prize-filled eggs! For more information see the Fitness Desk.

April Showers of Savings (CHE/DEX)
April 17-30
 Try your luck today and your purchase may be FREE! Pick a discount ticket and save on your purchase of any massage, personal training or logo shop product! Some restrictions may apply. See Center for details.

Mindfulness During Times of Uncertainty (DEX)
April 19 • 6:30-7:30pm
 From COVID-19, elections, extreme weather, and economic disruptions we've all been navigating some of the most uncertain times of modern history. Learn how the skills of meditation can help build resilience in the midst of challenging or unpredictable circumstances. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk.

Learn how you can connect with us! (DEX)
April 5 at 5:30pm and April 6 at 10:00am
 Learn how to use the APP as well as Member Self-Service Portal. Stop by the Member Service Desk or call 734-580-2500 to register.

Exercise and Your Positive Self (DEX)
April 26 • 6:00pm • Brian Castle, ACSM EP-C, Fitness Manager
 As we know engaging in regular exercise is a great way to improve your physical fitness. It helps keep your bones, joints, and muscles healthy. But not all the benefits associated with regular exercise are physical, and you may be wondering, "How does exercise effect your mind and mood"? For more information contact the Member Service Desk.

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Chelsea Area Historical Museum Seeks Items for New Decade Exhibit



Get ready for a return to the '70s, in all their platform shoes and bubble font glory.

The Chelsea Area Historical Museum is mounting an exhibit featuring that iconic decade and wants to borrow your relics and treasures.

"Our exhibit will cover 1960 through 1990, but we're planning a special focus on the '70s," said Glenna Jo Christen, CAHS vice president of museum operations.

The 1970s was an era that in some ways was a continuation of the tumultuous 1960s and a transition into the 1980s," she added.

"There were so many memorable fashion, fads, and mo-

ments in time that defined the era — from bell bottoms and maxi dresses, pet rocks and bubble font, Watergate and the gas crisis, "Saturday Night Fever," to "Sweet Home Alabama."

The museum would like to borrow things like a record player and albums, posters (like the popular Farrah Fawcett), toys (like a See-n-Play or Atari console), clothes, photos that help tell the story of those era, and Vietnam memorabilia.

"Let us know what you have," said Christen, "and we'll take a look."

The museum will provide documentation to make sure that items are returned.

CAHS secretary and co-chair of the exhibit, Janet Ogle-Mater, said that they items do not have to be Chelsea specific, and would happily accept any items from other places.

"And of course, we are also looking for Chelsea-related history and would welcome these as a donation. This can be anything from store memorabilia to a varsity jacket to photos," said Ogle-Mater.

"Too often we think of history as a time in the very distant past, and we ignore the eras we lived through personally," Ogle-Mater said. "But the 1970s were fifty years ago and we want to engage the com-

munity in showcasing it. We look forward to telling the story of its arts and culture, social and political challenges, and everyday life in our small hometown."

Organizers would like the items brought to the museum now through April, during regular hours, Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. Other arrangements could be made for artifact drop off.

For questions, please contact secretary@chelseahistory.org.

The mission of the Chelsea Area Histori-



cal Society is to gather and preserve Chelsea area history, educate the public, and promote the restoration and preservation of historic buildings and sites for future generations. The museum

is located in the 1853 Boyd House, at 128 Jackson St., across from the Chelsea Depot. For more information, visit www.chelseahistory.org or call 734.476.2010.

St. Joe's Chelsea Receives Excellence Award for Safety, Quality and Affordability for Fifth Straight Year



From: Von Lozon

For the fifth consecutive year, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea has earned an Excellence Award from the Economic Alliance for Michigan (EAM) for its commitment to delivering safe, high quality and affordable health care.

"Even in the midst of a global pandemic, our health care workers have consistently exceeded all expectations to meet the needs of

our patients," said Nancy Graebner-Sundling, president of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea. "I am so proud of our team, and I cannot thank them enough for all the hard work and dedication they put in every single day. Winning this award for the fifth year in a row is truly an honor and privilege."

To be considered for the award, hospitals must have participated in the 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Survey. The survey is created by The Leapfrog Group, a nonprofit that aims to take steps forward in the safety, quality and affordability of health

care in the United States through transparency.

Hospitals that receive the Excellence Award also earned all "A's" with Hospital Safety Grade in four straight terms (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Fall 2021).

St. Joe's Chelsea is one of 11 hospitals in the state of Michigan to earn the Excellence Award this year.

Other Saint Joseph Mercy Health System hospitals have also won the Excellence Award in recent years, including St. Mary Mercy Livonia (2016) and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland (2019, 2020).



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Scio Township's Land Preservation Program recently purchased two contiguous parcels totalling 20.754 acres. The parcels are on the north side of Marshall Rd. between Baker Rd. and Zeeb Rd.

The property is a mixture of high quality upland woods,

scrub woods and wetlands with frontage on a branch of Honey Creek. It connects to conserved land to the west and north expanding the block to over 259 contiguous acres. Most importantly the purchase provides public road frontage for a parking area and trailhead to provide better access to a previous purchase of 26 acres of woods and fields. Plans are to install trails but for now it's not publicly

accessible.

Scio Township's dedicated land preservation millage—which voters passed initially in 2004 and renewed in 2012, both by large margins—was the sole funding source for these purchases.

With this project the Township program has been involved in protecting 1,604 acres, with more projects set to close in the coming months.

Le Moyne College Names Madeleine Kennedy to its Fall 2021 Deans List

Madeleine Kennedy, a Senior Finance and Business Analytics major from Chelsea, MI, has been named to the Le Moyne College Fall 2021 Dean's List. To make the list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Located in a suburban setting on a picturesque 160-acre campus in Syracuse, N.Y., Le Moyne College is one of only 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. Offering more than 30 majors, Le Moyne provides a values-based education that helps students explore their potential through ac-

ademics, experience and service. In 2021, for the ninth consecutive year, Le Moyne was ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, an honor achieved by only 15

percent of the colleges and universities in the nation. A Le Moyne education provides students with the intellectual skills necessary to succeed in the world and the will to use their abilities to promote a more just society.

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The Common Grill Will Remain Open

Peas & Carrots Hospitality to take over operations



Peas & Carrots Hospitality, owned by Chef Zack Sklar, Jim Bellinson, and Josh Humphrey, has purchased The Common Grill from Proprietor and Executive Chef Craig Common. Peas & Carrots Hospitality plans to keep The Common Grill's legacy intact by maintaining the menu, ambiance and, above all, the loyal team that the community has come to know and love.

"I'm delighted to hand my business off to a capable team, one that I know will uphold the legacy my wife Donna and I have built in the com-

munity that we call home," said Chef

Common. "I will be staying on to oversee the transition and look forward to sharing my life long vision with the new team. If you stop in over the next few months, you'll see me in my chef coat passing through the dining room, enjoying the familiar faces I've come to know so well over the years."

Peas & Carrots Hospitality has a strong reputation for maintaining the beloved attributes of the restaurant institutions that they acquire, which was demonstrated when they purchased Beau Jack's in 2014, now known as Beau's Grillery, in Bloomfield Hills and Como's in Ferndale in 2019.

"The Common Grill has been a

mainstay in Chelsea for more than 30 years, and we intend for it to stay that way, continuing to focus on fresh ingredients, imaginative dishes, and outstanding service," said Josh Humphrey, Peas & Carrots Hospitality chief operating officer. "The menu will remain the

same, with guest favorites, including the Miso Glazed Atlantic Salmon, Parmesan Crusted Lake Superior Whitefish, and The Grill's Burger."

Peas & Carrots Hospitality's Culinary Director José Colín will work closely with Chef Common to ensure a seamless tran-

sition. Colín joined Peas & Carrots Hospitality after working for Chef Thomas Keller at The French Laundry for six years. Prior to that, Colín spent time in New York, working with Chef Aarón Sánchez at Centrico and with world renowned Chef Daniel Boulud at Café Boulud.

"I'm thrilled for the opportunity to be such an integral part of the Chelsea community, one that is near and dear to my family's heart," said Colín. "My wife Anna Foley grew up in Chelsea and has fond memories of her time spent enjoying meals and special occasions at the restaurant with family and friends. We look forward to carrying on those time honored traditions for everyone as we make new memories together."

The Common Grill, located at 112 S Main Street in Chelsea, will close after dinner service on Sunday, March 13 and open again on Friday, April 1. The three week hiatus will allow the restaurant's team to enjoy some well deserved time

off. Future dinner reservations are currently available Wednesday through Sunday beginning in April. For more information, visit www.commongrill.com.

About Peas & Carrots Hospitality

Peas & Carrots Hospitality is a collection of unique concepts led by Chef Zack Sklar, Jim Bellinson, and Josh Humphrey. Their lineup of restaurants in Michigan includes Social in Birmingham; Como's in Ferndale; MEX, Beau's Grillery and Como's in Bloomfield Hills; and the newest addition – The Common Grill in Chelsea. They also own and operate Bernie's in Chicago, IL. As a chef owned and operated company, Peas & Carrots Hospitality never compromises their standards, using only the best ingredients. They pride themselves on anticipating the needs of their guests, and are happy to provide environments where food is king and relentless hospitality is expected and over-delivered.



Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Names Benjamin S. Miles New President of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea



From: Bobby Maldonado

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System announced that Benjamin S. Miles has been named the new president of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, succeeding Nancy Graebner-Sundling, who began her retirement last week. Miles' first day on the job will be April 18.

Miles joins a strong and established

leadership team led by Chief Medical Officer, Alon Weizer, MD; Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Clinical Services, Cheryl Taylor, RN; Chief Human Resources Officer, Tonia Schemer, and Executive Director of Finance, Shannon Scott.

"Ben has a proven reputation as a results-oriented health care leader, bringing expertise in strategy, operations, process improvement, project management and finance," said Shannon Striebich, senior vice

president of operations at Trinity Health Michigan. "He is an articulate, effective communicator able to clearly translate complex concepts, which will help to strengthen understanding and alignment throughout our Chelsea hospital. We are grateful to Nancy for her dynamic, caring leadership over the past 10 years and we wish Ben great success in his new role."

Over his career, Miles has developed strong relationships across teams

to achieve business growth while helping improve the quality and range of health care services. Most recently, he served as the President – Health Plan Services & Chief Advocacy Officer at Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he significantly expanded the system's market share while building loyalty to the hospital among patients and their families. Miles leveraged his communication and relationship-building skills to connect with national

and state legislators to align leaders in the creation of effective health care policies.

"We are excited to be working with a talented, innovative leader such as Ben as we continue to grow and expand health care offerings in Chelsea," said Jeff Desmond, M.D., chairman of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea's Joint Venture Board. "While we look forward to the future, we are deeply grateful for the strong foundation provided by Nancy and the continued

dedication of the entire St. Joe's Chelsea team."

Miles earned his Master of Business Administration from Walsh College and his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Wayne State University. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and American Society for Quality (ASQ), along with numerous community groups to help improve health care and support diversity and inclusion efforts.



CHELSEA ATHLETICS



ON THE SIDELINE: DEER MAFIA, FLOWERS, SNOW AND SPRINGTIME



By Don Richter
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Finally.

I'm glad spring is here, but what does that really mean?

The negative part of my mind says spring finally "sprunging" means four more weeks of winter. It means at least one more heavy storm of the white stuff. It

means not putting away my shovel and salt. It means on occasion wearing my light jacket, but keeping my winter coat on the back of the kitchen chair I rarely use.

For anyone who's lived in the state of Michigan for any length of time, the beginning of spring doesn't coincide with the date on the calendar. That's just a given in the Great Lakes State. We've all seen this "movie" before, haven't we?

Last week, we all enjoyed temperatures in the 60s, with sunshine and blue skies. I actually wit-

nessed people in my neighborhood outside wearing flip flops and shorts last week. I love and admire their enthusiasm and optimism, but I just shake my head. Spring might have sprung on the calendar, but winter ain't done with us yet.

I hope I'm wrong. But I've been tricked by Mother Nature this time of year on too many occasions. Talk to me in May or in June actually and I'll finally admit winter is done and spring has sprung.

That being said, like most people I'm

excited for spring, warmer temperatures and longer days. Also, like most people, I have a litany of tasks I'm already chomping at the bit to get started.

I fractured my tibia last year and was on crutches and couch-ridden for the entire spring and summer. I had so many plans, but was unable to accomplish anything because of my injury. Now that my leg has finally healed, I'm ready to get started this spring and summer on everything I had to put on hold last year.

A few of the tasks

I'm hoping to get done this spring and summer include the following —

I need a new roof for my house.

I need a repaved driveway.

I need to install 14 outdoor shutters on my home's windows.

I need to put down 30 bags of lava rocks.

I need to plant five boxwood bushes.

I need to plant marigolds and begonias all around my house. I was told deer don't like either flower as a meal, so I'm looking to buy quite a few flats this spring and summer. I don't

know if the aforementioned deer information is correct, but my thumb certainly isn't "green" and I'm no flower expert, so until I'm told differently, I'll be on the hunt for marigolds and begonias this year. Last year, before my injury, I bought almost \$100 worth of flowers for multiple hanging baskets around my home. A day after preparing and displaying all the flower-filled hanging baskets, they were gone. Every single one of them. All that was left of my hanging baskets were green stems. No more **continued on page 10**

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

2022 BOY'S SEC INDOOR MEET 12 SCHOOLS REPRESENTED- NO TEAM SCORES RECORDED @ THE LAB, 3/24/2022 MEDALS TO THE TOP 5 INDIVIDUALS & TOP THREE RELAYS

Coach Swager's Comments: "This was a fun start to the season. Lincoln's track is a fine facility, and we had some good competition to motivate us. In all, we earned 4 medals, and hit a lot of lifetime bests."

Shot Put	Distance	Place
McGuire	38.8	
Scott	45.6	2nd
Peterson	29.4	
Shemwell	36.8	

60 Hurd.	Time	Place
Hilbert	9.46	6th
Kwaske	11.19	

Var 4x200 R.	Time
Hilbert	25.71
Turnbow	25.35
Shemwell	24.77
Sherwood	24.95
TOT	1:40.78

800m Run	Time	Place
Connell	2:07.38	6th
Spruce	2:07.22	5th
Grayson	2:31.05	

High Jump	Height
Fisk	5' 2"
Wehrly	5' 2"

Long Jump	Length	Place
Snyder	18' 11"	6th
Hopkins	17' 7.5"	
Napieralski	15' 11"	
Wehrly	15' 7.25"	

60 Dash	Time
Fisk	7.86
Hill	8.4
Alafita	8.94
Whacker	7.92

1600 Run	Time	Place
Connell A.	4:28.13	2nd
Kapolka	5:18.89	
Grayson	5:23.39	
Misha	5:13.98	

4x400 Relay	Time
Spruce	56
Misha	66.9
Leo	69.4
Jay H.	73.1
Tot	4:25.4

Var-4x800 R.	Time	Place
Nick Spruce	2:05.5	8th
Jackie Dell	2:08	
Bram H.	2:13.7	
Ethan K.	2:17.8	
TOT	8:46	

Var 4x200 R.	Time	Place
Snyder	24.94	7th
Wacker	25.00	
Napieralski	24.88	
King	25.14	
TOT	1:39.96	

200m Dash	Time
Wacker	25.50
Alafita	30.59
Turnbow	26.29

400 Dash	Time
Radu	58.0
Hopkins	62.34
Wehrly	62
Shemwell	58.71

3200 Run	Time	Place
Zebedee	9:59.14	1st
Bram	10:43.87	
Leo	10:50.30	
Jay H.	13:25.63	

CHELSEA ANNOUNCES NEW VARSITY BOYS SOCCER HEAD COACH

We are excited to announce David Thoms as our new varsity boys soccer head coach. Coach Thoms most recently served as our JV boys soccer coach.



CHELSEA ATHLETICS



CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

SEC INDOOR MEET WRITE UP

On Thursday, March 24th, the Chelsea girls track and field team traveled to the Lincoln Athletic Building (LAB), which hosted the SEC (Red and White Divisions) indoor league invitation, which kept no team

scores. We were excited to run our first meet of the season with our young squad and gain valuable experiences. We earned four medals in twelve of the events we competed in.

Makayla Kegerreis started the meet off

with a 2nd place finish in the long jump with a distance of 15' 3.75". Makayla then finished fourth in the 400m dash. Brooke Matusik ran a personal record (PR) in the 60m hurdles with a time of 10.53 (a 4th place fin-

ish).

Ava Woodard threw a PR in shot put with a distance of 30' 11.5", which placed 5th overall.

The following athletes had PRs at the meet: Madeline Collins in the long jump (13'

10" - tying her PR), Madison Morgan running a 2:46 in the 800m run, Aleya Smith, Laney Smith, and Alyson Baize, in the 60m dash (8.60, 8.79, and 8.81, respectively), and Elsa Baize in the 200m dash (31.15).

After spring break, we will travel to Whitmore Lake Relays on Friday, April 8th, with our varsity athletes. On Saturday, April 9th, we will then travel to Grass Lake for the Warrior Invitational with our JV athletes.

Chelsea State Bank, Employees Support Community Needs

Chelsea State Bank and employees continue their ongoing efforts to raise money to support multiple community organizations including Ele's Place, Shop with a Cop, and Faith in Action.



Ele's Place Donation from left: Dawn Kalusha, Nancy Zander, Emily Schaible, Joanne Rau, Marketing and Events Coordinator of Ele's Place Stacy Bodner, Director of Development of Ele's Place Lindsay Clark, Nina Herrst, Jessica Stubbs.



Shop With a Cop Donation from left: Dawn Kalusha, Lieutenant Katrina Robinson of the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department, Joanne Rau, Nancy Zander, Emily Schaible, Nina Herrst, Nancy Weir, Jessica Stubbs, Patrick Couture.



From: Felicia Mann

Over 10 years ago, Chelsea State Bank employees kicked off their Blue Jeans for Charity fund to raise money for local charities. Employees donate \$3 per person which allows them to wear jeans to work on Fridays. At the end of the year, all money collected is donated to the charities selected by the employees. The money collected in 2021 was donated to Ele's Place, Shop with a Cop, and Faith in Action. In addition, customers also donated to the Shop with a Cop fund during the holidays. Chelsea State Bank then matched the employee donations for the selected non-profit organizations.

"As the community bank, we want to do all we can to help safe-

guard the children in our communities," said Chelsea State Bank President and CEO Joanne Rau. "Families are at the heart of our communities, and our employees and customers continue to help those in need, both emotionally and physically, year after year. Last year was particularly difficult for many families as they struggled with loss and food insecurity because of the pandemic. I am so proud of our employees and the efforts they make to help others. They are true community bankers."

During February, each organization was presented with a check representing the donations collected and matched. Faith in Action received \$2,665, Shop with a Cop received \$6,300, and Ele's Place received \$1,700. A total of \$10,665 in donations went to these nonprofit organizations from the Chelsea State Bank

employees' Blue Jeans for Charity fundraising efforts.

"Through our relationship with these nonprofit organizations, and many others in our communities, we are able to help individuals and families achieve a sense of wellbeing," said Rau. "These partnerships are ingrained in our culture at every level, and our employees honor them wholeheartedly."

About Ele's Place
Ele's Place is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to creating awareness of and support for grieving children and their families. For more information visit <https://www.elesplace.org/about/EPMI/about>.

About Shop with a Cop

The Sheriff's Office has facilitated the Shop with a Cop program in both Eastern and Western Washtenaw County since



Faith in Action Donation from left: Angie Cavanaugh, Nina Herrst, Patrick Couture, Dawn Kalusha, Director of Faith in Action Sheri Montoye, Emily Schaible

2002. Each year Shop with a Cop teams law enforcement officers with nearly 200 youth from the county who are in need. For many, if not for Shop with a Cop, they would not have a holiday celebration. Visit <https://www.washtenaw.org/2492/Shop-with-a-Cop> for more information.

About Faith in Action

Faith In Action (FIA) is a community

funded assistance and resource center with offices in Chelsea and Dexter. The Bank was formed 125 years ago by local business leaders to provide timely financial solutions to individuals, families and businesses in the community. This tradition of community service continues today. For more information, please call 734.475.1355 or visit www.chelseastatebank.com.

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Teamwork - The Key to Enjoyable Dog Walks



PeeDee checking in for a treat on a sniff walk

From: Laura Perkins, Laura Perkins Animal Behavior, Chelsea

Last month, we explored how our dogs move when they are off-leash and free to move through an environment naturally. We discussed how these natural patterns of movement don't match up with our expectations as humans

taking a walk down the sidewalk. So how can we utilize this information to make our walks more smooth and enjoyable for both us and our dogs?

First, spend some time observing your dog while walking. Consider what things your dog likes to stop and investigate. Often, bushy vegetation

or vertical surfaces are full of scents that dogs enjoy soaking up with their noses. Once you know what your dog likes to sniff and explore most, you'll be able to predict where your dog will want to go as you walk together!

Next, be sure you have the right equipment. Using a longer

leash can make a huge difference with pulling. My preference is a 10' leash which works well with our wide grassy strips in Chelsea. If you are walking in downtown Ann Arbor, 8' might be easier to negotiate. Before you take this new leash on the road, practice! You'll want the end of the leash to be in your hand that is further from your dog. Your other hand is your gathering and releasing hand. I like to loop my leash like a garden hose on my leash hand. As we walk I let out more leash or reel in my leash so that it isn't drooping around my dog's feet. If your dog pauses, reel in. If they want to go sniff a tree up ahead, let the leash out. Keep your leash loose as much as possible so that tension in the leash isn't the norm.

The third key to team walking is to honor your contract with your dog. My contract with my dog is "I don't want you to pull me, so I will never pull you".

If my dog stops to sniff (without pulling) I will always stop. If I can, I'll let my dog sniff until they are done. Your walk might be more sniffing than walking, but don't worry! Sniffing is such excellent mental stimulation for your dog, they will be much more satisfied at the end of a walk where they were able to sniff to their heart's content rather than be hurried away from the rich smells they encounter.

And fourth, practice your cues before using them on a walk and refresh them often. I have a handful of cues I use on a walk to keep my dog and I safe. Some of the most important are: "Dog's Name" which means "look in my direction and there will be a treat for you". "This way" which means we are changing direction and once we do there will be a treat. This is helpful for avoiding traffic, other animals, or trash on the ground. "Wait" which means pause and when I catch up to you, you'll get a

treat. This is helpful for picking up poo, tying shoes, or if I'd like to stop to look at something (our human equivalent to the dogs taking in scents). On most walks, these are the only cues I use. The less I micromanage my dogs, the more we both enjoy a walk!

Finally; always, always bring treats! You already bring keys, poop bags, your phone, etc. Adding treats to the list is a small task for a big payout! Purchase a treat bag that you can use to keep your other things in too and keep it by your leash. There is a huge selection of treat bags or pouches on the market so pick one that you love and will look forward to using.

Team walking takes lots of practice, patience, and observation. But as you work on walking as a team and allowing your dog to explore the world as you walk, you'll likely find that you look forward to this special one on one time with your dog.

Chelsea Community Forum: February Meeting

From: Vincent Elie

Approximately 10 people participated in the Chelsea Community Forum (CCF) via Zoom on February 12th. Our recorded discussion can be found at either of the following links: The audio link supplies the audio only. The video supplies both the audio and video. Both start at about the 39 minute mark.

The following link takes you to the Chelsea Update's article regarding the Chelsea Community Public Safety Task Force:

<https://chelseaupdate.com/14-members-appointed-to-the-chelsea-community-public-safety-task-force/?fbclid=IwAR0oqvn6yC-fAabq8h8iyjIqmTzfhupOd893SPV8z66A6OAW-wntuHox6ww>

The topics chosen:

- The new Community Police Task Force
- The possibility of local renewable energy via Chelsea Power
- Federal Screw Works Site

A member of the Patient Experience Ad-

visory Council (PEAC) St. Joseph-Chelsea Hospital shared the staff's gratitude to the Chelsea community, acknowledging that the community's actions had a profoundly positive impact on staff members.

Participants noted that the Bobcat report on the Chelsea Police Department recommended that there be more community involvement and to this end the Task Force was created. The members have been chosen and more information on the Task Force can be found on the city's website.

Concerns were raised that with the resignation of John Hanifan and the potential retirement of Chief Toth, (he has since confirmed his retirement) that a significant amount of institutional knowledge would be lost during the transition to a new city council and mayor. Others expressed their sadness with Mr. Hanifan's tone during his interview with the Chelsea Sun-Times in which he expressed reserva-

tions that the city would ignore those voices that were different than those of the majority. Many noted that this sentiment should be acknowledged and not ignored, but they also believed that his concerns were misplaced.

Attendees asked if Chelsea was looking at renewable energy sources going forward. Ideas voiced included: solar arrays on school buildings or available land.

The difficulty is balancing effectiveness and cost. Some noted that sustainability may be a consideration in the hiring of a new city manager. Others noted that the county is planning to decrease its carbon footprint.

There was general appreciation of the park concept involving the old Federal Screw Works site on South Main Street. Some noted that the issues of deed restrictions, parking, and brownfield issues may negatively affect the project.

The Rockwell Building project is moving

Kalamazoo College Student Ryan Hanifan of Chelsea Earns Honors Day Recognition

Kalamazoo College student Ryan Hanifan of Chelsea earned Honors Day recognition on Friday, November 5, during Family Weekend.

Hanifan was named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll.

More than 300 students were recognized for excellence in academics and leadership. Students were recognized in six divisions: Fine Arts, Modern and Classical Languages

and Literatures, Hu-

manities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Social Sciences and Physical Education. Recipients of prestigious scholarships were recognized, as were members of national honor societies and students who received special Kalamazoo College awards. Student athletes and teams who won Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association awards also were hon-

ored.

Kalamazoo College, founded in 1833, is a nationally recognized residential liberal arts and sciences college located in Kalamazoo, Mich. The creator of the K-Plan, Kalamazoo College provides an individualized education that integrates rigorous academics with life-changing experiential learning opportunities. For more information, visit www.kzoo.edu.

forward with efficiency apartments. The brown-field issues are being addressed. Parking is being considered on North East Street and this may present some difficulties. A ride sharing program may be utilized by the residents of the Rockwell Building once it has been converted to residential living units.

The next Chelsea Community Forum, via Zoom, is scheduled for March 12th at 9 AM. The CCF 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. The meeting link can be found on the Forum's website: <https://sites.google.com/site/chelseamiforum/home>.

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Join Chelsea's Literary Event of the Year!



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 author talks, including former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins, international bestselling author Don Winslow, and New York Times bestselling author Ashley C. Ford.

Event schedule:
 Don Winslow | 1pm | Main Street Church (320 N Main St, Chelsea, MI 48118)
 Winslow is an in-

ternational bestselling author of over 20 novels. His latest, *City on Fire*, hits shelves in April. Winslow is the recipient of the L.A. Times Book Prize, among other awards. Winslow's books have been made into movies with Twentieth Century Fox optioning several of his novels.

Ashley C. Ford | 2:30pm | Chelsea First

United Methodist Church (128 Park St, Chelsea, MI 48118) Ford is a writer, host, and educator. Named among Forbes Magazine's 30 Under 30 in Media among other honors, Ford has written and edited for *The Guardian*, *Marie Claire*, and many more. Her first book, *Somebody's Daughter: A Memoir*, was an in-

stant New York Times bestseller and won the 2022 Audie Award for best autobiography/memoir audiobook.

Billy Collins | 4pm | Washington Street Education Center (500 Washington St, Chelsea, MI 48118) Collins is the author of 12 collections of poetry, including his most recent, *Whale Day and Other Poems*. Collins

has been lauded as an American phenomenon and likened to Robert Frost. While the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Collins's work is also humorous, touching, and approachable.

The authors will be available for book signings at the end of each of their talks, and attendees will have the opportunity to pur-

chase books from our local booksellers, Serendipity Books and Literati Bookstore at each location. Learn more about this year's event at midwestliterarywalk.org. Special thanks to the Friends of Chelsea District Library and Rick Taylor Real Estate for their sponsorship of Midwest Literary Walk.

Chelsea City Council Meeting; March 21, 2022

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
anbingham@gmail.com

The Chelsea City council meeting started at 7 pm after a 6 pm special meeting; Walsh Municipal Services for City Manager Search Discussion.

Call to Order;
 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States;

Approval of Consent Agenda;

1 Meeting Minutes March 7th.

2. Approval of bills.

Approval of Regular Agenda;

Public Comments: There were several people who spoke in favor of the potential park. People seem to be very excited about the opportunities with the park. Several people spoke on behalf of pickleball.

Public Hearing:

1. Amend Ordinance No. 155 (Sylvan Water & Sewer Franchise). The floor was opened for public comment specific to the ordinance. No public comment happened.

Council Business:

1. Amend Ordinance No. 155 (Sylvan Water and Sewer Franchise) - First Reading (Upfal) The amendment is specific to a parcel. The first reading motion passed.

2. Letter of Support to Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant (Upfal) The request to expand to the state game area. The Michigan DNR has requested a letter of support for the DNR to obtain the grant. To purchase the property. The motion passed.

3. Discussion and

potential establishment of a City Manager Hiring Committee - Tabled Item from Special meeting of January 26, 2022 (Pacheco)The council has determined that it is comfortable with Me. Walsh's recommendation. So no motion was needed.

4. Discussion and potential action to seek the services of an outside firm with the search for a new Police Chief and potential establishment of a Police Chief Hiring Committee (Pacheco) the motion to table police chief hiring committee was made. The thought was it's probably best to work with consultant to determine the composition of a hiring committee.

5 Chelsea Human Rights Commission request 2021 budget carryover to 2022 (Iannelli) HRC requested the \$500 not utilized for the civility events roll over for MLK day events. The motion passed.

6. Establish Farmer's Market for Saturday, July 30, 2022 (Garber), The motion passed.

7. Engagement of Special Legal Counsel - Act 425 Services (Garber) Potential redevelopment. Miller Canfield was recommended to help understand the process for 425 agreement. There were questions regarding how the services would be billed. In the City Budget it would go to the planning Department. It's a specialized area of Michigan law which is why the city needs specialized understanding. The motion passed.

8. Accounting Services Engagement Letter (Garber) There is need for help for accounting, during the interim city manager's contract, while the city manager is trying to handle both positions. The motion to hire Plant Moran was made. The motion passed.

9. OPEB Actuarial Service Quote (Garber) The city is required to update every two years. The city is due for its 6th update. The request is to use the firm that has done the work in the past. The motion passed.

10. Power Purchase Agreement - Energy Purchase 2024 (Schmidt) City of Chelsea has a need for energy purchase or 2024. Trying to get the best rate. This is a budgeted agenda item. Power is purchased in advance with other municipalities in blocks to get the best prices. The motion passed.

11. Dump / Plow Truck Purchase Order Approval (Bollinger) Public works maintenance needs a new plow / dump truck. In order to secure a spot in line in June. Truck delivery will happen in April 23. Funds are not budgeted but will be when the purchase is made. In four week there have been 2 increases in pricing. It is safer to secure pricing now. This purchase was in the capital improvement plan in 2018. The motion passed.

Staff Reports:

1. Interim City Manager There was no report.

2. Police Report 404

calls for service in February. The police are working on all the special events coming.

Council Reports: Jane Pacheco attended several transition team meetings, and had several discussions regarding the federal screw

works property. The mayor discussed the multitude of upcoming meetings she'll be attending. She is encouraging the public to join and get involved. Bill Ruddock, attended a school board meeting last week. Kate Me-

huron, no meetings to report. Peter Feeney, Charles Wiseley, Tony Iannelli, public safety task force met. Eric Keaton had no meeting but will be attending a meeting on Thursday.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned.

Chelsea Guardian

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ON THE SIDELINE: DEER MAFIA, FLOWERS, SNOW AND SPRINGTIME

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colorful flowers.

Gone.
Nada.
I had one day to enjoy their beauty. The next day they were a sweet, tasty meal for the “deer mafia” in my neigh-

borhood.

This spring and summer I’m fighting back. Here’s hoping deer don’t like eating marigolds and begonias.

Spring has sprung. I have a long list of tasks to accomplish.

I have to “make an offer they can’t refuse” to the deer mafia in my neighborhood.

I need to find my shovel.

It’s supposed to snow this weekend.

Spring has sprung. Or has it...?

Collage Concert Returns to CHS Auditorium April 9

From: Crystal Hayduk

Restore your spirit with beauty and joy when music surrounds you once again at the Chelsea High School Collage Concert on April 9.

Performed by student musicians, the concert delivers a collage of musical styles, with a variety of pieces flowing one after another with no breaks for applause or intermission. It features instrumental and vocal performances, including full sections of music classes and extracurricular music groups as well as smaller ensembles and soloists—all highlighting the talent nurtured through the district’s music program.

The annual concert was abruptly canceled in 2020 during the initial weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic. A hybrid version with a combination of live and recorded performances took place on the football field in May 2021 for a limited audience. But with Michigan in the pandemic recovery phase, the district is delighted to bring back the popular event the way

the community remembers it.

Chelsea’s first Collage Concert took place in 2014 to raise money for music boosters, immediately becoming one of the most well-attended musical events in the district.

“[Attending] Collage is a fun way to show support and appreciation for Chelsea’s excellent music programs in two ways: giving the hard-working students an audience for this unique concert and through ticket proceeds which are one of the major sources of funds for music boosters’ support to enrich district-wide programs in Chelsea,” said Lynn Harris, president of Chelsea Music Boosters.

At a Glance

What: Collage Concert

When: 7 p.m. on April 9

Where: Chelsea High School Auditorium, 740 North Freer Rd.

Tickets: \$10/adults; \$5/students and seniors. Seating is reserved, with tickets available in advance online at <https://chelsea-music-boosters.com>.

ticketleap.com/2022-chs-collage-concert/ or through the link at <https://chelseamusicboosters.org/>. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Follow Chelsea Music Boosters on social media: Facebook - @ChelseaMusicBoosters; Instagram - chelseamusicboosters; and Twitter - CSDMusicBooster.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

No News To Report This Week

Chelsea Athletic Boosters

can arrange for FREE pickup of scrap metal items only.

Please have your items placed outside of your house or business for us to pick up.

*Pick up only applies to metals.

A complete list of acceptable items that we will pick up is listed below.

No donation is too big or too small.

Call or email by noon on Friday, April 22 to schedule an outside pickup for Saturday.

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The Chelsea Athletic Boosters is a 501c3 organization

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