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NEWS BRIEFS

LATEST INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY ARRIVES AT CENTRAL FIRE STATION

Mayor Brian Arrigo joined Fire Chief Chris Bright Monday afternoon to unveil the newest addition to the City's firefighting force, a KME Ladder Truck that goes into service as the new Ladder 2 operating out of Central Fire Station on Broadway.

Mayor Arrigo cited the city's growth as a catalyst for modernization of public safety vehicles. "As we continue to grow as a city, it is important that our emergency services meet the demands to keep our residents safe. Investing in public safety means more than just manpower, it also means outfitting our men and women with the proper equipment they need to successfully do their job," the Mayor said.

The Tractor-Drawn Aerial (TDA) truck measures 100 feet from front to rear with a 100-foot vertical reach. The TDA model truck provides the kind of maneuverability necessary to navigate Revere's narrow streets and intersections, with the rear steering position, the tiller, steering independently from the front of the truck. According to the manufacturer's website, which features a photo of the Revere truck, the vehicle provides maximum visibility from the tiller position and over 500 cubic feet of storage.

Mayor Arrigo pointed out that the new ladder truck is the latest example of investments into the City's fleet of vehicles. "We've invested in new equipment for the Department of Public Works, a new Senior Shuttle for the Department of

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COSTA PARK TREE LIGHTING



Alia Sliger visits with Santa on Thursday, Dec. 6, during the annual Costa Park tree lighting on Shirley Avenue. City officials and residents from the neighborhood welcomed Santa to the park where they had cookie-making and lots of fun. See more photos on Page 5.

PHOTO BY KATE ANSLINGER

Five-year old killed in traffic accident on Revere Beach Pkwy.

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

She had just started kindergarten at the Garfield School this past September, and on Sunday night, her life was cut short by the driver of a vehicle allegedly driving impaired.

Adrianna Mejia-Rivera, 5, was struck and killed on the scene as she and her family tried to cross Winthrop Ave. near the opening of Suffolk Downs.

Also injured were two adult females, a 2-month old baby girl and another child.

An SUV driven by Autumn L. Harris, 42, of 19 Myrtle St., Boston, apparently jumped the curb, and struck the group as they waited in the middle



A letter for Adrianna from her BFF Ruby.

of the crosswalk to proceed toward Northshore Road.

Outside of Chelsea court Monday, Harris' aunt tearfully said her niece had allegedly

taken Flexeril, a muscle relaxer, prior to driving. Harris herself admitted to drinking a beer and vaping CBD oil before driving. CBD is a cannabis product, but contains no psycho-active effects.

In Chelsea District Court Harris was charged with one count of motor vehicle homicide and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Harris, who is employed as a pipefitter, also stated she had also taken melatonin prior to driving vehicle. Additional charges may be filed as a result of continuing investigation.

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SLOW DOWN

City installs new radar speed limit signs

By Cary Shuman

Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe said he has witnessed many motorists speeding on Park Avenue and constantly eclipsing the legal 30 mph limit in the busy residential neighborhood.

Keefe, who lives in that neighborhood, sponsored a motion to look in to the feasibility of installing radar signs that would be visible to the motorists, illuminating the exact speed at which they are traveling.

Mayor Brian Arrigo did some research in other communities and determined that the solar-powered radar signs would work best in Revere.

"The signs are a good way of making sure that people know exactly how fast they are going and be mindful of the speed they're taking on Park Avenue and around our schools," said Arrigo.

Arrigo said Police Chief James Guido worked hard to get the signs installed and in operation.

"At the end of the day, what

we all care about is making sure the community is a little bit safer," said Arrigo. "I'm happy to support Councillor Keefe in this motion. The residents of Park Avenue will be happy to know that things are being done on their behalf to make sure the speed issues are taken care of."

Guido called Keefe's motion "a worthwhile project," adding that he hopes to see additional signs installed in the spring. "I want to let the

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Garfield students helped push state's gun reform legislation

By John Lynds

Last summer, Gov. Charlie Baker signed important state gun reform legislation that now allows household members, or others in close relationships, and local law enforcement to file an extreme risk protection order (ERPO) petition with the court to remove firearms from dangerous individuals.

The legislation was in response to the February 2018 Parkland Shooting in Florida that killed 17 students and teachers at the Stone Douglas High School. The shooter, Nikolas Cruz, suffered from and a wide array of mental health issues but was still legally able to purchase guns in his home state.

Following the horrific incident students in Bridget Shepard's Garfield Middle School advisory class began discussing the shooting, the emotions they were feeling, different types of activism in response to the shooting and how they could better share their concerns and articulate their voice when it comes to gun reform legislation.

The students in Ms. Shepard's class began a letter campaign to Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo's office. Students wrote about their concerns surrounding the ERPO gun bill being debated on Beacon Hill in the wake of the shooting.

"It began with all of us having a discussion so students were well informed of the in-

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NO DOG LEFT BEHIND FUNDRAISER



Rescue dog Bailey works his holiday cheer on Jackie Bufalino on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the No Dog Left Behind Fundraiser in the Point of Pines Yacht Club. Oceanview Kennel owner Lisa Cutting hosted the fundraiser to help defray costs of saving abandoned animals in Revere, Chelsea and surrounding areas. See more photos on Page 15.

PHOTO BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

BEACHMONT TREE LIGHTING



Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and Mayor Brian Arrigo, who borrowed a hat from Santa for the occasion, were on hand for the Beachmont Tree Lighting in Arthur Cummings Square. See more photos on Page 12.

Eastern County ditch to be dredged

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

A notice of intent has been approved by the city's Conservation Commission to dredge the Eastern County ditch (once known as Diamond Creek), which runs from the old Wonderland property to Revere Street and in the Northshore Road area.

During last Wednesday's meeting of the Conservation Commission, Eurovest Development that owns Waterfront Square and has given mitigation money to clean the ditch was represented by Joe Peznoia of Hancock Associates. Bob O'Brien, head of the city's

Economic Development Department said there is no final figure yet, but he expects it to come in under \$1 million.

Dredging is expected to begin soon and must be completed by Jan. 15 according to the Army Corps of Engineers.

"It's a major important project for Oak Island and the lower Revere Street area," said Ward 5 Councillor John Powers.

Dredging is to happen behind Waterfront Square to Revere Street, under Revere Street and all the way north until the ditch crosses back

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Judge Matthew Machera imposed \$10,000 cash bail for Harris, the amount recommended by Assistant District Attorney Masai King. Harris was ordered to remain drug- and alcohol-free if she posts bail.

Harris is to be back in court Jan. 10 with Attorney Jeff Miller.

The continuing investigation will include completion of the crash reconstruction as well as analysis of physical, forensic, and medical evidence. Investigators will also review witness statements and consider the test results, still-pending, of an examination of Harris done on Sunday by a North Andover police officer certified as a drug recognition expert.

According to the State Police spokesman David Procopio, the preliminary investigation indicates that at approximately 4:55 p.m., the 2015 Chevrolet Equinox being operated by Harris veered off the roadway on Route 145 in the vicinity of North Shore Road.

The vehicle struck the five pedestrians — two adult

women, a female child, a female infant, and a toddler — as they stood on a sidewalk inside the median strip that divides both sides of Route 145. The resulting impact projected the victims and scattered debris throughout the grass median.

One 27-year-old woman was taken to MGH with non-life-threatening injuries. A 2-year-old child and a second adult female were taken to MGH with minor injuries and a 2-month old girl was taken to MGH with life-threatening injuries and is in critical condition as of press time and is in the intensive care unit. A 40-year-old female passenger in the vehicle was also taken to MGH with potential minor injuries.

The continuing investigation is being conducted by Troop A of the Massachusetts State Police, the State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County, and the Suffolk District Attorney's office, with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and the State Police Crime Scene

Services Section.

At the Garfield School students were sent home with a letter explaining what had happened and how to talk to their children about the loss.

"She was a wonderful little girl," said Superintendent of Schools Dianne Kelly.

"We will always remember Adriana's smiles and beautiful personality," said Garfield Principal Corbin Coutts

Coutts shared these tips in speaking about tragic situations to children

"Your child may have questions and worries about this loss. The following may be helpful as you talk with your child:" Kelly said.

Tell the truth. Talk about death vs. "going to sleep."

Allow for your child to talk about feelings. If this is the first loss your child has experienced, your child may not know how to respond and will be looking for your guidance.

Affirm all expressions. It's okay to express feelings honestly. Tolerate the expressions rather than dismissing them or discouraging the expressions of feelings.

Encourage written expressions such as notes, letters, pictures to the family etc.

Reaffirm that your child is safe and that your child is loved.

Affirm that your child's reaction is normal and you understand the way the child feels.

Watch for signs of trouble such as aggression, withdrawal etc.

Help the children return to as normal of a routine as possible.

Kelly said four counselors have been on hand at the Garfield School to help students and teachers deal with the loss.

"All of us, in our own way, try to make sense of death, particularly the accidental death of a child. I know you join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Adriana's family," Coutts said.



A small memorial has been set up in the median strip at the scene of the accident.

News Briefs // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Elder Affairs, a new truck for the Police Department Traffic Division," said the Mayor. "I am proud of my administra-

tion's track record that will enhance the City's ability to meet the expectations of the residents and businesses who

call Revere 'home' and improve the quality of life for everyone."



From left to right, Firefighter Frank Barry (RFD Mechanic), Deputy Chief Glen Rich, Chief Chris Bright, Mayor Brian Arrigo, Firefighter Louis Iovine, and Purchasing Agent Marie Zelandi stand in front of the newest addition to the Revere Fire Department — Revere Ladder 2. Frank and Louie have impressive mechanical credentials and were tasked by Chief Bright with assisting in the planning, selection, and build out of the new ladder truck. Ladder 2 will operate out of the Central Fire Station and placed into service after the holidays.

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CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE CREATES NEW LOGO



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Fr. John Sheridan stands with graphic artist Paul Ferraro of Beachmont as they show the new logo for the Morning Star Catholic Collaborative to parishioners. Fr. Sheridan is the pastor of the Morning Star Catholic Collaborative that is made up of St. Mary of the Assumption parish, Revere and Our Lady of Grace parish Chelsea/Everett. Morning Star refers to the Blessed Mother Mary who was the Morning Star on that blissful day when the world saw her divine Son, Jesus, arise upon the world on the day of His birth. Paul Ferraro created this logo to represent both parishes.

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down under Northshore Road. Peznola said the work will cover 2,600 linear feet. He said they have worked with the city to come up with this plan.

The material being dredged was tested and does have some contaminants. The material will be disposed of in a lined landfill in Fitchburg.

Peznola explained that there will be three access points to the project, one at Ocean Avenue between the two Vanguard buildings. A haul road will then be developed with a poly-liner placed

underneath.

"The sediment will be dewatered in certain areas to be loaded on to trucks to Fitchburg," Peznola said.

Another access point is behind the old Bianchi's at the baseball field and the final point will be off of Bay Road, the eastern most portion of the ditch.

The ditch used to be maintained by the Northeast Mosquito Control. But their method of "side-casting" the dredged material was prohibited by the Department of Environmental Protection sever-

al years ago.

"Until we clean the ditch the catch basins aren't going to work effectively," said Powers, who has pushed for this project for years. "It's an extensive project that will benefit the area for many years to come. It will be up to the city to keep it clean year after year."

Don Ciaramella, superintendent of Water, Sewer and Drains, said "We've done a lot of work to the storm water system, and all the outfalls are just covered in sediment. The water has no place to go."

Gun reform // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

incident and have a chance to express what they felt about it," said Shepard.

Shepard said the class began to discuss some actions they could take like writing to lawmakers.

"Most students said they wanted to take action and write a letter to politicians," said Shepard.

During her report to the Revere School Committee on the letter writing campaign and how it may have influenced state leaders, Shepard's student from last year, Santiago, accompanied her to the meeting.

Reading from a letter he wrote urging gun reform, Santiago said, "If we think of all the victims of mass shooting it would fill a whole page. That is why I ask for you to help make the U.S. safer for everyone."

During the students letter writing campaign last spring Joan Moscillo from the Speaker's office as well as City Counselor Ira Novelsky met with the students

regarding the ERPO bill.

As the bill moved through the House and Senate, Speaker DeLeo sent a letter back to the students and told them that their letters had helped him make the decision to move the vote to the House Floor and seek support from his colleagues.

"I'm proud that the House passed legislation to enhance public safety by allowing for the temporary suspension of a gun license in a situation where someone poses a risk to themselves or others," DeLeo said at the time. "In Massachusetts, we have the most effective gun laws in the country. Now, we have a new way to keep people safe and prevent senseless tragedies. I was so moved by the many students I heard from, especially those in my district including Ms. Sheppard's class at Garfield Middle School. Your voices are powerful and I encourage you to stay involved."

Then once the bill was signed into law, the Speaker of the House sent each student

a copy of the new law, as well as one of the pens that Gov. Baker used to sign the law.

Of the bill being signed into law, DeLeo gave special recognition to the students that influenced state lawmakers to move on this reform.

"With the passage of this legislation, Massachusetts once again leads the nation with the strongest and most effective gun laws in the country," he said in a statement after the bill was signed. "This bill will prevent senseless tragedies and help keep Massachusetts' children safe. I would like to recognize the students who raised their voices on this life-saving measure."

Once an ERPO petition is filed, a hearing must be held within 10 days, and if the court finds that an individual poses a risk to themselves or others, the court can order the immediate surrender of all weapons and the individual's firearm license. An ERPO can last up to one year.



Students from Bridget Shepard's Garfield Middle School advisory class during their letter writing campaign to influence state lawmakers for gun reform laws in the wake of the Stone Douglas High School shooting in Florida in February.

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Forum

REMEMBER THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

With Christmas just two weeks away, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or online --- as we do our last-minute holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although the vast majority of Americans have much to be thankful for because of a strong economy and a record-low unemployment rate, there are many of our fellow citizens who have not shared in the general prosperity.

Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, have been left out of the new economy, often through no fault of their own. Too many Americans, including children, either live in shelters or temporary housing arrangements because the strong economy ironically has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to high rents and soaring real estate values.

For these millions of Americans, the reality is that the holiday season brings little joy.

We would note that psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive that giving to others is the best gift that we can give to ourselves is indeed true.

So we hope that our readers will take the time and make the even the smallest effort to do something for those who are less fortunate. Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the bucket of the Salvation Army Santas, there is something each and every one of us can do to make the holidays brighter for others.

CONGRATULATIONS, MANNY LOPES

We join East Boston residents in congratulating East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President and CEO Manny Lopes on his appointment as the chair of the Boston Board of Health.

The appointment is another major milestone in the successful career of Manny Lopes, will now have the immense responsibility of leading the seven-member board that oversees the work of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

The fact that Mayor Martin Walsh named Mr. Lopes to this important position speaks well of the high esteem in which Mr. Lopes is held in the public health community and the exceptional leadership he has demonstrated at the EBNHC, an organization that has become a national model.

In his announcement, Mayor Walsh credited Mr. Lopes for having built "a culture designed to provide the best possible care for patients at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center."

Bostonians will get a firsthand appreciation of the expertise and knowledge that Mr. Lopes has in the ever-changing field of healthcare. We have no doubt that Mr. Lopes will excel at leading the Boston Board of Health and begin introducing new initiatives that will advance the health of residents in all Boston neighborhoods.

What residents will also appreciate is Mr. Lopes' accessibility and his reaching out to other local organizations in a coordinated effort to attain the desired goals. It's always been our pleasure to see Mr. Lopes at events in East Boston and neighborhood communities interacting with residents and community leaders.

This was an outstanding appointment for an outstanding administrator in the healthcare field.



CAROLING IS FUN, BUT DO NOT WASSAIL AND DRIVE.

LETTER to the Editor

THANK YOU REVERE FROM FOR KIDS ONLY

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my gratitude to the community of Revere and the many individuals and businesses who continue to show their support for our public charity, For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO).

Last month, on Nov. 17, 2018, more than 350 individuals attended FKO's 10th Annual Helping Families Fundraising Gala at the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Port Authority, United Way of Mass Bay, a donation in memory of Arthur and Gloria Jean, and CBC Construction. I am also very grateful to House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Sen. Joseph Boncore, Revere

together to support children and families in accessing out-of-school time enrichment programs. This year's event was a huge success, raising over \$70,000 through event sponsorships, ticket sales, exciting live and silent auctions and raffle sales.

I wish to extend a very special thank you to our Diamond Sponsors, including the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Port Authority, United Way of Mass Bay, a donation in memory of Arthur and Gloria Jean, and CBC Construction. I am also very grateful to House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Sen. Joseph Boncore, Revere

School Committee Member Carol Tye, and former Revere School Committee Member Dan Maguire, who all joined us to support this important cause.

We are grateful to all those who attended and contributed their time and resources to support the success of this event. Many supporters, community leaders, and friends came to the gala because they love, respect and care about our community. Others came because it is a way of giving back to a non-profit organization that played a major role in their life or that of a child they care about. And some joined us simply because -- as

a teacher, policymaker, city leader, healer or citizen -- they understand the important role afterschool programs play in the life of a child. Thank you. We could not do this work without you!

All funds raised by the Helping Families Gala will be used exclusively to provide scholarships for youth in Kindergarten through Grade 8 to enroll in quality OST programming over the next year. Families in need of afterschool scholarship support can contact FKO at 978-740-KIDS.

With much appreciation,
Deborah Kneeland Keegan
Executive Director

REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago
Dec. 10, 2008

Massachusetts Speaker of the House Sal DiMasi is predicting a 10 percent cut in lottery and additional assistance to the state's cities and towns next year because of the impact of the nationwide recession. Revere could see a loss of \$1.4 million, a reduction that Mayor Tom Ambrosino says will result in significant layoffs of city employees.

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino said that budget cuts could result in the closing of one of the city's fire stations in the spring.

Police Chief Terence Reardon said he is looking into the possible implementation of a local ordinance that would make it illegal to possess marijuana on the city's streets. The state's voters approved a referendum decriminalizing the possession of marijuana, which was opposed by most of the state's law enforcement officials.

The City Council rejected a motion by Councillor Jim Kimmerle that would allow

local bars to stay open until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Police broke up a large gang fight last Tuesday on Stowers Street.

Revere High announced this week that 82 members of the senior class have been awarded Adams Scholarships to attend state colleges because of their high scores on the MCAS exams.

Gran Torino, Marley and Me, and The Reader are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
Dec. 16, 1998

With the results of the statewide MCAS scores showing that Revere students generally are lagging behind the rest of the state, Revere School Supt. Carol Tye has unveiled a five-point plan geared to improving the Revere schools' performance on the tests.

Daniel Rizzo, Michael Doody, and Timothy Khun have been elected to the board of the newly formed Revere Betterment and Development

Committee.

The city is mourning the passing of former State Sen. Francis D. Doris, who died Thursday after a long bout with cancer. Doris died in his home Thursday with his family by his side. Doris, who entered the seminary with thoughts of becoming a priest as a young man, served for four years on the City Council before being elected State Representative in 1972 and then to the State Senate in 1978. He chose not to run for re-election in 1990 when he was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer.

Revere High School Principal Scott Lumsden outlined several steps that can be taken to avoid future violence of the sort that occurred at this year's Revere-Winthrop Thanksgiving Day game. Lumsden said more police officers and better bleacher seating for the visiting fans would go a long way to avoiding a repeat of this year's near riot that left two persons seriously injured.

The Prince of Egypt, You've Got Mail, and A Bug's Life are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

MWRA for a sludge landfill and essentially has told the MWRA to find another location instead of Rowe's Quarry.

The 27 students of Debra Molle's sixth-grade class at the Lincoln School are mourning the death of one of their classmates, Iris Allouise, who was burned over 90 percent of her body in a fire in her grandfather's apartment in East Boston last week.

Cardinal Bernard Law was on hand for the 100th anniversary Mass of the Immaculate Conception Church last Thursday.

The School Committee has given a six year contract to Revere schools Deputy Supt. Dr. Rocco Malfitano.

Former Boston Celtic star M.L. Carr came to the Lincoln School as part of the Bank of Boston's Stand Tall Against Drugs program.

Residents are mourning the passing of Mrs. Josephine M. Dunlea, who worked at City Hall for 51 years, beginning in 1924. She was named city auditor in 1963. She was 84.

Rain Man, The Naked Gun, and Scrooged are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
Dec. 14, 1988

Congressman Edward J. Markey has intervened in the selection process by the

40 years ago
Dec. 13, 1978

Mayor George V. Colella

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A SHIRLEY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AT COSTA PARK

Photos by Kate Anslinger

Last Thursday, Dec. 6, Costa Park was filled with festive activities for the annual tree lighting. Santa rode in on a fire truck for a photo op with local kiddos, and the Parks and Recreation Department manned a cookie decorating table. The event was sponsored by Ward 2 City Councilor Ira Novoselsky, Mayor Brian Arrigo, the City of Revere Parks and Recreation Department, Revere DPW, Revere Fire Department and Police Department, and The Neighborhood Developers.



Amira and Sofia Mouty show off a cookie they decorated.



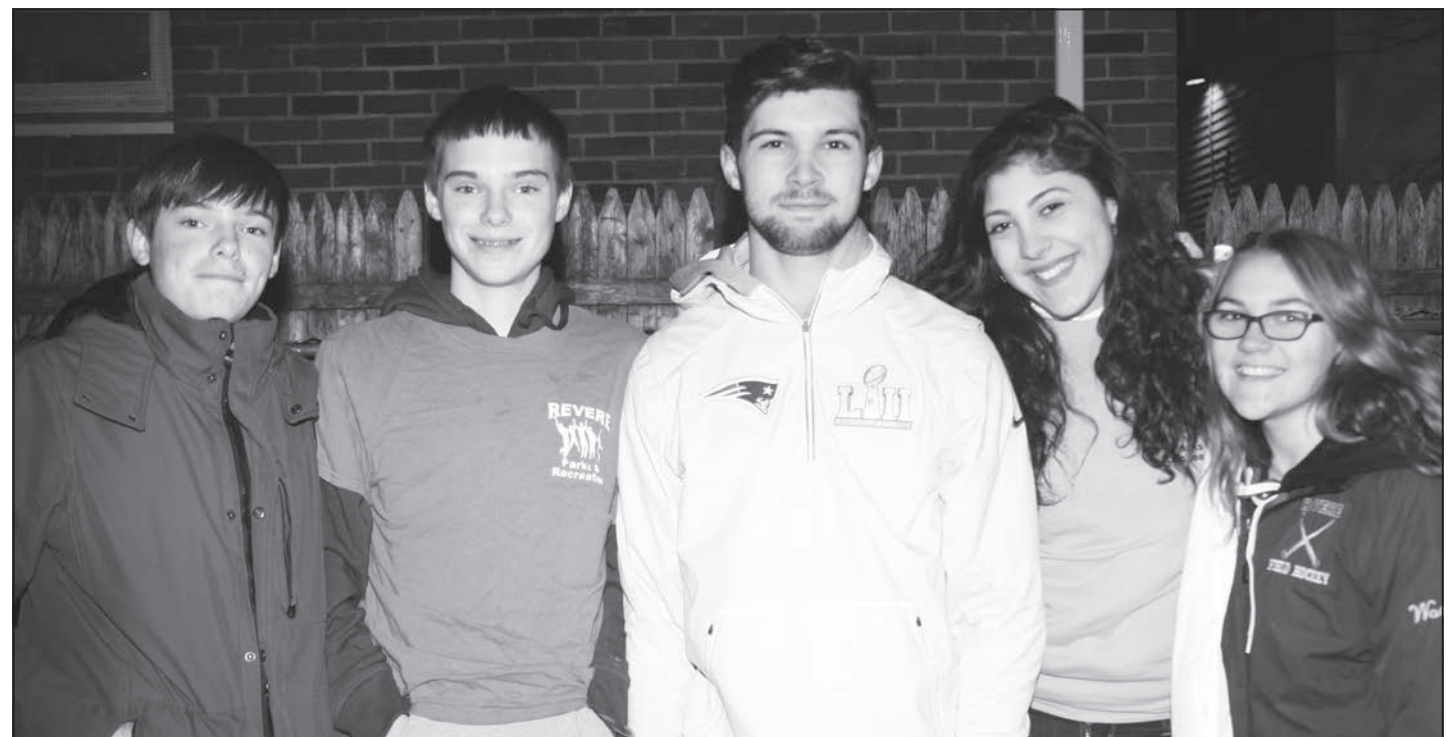
Cassie Connors and Tina Liberato with Santa.



Mayor Brian Arrigo, along with several sponsors and guests of the event, gather with Santa.



Emily Anslinger smiles with Santa.



▲ Volunteers from the Parks and Recreation Department man the cookie decorating table and give out free popcorn: Alan and Steven Plitsch, Jonathan Murphy, Gabriella Serraino, and Emily Woodman.

◀ Lorenzo and Nico Caraglia tell Santa what they want for Christmas.



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ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH A VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS



Lots of delicious pancakes and bacon went through the kitchen last Sunday morning.



Annabelle McPherson in her Christmas attire.



Wearing antlers and breakfast a great way to spend the morning at St. Anthony's Church with Santa.



Allie and her daughter Megan Esposito enjoying the morning together and getting ready to visit Santa.



Father George and Father Xavier with the St Anthony's Holy Name Society members.



Rudolph with Evalina and Tumieka Gillespie.



Angelina Pepe, Amelia Amodeo and Kayla Wright took the pictures with Santa.



Evelyn, Lucy and Anne Bello enjoying breakfast.

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Rudolph visit and had lots of friends with him.



The Farringtons, Joel, Samantha, Connor and Makenzie.



Santa and Rudolph and the gang wish all a Merry Christmas from everyone at St. Anthony's Church.



Dear Santa: Elizabeth Hopkins with her mom, Amy get in a last-minute request.



Bryana DiRoberto with Santa.



Above: Cayden Mederos and Addie Malfy in their Christmas outfits. Left: Silvan Leno, Maria Moscaritolo and Autumn Leno.



Ava and Lena Morris with Santa.



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SENIOR CENTER SNAPSHOTS



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The Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center Movie Club meets after lunch each Wednesday to enjoy both classics and new releases on a beautiful eighty-inch Smart TV. Seniors enjoy snacks and coffee as they view these great flicks.



PHOTO BY CAMILLE CIAMBELLI-PICCINI

Capic (Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc.) visited the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center to provide seniors information on fuel assistance. Pictured is Sonya, a representative of CAPIC.

CELEBRATING 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN GRAND STYLE

Attorney and Mrs. Antonio Abbene Jr. were honored recently for the celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary at the Winchester Country Club. The recent celebration was hosted by Dr. Edward and their niece, Claudia McCarthy of Winchester. In attendance were the Abbene children, Pamela and her Husband Richard Florida of Marlboro, Anthony "Skip" Abbene and his wife Karen of Melrose, and Grandson Charles Abbene also of Melrose.

Antonio and Florence were married on June 13, 1948 at the Saint James Church in Medford, and following the

wedding ceremony, had a lovely reception at the Sheraton Commander Hotel in Cambridge.

Antonio is a life long resident of Revere, and just recently retired from his law practice. He and his wife Florence still reside on Cummings Avenue, the same street that Antonio was born and grew up on. Antonio is a former Assistant Solicitor for the city of Revere, a former member of the Revere School Committee, and was the legal counsel to the school board. Florence Abbene is a retired legal secretary.



Attorney Antonio and Florence Abbene at their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

MENORAH LIGHTING AT CITY HALL



Rabbi Sruli Baron of Tobin Bridge Chabad joined with Mayor Brian Arrigo and other city officials at a Dec. 4 Menorah Lighting ceremony in front of City Hall ushering in the eight-day celebration of Hanukkah. Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novselsky led a brief speaking program. Members of the Temple B'Nai Israel congregation also attended the ceremony.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Rossetti Cowan Senior Center
25 Winthrop Ave.

Chair Massage Dec. 17 & 18
Therapeutic Massage can relax tense Muscles due to overwork or stress. It can also improve the blood supply to tissues, improve energy and alertness and relieve stress and anxiety. Barbara MacDonald Certified and Licensed Massage Therapist will be at Rossetti Cowan Senior Center she will be offering 15-minute chair massage from 10 to noon. The cost is \$10 per session and although walk-ins will be serviced, it is advisable to call for Reservation at 781-286-8156. Call the center for additional information.

Monthly Podiatry Clinic
Dr. David Kaplan Foot Doctor will be available at the Rossetti Cowan Senior Center on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2018
Only Routine Foot Care including cutting of toenails and trimming of Calluses will be offered. Referrals to other Specialists will be made if necessary for more complicated problems. Services will be a discounted fee of \$20 per visit.

Hearing Program
Free Frequency Test and case history Analysis, as well as cleaning are available with Mary Marino at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center, 25 Winthrop Ave for Elderly

Residents the next hearing date will be Thursday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. Appointments are suggested but walk-ins will be serviced if time allows

Blood Pressure Individual Conference
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Lunch Schedule Dec. 13 - 19
Thursday, December 13th ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS Baked Alaska Pollack, Rice Pilaf, Carrots, Whole Wheat Bread,

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Friday, December 14th Vegetable Lasagna, Three Bean Salad, Tropical Fruit Salad, Milk, Coffee, or Tea
Monday, December 17th Cheeseburger On Roll w/ Ketchup, Onion Rings, Tuscan Vegetables, Tapioca Pudding, Milk, Coffee, or Tea
Tuesday, December 18th Stuffed Cabbage, Oven Buttered Noodles, Chocolate Pudding, Milk, Coffee, Or Tea
Wednesday, December 19th Chicken Pot Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Whole Wheat Bread, Assorted Desserts, Milk, Coffee, or Tea.

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has named Arnold Eydenburg as the Acting Fire Chief. He succeeds former Chief Anthony Mastronardi, who has reached the mandatory retirement age, though Mastronardi is fighting it in the courts.

The City Council has rejected a motion by Ward Three Councillor Elvira Curcio and Councillor at Large William Bell that would fine a councillor \$25 for missing a meeting.

The decorum of the City Council reached an all-time low Monday evening when the meeting was forced to be adjourned with only half its agenda reached because of a shouting match between Elvira Curcio and William Foley. The meeting, which was adjourned at midnight, was zany from start to finish, with Councillor William Bell figuring prominently in the craziness.

The sentence of former City Purchasing Agent David Borans was reduced from nine years to time served, that being the 14 months he has been in prison. Borans was convicted in the bribery scandal involving the construction of the new Revere High School.

The Revere Historical Commission will present the fourth annual Sounds of Christmas concert Sunday at St. Anthony's Church featuring the No. Shore Philharmonic Orchestra.

U.S. Sen.-elect Paul Tsongas

spoke to an assembly of students last week at Revere High.

RHS grad Michael DeGenova has been named the MVP of the Boston University football team.

Police conducted two drug raids this week in their ongoing effort to halt the drug trade in the city. Some \$50,000 worth of drugs was seized in one of the raids.

Richard Dreyfus stars in *The Big Fix* at the Kincaid Theatre.

50 years ago Dec. 12, 1968
Local clergymen, police officials, health officials, and mental health specialists are banding together to form a committee to address the problems of teenage sex, alcohol, and drug abuse.

Timothy M. Cronin of 13 Norman st. has resigned as a member of the Revere Housing Authority, citing the heavy amount of time required by the job.

The Revere P.D. has received a new device known as a breathalyzer that measures the alcohol level in persons arrested for drunk driving.

The School Committee has given the go-ahead to the consultant for a new Revere High to draw up plans for the school.

Gabriel Mattera of 36 Roland Road is the new President of the Colonial Acres

Civic Assoc.

Clint Eastwood stars in *Hang 'em High* at the Loew's Open Air Theatre in Lynn.

60 years ago Dec. 11, 1958
An objection by City Councillor Charles Belinfante has delayed passage of a one-side parking ban on various streets throughout the city. However, Police Chief Colin A.W. Gillis has asked city residents to begin implementing the restrictions on a voluntary basis immediately.

Revere Athletic Director Silvio Cella has announced that Revere and Winthrop will resume football relations next season, though not on Thanksgiving Day. Winthrop and Revere played 29 Thanksgiving Day games before Winthrop severed relations in 1946 following a fight on the field and a riot in the stands that left a Winthrop player seriously hurt when an underdog Winthrop team defeated Revere. The schools previously had severed relations in the late 1920s for similar reasons.

School Supt. Carl Lindstol has agreed to create the post of part time director of guidance in the school system that will be filled by a teacher. Four teachers presently are serving as guidance counselors.

Local residents are receiving their Christmas Club checks this week. The Chelsea Savings Bank on Pleasant st. reports mailing out 2500 checks, worth about \$250,000, to local residents for their Christmas shopping.

Alfred F. Manuele of 55 Roland St. is the president of the newly formed Colonial Acres Civic Association.

Julius Goldman, one of the owners of the Revere Airport on Squire Road, has revealed plans for the proposed Northgate Shopping Center on the site.

Danny Kaye and Curt Jurgens star in *Me and the Colonel* at the Revere Drive In, which will be closing for the winter this week. Andy Griffith stars in *Onionhead* at the

Revere Theatre.

70 years ago Dec. 9, 1948
Thieves cracked the safe at Crescent Motor Sales, 479 Broadway, and made off with over \$2,000.

The City Council voted to place all municipal workers, other than firemen, police, and teachers, on a 40-hour work week.

City Councillor Leonard Ginsburg took the stand as the state's principal witness in the trial of eight city officials, including City Councillors Charles Freeman and Roland Merullo, on bribery charges in Suffolk Superior Court. Ginsburg has pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy and bribery. However, in return for his testimony against his fellow councillors, his conviction was not pressed, meaning it will not be prosecuted by the Attorney General's office.

A highlight of the social season was Wednesday evening's victory dinner and dance of the Revere Memorial Hospital at the Hotel Bradford in Boston that was attended by 400 persons.

Revere's Irving Heller has been named Boston University's Football Player of the Year for his accomplishments on the gridiron for the Terriers this season. Heller, a junior, reportedly is being eyed by some of the pro teams after he graduates from B.U.

Babies born today are expected to have a life span of 66 years. By comparison, Americans who were born in 1900 have an average life span of 49. The large number of babies being born today, coupled with a longer life expectancy, raises many questions about how our country will care for so many old people in the latter part of this century and the start of the next century.

John Wayne, Montgomery Clift, Walter Brennan, and Joanne Dru star in *Howard Hawks' Red River* at the Revere and Boulevard theatres.


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REVERE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POT OF GOLD DRAWING

The Revere Knights of Columbus, under the direction of their Grand Knight John Verrengia and his officers, held their annual \$5,000 drawing last Wednesday evening. This event helps support the lodge and all its good works in the community such as free breakfasts, dinners and other like events all for the betterment for the City of Revere and its residents.

The event included a delicious Italian buffet from DeMaino's restaurant and raffle prizes. Wheelabrator through Councillor Tony Zambuto donated two very festive holiday baskets to the raffle and School Committee member Michael Ferrante donated the third. Gift cards from Honey Dew Donut, from Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria were also on the raffle table. Cash prizes, besides the \$5,000 first prize included several 50"-100 and a 500, and the grand prize of \$5,000.

The evening was a huge success with more than 200 tickets sold, Grand Knight John Verrengia was pleased and wished all a happy and healthy holiday season and vowed to see everyone again next year.



The holiday basket winners, Clarice Saldi, Cheri Brangoforte and Steve Reardon are shown with from left, Councillor Tony Zambuto, School Committee member Fred Sannella, Fr. Dan, School Committee member Michael Ferrante, DKG Jim Williams, GK John Verrengia, Councillor John Powers, Mayor Brian Arrigo and RPD Chief James Guido.



Early arrivals, Gail and Richard Pasquariello, Fran Sarro and Bob Serino.



Father Dan Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church drew the winner of the holiday baskets for the raffle.



THE WINNER

Left: The 2018 grand prize winner of the \$5,000 drawing is Revere City Councillor Tony Zambuto, shown with K of C Officers, Treasurer Michael Piccardi, Grand Knight John Verrengia and Deputy Grand Knight Jimmy Williams.



Michael Piccardi and his daughter Pina sort out the incoming tickets.



Madelyn Williams with the two gift baskets from Wheelabrator.



Grand Knight John Verrengia and the check-in committee, Rosalie Serena, Alberta Verrengia and Joyce Williams.



Grand Knight John Verrengia with Lenny DeMaino of DeMaino's Restaurant, PGK Frank D'Angelo and School Committee member Gerry Visconti.



K of C Warden Vito Surdo reaches in the basket holding all the tickets for the grand-prize winner of \$5,000 as Deputy Grand Knight Jim Williams looks on.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Carroll

Revere's first honorary firefighter

As the Journal went to press, word has been received that Michael J. Carroll, one of the Revere community's most popular volunteers, passed away following a seven-month battle with congenital heart disease late on Monday, Dec. 10 at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston.

Most recently, Revere Fire Chief Christopher P. Bright awarded Michael Revere's First Honorary Firefighter Badge (#51 Squad) at his hospital bedside.

The beloved son of John F. Carroll of Revere and the late Marna S. (Kelley) Carroll, Michael was the adored grandson of Jean Kelley-Martin of Revere and the late Donald A. Kelley and Joseph A. Martin; the devoted brother of: Brian J. Carroll of Revere, the proud Godson and nephew to Colleen C. Kelley and her husband, James Wakely of Lynn and the cherished nephew to: Lance A. Kelley and his wife, Diane and Donna J. Dicks and Cynthia A. Welch, all of Revere, and Lorraine Brown and her late husband, Chelsea Police Sgt. Weldon Brown, Joseph Carroll and his wife, Maryann, all of Chelsea, Patricia Smith of Billerica, June Carroll of Everett and the late George Carroll and his late wife, Janet. Many faithful



cousins and a large congregation of extended family and friends also survive Michael.

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Friday, Dec. 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio & Smith Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway, Revere. His Funeral will be conducted from the Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church (Corner of Beach Street and Winthrop Avenue) at 11 a.m. Entombment at Woodlawn Chapel Columbarium will be held privately at a later time. Flowers are welcome, however, remembrances may be made to: Boston Children's Hospital Trust, 401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215-3354. For additional information, please visit: www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

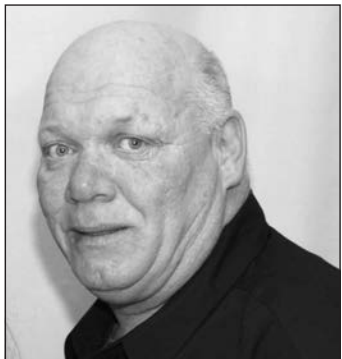
Richard Lawrence Curtis

Of East Boston, formerly of Revere

Richard Lawrence Curtis of East Boston, formerly of Revere, passed away suddenly on Dec. 8.

The beloved husband of Elizabeth (Puzzo) Curtis, he was the devoted father of Christopher Curtis and his daughter, Angela of Revere, loving son of the late Doris "Bingo" Bigwood and Dave Bigwood and is also survived by many loving brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Richard's life by gathering on Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston from 3 to 6 p.m.



In lieu of flowers and in honoring Richard's life, memorial donations may be made to Richard's family to help defray funeral expenses. For more information or to send an online condolence, visit: ruggieromh.com.

Claude Joseph Mercurio

Lifelong Beachmont resident

Claude Joseph Mercurio, a lifelong resident of Beachmont, Revere, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Dec. 8 at the age of 97.

Claude proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

He was the beloved husband of the late Edith "Edie" (Rizzo), devoted father of Claudette Mercurio-Ash and her husband, Bill of Wakefield, Michael Mercurio and James Mercurio and his wife, Deborah, all of Revere; cherished grandfather of Cameron, Tyler, Christian and Nicholas; dear brother of Elodia D'Agosta and her late husband, Joe. Michael Mercurio and his late wife, Lorraine and the late Mary Ferrante. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

His Funeral will be held from the Paul Buonfiglio &



Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St., Revere on Monday, Dec. 17 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Winthrop at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A visitation will be held on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boston Children's Hospital, Attn: Development, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Michele Moscone

Of Saugus, formerly of Revere

Michele (DeVincenzi) Moscone of Saugus, formerly of Revere, died on Dec. 6 at the age of 64.

The beloved wife of the late Nicholas H. Moscone, she was the devoted mother of Jennifer Dinarello and her husband, Dave and Leanne and Nick Moscone III, all of Saugus; cherished grandmother of Sophia Rose Dinarello and Anthony Nicholas Dinarello and dear sister of the late Arthur "AJ" DeVincenzi and his surviving wife, Irene of Revere. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. She was the adoring sister in law to Susan Mirabello and her husband, Robert of Saugus, Henry Moscone and his wife, Terry of New Hampshire and the late Stephen Moscone



of Saugus. Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Brain Science Foundation 148 Linden St., #303 Wellesley, MA 02482. For guest book please visit: www.Buonfiglio.com.

Charles Daily

Retired Mass. Department of Transportation Civil engineer

Charles H. Daily of Winthrop passed away suddenly on Dec. 5. He

was 93 years old. Charles was a graduate of Winthrop High School and a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. After his military service, he graduated from Boston College where he earned his bachelor's degree. Charles was a retired civil engineer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Transportation.



The beloved husband of the late Irene L. (Paige) Daily, he was born in Winthrop, the son of the late Charles A. and Gertrude M. (White) Daily. He was the devoted father of Irene L. Doucette of Winthrop, Jacqueline A. LeClair and her husband, Richard of Waltham and Lisa A. Talacci and her husband, Anthony of Cohasset; adored grandfather of Michael DiCarlo Jr., Jack and Charlie LeClair and Katie and Danny Talacci and the dear brother of John W. Daily of Lowell and the late Marie G. Alagero. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, Winthrop. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop on Dec. 10. Burial took place in Winthrop Cemetery, (Belle Isle Section.) For guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

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Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe, Mayor Brian Arrigo, and Police Chief James Guido are pictured adjacent to the new radar speed limit sign that has been installed on Park Avenue. The installation of the sign followed a motion made by Keefe at a City Council meeting.

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people know the signs are for main roads and not for side streets. The signs are very costly and are for areas with a high traffic count," said Guido.

Keefe said he was excited to have the Mayor's Office and the Police Department support his motion.

"Park Avenue is a major through-way for our city, so anything we can do to help slow down the drivers and make them aware how fast they're going, it adds to the

safety of the community," said O'Keefe.

The councillor added that he was pleased to see the signs being installed throughout the city, including on Washington Avenue and Sargent Street.

"It's going to make our community even safer," said Keefe.

"We have put in a new speed limit signs in area that we know that have experienced higher rates of speed in the city," said Arrigo.

Michael Edward Kraby

Of East Boston, formerly of Revere

With deep sadness Michael Edward Kraby, unexpectedly passed away on Dec. 2, 2018. Born, Feb. 17, 1967, son of the late Joseph Warren Kraby and Dottie Ferrara Kraby, survived by 5 brothers and sisters, Joseph "Jay" Kraby, Barbara Costantino, Elaine "Pic"



Ferrara, Karen Blandino and Richard S. Kraby, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was the uncle of the late Britney Costantino, who passed on Dec. 8, 2017.

Richard graduated from Revere High.

He worked as a landscaper and car detailer. Please contact the family for details about arrangements.

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was 93 years old. Charles was a graduate of Winthrop High School and a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. After his military service, he graduated from Boston College where he earned his bachelor's degree. Charles was a retired civil engineer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Transportation.

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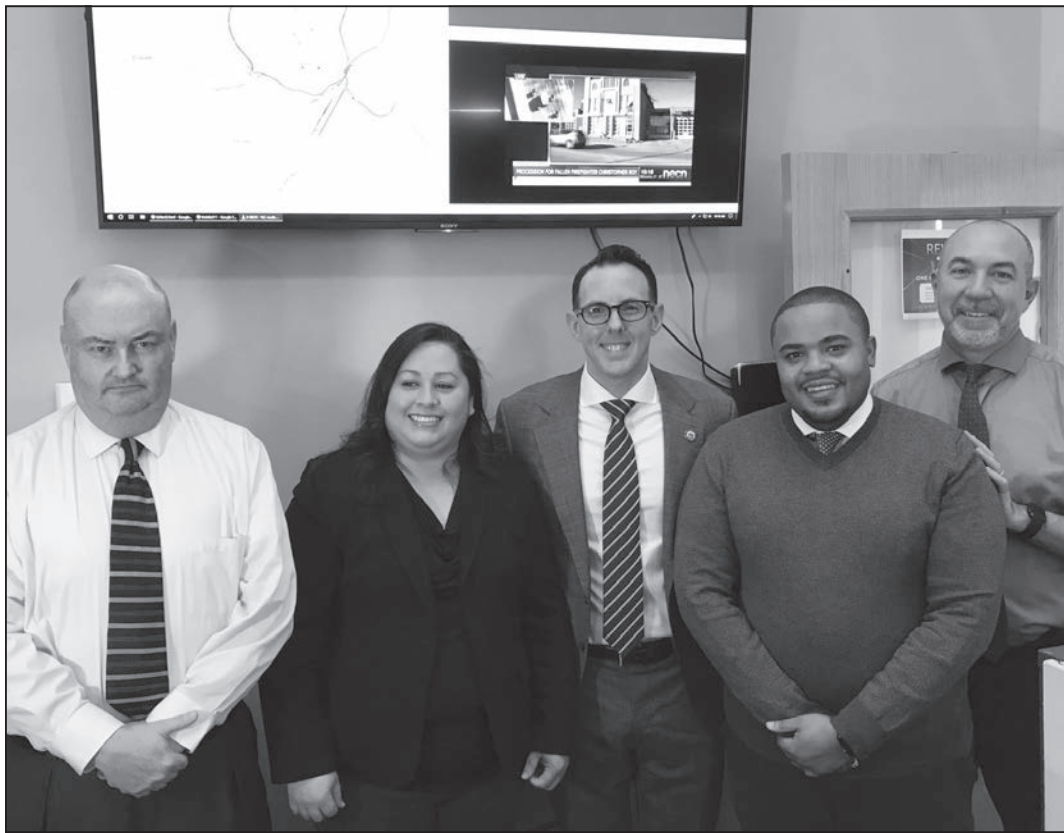
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The Revere311 team, from left: Allan Fitzmaurice, Angelica Ramirez, Mayor Brian Arrigo, Randall Mondestin, Reuben Kantor.

City departments have responded to nearly 7,000 requests for service

Mayor Brian Arrigo announced this week that in its first year of implementation, Revere311 constituent services has answered more than 27,000 calls and worked with city departments to respond to nearly 7,000 requests for service – from plowing requests and down trees to catch basin cleaning and pothole repair. The Mayor joined Revere311 staff to celebrate the office's first birthday and take calls from residents.

"The people of Revere deserve the very best service from their city government. We're using Revere311 to learn about and respond to our residents' needs and operate the city more efficiently," Mayor Arrigo said. "In just our first year of implementation, we're already using data to inform better policy and make changes that have a real impact on everyday quality of life for our people."

In addition to answering

resident questions, Revere311 works closely with most city departments -- especially the Department of Public Works and the Inspectional Services Department -- to ensure constituent requests are submitted, tracked, and resolved as quickly as possible. In response to calls into Revere311 in its first year, DPW teams repaired over 600 potholes, trimmed and maintained over 400 trees, replaced or repaired nearly 400 signs and cleared nearly 90 catch basins, completing nearly 5,000 work orders created by 311 calls and online requests. In addition, ISD inspected over 1,600 properties in response to resident requests.

Revere311 has also created three new jobs for Revere residents. Staff at Revere311 speak English, Spanish and Haitian Creole and answer approximately 500 calls per week. The highest volume of calls came with severe weather

in January 2018, when residents were seeking information about school closings and parking restrictions and to submit requests for plowing and clearing of down trees.

Residents can dial 311 or download the Revere311 mobile app to report issues including potholes, missed trash pickups and faded street signs, as well as get answers to hundreds of frequently asked questions. In addition to the phone number and the Revere 311 app, residents can make service requests and look up issues via the Knowledge Base at www.revere.org/311.

Implementation of Revere311 was made possible with help from a \$54,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Community Compact IT Grant Program, a competitive grant program focused on driving innovation and transformation at the local level through investments in technology.

AROUND THE CITY

MADLINE'S CHRISTMAS

Cafe Cod Theatre Company/Harwich Junior Theatre presents this delightful seasonal musical play through Dec. 30. capecodtheatrecompany.org, info@capecodtheatrecompany.org, 508-532-2002.

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER

Singers' Showcase: Retro-Future-Icons of the '80s is performed Dec. 13, 8 p.m., \$10/\$15; Celebrity Series presents Charles Lloyd and the Marvels and Lucinda Williams, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., \$45,\$55,\$65; Berklee Symphonic Winds: American Legends, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., free; Crossroads presents the Oh Hellos with special guest The Family Crest, in their Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 18, 8 p.m., at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston.

RED ROOM CAFE

Appearing at the Red Room Cafe at 939 Boylston St.,

Boston are: Doe Paoro and Matt Sucich,, Dec.12, All the Possibilities, Broadway Sings Wartofsky, Dec. 13; all at 8 p.m. "Roswitha: a new musical by Kevin Bleau and David Schrag, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.

MIRANDA

Atlantic Works Gallery features new works by George Shaw and Dominick Takis through Dec. 28. Reception Third Thursday, Dec. 20, 6-9 p.m., 80 Border St. Third Floor, Boston. Gallery hours Fridays, Saturday, 2-6 p.m., and by appointment.

BARBERSHOP CHRONICLES

American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) presents this stirring new play, through Jan. 5, 2018, as part of its US premiere tour, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge. Tickets start at \$25, subscriber, member, groups, student, senior, Blue star families EBT cardholders and other discounts.. americanrepertorytheater.org, 617-547-8300.

A CALAMARI SISTERS CHRISTMAS

The Regent Theatre presents a limited run - through Dec. 23 - of this riotous singing, dancing, and cooking extravaganza with Calamari Sisters, Delphine and Carmela, 7 Medford St., Arlington: Thursday, 2 and 7 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2,8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$30-\$60. 781-646-4849; RegentTheatre.com.

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

Boston Children's Theatre brings back its annual Christmas treat for children and the young-at-heart, ending Dec.15, with shows 2 and 4 p.m., at Boston Center for the Arts, Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Bostontheatrescene.com.

A STORY BEYOND, A MUSICAL FABLE

Liars and Believers premiere a timely, contemporary, innovative musical fable, a story beyond, through yDec. 22, at

POLICE NEWS

MAN FOUND SLEEPING IN CAR

A Revere man was arrested on Dec. 4 when a car owner found him sleeping in her back seat around 5:40 p.m.

The car owner got into her car in a parking lot near Park Avenue and was surprised when the man popped up from the back seat. He apparently had been sleeping there and fled from the vehicle, but stole some items.

Police responded and found him quickly. He said he was cold and tired and sought refuge in the car.

He did have some of the woman's belongings from the car on him.

Marvin Alexander Bar-dales-Rodriguez, 37, of 15 Haskell Ave., was charged with breaking and entering a

vehicle at night for a felony and one warrant.

ASSAULTED ON A DRIVE

Revere Police are investigating an odd situation that transpired on Dec. 4 when a man stopped on Broadway for directions.

Around 4:35 p.m., the man stopped for directions on Broadway, asking a man there about a location. The man said he would help him, but also asked for \$20 and a ride to Lynn. The driver obliged.

However, on the way to Lynn, the man asked the driver to pull over. He then punched him in the face and fled.

There are no suspects right now.

HIT A HOUSE

A Revere woman was arrested on Dec. 3 when she hit a car and a house on Davis Street around 5:50 p.m.

Officers responded and found the woman, whom they deemed intoxicated. The victim said she saw the vehicle hit her son's truck, which was parked. Then she pulled forward and hit a fence. Then she backed up and hit the truck again.

She followed that up by hitting the family home.

Officers arrested her on the scene.

Daysi Ester Perdomo, 40, of 43 Johnny Rd., was charged with operating under the influence of liquor (second offense), negligent operation, wanton destruction of property over \$1,200, and license not in possession.

WEEKLY CRIME Report

Journal Staff Reports

House Breaks: (5) Parkway; Unity Avenue; Martin Street; Proctor Avenue; and Orchard Street.

Commercial Breaks: (0)

Motor Vehicle *Thefts/Breaks: (7)

*Crescent Avenue; Geneva Street; Proctor Avenue; *Case Drive; *Glendale Street; Gage Avenue; and Beach Street

(plate).

Motor Vehicle Accidents: (37)

Copeland Circle (3); Brown Circle (2); Mahoney Circle; Carey Circle; Butler Circle; Everett Street; Broadway; Parkway/Hillside; North Shore Road; Davis Street; Broadway; North Shore Road; North Shore Rd/Revere; Salem Street; Broadway; Broadway; Park/Broadway; Salem/

Overlook Ridge; Broadway; Broadway; Broadway; State Road; Broadway; Charger Street; Adams Street; Harris Street; Lantern Road; Lynn Marsh Road; North Shore Road; Hutchinson/Abuzzi; VFW; North Shore Road; Beach Street; and Eastern Avenue.

House Parties/Loud Stereo Complaints (after 9 p.m.): 3

ARREST Report

MONDAY, DEC. 3

Daysi Ester Perdomo, 40, of 43 Johnny Rd., was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor (2nd offense), negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and wanton destruction of property over \$1200. She

also was cited for not having a license in her possession.

time with intent to commit a felony.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

Marvin Alexander Bar-dales-Rodriguez, 37, of 15 Haskell Ave., was arrested on an outstanding warrant and on a charge of breaking & entering into a vehicle in the night-

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

Joseph D. Woodside, 35, of East Boston, was arrested on a charge of shoplifting (3rd offense).

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SPOTLIGHT

Revere's holiday cheer has continued and RevereTV made it to all of this past week's festivities. The RTV crew had all hands on deck for the Annual Robert A. Marra Sounds of Christmas Concert at St. Anthony's Church on December 2nd. We are so thankful for the help of some volunteer community members during this major live production. Sami Amri and Marye Benelli controlled their own cameras, Baudelaire Senatus was our production assistant, and Cesar Agudelo was our audio engineer.

The Sounds of Christmas Concert is a great example of the importance of our community members. Becoming a member is free and provides so many production opportunities, both independent and/or as a team. We are proud to be able to count on those who volunteer to be part of any production. Because of the help of our community members, RTV viewers were able to watch the concert live on channel 8 (RCN 3) and YouTube at it happened. The show is still airing on television and is posted to all of our social media accounts.

RevereTV also covered the city's Hanukkah menorah lighting at city hall, the Costa Park holiday lighting by Shirley Ave., and the Beachmont tree lighting. Footage from all three events will be airing on channel 8 (RCN 3), and YouTube.

The studio kept rather busy as usual. This past week, you'd have found Alexandra Coppola, Diana Cardona, Kim Luiso and Rose Burns in using our editing suites. Coppola was working on a recently recorded new segment of her show. Cardona checked out a camera to record out in the field and was busy working with the footage she brought back. Luiso and Burns worked together on editing four segments of Kim's Got Crafts. Be on the lookout for all three productions that will be airing as soon as they are finished.

We it is important to announce once again that RCN customers can now watch RevereTV. Community programming that airs on Comcast channel 8 can be viewed on RCN channel 3. Government programming that is viewed on Comcast channel 9 can be viewed on RCN channel 13. Education programming found on Comcast channel 22 will soon be available on RCN channel 15. For any questions or concerns, you can contact RTV at 781-426-9498 or stop by our studio at 385 Broadway, Suite 305.

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BEACHMONT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TREE LIGHTING AT CUMMINGS PARK

The BIC (Beachmont Improvement Committee) held its annual tree lighting event last Sunday evening, lots of kids of all ages having a great time. The RHS JROTC were on hand, as well as Mayor Brian Arrigo and Councillors Tony Zambuto and Joanne McKenna, school committee members Carol Tye and Gerry Visconti were also on hand. President of the BIC Kathleen Heiser welcomed all and turned the program over to the Beachmont Middle School Choir. The fifth-graders sang an assortment of holiday songs and welcomed in the special guest to light the tree Santa and Mrs. Claus.

RPD Safety Officer Jerry Salvati brought the couple in style and arrived on time to light the annual tree in Beachmont.



Mayor Arrigo and Councillor Joanne McKenna with some of the many children at the annual tree lighting.



Junaida Sosa enjoying her hot chocolate.



Rana Mrabbi, Ryan Mrabbi and Abel Aklog.



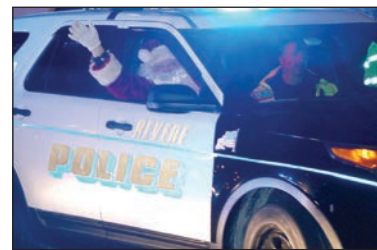
Teacher Tim O'Brian with members of the Beachmont Middle School Chorus.



Robby Gillespie with his Patriots Cap on waits for Santa.



The beautiful tree lit up by Santa and Mrs. Claus will remain lit til after the New Year.



On time and in style, Santa arrives at the tree lighting waving to all the kids on the way by.



Len Piazza enjoys the evening.



Santa and Mrs. Claus greet all the children at the Beachmont tree lighting.



Liam Moore and Deliah Hernandez await Santa at the Beachmont tree lighting.



Malia Sanchez and Kimberly Angel enjoy a treat before the festivities begin.



Mayor Brian Arrigo joined Ed Deveau, Adtrian Maguire and President of the BIC Kathleen Heiser.



President Kathleen Heiser and members of the RHS JROTC



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Sports

RHS SPORTS Roundup

RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL OPENS SEASON TONIGHT

The Revere High girls basketball team opens its season this evening (Wednesday) when the Lady Patriots travel to Wellesley for a non-league encounter.

The Revere girls program will be under the direction of first-year head coach Matt Willis, who brings a wealth of experience -- three years as head coach at Amesbury High and a number of years as assistant coach at Andover High -- to the post.

"This has been a lot of fun and a great experience thus far," said Willis. "The administration has been incredibly supportive. Revere is a big high school, but it has the feel of a tightly knit, smaller school."

The 2019 Lady Patriots will be led by senior captain Emily DiGiulio and junior captain Erika Cheever. "Both Emily and Erika have

been great leaders and bring a strong work ethic that has been a great example for the team, especially our younger players," said Willis.

Although Willis is inheriting a program that graduated a large senior class and lost all of its taller players, the Lady Patriots will be relying on speed, athletic ability, and a commitment to team play to forge a successful season.

Freshman Sklya DeSimone at point guard, junior guard Katie O'Donnell, sophomore Caroline Stacio, and freshman Carolina Batero are among the younger varsity girls whom Willis will be counting upon to mesh with the veterans to forge a pressing defense.

"The team has been working incredibly hard," said Willis, whose schedule includes tough non-league foes Wellesley, Melrose, Triton, and Fontbonne Academy. "We're looking forward to the start of the season."

After tonight's opener, Willis and his crew will travel to Peabody on Friday and then

will entertain Malden Monday (7 p.m. tip-off) in their home opener.

RHS GIRLS TRACK OPENS WITH WIN

The Revere High girls indoor track team opened its 2018-19 season with a 44-40 victory at Danvers last Thursday evening.

"It was a great way to start the season and a very competitive meet," said RHS head coach Antonio LaBruna. "It's always close against Danvers and they nipped us the last couple of seasons, so it felt good to turn the tables."

Luana Barbosa and Kiana Napolitano led the way for the Lady Patriots, winning two events each. Luana captured the 55 meter high hurdles in a clocking of 10.4 and the high jump with a leap of 4'-7."

"Luana ended last season high jumping 4'-6" and she ended up going 4'-7" in her first meet this year," said LaBruna. "The state-qualifying jump is 4'10," so that will certainly be a goal of hers this winter."

Kiana sprinted to victory in the 55-meter dash with a clocking of 7.9 and tossed the shot-put 27'-3.5" to outdistance the field.

"Kiana had a tremendous meet," noted LaBruna. "She's just strong and really explodes coming out of the blocks. She can also throw shot-put and high jump, so having that type of versatility is huge for our team."

Olivia Novoselsky was the other Revere girl to take first place in her specialty, the two mile run, with a time of 14:29.

"Liv ended up clinching the meet for us by winning the

two-mile," LaBruna said. "I put a little pressure on Liv before the race and told her that she needed to win to avoid the meet coming down to the relay (which Danvers won) and she delivered. She's a fourth-year senior captain, so it was the perfect ending to a thrilling meet."

Five Lady Patriots earned three points for the Revere side of the scoresheet with important second-place finishes: Lily Dellalococono - 55M Dash - 8.3

Kathy Umanzor - 300M - 51.3

Fatima Hartout - Mile - 6:36.7

Jenna Wells - Shot-put - 26' 8 1/2"

Taylor Sujko - High Jump - 4'2"

Four Revere girls added crucial points with third-place finishes that contributed mightily to the triumph.

Jessica Vo - High Hurdles - 11.1

Taylor Sujko - 55M Dash - 8.3

Giulia Cincinnato - 600M - 2:02.3

Ghizlane Guisser - 1000M - 4:02.3

"We outscored them in the field events, 17-1, which gave us a nice cushion," LaBruna added.

The Lady Patriots are set to be back in action for their next meet tonight (Wednesday) at the Merullo Fieldhouse when they host Everett.

BOYS BASKETBALL HOSTS PEABODY IN OPENER FRIDAY

The Revere High boys basketball team will open its season this Friday evening when the Patriots host Northeastern

Conference rival Peabody. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at the RHS field house.

"We obviously are coming off of a tough season last year (3-17), but we are coming back with a bunch of experience," enthused RHS head coach Dave Leary, who guided the Patriots to a berth in the

state tourney two years ago.

Senior guards Scotty Montefusco, Donato Colarossi, and Sebastian "Sebas" Vane-gas return as three-year varsity players and all three will be counted upon to contribute on both ends of the floor with

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RHS BASKETBALL TO OPEN SEASON AGAINST WELLESLEY



PHOTO BY CARY SHUMAN

BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS: Revere High School girls basketball co-captains Emily DiGiulio and Erika Cheever will lead the team in its season opener Wednesday night against Wellesley High School. New coach Matt Willis will make his debut on the Revere bench. The co-captains are pictured following Revere's scrimmage against Fenwick in the Paul DuChane Jamboree Saturday at Lynn Classical.

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their three-point shooting and speed.

Senior centers Nick Ciculla and Andres Mejia will be a presence around the basket with their ability to change shots and rebound on both ends.

Senior forwards Omar Bendjahene and John Leone will give the team a spark on the offensive end with their ability to drive and shoot the three from beyond the arc.

Senior guard Wilkens Altener is a very good athlete, and will help defensively and on offense as well. Junior EJ Leone returns for another year, and will be asked to score, defend, and rebound. Junior point guard Amara Bockarie will help with pressure defense and his ability to attack on offense.

Junior big man, bruiser Scott Toglun, will be a presence on the boards. Junior

guards Michael Hayes, Robert Raduazzo, and Derek Avery will be asked to help off the bench with their three-point shooting ability and tenacity on defense. Sophomore forwards Dillan Day and Wilfredo Martinez will certainly be a factor on both ends of the floor and have fit in nicely in the pre-season with a veteran group.

The Patriots have had three very-competitive scrimmages starting with the Burlington Jamboree against North Quincy and Burlington last Saturday. Revere then traveled down the highway to face East Boston and Hamilton-Wenham in a tri-scrimmage Tuesday night and held their own.

The Patriots showed up to the Lynn Jamboree Friday night to oppose Lynn Classical and were able to hold on after 16 minutes with a 23-14

advantage.

Revere was scheduled to have one more tune-up scrimmage against charter school power EMK from Boston last night (Tuesday) before the big home opener this coming Friday evening against Peabody.

"The coaching staff is very pleased with the commitment these guys have shown in the off-season and more importantly, with the commitment and growth they have shown towards each other," said Leary. "They understand it is a privilege and not a right to wear that Revere jersey and represent this city."

"We play in a very tough league with no nights off," Leary continued, "but if we stay together and stay positive, we think we have the talent and toughness to compete every night. The coaches are excited to see this group take on the challenge night in and

night out."

After the opener on Friday, the Patriots will make the short trek down Broadway and into Chelsea Monday night to take on the archrival Red Devils at Chelsea High at 7 p.m.

RHS HOCKEY TEAM OPENS SEASON THIS WEEKEND AT BOURNE TOURNEY

The Revere High hockey team will open its season this weekend when the Patriots travel to the Cape for the annual Bourne Tournament.

Coach Joe Ciccarello and his crew will meet Dartmouth in the tourney opener Friday evening and then will face either Bourne or Westfield the following night. As usual, the team will stay overnight on the Cape on both Friday and Saturday evenings, thanks to

funds raised by the parents and the players in what always proves to be an early-season, team-bonding experience.

The Patriots will be facing some challenges this season with the loss to graduation of last year's top-scoring line and starting goalie and the loss to injury of junior Mark Giordano (who tore an ACL during lacrosse season) and last year's backup goalie, Brendan Sweeney, who is out with a hip injury.

However, Ciccarello has 21 players -- of whom seven are seniors and three are sophomore goaltenders -- and the RHS program, with the addition of some middle school players, will have a junior varsity team for the first time in a few years.

"The key to our success this year will be whether we play together as a team," said Ciccarello, who is in his seventh season at the helm of the RHS program after eight years as the head coach at Savio Prep. "Whatever we are capable of achieving, it will be accomplished only if everyone is trying their best and moving in the same direction."

The Patriots' home opener is set for next Wednesday when they host Swampscott at Cronin Rink. Face-off is set for 6:30 p.m.

RHS BOYS TRACK EDGED BY DANVERS

The Revere High boys indoor track team dropped a close, 48-38 decision at Danvers last week in the Patriots' season-opener.

The outcome of the meet

came down to the final event, the 4x100 relay. Danvers held a 43-38 lead going into the race, but a victory by Revere -- giving the Patriots five points -- would have ended the meet in a 43-43 deadlock. However, the Falcon foursome edged the Patriot relay team by five seconds with a winning time of 3:54.

Victor Pelatere and Fraynel Amparo Del Rosario took first place in individual events for Revere. Victor outran the field in the two mile run in a time of 11:10 and Fraynel captured the 55-meter hurdles in 8.8. Fraynel also earned a point with a third-place finish in the high jump with a leap of 5'-6".

A number of Patriots turned in fine efforts to take second place in seven of the nine events: Lucas Barbosa with a high jump of 5'-6"; Rayan Riazi in the shotput with a toss of 35'-8" and the 55-meter hurdles with a clocking of 9.1; Cal Capozzi in the 55 dash in 7.2; Samuel Gonzalez in the 600 dash in 1:34; Christian Madrid in the mile in 5:04.5; and Jonathan Nushi in the two-mile in 11:19.

Adding single points to the Revere side of the scoresheet with third-place efforts were: Michael Adolphus in the hurdles in 9.5; Sebastian Bolivar Vanegas in the dash in 7.3; Yussuf Ali Buda in the 300 in 42.5; Erica Bua in the 600 in 1:37.2; Brian Perez Lara in the 1,000 in 3:11.6; and Fabio Tran in the mile in 5:15.3.

The Revere boys are set to be back in action tonight (Wednesday) at the RHS field house when they host Everett.

REVERE TV HOLDS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



RevereTV held its Christmas celebration and the Board of Directors was there. From Left to Right: Dr. Gennaro Cataldo, Treasurer; Mark Ferrante, Chair; Maria Serraino, Monse Hood, John Cammarata, Bob Marra, Kerri Abrams, Secretary; Robert Dunbar, Executive Director, Miles Lang-Kennedy and though Paul Amato, Vice-Chair wasn't there in person, he was there in spirit.

Bill Annese retires from DCR

Bill Annese, a foreman DCR's Revere Complex at Revere Beach, recently retired after many years of dedicated service to the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Family, friends, colleagues, and elected officials recently gathered to celebrate and

honor Bill for his commitment and service to the Commonwealth and Revere. State Representative RoseLee Vincent presented him with a citation from herself and Speaker Robert A. DeLeo on behalf of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.



Pictured from left to right: Bill's wife Sandy Annese, Bill Annese and Rep. RoseLee Vincent

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'Bomb Cyclone' Ravages Revere

Severe weather not been seen since '78

Residents are looking forward to this week's thaw after getting whacked last Thursday with a Nor'easter (or Bomb Cyclone storm system) that dumped about 18 inches of drifting snow, flooded everything in range and then whammed the area with Arctic temperatures. Sunday morning it was a balmy 1 degree. Just about everyone who was around for the Blizzard of 1978 said this storm was worse. Compounding the problems with this storm was the astronomical high tide caused by the Full Wolf Moon. In Ward 1, the lower portion of Pearl Avenue, which overlooks the Belle Isle Marsh and Short Beach, was flooded with six feet of water mixed with the snow. The waters started rising around 11:15 a.m. and

Revere DPW head Don Goodwin said his concerns were the cities infrastructure. The storm drains did not work in that there was no place for it to drain. The ocean water was coming up through the drainage system. "We went through a tough event. It's going to take a couple of days to get back to some normalcy," Goodwin said, adding that a lot of cars had to be towed out. The storm also dealt a beating on the DPW equipment. Goodwin said a couple of sanders were hit the most. The then froze in the truck. "We were able to keep the city open for public safety at all times," Goodwin said. "We were busy with snow especially down



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A DOG DAY AT POINT OF PINES YACHT CLUB OCEANVIEW KENNEL HOSTS FUNDRAISER

Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Point Of Pines Yacht Club was the setting for a fundraiser for Lisa Cutting's (owner of Ocean View Kennel in Revere) initiative of rescuing stray dogs in Revere, Chelsea, Malden, Everett, Winthrop, and the surrounding area. Santa was on hand along with a rescued helper, Bailey, to bring fun to supporters of Lisa Cutting's noble cause. There was food, drink, raffle prizes, community spirit, and holiday cheer.



Santa was just hanging at the kissing booth when Bailey, a canine rescued by No Dog Left Behind, came by with some tickets.



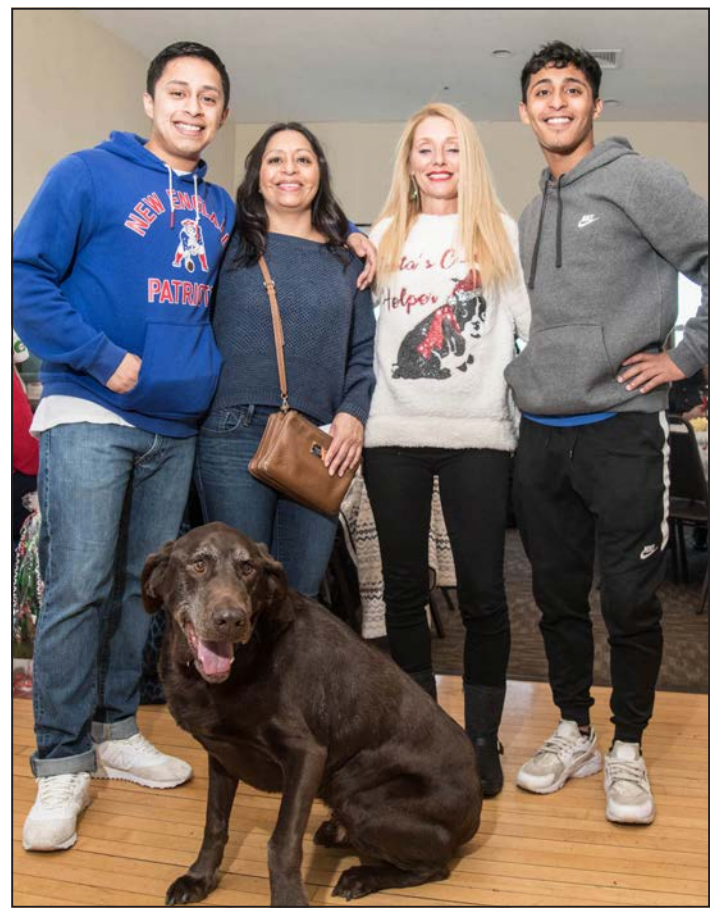
A generous benefactor to No Dog Left Behind is Andy "Uncle Andy" Andriopoulos and his wife, Luceli.



Santa hangs out with Nancy Douglas.



Santa kept making the rounds with Bailey and drops in on Martha DePriest, Nancy Douglas, and Audrey McGuire. Lisa Cutting hopes to bring rescued pets like Bailey to visit elderly care and assisted living homes as support animals.



Oceanview Kennel owner and dog rescuer Lisa Cutting poses with her team Louis Gonzalez, Lissette Conejo, Andre Liz-Abreu, and their rescued superstar, Bailey.



Louis Gonzalez cheers Bettie Nazzaro on as she selects items on the raffle table to put her tickets in.



Santa poses with his heroes Bailey, Oceanview Kennel owner and dog rescuer Lisa Cutting, and Revere City Council-candidate Eric Lampedecchio.



Revere City Hall Administrative Assistant Debbie Peczk, Oceanview Kennel owner and dog rescuer Lisa Cutting, and Nicole Malcolm.



Santa visits with Luceli Andriopoulos, Cathy Doherty, Gia Seniti, and Catherine Haney.

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Getting Out

NSMT's 'A Christmas Carol' Continues to Magically Enchant Audiences

By Sheila Barth

Like many other people, North Shore Music Theatre's (NSMT's) spectacular production of Dickens' ghost story, "A Christmas Carol," has become a staple of the holiday season for me.

There are many different productions of the 1800's charming holiday tale that spans 20 years but focuses on Christmas Eve 1843. However, few, if any, compare to this magical, charming version.

Why? Part of that magic is the audience becomes an integral part of the show. As the actors line the aisles, run on and off stage, sometimes pushing large props, they're always nearby, within touching distance.

Conductor Milton Granger and his musicians produce pomp and heraldry, sometimes from platforms located within the audience, while explosive, ghostly, paranormal moans of spirits doomed to travel through space eternally reverberate throughout the theater.

Clocks chime, clang, and bong in startling surround-sound, while other



tinkly, harpsichord sound effects (terrific designer Leon Rothenberg) gently soften the play's eeriness. Large props descend from the ceiling, rise and descend from a center-stage opening.

tumble, and crawl swiftly around the stage, pulling ghostly antics on miserly Ebenezer Scrooge and his longtime housekeeper Mrs. Dilber (incomparable Cheryl McMahon). For 25 years, McMahon has co-starred with beloved Texan actor David Coffee, who originated the role of Scrooge at NSMT and marvelously made it his own. When the affable actor entered on stage Saturday afternoon, the enthusiastic audience applauded loudly.

Not enough yet? Okay.

Snow falling, stage fog billowing, incendiary sparks shooting from Ghost of Present Day's (Peter S. Adams) scepter, and flames erupting from a raised tombstone illuminate the circular stage (kudos, outstanding lighting designer Jack Mehler). A fluorescent, ghostly green-and-purple ghost of Jacob Marley (Freddie Kimmel), flies through the air, bound by long, heavy chains, his agonizing moans rivaling musical eeriness.

The first spirit, Ghost of Christmas Past (fantastic Leigh Barrett, who also portrays Bob Cratchit's wife) is

BOX OFFICE

Two-act, two hour musical ghost story, written by Jon Kimbell, with David Zoffoli and David James, directed/choreographed by Kevin Hill, appearing through Dec. 23, at Bill Hanney's North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT), 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. \$64-\$79, children 18-under, \$35. Dec. 14-16, 20-22, 7:30 p.m.; matinees, Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 2 p.m. nsmt.org, 978-232-7200.

ethereal in her sparkling white gown and headdress. Barrett's voice is angelic, gorgeous, as she glides around the stage on a small, wheeled gurney, leading the miserly curmudgeon through his childhood and young adulthood.

Besides his flaming scepter, garbed in his traditional, resplendent red velvet-ermine-trimmed robe, the jolly Ghost of Christmas Present (Peter S. Adams) stomps along on hidden stilts, covering two childlike personifications of ignorance and want.

And the Ghost of the Future? Like the Grim Reaper in a cloaked, hooded black robe, illuminated by two bright green lanterns strung on his waist, Ryan Mardesich silently stalks nearby, showing Scrooge the grim existence of his future and other devastating sad news unless Scrooge

changes his ways. Costume coordinator-designer Kelly Baker's 19th century costumes are magnificent, as always, and the cast, many who return annually, are welcome faces, who tweak their performances just enough to keep theatergoers captivated. Most actors portray dual roles, as part of the dream sequence and as regular people.

Especially outstanding, besides Coffee and McMahon, are longtime performer Russell Garrett, portraying Bob Cratchit; Tommy Labanaris as The Narrator; and little AJ Scott, portraying sickly Tiny Tim.

At last Saturday's matinee, nobody made a sound during the two acts. The multigenerational audience sat rapt, caught up in the production's magic. You will, too!

Davron Monroe - Spellbinding in 'Breath and Imagination'

By Sheila Barth

In the past several years, versatile, talented actor Davron S. Monroe has performed in many Boston and area venues, but in Dan Beaty's musical, "Breath and Imagination," he delivers a profound, command performance. The play is Monroe's 14th production with Lyric Stage Company of Boston.

Beaty is a multi-award-winning actor, singer, writer, and community activist, who penned several outstanding

plays, including "Mr. Joy".

Portraying Roland Hayes, the first African-American to sing with a symphony orchestra in the US, and one of the highest paid singers in the world in his day, Monroe unleashes his splendid, rich, operatic tenor, leaving theatergoers spellbound. The play spans Hayes' life and career from 1887 to 1942. He died in 1977.

Monroe's performance as the humble son of slave/tenant farmers who became a celebrated operatic artist-ed-

ucator is so moving, Monroe transcends acting, transforming into Hayes. When Hayes splendidly sings his first aria and/or suffers emotional/physical pain in his segregated, Georgia hometown, despite his fame, Monroe's face glistens with tears of joy or sadness. We cry inwardly with him.

"I know who you are and what you're trying to do," a cruel, white policeman intones intermittently.

Watching Hayes' mistreatment reminds me of when fa-

mous concert singer Marian Anderson performed in my hometown, Portland, Maine. Shamefully, she wasn't permitted to stay in the hotels.

Although racial discrimination still exists, but reduced from Hayes' era, this collaborated effort between Lyric Stage Company and newly-formed company, Front Porch Arts Collective, is a step in the right direction.

Multi-award winning actor-lecturer Maurice Emmanuel Parent, (flawlessly making his directorial debut here), and artistic director Dawn M. Simmons created the theater company to highlight the talent of black, brown and actors of color.

"What's most fitting about 'Breath and Imagination' as our lead production is that Hayes himself did exactly what we are attempting to do," Simmons wrote in her comments. "He made space for artists of color in a time when it was needed most. He used his talent to break down barriers and shatter stereotypes, and he leveraged that credibility to lift up other artists of color, going so far as to buy the 600-acre land he was born on - the land where his mother served as a slave - and lease it to black farmers, giving them an opportunity at economic prosperity. He mentored and he wrote, transcribing spirituals and music that would be lost to time if it weren't for him preserving our legacy, so that we can enjoy those works today."

Beaty's play closely follows Hayes' biography, high-

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One-act musical play, written by Dan Beaty, Lyric Stage Company of Boston's collaborated production with Front Porch Arts Collective, appearing through Dec. 23: Wednesdays, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 19, 2 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 3, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m., 140 Clarendon St., Boston. Related events also. Tickets start at \$25, senior, student rush, group discounts. 617-585-5678, boxoffice@lyricstage.com.

lighting his most significant milestones. Although he was born in Curryville Ga., son of tenant farmers, his mother, Angel Mo', encouraged him to sing in the church, hoping he'd become a preacher (minister). Throughout the one-act performance, there's a charismatic connection between Monroe and Yewande Odetoyinbo, who brilliantly portrays Angel Mo'.

Monroe, Odetoyinbo, Music Director Doug Gerber, (he also portrays Hayes' encouraging first singing teacher-local choral director, Arthur Calhoun), and versatile Nile Scott Hawver portraying six roles, are exemplary.

The cast shines on designer Baron E. Pugh's sparse set. Lighting designer Aja M. Jackson adds dramatic clout with her carefully placed spotlights, focused on the bullying, white Georgian policeman, frequently standing in the aisles; Angel Mo', sitting among us theatergoers; and Roland's captivating us, during his stirring appearance in Symphony Hall.

On an upper level, his father is silhouetted against a bright yellow backdrop in a doorway, his voice resonat-

ing a life message to the boy (great sound effects, David Wilson). Roland's father died from an industrial accident when Roland was 12, so Angel Mo' moved the family to Chattanooga, hoping to improve their educational and economic opportunity.

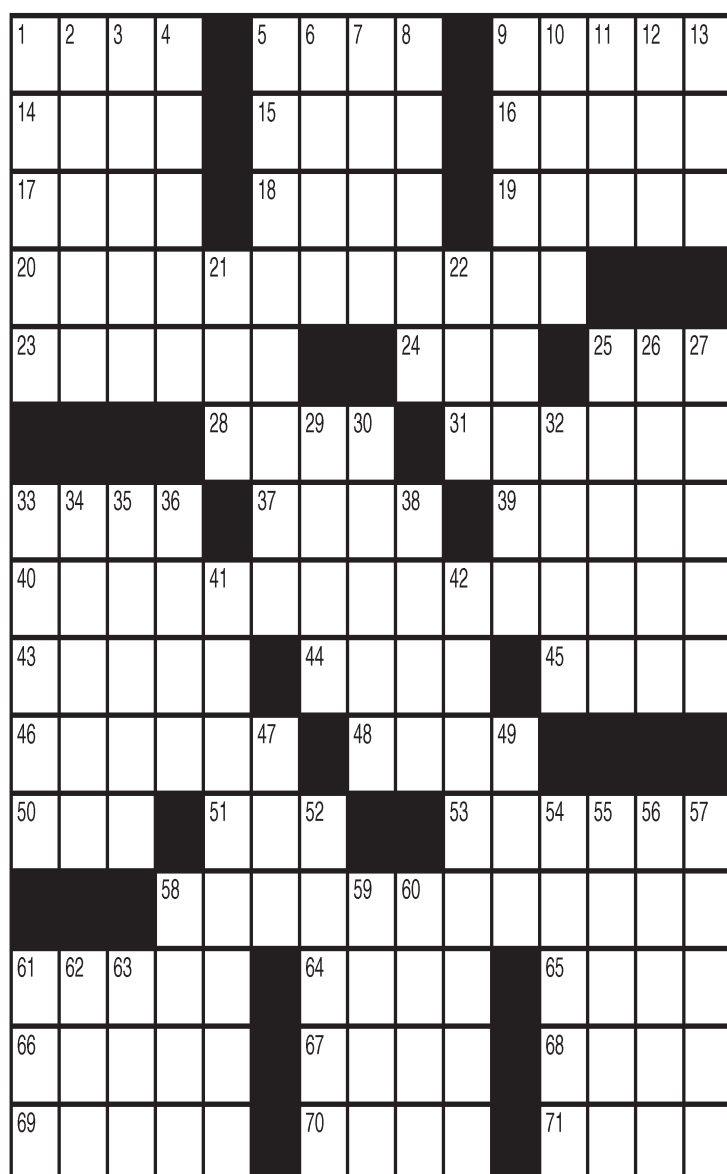
Earlier, timid, little Roland was reluctant to sing in the church choir. He's discovered and taught by Mr. Calhoun, and, against Angel Mo's wishes, goes to Fisk University in Nashville, touring as a Jubilee singer. Studying further, he develops his distinct sound and style - a fusion of classical and spiritual.

Hayes travels to, studies, and performs in Boston, London, and throughout Europe, charming royalty and secular audiences, alike, then returns to Georgia, buying the 600-acre plantation where his mother had worked, hoping to open a desegregated music school there.

After a stirring incident involving his wife and daughter in a Rome, Ga. shoe store, Hayes moved his family to Boston-Cambridge, where they enjoyed his success - and so do we, in this splendid production.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Forest denizen
 - 5 Scheme
 - 9 Spry
 - 14 ___podrida
 - 15 Italian beach
 - 16 "___ Sanctum"
 - 17 Musical twosome
 - 20 Dreamer
 - 21 Take to court
 - 22 NYSE competition
 - 23 Fate
 - 24 Blue pencil
 - 26 Act dejected
 - 29 Spoke wildly
 - 33 Gulp down
 - 36 Vanity
 - 37 Gospels' source material
 - 38 Della of song
 - 39 Musical threesome
 - 42 Assessed
 - 43 Gossip column bits
 - 44 Terminate
 - 45 Arabian sultanate
 - 46 Acquire knowledge
 - 47 Rim
 - 48 Soft drink
 - 50 NYC subway line
 - 52 Food scrap
 - 54 Literary snippets
 - 56 Long-legged shorebirds
 - 60 Musical foursome
 - 63 ___ Haute, IN
 - 64 Gardener, at times
 - 65 Part of Q.E.D.
 - 66 Tobacco ovens
 - 67 Facility
 - 68 Bribes
- DOWN**
- 1 Tip one's hat
 - 2 First lady of scat
 - 3 Verve
 - 4 Baby's toy
 - 5 Metal breastplate
 - 6 Dryer residue
 - 7 Strange
 - 8 Throw
 - 9 Broadcast
 - 10 Wildebeest
 - 11 Collected
 - 12 Stool parts
 - 13 Scottish Gaelic
 - 18 Lao Tzu's religion
 - 19 Signaled
 - 25 "New Jack City" co-star
 - 26 Paris subway
 - 27 Old Irish alphabet
 - 28 Mediocre versifiers
 - 30 Texas A&M student
 - 31 Distant view
 - 32 Food consumer
 - 34 Employing
 - 35 Rock full of crystals
 - 37 Cover
 - 38 Hosp. workers



- 40 Vegas gambling game
- 41 Indiscriminate consumer
- 46 Bowling alley
- 47 Engraves
- 49 Titled ladies
- 51 Decay
- 52 Director Premiering
- 53 Satellite of Saturn
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REVERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS HOLIDAY PARTY



RCC President Karen Gallo, Mayor Brian Arrigo, Santa Claus, and School Committee Vice Char Carol Tye.

Photos by Cary Shuman
The Revere Chamber of Commerce (RCC) held its Holiday Party in conjunction with the Coats For Kids Drive at the Comfort Inn. The guests generously brought coats and unwrapped toys for distribution to children in the community.

RCC President Karen Gallo and Executive Director Wendy Millar Page thanked Comfort Inn Director of Sales Polita Zambrano for her outstanding hospitality and the hotel donating the event space for the party. Also receiving thanks for their donations were Kelly's Roast Beef, Margarita's, and New Deal, Revere.



Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe and Police Chief James Guido join Santa Claus (Peter Felt) for a photo at the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party.



Executive Director Wendy Millar-Page, Police Chief James Guido, Lillian Guido, and Chamber President Karen Gallo.



Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo, Santa Claus, Kathleen Heiser, and Len Piazza.



Police Chief James Guido, RCC Executive Director Wendy Millar-Page, Polita Zambrano of Comfort Inn, Santa Claus, Mayor Brian Arrigo, and RCC President Karen Gallo.



School Committee member Gerry Visconti with Santa Claus.



Maria Brito, Kim Corliss, and Brian Davis sell raffle tickets for the prize drawing.



Patty Pace visits with Santa Claus.



Former RCC Executive Director Bob Upton with Santa Claus.

Physician shares seasonal health advice

Special to the Journal

Gratitude. It's easy to overlook at any time but especially during the hectic holiday season when we may be distracted by material things as well as happenings in the world around us.

Think about ways to be present with your family and friends. Start new traditions that involve doing activities together, sharing, volunteering and giving. Agree to limit gifts to a few; they'll seem all the more special and meaningful.

Help your children to make homemade gifts or bake for friends and family. Read together and play games! Put phones and tablets away and have a meal together without distractions. Make a family contribution of money or time to an organization important to you. Volunteering at a soup kitchen over the holidays can be extremely rewarding.

Here are a few reminders during the holiday season so

we can all be grateful for the gift of good health:

- Keep tinsel out of reach of pets and small children.
• Make sure holiday greenery, especially trees, is well-watered.
• Mistletoe, holly and poinsettia plants can be harmful if ingested by children and pets
• Stick to bedtime routines to help everyone get the gift of a good night's sleep.
• Cook meats to the recommended temperature. A meat thermometer is essential and makes a great gift for friends and family.
• Refrigerate leftovers promptly to avoid spoiling and food poisoning.
• Sharpen all knives; dull knives are the cause of many holiday emergency visits!
• Include fresh vegetables, salads and other healthy food in all holiday meals.
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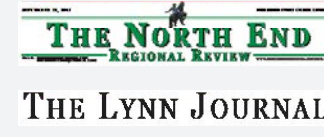
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA RECEIVES MWRA GRANT

CHELSEA – Lead pipes are often a hidden danger under the streets and sidewalks for a lot of families in Chelsea, but if the City can help it, that danger will be removed one pipe at a time.

On Monday, the MWRA and the Clean Water Action Group awarded the City of Chelsea and GreenRoots for their early adoption of a program that removes, at no cost to the homeowner, lead water service lines while in the process of other infrastructure projects.

Part of that award included a \$100,000 grant to help continue the program and remove more lead water lines as the City encounters them during paving or sidewalk repair programs.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said it is a common sense operation, but one that goes the extra step in replacing the line for free – as it usually is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for the replacement.

“For the last year or more, as we’ve undertaken other construction projects on the streets, when we encounter a lead service line on the street, we are replacing it at no cost to the homeowner,” he said. “The MWRA grant helps ensure we will be able to continue to do that. We all want safe and clean drinking water and having clean water is elemental.”

Over time, lead can leach into drinking water, and studies have shown that lead is a neurotoxin and can affect cognitive abilities with repeated exposure. This is particularly dangerous for children and pregnant women.

“Chelsea is so proactive in doing this,” said MWRA Director Fred Laskey. “They are going through the inventory and going house to house and street to street to get rid of this problem. This is something that should serve as a model in how to prevent the scourge of lead in water. No other community has forged into this.”

Fidel Maltez of the Chelsea DPW said that more than 50 lines have been replaced so far under the program. Some of those were last year and came when they were working on street repairs, including to Shurtleff, Maverick, Clark, Crescent, Lawrence, Tudor and Webster streets. This year, they will take on Essex Street and will be looking for lead water lines there too.

“Every project moving forward is going to identify and remove these lines with zero cost to the homeowner,” he said.

He said that any homeowner that thinks they might have a lead service line should contact the DPW at (617) 466-4200. They will send out a technician to verify if it is a lead pipe, and if it is, they will put it on a list for completion.

POLICE CONTRACT ALMOST DONE

CHELSEA – After more than two and a half years of negotiations, the City is on the verge of a new contract with its two police unions that will see pay increases of up to three percent and implement residency requirements for new hires.

Monday night, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino requested the City Council approve the contracts, which are retroactive to Fiscal year 2017. The Council forwarded the request to its subcommittee on conference, and will take up an official vote on the contracts at a future meeting.

The collective bargaining agreements are for the unions which represent police superior officers and patrol officers.

“Both deals encompass four years, made up of two separate contracts: a one year deal for FY17; and a subsequent three year deal for FY 19-FY20,” Ambrosino stated

in a letter to the City Council.

The contracts include a retroactive salary increase of 2.5 percent for FY17 and 3 percent for FY18 and FY19. There is also a 3 percent increase slated for FY20 and an additional 1 percent increase that goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

All told, the retroactive salary increases total about \$876,000.

“I strongly recommend that the City Council support these agreements, which have been the subject of lengthy negotiations spanning more than two and a half years,” Ambrosino stated. “We set aside in Salary Reserve for the resolution of these two agreements a total of \$700,000. Accordingly, we will need an additional appropriation from Stabilization of \$176,000 to satisfy these contractual commitments.”

The salary hikes are the only cost item in the new contracts, according to the City Manager. Other items in the contracts related to longevity, detail pay, sick leave incentive, and clothing allowance are limited to clarifications or minor changes and do not add any additional costs to the City, he added.

The percentage increases for salary are slightly more than those other City Hall unions have received, Ambrosino said.

“However, in return, the City did secure new language on residency upon which the City Council insisted,” he stated. “As of Jan. 1, 2019, all new police hires must live in the City of Chelsea for five years, consistent with the Ordinance approved by the City Council earlier this year.”

While there was no debate over the union contracts themselves at Monday’s Council meeting, District 1 Councillor Robert Bishop did raise concerns about the City’s use of its stabilization, or “rainy day” funds.

Bishop noted that Ambrosino was requesting the use of stabilization funds for improvements to Eden Park and for a protective cover for the new high school turf field as well as for the contract salary costs.

Those stabilization funds should be used for emergency situations, Bishop said.

“I don’t think any of these requests rise to the level of an emergency to use the rainy day fund,” he said.

While Bishop said he supported the requests being made, he wanted assurances that any money taken out of the City’s stabilization funds be replaced by free cash as those funds are certified by the state.

UNCOVERING TREASURES OF THE PAST

EVERETT – There are no shortage of historic homes in Everett – homes and buildings with a glorious history – but it’s a history lost on almost everyone living in the city.

Everett is one of the more unique Greater Boston cities with a Colonial past that has been virtually lost to time, but over the past week the comprehensive Everett Historical Survey has been completed, providing the beginnings of re-constructing the history before everyone’s eyes.

“I’ve learned a lot about Everett,” said Lisa Mausolf, the consultant who compiled the survey over the past year. “I think I only began to scratch the surface and there are a lot of magnificent properties. There was a survey done in the 1980s, but this new work represents a much more comprehensive look that what was accomplished in the ‘80s. Glendale Square had never been looked at holistically. No one had looked at why it looks the way it does. Everett Square has some great buildings and a lot of potential for restoration and investment. I have to say, though,

the cemeteries were my favorites. Woodlawn Cemetery is incredible, and Glenwood is a wonderful municipal cemetery. The Jewish Cemetery is incredible too, and very few know it’s there.”

The effort to restore the past started a little over a year ago when the Historical Commission began to meet again under the auspices of retired City Clerk Michael Matarazzo and current City Clerk Sergio Cornelio. Several residents have joined the Commission, and the first order of business was to conduct an official survey.

Maria Josefson, of the City’s Department of Planning and Development, has taken charge of the project and the Commission now. After reviewing the survey, she said so much of Everett’s history has come alive for her.

“There’s a home I walk by all the time on the way to the gym and I never stopped to notice it until I saw it was on the survey,” she said. “I stopped one day and noticed how stately it was. It’s one of those things that’s right in front of you, but you don’t notice. It’s nice to understand the history behind it.”

And such is the case for one of the oldest homes in Everett. Though many school children are taught about 519 Ferry St. – the Jonathan Green House – few really know that the home likely dates to around 1719. Though there were once many older homes in Everett like it, most have been demolished through the years.

It is the one that does remain. The survey points out that it is the only early gambrel-roofed houses remaining in Everett. Other examples which once existed, but are no longer standing, included the Carrington-Paine House on Main Street and the Old Lynde House on Bow Street. That makes the Green House even more special, and a gem that few know about.

The house was originally located in “south Malden,” and on Ferry Street, which was a route to get Malden residents to Winnisimmet (or Chelsea) where the Ferry existed. Jonathan Green eventually was prominent in Stoneham, but it is believed he came there from South Malden, which is now Everett.

That said, Mausolf said they were very excited to document the home and she said the Massachusetts Historical Commission was excited to potentially study the home to get more definite answers.

“One thing that was very interesting about that house was the folks from Mass Historical were excited about it,” she said. “They really wanted to study it a little more. There aren’t many communities that have a structure that old still standing.”

The focus of the study, however, was more on Glendale and Everett Squares. Both are very historic, but Glendale Square had a very extensive historical survey done for, likely, the first time ever. The Square came to be during the transition from pastoral fields to a streetcar suburb. Starting in the 1880s when horse-cars began carrying people to the Square, development began to sprout there. By the 1890s, the area quickly began to transform under the new streetcar mode of transportation. After that, it began to boom, and develop into a “streetcar suburb,” such as is seen in other areas of Greater Boston that are now considered urban areas.

In all, Mausolf said Everett has a lot of historic buildings and homes, and many of them are likely fit for the National Registry.

“I think it was a good project,” she said. “There are a number of properties that are likely to be eligible for the National Historic Registry,” she said. “It’s an exciting time in seeking out Everett’s history.”

SOLDIERS’ HOME WATER TOWER TO COME DOWN



PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

Stan Pratt and Linda Sullivan display the commemorative Chelsea Soldiers’ Home water tower pins that marked the end of the old, iconic water tower. The Home held a community farewell to the tower on Friday, Nov. 30, and the tower is expected to be demolished by the end of December.

ENGINE 2 READY TO COME HOME TO HANCOCK STREET

EVERETT – The City is getting ready to re-open the historic Hancock Fire Station this Saturday, Dec. 8, but with a \$3.5 million facelift to tidy up the old fire house.

“This is a great example of the City’s capital improvement plan at work for us in the fire service,” said Chief Tony Carli this week while going over the finishing touches at the Station. “We haven’t had a new fire station or major renovation for many, many years. We did the Ferry Street station in 1999, but that was to this extent. We have, basically, a brand new building in an older, historic building. It’s very exciting.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he, too, is proud of the investment in restoring the historic firehouse.

“Our firefighters put their lives on the line every day, and I am proud of our \$3.5 million investment in this building and infrastructure,” he said. “These funds have been used to not only restore this historic firehouse, but also to include new technology to protect firefighters from exposure to any contaminants that may be on that apparatus floor. These modern upgrades will help our members stay safe and enhance our firefighting capabilities throughout the city.”

The project began one year ago when the City decided to renovate the station, mostly to help with firefighter safety and health – a move that is becoming more common in all fire departments, but particularly appropriate in Everett where a firefighter was lost to occupational cancer this summer.

The project cost \$3.5 million and actually came in under budget and on time, Carli said. The work has been done by P&S Construction of North Chelmsford.

But more than anything, it’s going to promote firefighter safety.

The renovation is fully sprinklered, has the full fire alarm system and has 100 percent of the asbestos removed. Firefighters will have a special place for their gear to be washed, and will also have a laundry area for their clothing as well – a very important measure to try to prevent respiratory ailments.

“The biggest thing here is the whole apparatus floor is blocked from the residential area,” said Carli. “That is a huge piece for firefighter safety and now the firefighters will be protected in the upstairs from things like fumes and other kinds of problems.”

The renovation has also kept a close eye on the historic nature of the building. In a very recent historical survey of the City’s historic buildings, the Hancock Fire Station did register as a historic building. Known as the Chemical

Engine House due to the fact that it housed the City’s first chemical fire engine, it was built in 1899 and designed by William Hart Taylor. Taylor was an immigrant from Prince Edward Island and, in Everett, designed the old Horace Mann School and the Woodlawn Cemetery gate. In Chelsea, he designed many of the historic buildings in its downtown after the 1908 fire.

City officials said they would be re-installing the ornamental weather vane on the building for Saturday’s big open house event.

Carli said they have also kept historic fire service items too, such as a large lifesaving net that people used to jump into from the tops of buildings.

“We’re keeping the life net and will hang it up in the station, and we also kept the 1930s wainscoting in the living quarters too,” said Carli. “That net used to be in service in Everett. It is original.”

While construction has been going on, the City had re-purposed a part of the old Everett High School to house a temporary station – a feat accomplished by the talented Public Facilities Division. While it has been an adequate temporary home, Carli said firefighters belong in a firehouse.

“The firefighters of Engine 2 are ready to get back here,” he said. “I am very proud of their persistence and their patience in this. The City did a great job of constructing the temporary fire house, but they want to be back here. The firehouse is as integral as the fire trucks for us. They miss being here.”

The Open House took place on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the new station.

HVNA APPROVES SARATOGA STREET DEVELOPMENT

EAST BOSTON – Over the past two years Saratoga Street resident Mike McCormack emerged as the most vocal critic of plans to develop a large vacant lot on his street. McCormack thought earlier blueprints of the planned development at 656 Saratoga St. were ‘too big,’ included ‘too many units’ and would be a monstrous eyesore in the middle of the block.

McCormack successfully led the charge to have Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) members vote against the proposal to build a 50 foot tall, 40 unit development and send developer MG2 back to the drawing board.

So at Monday night’s HVNA meeting when McCormack gave his endorsement to the proposed changes to the original project HVNA members were taken back.

“This proposal makes a lot more sense,” said McCormack of the changes to the

original plans. “This is something I can get on board with. They listened to us on height, on one for one parking, so they did some work and this is something I could live with.”

Attorney for MG2 Richard Lynds, who has gone numerous rounds with McCormack at public meetings over the project, quipped that ‘it is the season of giving’ to which McCormack jokingly responded ‘I hope no one took video of what I just said’.

Developer MG2 plans to develop the 16,500 square-foot vacant lot at 656 Saratoga St. into market rate rental housing by combining six parcels on the lot into one developable parcel.

The original plan would have MG2 erect a five-story, 50-foot building. The building would have included 62 units with a mix of studio, one and two-bedroom units and retail opportunity on the ground floor. A later scaled down version then called for 43 units of market-rate rentals that would be a mix of studio, one and two-bedroom units and 39 parking spaces and eliminated the retail component.

However, the community still felt at five stories and over 50 feet tall the building was uncharacteristic of the surrounding neighborhood and sent MG2 back to the drawing board. MG2 then lowered the building to four stories and 40 units with 30 parking spaces. This was the plan that was rejected by members of the HVNA at a meeting a few months back.

At Monday night’s HVNA meeting MG2’s attorney, Richard Lynds, said his client has reduced the number of units to 30 and knocked an entire floor off the building, bringing the height down to just under 32 feet at three stories.

“This is more in line with the triple deckers that one may see along Saratoga Street,” said Lynds. “This addresses many of the comments and concerns over the height. At 31.8 feet in height the building would be below 35 feet zoning code.”

The entrance to the building’s parking has been moved around the block to Chaucer Street after resident objected to a curb cut and vehicles entering and exiting a garage on Saratoga Street. MG2 also added more landscaped buffers between the proposed building and abutting homes.

Variations MG2 would be seeking from the Zoning Board of Appeals will include Use, Floor Area Ratio or FAR, Open Space and Parking. The developer would also need a variance for Height. While up to 35 feet is allowed in the area and the building is under this threshold, zoning does not allow for buildings to be over two and half stories.

While most seemed to be

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pleased with the changes some still expressed some concern over the building's massing and asked the development team if there was anyway to break up the building or incorporate architectural details to make it look less 'boxy'.

The public comment period for the project will end on Friday, Dec. 7, Comments

can be sent to www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/656-saratoga-street/#comment_Form.

PUBLIC ART AT CLIPPERSHIP PROJECT

EAST BOSTON – During the planning phase for sev-

eral of the neighborhood's high-profile waterfront development projects like Boston East and Clippership Wharf, residents have always advocated for local art, public art and outdoor art to somehow be incorporated into the design of these projects.

Because all of the community's waterfront developments are tied in with East Boston's Harborwalk, residents have long wanted to make public art part of the experience.

The developers of Boston East created a community art gallery that is open to the public along the Harborwalk when they opened last year, and now the developer of Clippership Wharf is getting in on the art action.

Lendlease announced this week that two public sculptures and a new contemporary art gallery will be part of Clippership Wharf's public art program designed to promote Eastie's local art scene.

"East Boston has a proud history of being home to a thriving art community, and we are excited to continue that tradition at Clippership Wharf," said Nick Iselin, General Manager for Lendlease Development in Boston. "The sculptures and gallery will highlight unique parts of East Boston's history, and will be an attraction for both residents of Clippership Wharf and the public."

Lendlease has also made a call for art submissions from local artists to display work inside the gallery dubbed 'The ClipArt Gallery.'

Iselin said The ClipArt Gallery will be Eastie's newest contemporary art gallery and is slated to open in spring 2019. The gallery, which will be curated and managed by Eastie's Atlantic Works Gallery, will be located on the ground floor of the Slip65 Condominiums and will be open to the public on Saturday afternoons. The first show, "East Boston: Present Tense," will highlight current works from the East Boston arts community. The call for art is currently open, and artists will be selected in February. Artists interested in exhibiting at ClipArt Gallery can respond to the call for art published in ArtScope, as well as online at clipartboston.com.

The waterfront development will also be home to two public-art installations, the result of both nationwide and local competitions.

"Islands," designed by Volkan Alkanoglu, occupies a preeminent location on a newly created stretch of the East Boston Harborwalk and represents an interpretation of the five former Boston Harbor islands that form today's Eastie. The brightly colored sculpture is fully interactive, inviting individuals to reorient and occupy the different shapes as they desire.

The other outdoor sculpture, "Pillar," will reside in the courtyard at Clippership Wharf and was conceptualized by New American Public Art. According to Lendlease the installation will tell two very different stories, evoking both the massive Lepidoden-

dron trees found in prehistoric Eastie and the great Eastern White Pine trees later used by the shipbuilding trades on Eastie's wharfs, including Clippership Wharf itself. Plaques describing each vision will be at the site, inviting visitors to see which story resonates most with them.

The sculptures at Clippership Wharf are slated to be unveiled in early 2019. Lendlease worked with Sunne Savage Gallery to curate the art program at Clippership Wharf.

"This local public art program is reflective of Lendlease's long-standing commitment to placemaking," said Iselin. "Clippership Wharf will combine public art and civic gathering spaces to create a dynamic community, all with stunning views of the Boston skyline."

MEDICAL MARIJUANA STORE OPENS IN LYNN

LYNN- Now that the officials of Commonwealth of Massachusetts have welcomed the business of medical marijuana, a new store has opened in Lynn. In the coming months, several more recreational marijuana shops are planned to open in Lynn.

Just two weeks ago Apotcha, a medical marijuana facility opened at 491 Lynnway.

Apotcha owner Joseph Lekach, a graduate of Babson, said the 4,600 square-foot building is set up for the medical marijuana sales. The highly regulated industry, starting

from the grow facility in Fitchburg and to the electronic medical ID used to access to the facility and to track the product at all times.

The grow facility is approved and monitored by the state's Cannabis Control Commission, and was set up last January to begin growing plants being sold now.

The state also regulates the product, dictating that no more than 10 ounces every 60 days can be sold to an individual customer. The product comes in sativa, indica, and hybrid variations. The product is further broken down into strains like OG Kush, Lemon Haze and more. Customers will also be told the amount of THC in the bud, anywhere from 12 percent to 27 percent.

"Start low," Lekach said, adding that his employees can help with any concerns.

Patients visiting the "bud" table in the shop will be also to see and smell what's available. There display cases of water pipes, pipes and other tools used for smoking. There are lovely display cases with edibles to be consumed by those who opt not to smoke but still want the effects of THC or CBD, two of the chemicals found in cannabis.

"We also track all our inventory," Lekach said. "We are able to make suggestions for future purchases. We're known for our one on one service."

Medical marijuana was approved in Massachusetts in 2012 and recreational marijuana

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TREE LIGHTINGS AROUND EVERETT



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Giovanni Cogliano sat with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Parlin Library on Friday night, Nov. 30, during the City of Everett's Tree Lighting and Christmas festivities in Everett Square. The family fun event drew people from all over the community to the Square for the tree lighting, to see Santa and to enjoy fun things like a train ride on Norwood Street.

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Victoria Laws and George A. Laws, Sr. and Lois Laws to American Home Mortgage Acceptance, Inc., dated June 14, 2004 and registered with the Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 682762 noted on Certificate of Title Number 120977, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for American Home Mortgage Investment Trust 2004-2 by American Home Mortgage Acceptance, Inc., by Homeward Residential, Inc. f/k/a American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc. by assignment registered with Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 812243 noted on Certificate of Title Number 120977 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on December 19, 2018 at 91 Randall Road, Revere, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: That parcel of land situated in Revere in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY by Randall Road, eighty-six and 67/100 (86.67) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by lot 18 as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned, eighty-nine and 98/100 (89.98) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by lot 8 as shown on said plan, ninety (90) feet; and SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of James P. McNally, Jr., et al, Ninety-three and 55/100 (93.55) feet; All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on a plan drawn by John W. Parson, Surveyor, dated December 22, 1959, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as Plan No. 29739-A, a copy of

the portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 67355, and shown thereon as Lot 19. A portion of the above-described land is subject to restrictions and conditions contained in two deeds, one given by Daniel Crowley to Stephen A. Hall, dated September 30, 1854, duly recorded in Book 671, Page 24, and the other given by Sarah D. Pratt et al to Herbert O. Pratt, dated June 8, 1875, duly recorded in Book 1280, Page 317. A portion of the above-described land is subject to a reservation contained in a deed given by Alfred S. Hall to Thomas Roland, dated December 31, 1927, duly recorded in Book 4967, Page 218. The above described land is subject to drain easements approximately shown on said plan. So much of the above described land as is included within the limits of Randall Road is subject to the rights of all persons lawfully entitled thereto in and over the same. The above-described land is subject also to an easement as set forth in a grant made by Joseph A. Festa et al, Trustees, to Suburban Electric Company dated August 19, 1960, duly recorded in Book 7507, Page 81. The above-described land is subject to the reservation and has the benefit of the rights set forth in deed from Samuel Missel, et al, Trs. to Thomas S. Pisano et al dated December 6, 1961, filed and registered as Document No. 251891. FOR TITLE REFERENCE SEE DEED RECORDED HEREWITH.

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successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for American Home Mortgage Investment Trust 2004-2 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANDO PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 16-007036 11/28/18, 12/5/18, 12/12/18 R

Massachusetts requesting a variance of Title 17, Chapter 17.24, Section 17.24.070 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, parking in the front yard, to enable the appellant to convert a single family dwelling to a two-family dwelling on Lot 459 at 75 Oxford Street, Revere, Massachusetts. A copy of the aforementioned proposed plan and application (A-18-33) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. John J. Henry, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals 12/05/2018 12/12/2018 R

Section 17.24.010, maximum FAR of 1.5 within the GB District. 5.) R.R.O. Section 17.28.020, minimum parking requirements for residential apartment use within the GB District. 6.) R.R.O. Section 17.32.050, minimum screening width of 6 feet between off street parking areas and residential uses. 7.) R.R.O. Section 17.32.040, minimum screening area of 10 feet between nonresidential and residential uses, to enable the appellant to construct a five-story transit-oriented development with 22 residential units at 83 Bennington St., Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned proposed plan and application (A-18-34) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. John J. Henry, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals 12/05/18 12/12/18 R

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Public Hearing
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday afternoon, December 20, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DeGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Hassania Residential, LLC, 83 Bennington St., Revere, MA 02151 requesting the following variances:
1.) R.R.O. Section 17.24.010, minimum front yard setback requirement of 20 feet for residential uses within the GB District.
2.) R.R.O. Section 17.24.010, minimum side yard setback requirement of 15 feet for residential uses within the GB District.
3.) R.R.O. Section 17.24.010, minimum rear yard setback requirement of 20 feet for residential uses within the GB District.
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a three-story, eight unit residential development with appurtenant facilities at 1540 North Shore Road and 7-9 Dehon Street, Revere, Massachusetts. A copy of the aforementioned proposed plan and application (A-18-35) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. John J. Henry, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals 12/05/2018 12/12/2018 R

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NOTICE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, that a meeting of the Revere Housing Authority will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 70 Cooleage Street, Revere, Massachusetts.
REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY
By: James L. Milinazzo Executive Director 12/12/18 R

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REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION
Robert Selevitch, Chairman
Linda Guinasso
John M. LaCroix 12/12/18 R

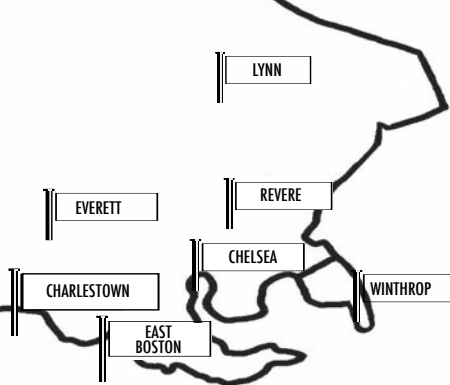
relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Stephen Rossetti of Revere, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/11/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 03, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 12/12/18 R



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The Revere Housing Authority will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Revere Housing Authority Administration Office located at 70 Cooleage Street in Revere for all interested relative to RHA's submission of its FY 2019 Annual and Five-Year Plans as mandated under the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Annual Plan will be available for review at the Revere Housing Authority Administration Office at 70 Cooleage Street Monday - Thursday between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY
James L. Milinazzo Executive Director 12/12/18 R

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na was approved in the Commonwealth in 2016. The law does allow recreational marijuana to be purchased at a medical site once regulations are approved. Apotcha has obtained its recreational license, and will be selling in 2019. Apotcha also has another shop in Arlington. Ward 2 Councillor Rick Starbard, who chairs the Recreational Cannabis Site Plan Review subcommittee, said the city voted for recreational use and he is just following the will of the voters. The city's Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC), headed by James Cowdell handles the first round of the vetting process. "Jim has been very open, and transparent in having meetings," Starbard said. In November the first proposed recreational site came before the cities Recreational Cannabis Site Plan Review Committee. This group, Natural Selections, based out of Colorado would like to set up shop next to The Blue Ox on Oxford Street. After visiting the grow site and seeing what goes in producing marijuana, Starbard said it does make you wonder what's in the marijuana sold illegally on the street. The Recreational Cannabis Site Plan Review Committee has also reviewed Good Chemistry for a shop at 696 Western Ave.; New England Canna, 7 Mount Vernon St. and Harvest Moon at 32-34 State St. There is no word yet on when they might open. One good thing: The host agreement the city has with Apotcha, giving \$100,000 to the cities general fund. In addition, a 3 percent tax is tagged on each sale. "The store is run very professionally, ultra-high security. It looks like a Starbucks," Starbard said.

PLANS ON FILE FOR SOMERSET AVE. PROJECT
WINTHROP - Plans are on file in the town clerk's office for a proposed development on Somerset Avenue at the site of the "old dollar store." The developer will appear at a public meeting on Dec. 13 at the E.B. Newton to discuss the proposed development. On Dec. 17 the proposal will be presented to the Planning Board. There has already been a small meeting with abutters and another meeting at the Chamber of Commerce for business leaders. Plans call for a five-story building with 40 housing units on a 13,000 square-foot lot, with 34 parking spaces under the building. The units will consist of three studios; 17 one-bedroom, and 20 two-bedroom units. Tom Reilly, an abutter, asked the Town Council to take action in forming an oversight committee. "According to the submission they could have 50-80 people living there," Reilly said. "It's well over time that this matter be addressed in some fashion to review the zoning law. The area is currently zoned for two and one-half stories and neighbors are concerned about anything higher. Town Manager Austin Faison had planned to and did appoint a committee Tuesday night. Faison appointed CBD Committee to work with the assistant town manager on the area and proposed development. Serving on the committee will be Councillor Peter Christopher, Paul Lucerto, Joe Clark, Michelle Murray and Joe Aiello. They are expected to meet in the next two weeks. Faison said there would be

no work in the center until the town "has its ducks in a row" when it comes to zoning. "Any project down there will need a variance for height and for parking," Faison said. Reilly also pointed out that any project will only have six councilors available to vote, since three have recused themselves "and you need five to pass anything."

COUNCIL VOTES TO DECREASE TAX RATE
WINTHROP - At last week's Town Council meeting, a presentation was made for the upcoming tax rate from Assessor Stephen Roche. After the presentation, the Town Council voted to decrease the tax rate for fiscal year 2019. Taxpayers will see this reflected in their January tax bills. The council set the FY19 rate at \$13.18 per \$1,000 of valuation, down from the FY18 rate of \$14.16, a decrease of 98 cents. "We had very strong new growth, I've done some research and we hit \$20 million in new growth for the first time this year as a town," Roche said. "That's significant. This trend of rising new growth appears to be continuing. Our building permit numbers are up 10 percent over this time last year." Fueling the new growth is a booming condo-conversion market in multi-family homes. Last year the town went through a re-evaluation, a strict scrutiny of all property in town. Those increases in values of real estate help to keep the actual tax rate lower. The average single-family value is \$466,243, an 11 percent increase in assessed value. The average single family tax bill is \$6,145 or 3.43 percent increase. The rate has to be approved by the Department of Revenue.

AROUND THE CITY

HIP-HOP NUTCRACKER

This full-length production featuring 12 all-star dancers, an onstage DJ and electric violinist Dec. 15, 8 p.m., and Dec. 16, 3:30 p.m., set to Tchaikovsky's music. Tickets from \$45; Emerson Colonial Theatre, Boston. Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" appears Dec. 18-20. Tickets start at \$39.50. EmersonColonialTheatre.com.

JOHN PIZZARELLI, MORE

The versatile performer/son of Bucky Pizzarelli performs with Catherine Russell, Dec. 14; the Weepies present their holiday tour concert, Dec. 15; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy headlines, Dec. 20; Night Ranger, Dec. 22; Jimmy Tingle does stand-up, Dec. 29; and Peter Wolf celebrates New Year's Eve, all at 8 p.m., at The Cabot, 286 Cabot St., Beverly. 978-927-

3100, thecabot.org.

TINY TIM'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

Tickets are selling out fast, but there's still time to see Greater Boston Stage Company's production of Ken and Jack Ludwig's "Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol," through Dec. 23, with an all-star Boston cast: Dec. 15, 11a.m., 2 p.m.; Dec. 16, 11a.m.; Dec. 18, 19, 10 a.m.; Dec. 20, 11:45 a.m.; Dec. 22, 23, 11a.m., 395 Main St., Stoneham. group rates, student matinees. greaterbostonstage.org, 781-279-2200.

CELEBRATIONS

Newton's New Philharmonia Orchestra presents Celebrations!, the first family concert of the 2018-19 season, featuring guest performers from the Boston Ballet School, Newton Campus and Newton's All-City Treble Singers, Sunday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m., at the historic First Baptist Church, 848

Beacon St., Newton Centre. \$18; students, \$10. www.newphil.org, 617-527-9717.

CELEBRITY SERIES

Guy Mendilow Ensemble, Boston City Singers, Regie Gibson and Courtney Swain perform Heart of the Holidays: A Choral Celebration in Song, Dec. 15, 3 p.m., at the Kroc Center, Dorchester; Charles Lloyd and the Marvels and Lucinda Williams headline, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston (tickets start at \$45; 617-482-6661; and hip-hop artist Devin Ferreira and teens from the IBA youth program perform a multi-disciplinary showcase, entitled "50 Portraits of Villa Victoria," in the South End gallery, Dec. 20, 5 p.m.

RUN AMOC! FESTIVAL

American Modern Opera Company (AMOC) presents the annual festival with four

new pieces performed in venues located around Harvard Square; a cross-disciplinary dance piece; a pianist; and a recital, with AMOC's newest collaboration members, Dec. 14-16. Tickets from \$25. For tickets, more information and schedule, contact 617-547-8300, at Loeb Drama Center Ticket Service Office, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, or american-repertorytheater.org/runamoc.

WHAT THE DICKENS!

Cambridge Youth Dance Program presents the dance-theater show, featuring contemporary dance, ballet, tap, hip-hop, flamenco, projections, narrations, and more, performed Dec. 14-23, at John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley St., Boston: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$25-\$65. cydp.org.

BOMBA ESTEREO

The group appears Dec. 11, 9 p.m., at the Paradise Rock

Club, for ages 18+ years old, and Bebel Gilberto performs Dec. 16, 7 p.m., at City Winery, Boston. WorldMusic.org, 617-876-4275.

CIRQUE CHRISTMAS

Lynn Auditorium presents Cirque Christmas, Dec. 16, City Hall Square, Lynn. lynnauditorium.com, 781-599-SHOW.

LITTLE RIVER BAND

Spectacle Management presents Little River Band, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth Memorial Hall. \$49-\$89. Memorial hall.com, 617-531-1257.

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY

The group performs a Baroque Christmas, Dec. 13, 16, at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston. handelandhaydn.org.

BOSTON CIVIC SYMPHONY

Conductor Francisco Noya directs the orchestra's family-friendly annual holiday Pops concert, featuring tenor Matthew Anderson, Saturday, Dec. 15, 1, 3:30 p.m., Regis College, Casey Theatre, Weston.

NEC CONCERTS

New England Conservatory's jazz ensemble concerts are held Dec. 12, 7, 8, 9 p.m., in the Eben Jordan Ensemble Room, followed by C1 along Night Dec. 13, same time and place, free, open to the public. necmusic.edu, 617-585-1122.

RENAISSANCE MEN'S HOLIDAY CONCERT

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REVERE LEAGUE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHRISTMAS PARTY HOSTED BY THE BEACHMONT VFW HOLIDAY FUN FOR EVERYONE



DJ Alan LaBella, President Michelle DeMauro, Post 6712 Auxiliary and the members and volunteers of the Revere League for Special needs.

Thanks to their friends at the Beachmont VFW the members of the Revere League for Special Needs held their annual Christmas Party at the main hall at the post last Sunday afternoon. DJ Alan LaBella was at his holiday best and the ladies from the auxiliary helped with the serving of the delicious DeMaino's Italian buffet and even found time to join in on the dance floor with many of the members, making it a terrific day. To do one better, yup, you guessed it, Santa showed up with a bag full of gifts for everyone. Santa pulled up a chair on the dance floor and listened to every request and told a few stories, then put on his dancing shoes and joined the party.



President of the Post #6712 Auxiliary June Dennen was having a great time with her many friends from the Revere League for Special Needs.



Jimmy Rieley is all smiles with his pal Santa.



Kathy Codero presented Michelle DeMauro flowers from the league for all her hard work through out the year.



Mark Schneider was surprised to see his mom Ellen at the party when he arrived.



June Dennen (right) and the volunteers of Post #6712 Auxiliary helping to make the annual party for the Revere League a special one.



Mary Abbitzian and her daughter Kara at the holiday party.



DJ Alan LaBella and the Reindeer singing holiday songs for all to enjoy.



Eleanor Vierira, Mark Brown and Stephen Gallant.



Dessert anyone? Pamela M Anderson and President Michelle DeMauro prepare to cut the cake and pass out dessert after a terrific meal. Santa did show up in time for a piece of cake.



Santa took center stage and spoke to all his friends at the Revere League for Special Needs last Sunday afternoon at the Beachmont VFW Post #6712.



Humberto Fellizano with the big guy, Santa.



Ho Ho Ho, it's Santa.



Richie Testa took a photo with Santa.

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