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**SATURDAY DPW DISPOSAL SERVICE RETURNS**

The Saturday DPW Disposal Service will return on June 27th and will continue on the last Saturday of each month, from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. On this day, residents can bring the following items to the DPW Yard, 321R Charger street, for disposal:

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  - Fluorescent Light Bulbs
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  - Nickel Cad Batteries
  - Waste Oil

- Electronics (\$15)
- Computers
  - TVs
  - Other Electronics

- Paint (\$2/can)
- Paint cans must have original label
  - NO Aerosal Cans

- Other
- Propane Tanks (\$10)
  - Tires — No Rims (\$4)

Not Eligible

- Aerosal Cans
- Anti-Freeze
- Gas Cans

The DPW Yard only takes cash and check payments. For more information, visit [revere.org/trash](http://revere.org/trash) or contact Revere 311.

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Police Chief James Guido and his wife Lil (second from right), are shown with their family before the ceremony.



Mayor Brian Arrigo, Police Chief James Guido and Fire Chief Chris Bright.



Mayor Arrigo delivers his remarks about the commendable service of Chief Guido.



Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo with Chief James Guido.



From left to right, Council V.P. Ira Novoselsky, Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo, Council President Patrick Keefe, Chief James Guido, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Ward 3 Councillors Arthur Guinasso, Councillor at Large Steven Morabito, Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino and School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio.

**City of Revere hosts free children's book drive with Revere Public Library**

This Saturday, June 27 from 9:30 AM -11:00 AM in the Revere Library Parking Lot (179 Beach St), the City of Revere will host a Free Children's Book Drive. The books will be available for children in Pre-K through middle school. The drive will have drive-up and walk-up options. For drive-up, please enter the Library parking lot and drive up to the red tent, tell the volunteers your

child's grade, open your trunk and the volunteer will place the book(s) into your trunk. For walk-up, please enter the walkway from the front of the Revere Public Library, spaces will be marked 6 feet apart. Masks are required for both drive-up and walk-up.

The City of Revere would like to thank their sponsors for making this event possible: Alison Corning Clarke, PPM-Reach

Out and Read; Meghan Blomberg, RPD-Reach Out and Read; Gaudalupe Panameno, PM-Raising A Reader; Kathleen, Manager at Barnes&Noble; Margo Johnson, PM-Liz's Place; Mary Delaney, MGH-ROR Volunteers, Revere Public Library, Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino, and the Revere Office of Strategic Planning and Economic Development.

**A MATCH MADE IN NEWSPRINT**

**Paul and Charlene DiPlatzi celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

By Cary Shuman

Paul DiPlatzi proposed to Charlene Ferragamo in November, 1989, through a "Will You Marry Me?" ad in the Revere Journal.

Charlene's response to Paul Angelo DiPlatzi: "Yes, I Will Marry You!!"

Note Charlene's double exclamation points. She must have known that the next 30 years were going to be just grand.

Next week the Revere couple will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They were married on June 30, 1990 at St. Anthony of Padua Church. The reception was held at the Nahant Country Club. They honeymooned at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Paul, 56, grew up on Warren Street and graduated from Northeast Regional. Charlene, 52, grew up on Cooledge Street and grad-

uated from Revere High School. They met through Charlene's sister, Christine Ferragamo. Yes, the Ferramos are related to former Los Angeles Rams quarterback Vince Ferragamo.

"We used to go to the movies and dinner once a week when we started dating," recalled Charlene. "We started going out in 1983 and we got married in 1990."

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**Council Sub-committee will discuss budget with Arrigo on Friday**

By Cary Shuman

John Powers, chair of the City Council's Ways and Means Subcommittee, will call a rare Friday (5 p.m.) meeting to further discuss the Fiscal Year '21 budget with Mayor Brian Arrigo.

Powers said that he has additional questions about

the budget that he wants to ask the mayor before the Council votes on the budget at its June 29 meeting.

"I want the mayor to advise the Council about some of the changes in some city government administrative positions and the salary in-

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**APPRECIATION**

**Regional School Committee member Ron Jannino dies at 75**

By Cary Shuman

The Revere community is mourning the loss of one of its longest-serving and most dedicating public officials.

Ronald Jannino, who served as Revere's representative on the Northeastern Metropolitan Regional Vocational School Committee for 35 years, died on June 20. He was 75 years old.

Mr. Jannino was not only widely admired in Revere but throughout the entire Northeast school district that includes 12 communities. He was re-elected to the committee with tremendous votes in the elections that are held district wide.

A graduate of Everett Vocational School, Class of 1963, Mr. Jannino was a strong advocate for the many Revere students attending Northeast Regional. He was always accessible to parents of eighth grade students who were considering applying to the Wakefield vocational



high school, explaining the many specialized programs in trades and the many potential employment opportunities that await Northeast graduates.

David DiBarri, superintendent of the Northeast School District, expressed his condolences to the Jannino family on behalf of the school. He praised Mr. Jannino's outstanding service on the Committee.

"We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of longtime School Committee Member Ronald Jannino," said DiBarri.

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The Revere Annual Summer Food Program kicked off Monday with the distribution of free, nutritional breakfasts and lunches to Revere residents. Pictured at the Revere High School site, from left, are Fran Petrillo, Develyn Miller, Fatiha Elkherchafi, Tammy Raduazzo, Donna Hayes, and Program Assistant Director Kitty Adams.

**Annual summer food program begins**

By Cary Shuman

Revere's 2020 Annual Summer Food Program began Monday at Revere High School and the Beachmont School.

Pauline Lyons, starting her 17<sup>th</sup> year as director, estimated that the opening day turnout would be 800 residents between the two locations.

Most of the residents

arrived by car, while many had walked to the schools to obtain the free, nutritious breakfasts and lunches, along with several cartons of milk. Children receive three days of breakfast and lunch meals on Monday and four days of breakfast and lunch meals on Thursday for the weekend.

The "Farm to Summer Eats" Program is a continuation of the program that began in 2017. See SUMMER FOOD Page 3

For the latest news in Revere that you need to know, check **reverejournal.com**

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### IRON WORKERS LOCAL 7 ENDORSES JOE GRAVELLESE FOR STATE REP.

Iron Workers Local 7 has endorsed Joe Gravellese in the race for State Representative in the 16th Suffolk District (Revere, Chelsea, Saugus).

Local 7 represents over 3,500 workers in New England.

"I've had great conversations with the people at Local 7 and truly appreciate their advocacy on the issues we care about - like strengthening the pipeline to good union jobs by eliminating barriers to vocational and technical education, cracking down on wage theft, and fixing our transportation infrastructure," said Gravellese.

"It's been a pleasure getting to know more about the priorities of Local 7 and I look forward to fighting for them and all working people on Beacon Hill."

Robert MacNeil, President of Iron Workers Local 7, said that Local 7 "wholeheartedly endorsed [Gravellese's] candidacy," referencing the importance of doing "the hard work required, such as bringing people together to have challenging conversations."

Local 7 is the fourth announced building trades endorsement for Gravellese's Democratic primary campaign so far, in addition to Operating Engineers Local 4, Tunnel Workers Local 88, and Bricklayers Local 3.

### MVES PARTICIPATES IN USDA COVID-19 FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES), in collaboration with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, is taking part in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Farmers to Family Box Program.

Eight Councils on Aging and Senior Centers in Mystic Valley Elder Services' service area participated in the program receiving a total of 865 food boxes to distribute to older adults in their communities. The food boxes, which contain hot dogs, sausages and sausage patties or chicken, are no cost to the resident so it is a form of "food pantry" items provided to Massachusetts by the USDA.

The initial delivery took place last week at the Stoneham Council on Aging where 100 boxes were dropped off. Council on Aging Director Maureen Canova and her staff will be delivering these boxes to those older adults in need in the Stoneham community.

In total, the program—which runs through the end of 2020—will provide more than 36,000 boxes of food to older adults in Massachusetts, benefiting more than 20,000 seniors.

### LOCAL 103 IBEW ENDORSES REVERE CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE JESSICA GIANNINO FOR STATE REP.

On Tuesday, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 103 endorsed Revere City Councilor At-Large Jessica Giannino for State Representative, 16th Suffolk District. Giannino officially claimed a spot on the September 1st ballot after submitting the required certified signatures to the Secretary of State's office last month.

"Jessica has strong community values and

deep roots in public service, which she has proved through her work on the Revere City Council," said Louis Antonellis, Local 103 Business Manager. "Local 103 IBEW is proud to endorse Jessica's campaign for State Representative, and looks forward to her bringing the same level of determination and preparedness to Beacon Hill."

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 103, located in Dorchester, represents Electricians and Technicians in the Greater Boston Area. IBEW's mission is to provide Greater Boston's developers with the best trained, most efficient, safest electricians and telecommunications specialists, while fostering the Union's values of economic fairness, equal opportunity and charitable giving in the communities they work, live and raise families in.

"Having Local 103 in my corner means a lot, coming from a family full of dedicated public servants and union members," said Giannino. "I'm running a volunteer-heavy, boots-to-the-ground style campaign. We will work tirelessly to reach as many voters as possible before the September primary and I'm so thankful to Local 103 for their support of my campaign."

Jessica began her career in politics as a City Councilor At-Large for the City of Revere in 2012. In that time, she has worked on countless issues that impact the daily lives of the citizens of Revere, as well as ordinances that will impact generations to follow. In 2013 her inclusive style and strong leadership qualities prompted her colleagues to elect her Vice President of the Council. In 2016 and 2018, Jessica had the honor of serving as City Council President. During that time, she worked to ensure the agenda maintained a balance between protecting and growing the city's economic base, without compromising the quality of city services to residents. Jessica believes it is her responsibility to ensure that Revere's government is accountable to the people, financially responsible and forward thinking.

### MWRA WATER REPORT IS IN THE MAIL

Throughout the month of June, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority will be mailing its Annual Water Quality Report to every household in its service

area.

The report also ensures that the water system meets every federal and state drinking water standard.

"Of course coronavirus is first and foremost on everyone's mind this year. While this report looks back on water quality results from 2019, I want to assure you that your drinking water does not contain or carry the virus and that your water quality remains as excellent," said MWRA's Executive Director Fred Laskey. "The dedicated women and men who run this critical water system have been hard at work throughout the pandemic - protecting the watersheds, running the treatment plants, taking samples every day and performing maintenance."

The report is distributed to over 850,000 homes in the MWRA service area as required under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Community-specific inserts also provide information about municipal water systems.

The report is also available on-line and a Spanish language version will be available soon. A larger-print version is available upon request.

For more information, please visit MWRA's website at [www.mwra.com](http://www.mwra.com) or call 617-242-5323.

### LASELL UNIVERSITY HONORS THE CLASS OF 2020

Congratulations to the graduates of the Lasell University Class of 2020!

- Giana Leone of Revere: BS in Applied Forensic Science

- Peter Luongo of Revere: BA in Communication

- Juan Jurado-Rojas of Revere : BA in IDS Individualized

### CURRY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2020 DEAN'S LIST

Curry College congratulates roughly 1,000 students who were named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List. To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

Katerina Caputo of Revere and majoring in Forensic Science

Adrien Martinez of Revere and majoring in Management

### JASON LOESER NAMED TO SNHU DEAN'S LIST

Jason Loeser of Revere has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Winter 2020 Dean's List. The winter term runs from January to May. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 87-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 130,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers over 300 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at [www.snhu.edu](http://www.snhu.edu)

### LOCAL STUDENTS EARN DEAN'S LIST RECOGNITION AT NORWICH UNIVERSITY

The following students have been recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University for the Spring 2020 semester:

- Austin Michael DeRosa, Revere

- Katherine Elizabeth Dixon, Revere

Full-time undergraduate students, who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.40 and had no failures in the previous Fall or Spring semester are awarded Dean's List honors. These students cannot have any pending Incomplete (I) grades. Dean's List honors are noted on the official transcript each term earned.

In addition to the above criteria, students in the Spring 2020 semester had to meet the following criteria relative to the University's transition to online instruction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which introduced the option for students to choose an alternative grading system or to maintain earned letter grades. To be eligible for President's (GPA 4.0) and Dean's Lists (GPA 3.40)

for the Spring 2020 Semester, students must have additionally maintained full time enrollment for the Spring 2020 Semester, chosen to keep letter grades in at least 12 credits of classes, and must not have received any Incomplete or No Pass grades.

### LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE DIPLOMA FROM NORWICH UNIVERSITY

The following local students officially received a degree from Norwich University on Saturday, May 2.

- Austin DeRosa of Revere received a Bachelor of Science in computer security - info assur.

- Katherine Elizabeth Dixon of Revere received a Bachelor of Arts Magna Cum Laude in criminal justice.

Due to concerns related to COVID-19, the 2020 ceremony was postponed. Details regarding a rescheduled event will be conveyed to graduates and their families as soon as they are available.

Norwich University President Emeritus Richard W. Schneider, one of the nation's longest seated university leaders who retired on May 31 after serving at the helm for 28 years, will deliver the Commencement address to the Class of 2020.

In a congratulatory video sent to 472 graduates on Saturday, May 2, Schneider said: "This will be the spring of unforgettable events in our country...You have seen the highs and lows." He acknowledged the spring semester cut short by the pandemic and also recounted Homecoming the year before, 2019's bicentennial that brought over 6,000 alumni to campus to celebrate. Schneider concluded by assuring graduates that he will always be there for them. He then raised a glass in toast saying: "To the Class of 2020, we wish you the very best on your Commencement. Norwich Forever!"

Graduates include future military officers, law enforcement officers, and many who will go on to graduate school, jobs in the federal government, athletic training, construction management, and numerous sectors of public service. The Class of 2020 is comprised of 173 civilian students and 299 students in the Corps of Cadets.

### LOCAL RESIDENTS MAKE DEAN'S LIST AT WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The following local residents have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the spring 2020 semester.

- Ina Hajro
- Adam L Tabbert
- Robinson Adams
- Eduardo Javier Meza Ubeda

- Wilson Ochoa

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology stresses project-based, hands-on learning, with an emphasis on cooperative education and careers, community enrichment, and contributing to the economic vitality of the Greater Boston region. The nationally ranked school is recognized as a leader in engineering, technology, design and science.

Wentworth has some 19 bachelor's degree programs in areas such as architecture; construction management; mechanical, biomedical and civil engineering; and computer science. It offers master's degrees in applied computer science, architecture, civil engineering, construction management, facility management, and technology management.

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## SPOTLIGHT

The RevereTV city government channel was practically taken over by the Ways and Means Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Hearings last week. These hearings spanned three days for multiple hours each time. The hearings streamed live and have been replaying on our television channels, but are also available on our YouTube page at any time. Along with the Ways and Means meetings, you will find the latest License Commission Meeting and City Council Meeting. As a reminder, the city government channel is 9 on Comcast and 13 and 614 on RCN.

RTV was able to team up with the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center to record updates for two partnership programs. The newest "The Senior FYI" episode takes a different approach than previous episodes and serves more as an informational session for seniors. Director of Consumer Affairs, Allan Fitzmaurice, virtually met with Debra Peczkla Digulio to talk about current financial scams that could be targeting seniors in the community. Another new episode of a senior program is an updated Zumba session with fitness instructor, Amy Borda, as part of the "Senior Fitness Series" that plays on weekday mornings. RevereTV still airs various fitness programs for seniors at 9am through noon every weekday.

On our community channel, we are still airing the RHS Car Parade for graduating seniors, and graduation slideshows from the Whelan, Lincoln, Garfield, Beachmont, Hill, and Paul Revere schools. Congrats to all of our city's graduates! The newest episode of "Cooking with the Keefes" is also playing this week, which features a local restaurant in Beachmont, La Esquina del Sobar. Any community programs produced by partners in the city or RevereTV can be found on our YouTube page. On television, this channel is 8 on Comcast and 3 and 613 on RCN.

### 2020 Revere Annual Summer Food Program

**Revere**  
**FARM TO SUMMER EATS**  
FREE MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

Mayor Brian Arrigo together with the Revere Public School Committee and the Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly has announced that the Revere Public Schools will sponsor the Summer Food Program for its 25th summer. The program will provide free breakfast and lunch to children 18 and under from June 22, 2020 to August 27, 2020.

Children will receive meals for all 7 days. Distribution will be Mondays (3 day pick up) and Thursdays (4 day pick up) at the Beachmont School and Revere High School from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The goal of the Revere Summer Food Program is to serve nutritious meals that are well balanced and supply the required nutrients that children need. The Revere Summer Food Service Program was established to ensure that children could continue to receive free nutritious meals comparable to those served under the National School Breakfast and School Lunch Program during the school year.

For more information, please call Revere Summer Food Service Program Director, Pauline Lyons at 781-333-2063.

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# Kowloon Carhop and Drive-in coming to a parking lot near you

Staff report

The Kowloon Entertainment Complex is pleased to announce the official Grand Opening Celebration of the Kowloon Carhop and Drive-in, an innovative, outdoor dining experience featuring internationally acclaimed, Diamond, Rock & Roll, Vocal, and Grammy Halls of Fame recording group, The Platters.

Diners will be able to sit, relax, and enjoy Kowloon's signature Polynesian, Thai, and Sushi delicacies in the comfort of their vehicles, or may opt to dine in the outdoor, socially-distanced seating area or now-famous Tiki Bar. Kowloon patrons will be able to enjoy libations while listening to live music and watching major motion pictures on their newly built 40' by 25', open-air screen. A contemporary throwback to the early days of family entertainment.

There is no charge for the opening night; however, at future select future events, attendees with outdoor reserved seating will be required to purchase a \$20.00 per person food and



beverage voucher. Vehicle reservations are required. Please call 781-233-0077 to reserve a spot and for more information.

**WHEN/WHERE:** The grand opening celebration kicks off Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 6 p.m. in the Kowloon parking lot, located on Route One North, Saugus, Massachusetts. The rain date is the following evening.

The Platters, who earned their place on America's Soundtrack after their first timeless hit, Only You (and You Alone), catapulted the group onto the national music charts, followed by The Great Pretender, recently featured in a vital scene on Disney's hit series Empire. The Platters mega-hit My Prayer appeared on the Oscar® nominated soundtrack

of The Curious Case of Benjamin Button. The classic, Twilight Time, was just featured in F.X.'s The X-Files and was recently the showcase piece for Sony PlayStation's international ad campaign. These placements prove that The Platters continue to engage music fans of all ages today with their vibrant, musical legacy.

The transcending vocal group was founded by naming member Herb Reed, a longtime Massachusetts resident who is the only vocalist to record on their more than 400 recordings. The Platters continue to travel the world today, playing theatres, arenas and will release their first L.P. with new music in more than 50 years in 2021.

## FAREWELL, CHIEF GUIDO



From left to right, Councillor at Large Anthony Zambuto, Councillor at Large Gerry Visconti, Council V.P. Ira Novoselsky, Mayor Brian Arrigo, Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo, Chief James Guido and his wife, Lil, Sen. Joe Boncore, Councillor at Large Steven Morabito, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Councillor at Large Jessica Giannino and Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino.

## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL Majority of Revere City Council endorses Jessica Giannino's Campaign for State Rep.

On Friday, the majority of the Revere City Council endorsed fellow Councilor At-Large Jessica Giannino for State Representative, 16th Suffolk District. Giannino has been a member of the Revere City Council since elected in 2012.

"Over the last 5 years I have worked with Councilor Giannino as a colleague, her leadership on the council promoted her to President two times unanimously which is almost unprecedented in such a short period of time" said Council President Patrick M. Keefe, Jr., Ward 4. "Jessica is one of the most dedicated people to the residents of Revere and I have no doubt that she will do the same for the 16th district. Revere Chelsea and Saugus will be well represented by Jessica Giannino. As her colleague and friend I fully support her in fight to be your next Representative."

"As the longest serving member on the council, I have seen many members come and go," said Councilor Arthur F. Guinasso, Ward 3. "Jessica Giannino was elected at a young age and over the past 8 years has proven herself as a true leader. I was proud to support her in her endeavors as Council President and I am proud to support her in this next chapter on her journey to become the next Representative of the 16th Suffolk district."

"I'm honored to have the endorsements of my colleagues on the Revere City Council," said Councilor At-Large Giannino, Candidate for State Representative. "They've witnessed first-hand my passion for making a difference and share my vision for a better future. With their support, I will ensure that the 16th Suffolk District is represented by someone who believes passionately in putting the community first."

### Endorsing Revere City Councilors include:

Patrick M. Keefe Jr., President and Ward 4  
Steven Morabito, At-Large  
George J. Rotondo, At-Large  
Gerry Visconti, At-Large  
Joanne McKenna, Ward 1  
Arthur F. Guinasso, Ward 3  
Richard Serino, Ward 6

"Jessica has been a great colleague and partner on the city council as well as a friend," said Councilor At-Large Gerry Visconti. "Her dedication to our City, surrounding communities and our residents is a testament to her work ethic and drive to always do what's right for her constituents. I am confident that if given the opportunity, Jessica will bring a transparent, inquisitive, grounded and honest approach to tackling the issues facing the 16th Suffolk District as State Representative – just as she's done throughout her tenure as City Councilor for the City of Revere."

### Other endorsements Giannino has received include:

Carpenters Union Local 328  
IBEW Local 103  
IBEW Local 1505  
Mass Retirees  
Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union  
Massachusetts Police Association  
Revere Fire Fighters Local 926

Revere Police Department Superior Officers  
Teamsters Local 25

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Pictured at the Revere Annual Summer Food Program site at the Beachmont School on opening day Monday, from left, are Linda DeAngelo, Joanne Kirk, Tricia Turner, Elaine Pelton, Program Director Pauline Lyons, and Kathleen Kelley.

## Summer Food // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ation of the Revere schools' food distribution effort that had been taking place while the schools were closed due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

"We're in our 25<sup>th</sup> year," said Lyons, who is aided by assistant director Kitty Adams. "The meals are free to all."

Mayor Brian Arrigo and Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly are the overall coordinators of the successful

program.

Despite the large turnout, the process went very smoothly on Monday. A helpful and congenial group of Revere workers stood outside the schools and greeted each resident with a smile. They made sure each participant received the free meals and cartons of milk and they accepted the many "thank yous" from residents graciously.

Mayor Arrigo and Supt.

Kelly can certainly be proud that this important, nutritional program for all residents is being operated efficiently during what has been challenging times for all due to the coronavirus.

The Summer Food Program's times of distribution are 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. The Program will continue through Aug. 27.

## Jannino // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"A Revere resident and retired woodworking teacher from another district, he joined us in 1986 and was re-elected to the board for nearly 34 years – a true testament to the calling he felt to promote the best interests of students and educators alike. We are so thankful for his service to our district and the thoughtfulness and care with which he undertook his role on the board and our hearts are with his family during this difficult time."

### City Council observes a moment of silence

The City Council observed a moment of silence for Mr. Jannino at its meeting Monday night. Ward 5 Councilor John Powers said he and Ronald Jannino were close friends for 40 years.

"Ron was our city's representative on the Northeast School Committee and he did a very effective job helping young people from Revere who wanted to pursue their education at the school," said Powers. "I

can't think of anybody who was as effective as he was in that position. He was a good, honest, sincere person. I wish his family my deepest sympathy."

City Council President Patrick Keefe served on the Revere Pop Warner Board with Mr. Jannino's daughter, Melissa Elam, who was the organization's cheerleading director, and son-in-law, Craig Elam, who Keefe's predecessor as RPW president.

"I'm very friendly with his son-in-law and daughter and his grandchildren," said Keefe. "Ron and I are brother Knights at the Knights of Columbus. Ron was a great man and he served the community with dedication for a very long period of time on the Regional School Committee." Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino said, "I am saddened by the loss of Ron Jannino. He was a dedicated representative of the city of Revere."

Noting the closeness in spelling and pronunciation of their respective names,

Councillor Giannino said she was often asked if the two well-known officials were related. "Although we were not related, we both shared the bond of serving the City of Revere," said Giannino.

Mayor Brian Arrigo had the following to say. "I am both saddened and shocked to hear of the death of Ron Jannino. As a distinguished representative on the Northeast Vocational School Committee, Ron was a devoted advocate for the students of our City who aspired to vocational education. Northeast Vocational is regarded as one of the leading institutions of academic and technical education. Ron was proud to be a vital part of that community. At the same time, he was an active and enthusiastic member of our city who readily participated in events to support our youth, our senior citizens, and our veterans. Ron's death leaves a void both in our world of education, and also in terms of our personal connections that make Revere a special community."

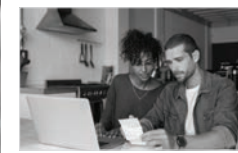
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# Forum

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## COVID-19 IS A PREDATOR -- AND WE ARE ITS PREY

The media, politicians, and others have likened our ongoing battle with the corona virus as the equivalent of “going to war.”

The doctors and nurses in the overburdened ERs in New York City, when its hospitals were being overwhelmed with corona patients in March, put it this way in discussing the stresses and challenges they were facing when they lacked personal protection equipment, ventilators, and other essential medical needs: “It’s like going to war, but without being given guns and ammunition.”

But as we enter the fourth month since the start of the lock-downs in many of our states, the “going to war” metaphor does not seem entirely appropriate.

Rather, the corona virus, which is stealthy and unseen except under a microscope (it is 1/1000th the width of a hair on our heads), is more like a hunter seeking its prey -- and its main prey is the human race.

We like to think of ourselves as kings of the world, sitting atop the food chain. Even if we cannot match a shark in the water or a lion in the jungle, we have weapons readily at our disposal to cope with any threats we may face from the natural world.

But the corona virus has humbled us. We as a species have proven no match for this pandemic that Mother Nature has thrust into our midst.

As with any predator in the wild, the corona virus seeks out the easy targets, the old and the weak. Per Darwin’s theory of evolution, only the strongest survive.

But intelligence also is a key to the survival of members of a species. The pandemic has proven that point as well, also taking as its victims those whose arrogance exceeds their common-sense, and whose folly makes them an easy target for a hunter that fears nothing and that will take advantage of any lapse in judgment.

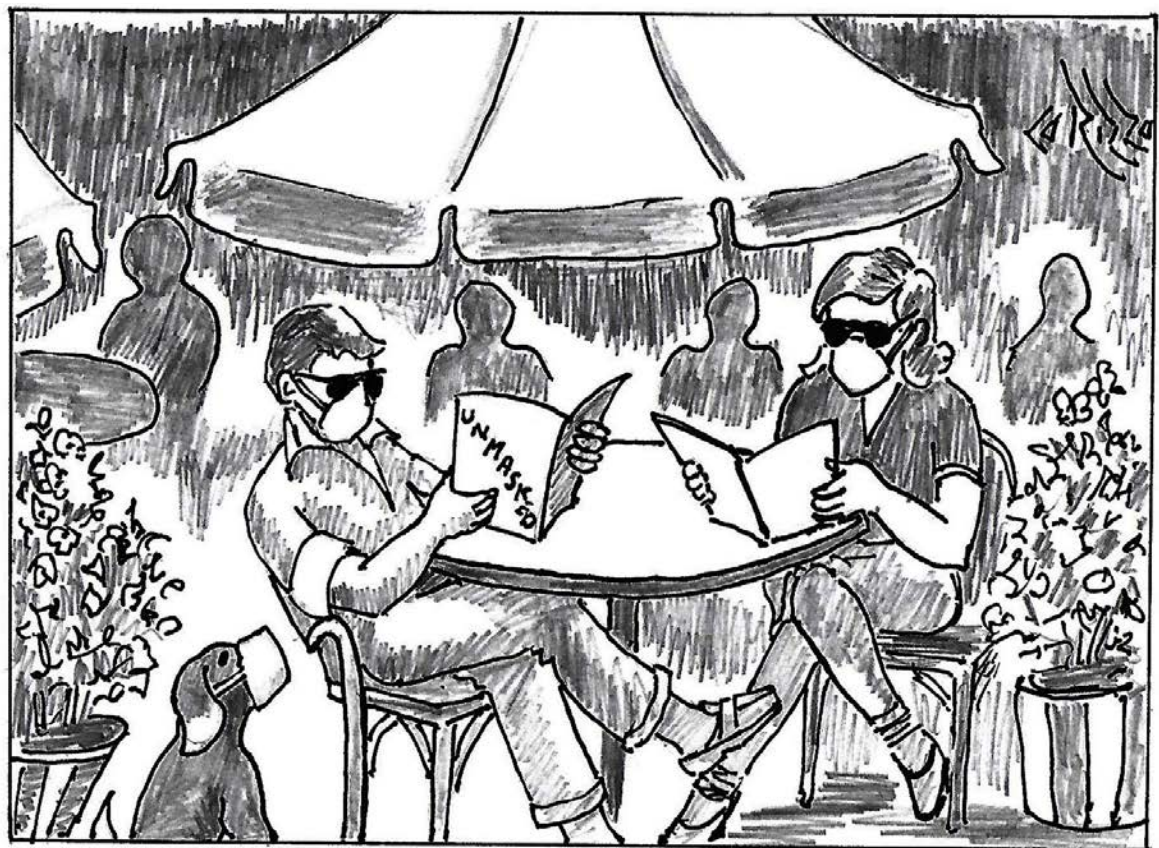
The early openings in the Southern states, where people have refused to wear masks and do not practice physical-distancing, and where infections now are predictably skyrocketing, have shown the folly of underestimating the power of the virus.

We think a more accurate way for us to view the corona virus is that it has reduced the human race to the equivalent of meerkats. (Timon in the Lion King is a meerkat.) Meerkats, small mongooses, live constantly on alert and retreat to their underground network of burrows upon sensing the slightest threat of danger. If they let their guard down for an instant when above-ground, they can become easy targets for predators.

We too, now find ourselves in a state of existence in which our movement is restricted. We must remain ever-vigilant and be aware that the corona virus is everywhere. As with any predator, the corona virus always is on the prowl and stalking, just waiting for any one of us -- its prey -- to make that one, fatal mistake.

As is becoming clear in the Southern states, we are fooling ourselves if we think that we have outwitted this virus and that three months of lockdown were sufficient to save us from its grip. The reality is that the corona virus never will cease hunting us and that we must devise a new normal if we wish to regain a semblance of our former lives.

Hopefully, our new way of life, whatever that will look like, will be something better than our present meerkat-like circumstances.



~ OPENING SLOWLY ~

### LETTER to the Editor

#### LET’S PUT A HALT TO TEACHER LAYOFFS

Dear Editor:  
Last week, I was proud to sign on to a petition in support of Whelan School teachers, particularly those who may have been targeted due to standing up for their collective bargaining rights. I also stand with other Revere educators who may be facing layoffs in the coming months due to the budget crisis, and call on the state to do more to ensure educators’ jobs are protected going into a fall semester where they will be more needed than ever.

Even amidst the COVID-19 crisis, billionaire families in Massachusetts have seen their fortunes increase as the markets recovered, even while the rest of us still struggle. While the biggest blame here falls on Mitch McConnell for preventing needed aid to the states, the Massachusetts Legislature can and should take steps to bring in the revenue needed to retain teachers, especially in cities like Revere where many youth are at-risk.

**Joe Gravellese**  
Candidate for State Representative  
Revere resident

#### COMMITMENT FOR CHANGE FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES

Dear Editor,  
On Thursday, June 18

at the invitation of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, a group of law enforcement executives from Greater Boston met together at the Parkman House on Beacon Hill to begin what will be a series of ongoing, open, honest and in-depth dialogues. All of our discussions will focus on the extremely important societal issues facing the country today involving the intersection of race, ethnicity, justice, and equality with the 21st Century community policing philosophy in existence in Suffolk County and across the Commonwealth.

The assembled group of criminal justice leaders included DA Rachael Rollins, First Assistant DA Daniel Mulhern, the Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police Superintendent Chris Mason, MBTA Transit Police Chief Kenneth Green and Police Chiefs from Suffolk County including current Revere Police Chief James Guido, newly named Revere Police Chief David Callahan, Winthrop Police Chief Terry Delehanty, Winthrop Police Deputy Chief John Goodwin, Chelsea Police Captain David Batchelor and Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes. Boston Police Commissioner William Gross was committed at another event but has indicated that he will be involved in all future discussions moving forward.

In the midst of intense national instability and ongoing uncertainty due to a global pandemic, with a major impact in the communities of Suffolk County,

compounded by the tragic public murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis as well as other recent tragedies across the country involving the police, the group agreed that there is much work to be done in order to prevent and ensure that these heartbreaking incidents never happen in our Commonwealth and for the greater community to be allowed to heal as well.

With this in mind, the specific purpose of the meeting was to initiate a comprehensive discussion aimed at creating innovative and constructive solutions to bridge gaps that may exist that prevent fulfilling the missions of both the police and prosecutors. We hope to move the dial in a positive direction in terms of promoting and enhancing trust and confidence and a renewed spirit of cooperation with every neighborhood within Suffolk County, and particularly those that come into contact most frequently with law enforcement.

The foundational topics of importance that were initially discussed included:

- building and improving positive community relations with the police;
  - practicing fair and impartial policing strategies;
  - ensuring applications of procedural justice in all interactions with members of the public;
  - ensuring racial and social justice as well as equality for all in the realms of the entire criminal justice system in Suffolk County.
- The consensus of the group was that only by

engaging in difficult and uncomfortable dialogue on these topics and actively listening to one another in order to voice collective concerns, fears, disappointments, and frustrations will the group be able to make a lasting and impactful difference in the road to reform.

The assembled leaders agreed that there is a significant and justified demand for profound, immediate and lasting change during this critical time in our history across the state and beyond. These changes must be in both policing and prosecutorial philosophies. It is this group’s collective duty to rise to the occasion and work together in a committed and dedicated fashion to meet that challenge and work towards creating a model for the entire state and nation to replicate and build upon.

The time is now for leaders to lead and the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Leadership Group is prepared and committed to meet that challenge and provide a roadmap for healing and success.

- Commissioner William Gross, Boston Police Dept.**
- Chief Brian Kyes, Chelsea Police Dept.**
- Coronel Christopher Mason, Massachusetts State Police**
- Chief Kenneth Green, MBTA Transit Police Dept.**
- Chief James Guido, Revere Police Dept. (Ret.)**
- Chief David Callahan, Revere Police Dept.**
- Rachael Rollins, Suffolk County District Attorney**
- Chief Terence Delehanty, Winthrop Police Dept.**

### GUEST OP-ED

#### A war against ignorance

By Mayor Brian M. Arrigo

A silent and sinister affliction threatens our city. We wish it weren’t so, and we mobilize our municipal resources to fight it. It is a battle we must win, and it will take everyone’s cooperative effort to eradicate it from our midst, pray it is less.

I speak not of Covid-19, but of ignorance.

On the morning of June 11 on Lantern Road in our city, we witnessed its latest manifestation when a car was vandalized with

spray-painted swastikas and the words “white power” soiled the street.

The police characterize it as a “hate crime” and rightfully so. When the perpetrator is identified and brought into custody, our law enforcement community will exert the full extent of punishment.

But I am neither a police officer nor a law enforcement official. I am a Mayor of a city that boasts a widely diverse population of hardworking and cooperative people who look out for and take care of each

other no matter their race, color, or orientation.

And so when I see what happened on Lantern Road, I call it racism and a crime of sheer ignorance. And I am both infuriated and saddened at the depth of ignorance that can motivate such a hideous act.

It is an act of ignorance because the criminal who wielded the can of paint has no clue about the good and wholesome people whose lives are terrorized by such a cowardly act. Nationality or color or ethnic background all blend when people work to provide a fulfilling life for themselves and their families.

When a person cannot understand that basic tenet of human life, and attacks the sanctity of a neighborhood in the dark of night

with such a vulgar act of racist vandalism, that person is not only hateful; that person is ignorant.

It is an act of ignorance because the criminal who wielded the can of paint has no clue about sordid symbolism of the swastika. Almost 420,000 American soldiers died fighting against the swastika in World War II, a conflict that claimed nearly 75 million lives that included millions of civilians who lost their lives to genocide, massacres, and disease.

A person who today paints a swastika as some sort of ill-conceived statement is not only hateful; that person is ignorant.

It is ignorant to believe “white power” when our

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# Mother and daughter reunite at Cohen Florence Levine Estates

Staff report

Rosalie Sussman had not seen her daughter, Gloria Dove, for over three months. When the Massachusetts Department of Health issued a no-visitors policy for assisted livings and nursing homes throughout the state due to COVID-19, Rosalie, a resident of Cohen Florence Levine Estates, was unable to visit with her daughter and other family members. Although Gloria and Rosalie spoke two or three times a day, and saw each other via FaceTime and Zoom, it was not nearly the same as meeting in person. Thus, their first get-together in early June when outdoor visits were allowed, was a special time for both.

“It was such a wonderful day,” said Gloria, who

resides in Revere. “Even though we could not hug or kiss, it meant the world to be sitting across from her, seeing her smile and laugh. I missed that.”

Rosalie moved into Cohen Florence Levine Estates, operated by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, in January of 2017 and has quickly become a beloved and admired resident. “We absolutely adore her,” said Yari Velez, Executive Director of Cohen Florence Levine Estates. “Rosalie is such a vital part of our community; she’s personable, friendly, warm and full of love.”

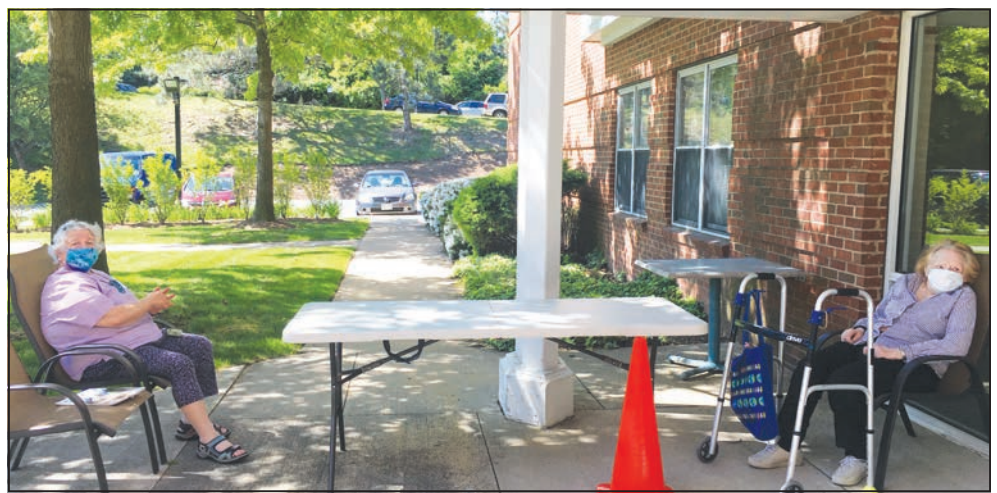
Gloria toured over 20 assisted livings before choosing Cohen Florence Levine Estates for her mom. “The minute I walked into the Chelsea residence, I felt right at home,” said Gloria. “I immediately liked what I saw and what I heard from

the residents, staff members and families.” She added, “The staff genuinely seem to like and care about each other as well as the residents. That makes a huge difference.”

In appreciation of the hard-working staff, Gloria and Rosalie recently orchestrated a pizza party lunch for the entire staff. “It was such a thoughtful gesture,” said Velez. “We were so touched by their show of support for us. These last few months have been challenging for everyone, and to know they care about the staff here makes us feel very appreciated.”

For Gloria, knowing her mom is happy provides her with a wonderful peace of mind. “The staff treats Rosalie like she is part of their family. What could be better?”

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare,



Revere resident Gloria Dove and her mother, Rosalie Sussman, who is a resident at Cohen Florence Levine Estates, engage in a social distancing reunion at the assisted living facility in Chelsea.

a highly respected leader in senior living, employs over 2000 people and provides care to over 1000 individuals daily, with campuses in Chelsea, Peabody, and Longmeadow MA. Chelsea Jewish Lifecare ([www.chelseajewish.org](http://www.chelseajewish.org)) is re-

defining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The eldercare community includes a wide array of skilled and short-term rehab residences, ALS and MS specialized care

residences, traditional and specialized assisted living options, memory care, independent living, adult day health, aging life care, home care and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.

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greatest power, our greatest strength, evolves from the united force of all our people working as one to elevate our discourse and foster our brotherhood and sisterhood toward mutual prosperity and societal security.

A person who defies the power of cultural harmony is not only hateful; that person is ignorant.

• And it is an act of ignorance because the criminal who wielded the can of paint has no clue about the

resolve and tight bonds that make the people of our city protective of each other.

The act on Lantern Road has outraged our population, and their collective eyes and ears will eventually lead law enforcement to the sorry source of this atrocity.

When Covid-19 made its unwelcome invasion into our neighborhoods, essential workers, first responders, volunteers and compassionate people paid no attention to color and

nationality and ethnic background as they joined forces to protect and help each other and suppress the peril. That is the Revere I am proud to lead.

And that is the Revere that will prevail to expunge our community of the vile and obnoxious acts of ignorance that desecrate the City that we proudly call our hometown. We will never tolerate the ignorance that breeds racism, and we will commit our relentless energy to crush it.



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Mohit Saini (far left), owner of Nick's Bistro, and his staff are pictured Monday at the restaurant where indoor seating is now available for customers.

## Nick's Bistro draws good crowd on first day of indoor dining

By Cary Shuman

The calls were coming in at a tremendous clip Monday for the Nick's Bistro "Beat The Clock Pizza Special." The dining area was also busy with the restaurant adhering to the state's seating capacity guidelines.

Mohit Saini, owner of Nick's Bistro at 169 Squire Road, was happy to see the availability of indoor dining for his customers after a lengthy hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"So far, so good," said Saini, whose popular

restaurant has become one of Revere's most visited dining establishments.

Nick's Bistro, well known for its dinners, subs, sandwiches, pizza, and Wednesday Pasta Special, had remained busy during the take-out, delivery and curbside pickup portion of Governor Charlie Baker's phased-in process for restaurants.

"We were very busy and we have a drive-thru window and a lot of people did takeout and we had a lot of delivery orders," said Saini.

The owner expects the

restaurant to do well in the coming weeks. "As people get more confident and are clear about the status of the coronavirus, they will be back to enjoy indoor dining," said Saini.

Saini was able to keep his entire staff on board the past few months. "We tried to help everyone out and I'm pleased that we have all of our staff here," said Saini. "We have our full menu and we're ready to go. We're at 40 percent seating capacity now, but little by little, we hope to keep opening more seating."

## Arrigo launches Raise Up Revere Fund to support families, businesses through ongoing COVID-19 recovery

Staff report

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley recently announced the launch of the Raise Up Revere Fund, focused on meeting the immediate needs of Revere families and small businesses that have been most severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as longer-term strategies and innovative ideas that continue to move Revere forward as a community.

Seeded with \$75,000 from the United Way and \$250,000 from an anonymous benefactor, the Fund will collaborate closely with new and existing nonprofit partners in their ongoing work to provide emergency aid, support Revere's cultural and small business communities, and engage Revere youth and families. Existing partners include The Neighborhood Developers (TND), Moroccan American Connections in Revere (MACIR), Women Encouraging Empowerment (WEE) Revere,

and The First Congregational Church of Revere Food Pantry.

"Revere has always been a resilient city of hard working people who take care of each other. As we face unprecedented times, I'm asking our partners, residents and neighbors to rally together and donate to help those in our community who are facing serious and urgent needs," Mayor Arrigo said.

Immediate needs include but are not limited to housing, food insecurity, utilities support, internet connectivity for families with school-aged children, child care, and other basic needs, as well as support for small businesses with a goal of getting people back to work in a safe environment.

"It's been three months since COVID-19 changed nearly every aspect of daily life for our communities, and this pandemic continues to take a heavy toll on Revere families and businesses," said Michael K. Durkin, President and Chief Executive Officer at United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merri-

mack Valley. "The people of Revere have continued to come together to get through one of the most challenging times in their city's history, and the Raise Up Revere Fund will help meet the immediate needs of Revere youth, families and small businesses, and support new and innovative solutions to meet the city's longer-term challenges and opportunities."

All gifts are tax-deductible and 100% of the proceeds (net credit card fees) will go to individuals supported by nonprofits already working in Revere. Donations to the fund can be made online or via your Donor Advised Fund by including "The Raise Up Revere Fund" in your recommendation details. Our tax ID number is 04-2382233. You can also send a check to the following address: United Way of Massachusetts Bay, PO Box 51381, Boston, MA 02205-1381. Please make checks out to "United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley" and include "The Raise Up Revere Fund" in the memo of your check.

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creases in these positions where extra responsibilities are being added," said Powers.

The Ward 5 councillor said this is the first time that he has called a special meeting of his committee on a Friday. During this budget cycle, he has chaired three previous sub-committee meetings to review the budget.

"I think it goes to the heart of transparency – to let not only the general public know, but also the City Council," said Powers. "There are some councillors, including myself who have questions. The taxpayers have a right to know how their money is being spent."

Mayor Arrigo said it was important in the Fiscal '21 budget "to continue to repair and revitalize the

framework of municipal functions."

"The budget I submitted to the City Council reflects a deliberative and justifiable assessment of the finances it will take to provide a modern municipal government that delivers efficient public service, reliable infrastructure, and full-staffed public safety to all our residents," said Arrigo. "We have witnessed during the Covid-19 public health crisis that capable, motivated people and modern operational systems are vital to the government's civic mission. As Revere continues to grow and face new challenges, it is imperative that we maintain high standards in our personnel and continue to repair and revitalize the framework of municipal functions. I look forward to meeting with the City Council to justify and demonstrate the value in our municipal budget. I trust that the Council, once informed, will acknowledge our shared responsibility in serving the people of our city."

Council President Patrick Keefe also weighed in on "the conversations about the increases in salaries" in the city budget.

"A majority of the increases are contractual and I would be absolutely against not giving people what they [Police, Fire, and union employees] are contractually obligated to receive," said Keefe. "Some of the councillors were wary about department heads having increased salaries [in the new budget] which I totally understand, but some of those positions have new titles with new responsibilities. You have to find a good balance if you expect someone do more and have more responsibilities and have a bigger role – it would only be natural that they would be compensated for that."

"So we're just looking for answers and more details from Mayor Arrigo at this meeting on Friday," said Keefe.

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Viscintoi said, "This is a difficult budget due to the unforeseen circumstances of COVID-19 and what the state and the country are going through right now. We are in unprecedented times."

## NEWS FROM THE REVERE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

# RBC looking for beautifully landscaped homes and businesses

By Journal staff

It seems that warm weather will never come to Revere this year. Just when we think that we have turned the corner, winter-like temperatures return with a vengeance!

The Revere Beautification Committee (RBC) would like to have all residents start thinking of the spring and summer temperatures that will eventually make their way to Revere and we will need your help during that time.

Every year, the RBC recognizes homes and businesses that take special pride in the appearance of their property and the organization needs your help in identifying the people who make the extra effort to beautify their property. After all, you are the person who may live next to a very special property or ride by such a property on your way to work or to the gym or to shop. Who would be better qualified to identify a home/business that deserves to be recognized?

Members of the RBC travel throughout the city during the warm weather searching for homes that meet this criteria, but it is impossible for us to see every property in the city. Therefore, we could use your eyes to help us find

worthy properties to recognize. We are asking all residents to let us know when you see a property that you think should be recognized for the effort that the owner has expended in making their property beautiful.

As an added incentive, the RBC is thanking the person who lets us know of a property that has been named "Beautiful Home" by giving a gift card to a local store.

It's easy to do.

Just call the RBC at

781- 485 - 2770 and leave the address of the property that you think should be considered and we will do the rest. We thank you in advance for all the help that you can give us. Please remember to call the Revere Beautification Committee to nominate your candidate for "Beautiful Home of the Month" award. Be sure to leave a way to reach you if your nominee is named "Beautiful Home" so that we can give you your gift certificate.



The members pictured above, Annette Bornstein, Karen Knapp, Carol Haney and Eleanor Vieira, met recently in a socially distanced setting to begin the planning for this year's Beautiful Home/Business Program. The program recognizes homes and businesses throughout the city that have made the effort to beautify the exterior of their property so that it enhances the image of the city of Revere. All residents are encouraged to beautify their property and are eligible for this award. The Revere Beautification Committee (RBC) Began this program in 2003 and has recognized many beautiful properties during that time.

## A welcome sign — a beautified island area

Special to the Journal

It is such a welcome sight!! There is nothing quite so lovely as "the flowers that bloom in the spring". After the usual New England winter, the flowers are always welcome. But, at this particular time, the sight of them is really special. Just looking at them makes one smile

ordinarily, but during this trying time, they signify hope and the start of a new beginning.

While driving along Squire Road notice that there is an area at the end of Pemberton Street that is abloom with lovely flowers. Such a welcome sight for all to see! The voluntary cleaning and planting of this area has been done by Ippolito Snow Services,

one of the many RBC island sponsors.

The Revere Beautification Committee (RBC) commends the Ippolito family for their continuing commitment and attention to this island and to the city. The RBC and all of the residents of Revere thank them for providing us with such a lovely diversion during this time of uncertainty.



## SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center is located at 25 Winthrop Ave.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and patience as we work daily to "scale up" our programs. Our doors are closed, but as many of you know, we have been working tirelessly to be here for you. Please know we understand the difficulties this creates for many of you and we hear you. Your resilience and zest for life in adapting to difficult circumstances, though not surprising, is uplifting!

As always, your safety and well-being are a top priority. We will continue to reach out to you and remind you to please do not hesitate to contact us for any of your needs or just to say hello at 781-286-8156

Exercise Programs can be viewed on RCN channel 3 and 613, Comcast on channel 8 and 1072. Also find programs on YouTube Fitness Playlist and The Senior FYI playlist.  
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**Senior FYI Schedule** Tue's at 6 p.m., Thurs's at 1 p.m. and Fri., at 8 a.m.

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First Congregational Church's Revere Food Pantry: Temporarily at the Rumney Marsh Academy, 140 American Legion Highway, is open every Wednesday night from 7-8:30 p.m. and is free to all residents in need. Drive-ups encouraged or walk-ups welcomed.

Veterans Food Pantry: First and third Wednesday of the month 10am-12:30pm at American Legion in Revere. The next date is Wednesday, July 1st. Available for Revere Veterans only.

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REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

HONORING FRANCIS DORIS AT THE MOOSE HALL



Shown from left to right: Sal Romano, State President, Joe Myette, Governor of Revere Lodge, Lisa Dello Russo, William Airey, Director of membership department, Mooseheart, Illinois, Valerie Doris with her husband, Francis Doris, who was elected to Supreme Council, Dick Mullen, regional director, and his wife, Gloria Mullen, Tom Hatch, Supreme Council from Connecticut and his wife, Audrey are shown at the Revere Moose Hall during 1994 for a gathering honoring the newly elected Supreme Council member, Francis Doris.

processing plant that will be needed to process the sludge from the MWRA waste-water treatment plant on Deer Island. Rowe's Quarry is one of the top sites under consideration, a move vehemently opposed by Revere residents.

City Assessor Ronald Corbett announced this week that the city's tax rate for FY 1991 will decrease by \$1.00 to a new rate of \$10.97 for residential property owners and drop by \$2.00 to a new rate of \$22.31 for commercial property.

Although Revere School Supt. William G. Hill's retirement will not be effective until December 31, the School Committee already has named Deputy Supt. Rocco Malfitano as the new superintendent.

Gremlins 2, Another 48 Hours, and Dick Tracy are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago  
June 25, 1980

The City Council, which under the law had 45 days to vote on the \$33 million budget submitted by Mayor George V. Colella, finally decided to act with just six hours to spare and largely approved Colella's budget.

School Committeeman James F. Page took the unusual step of speaking on a point of personal privilege to read from a prepared statement in which he blasted his colleagues on a number of issues.

The Revere public schools have become the first school district in the state to have its secondary level Basic Skills Improvement Plan receive state approval.

Former RHS hockey star Steve DiCarlo has been named a tri-captain of the Brown University hockey team.

Revere Fair share will sponsor a meeting to discuss the sewer problems facing the city at the Colonial Acres Club on Cecilian Ave.

50 years ago  
June 25, 1970

Retired Revere police chief William F. Gannon was feted at a retirement party by more than 500 persons Sunday evening at Caruso's Diplomat in Saugus. Mayor George V. Colella was the principal speaker at the event, which honored Gannon's 33 years of service.

Architect Harold Turi-

ello has presented a new plan for a new Revere High School that calls for just one building and that will trim \$2 million from the original \$15 million cost estimate.

A class of 602 ninth graders received their diplomas from the Garfield Junior High School in graduation exercises this week.

Vandals tried to set fire to the Julia Ward Howe and Mary T. Ronan schools and also caused considerable damage to the Lincoln School this past weekend.

Jack Lemmon and Catherine Deneuve star in The April Fools at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago  
June 30, 1960

City Solicitor Sydney Zukor told the School Committee that a proposed regulation that would require school employees to take a leave of absence while seeking and holding elective office is unconstitutional. Many residents have urged the School Committee to take such action in view of the recent appointment of State Rep. William J. Hill as the new principal of the Ward 4 school.

Deputy Police Chief Philip Gallo has urged the Licensing Commission to take immediate action to revoke the license of the Bali Lounge at 123A Revere Beach Blvd. in the wake of the recent arrests of three men, including the owner, who allegedly used the lounge as a meeting place to form a conspiracy for extortion.

Freddie Cannon, Revere's own teenage rock and roll star, has returned home after a nine-week tour in Europe. Cannon ap-

peared before Queen Elizabeth and her royal party at Buckingham Palace. He received a Silver Record in England for his best-selling recording, Way Down Yonder in New Orleans.

Steve Reeves stars in Hercules Unchained at the Revere Theatre. Film of the heavyweight title fight between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson is showing at the Revere Drive In.

70 years ago  
June 29, 1950

A delegation from the Malden St. and No. Revere areas thronged the City Council meeting Monday night to urge the installation of sewers in that part of the city.

Revere's newest su-

permarket is the United National Market at 1064 North Shore Rd., operated by brothers Sam and Dave Pomerantz.

Mrs. Milton Kirsch was installed for a second term as the president of the Revere Hadassah. The guest speaker for the occasion described the existing conditions in the State of Israel to the membership.

William Holden and Joan Caulfield star in Dear Wife at the Revere Drive In. Van Johnson and Elizabeth Taylor star in The Big Hangover at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

80 years ago  
June 27, 1940

The assessors have announced a new tax rate of \$44.00, a reduction of 60 cents from 1939. There has

been a total reduction in the tax rate of \$3.00 during the two-year term of Mayor Laurence Gillis.

City Council President and well-known local businessman Ray Carey has announced his candidacy for mayor. Carey topped the balloting for City Council in his first attempt at public office.

Local resident Eileen Haydock has soared to prominence as a member of the Boston Olympics softball team that plays its games weekly at the Boston Garden. She is the daughter of former local baseball pitching great Jim Haydock.

Dorothy Lamour and Robert Preston star in Typhoon at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

2020 International Sand Sculpting Festival cancelled

Staff report

The Revere Beach Partnership (RBP) and its co-hosts, the City of Revere and Commonwealth's Department of Conservation and Recreation, looked forward to hosting their marquee event this year, the 17th annual International Sand Sculpting Festival (ISSF). With great disappointment, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the festival for this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We understand the impact that not having this event will have on the community, however, we did not feel that any modifications to this event that traditionally draws over one million people, could be held in any way that was consistent with the current health safety guidelines of the CDC.

We know that families from across New England and from around the globe look forward to attending the event each year. Although we are disappointed that we will have to wait until 2021 to welcome our international master sculptors back to Revere Beach, we look forward to seeing you all at the event next year.

In the meantime, the Revere Beach Partnership has shifted all its attention to finding ways to promote and enhance safe and healthy recreation along

Revere Beach this summer. We hope to engage with our corporate partners in this effort as we implement several programs over the coming months. Businesses interested in helping can learn more by contacting the Revere Beach Partnership at 781-902-9742 or emailing info@reverbachpartnership.com

The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to continue the heritage of Revere Beach as a nearby retreat for New England families, to preserve the beach's unique historic and natural assets; strengthen the beach as an asset to our community by the development of programs and partnerships that further this goal and the overall well-being of our community, and to plan and oversee the continued improvement of Revere Beach.

Residents "disappointed" but agree with decision to cancel Sand Sculpting Festival

Revere residents expressed their disappointment that the 17th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival had been canceled for this year.

But they understood that the COVID-19 pandemic was too much of an obstacle for the event to fully comply with the CDC and state health safety guidelines.

The Revere Beach Partnership and its co-hosts, the City of Revere and the

Department of Conservation and Recreation, have built this event up to true "international" status, with more than one million visitors expected this year. It is the biggest event of its kind in the United States, the "Olympics" of sand sculpting competitions that draws artists from around the globe.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky is among the many residents who have marveled at the festival's growth through the years.

"I've been involved in some manner since the first sandcastle was built, before the one million people were ever imagined," said Novoselsky. "I've seen it grow to what is has become up to now. It's a great event with great organizers and great sculptors. Thanks to Adrienne Sacco-Maguire for the first castle and getting things rolling."

Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino has attended the Sand Sculpting Festival every year since its inception.

"The Sand Sculpting Festival is a huge component of the Revere Beach community that I've enjoyed attending my entire life," said Giannino. "The cancellation of the Festival saddens me, but I couldn't agree with the decision more. We must make sacrifices and work together to stop the spread of COVID-19 to ensure the safety of all of our residents."

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Arias, Jonathan	Breedens Lane LLC	140 Breedens Ln	\$799,000
Elrihani, Reda	Wells Fargo Bank NA Tr	193 Campbell Ave	\$274,000
Aviles, Jason	20 Cushman Ave LLC	20 Cushman Ave	\$740,000
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DiPlatzi // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

He asked my father [Christie Ferragamo] for my hand when I was 19. My parents [Constance Ferragamo was the mother] were all for Paul."

The DiPlatzis are the proud parents of four children: Paul James, 29, a former outstanding athlete at Revere High who is a teacher at the Hill Elementary School and also a realtor; Victoria, 25, a teacher at the Kelly Elementary School in Chelsea; Alexis, 22, who is hotel manager at the Comfort Inn, Revere; and Gianna, a 2020 graduate of Northeast Regional who is a Certified Nursing Assistant and will be pursuing a nursing degree at Salem State University.

The DiPlatzis were regulars at RHS sporting events since Paul James was excelling in multiple sports. He was a running back and a defensive back for Lou Cicatelli's Patriots while also handling all of the kicking duties. Paul James also held the school discus record.

What is the secret to the happiness of their 30 years together?

"It's a team effort - you have to work as a team," she said with a smile.

Paul has been a postal worker for the United States Postal Service for 26 years. Charlene has been a lunch mom in the Revere Public Schools for 17 years.

Paul DiPlatzi remembers the newspaper ad, the pro-



Shown above, Charlene and Paul DiPlatzi on their wedding day. Shown left is the ad which Paul Angelo DiPlatzi placed in the Revere Journal asking for Charlene's hand in marriage as well as her reply and the couple's engagement photo.

posal, and the acceptance as if it were yesterday.

"When I asked her to marry me, I brought her to the August Moon," said Paul. "I asked Charlene to look through the newspaper. All my friends kidded me about it because how were they going to top that for a marriage proposal?"





# OBITUARIES

## Ethel Doherty

Former Revere Police matron and crossing guard

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church on Monday, June 22 for Ethel G. (McCracken) Doherty who died on Tuesday, June 16 following a brief illness at Fairview Healthcare in Hudson, NH. She was 99 years old. Services concluded with interment in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

Ethel was born and raised in Revere. She was educated in Revere Public Schools and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1939. Ethel was married just two years later on April 19, 1941 to her love, Leo F. Doherty. The couple remained in Revere where they raised their four children. Ethel was a devoted and loving mother and homemaker. She had a passion for learning and a strong desire to further her education. When her children were older, she enrolled in Northeastern University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Ethel worked for the City of Revere Police department as a Matron for about 15 years and later became a crossing guard for a number of years.

Ethel had many passions and loves. First and foremost, was her family, she treasured each and every one of them and she was an extraordinary caregiver. Her second was Revere Beach, she had a deep love and affinity for being on the beach, as a young girl and throughout her lifetime.

Many people who knew Ethel, knew that she was most proud of being a Revere native and all that it had to offer, especially for her generation, who genuinely enjoyed the simple things in life. She was a First-Class knitter who could make or recreate anything. Many of her family have those treasures today. She was often found in her garden and enjoyed making her yard look beautiful. Ethel would winter in Florida for many years in Indian Rock Beach, it was there where she began to take up golf and, of course,



the beach there as well, but she always looked forward to return home to Revere. She was a late member of the 14th Airforce Flying Tigers Association of the Northeast Branch.

She was the devoted wife for 42 years of the late Ret. Revere Firefighter Leo F. Doherty, Sr.; loving mother of Leo F. Doherty, Jr. and his wife, Stephanie of Aurora, CO, Judy L. Gallant and her husband, Gerald of Milford, NH, Ret. Revere Firefighter John M. "Jack" Doherty and his wife, Maryellen of Revere and the late Cindy R. Foulds; cherished grandmother of Craig L. Gallant and his wife, Karen of Bedford, NH, Ryan Doherty and his wife, Shelly of Colorado, Melissa Long and her husband, Christopher of New Market, NH, Matthew Doherty and his wife, Adrienne of Colorado, Colin Doherty and his wife, Terri of Salem, Amanda Foulds of Danvers and Connor Doherty of Revere; adored great grandmother of Morgan, Mikey, Addy, Rhys, Audra and Jillian; dear sister of the late Robert McCracken and Doris McCracken. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Remembrances may be made to the New England / American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Road, 2nd Floor, Suite 200, Framingham, MA 01701 or to the NF Neurofibromatosis Northeast, 9 Bedford St., Burlington, MA 01803. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

## Frances Minichello

Past Exalted Ruler and HLM of Winthrop Lodge of Elks and 47-year employee of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, June 20 for Frances M. (Hickey) Minichello, 73, who was stricken at her home and later passed at the North Shore Medical Center in Salem. Services concluded with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

A current resident of Swampscott, Fran was a native of Boston and a resident of East Boston for over 65 years. She was educated in St. Mary Star of the Sea Grammar School and was a graduate of the Fitton School, Class of 1964. Fran then attended Emanuel College and Boston State College.

She began an exceptionally long and rewarding career with Blue Cross – Blue Shield of Massachusetts that spanned 47 years. Her hardworking and diligent personality allowed her to rise to the title of Provider Relations Manager. Fran took such pride in anything she did.

She married her one and only true love, William R. Minichello, on June 10, 1979 and they just celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary together.

She was the very proud mother of her only son, Andrew. Fran was devoted to her family and to anything she believed in.

Both she and her husband were active in the Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078. Fran was the Past Exalted Ruler (P.E.R.), Past District Deputy (P.D.D.) State Chairman of the Elks National Foundation and an Honorary Lifetime Member (H.L.M.). She was also the past President of the Association of the Notre Dame Alumni. Fran was committed to these causes because of her strong convictions and her belief to make a difference.

Wherever she went, she made friendships that lasted a lifetime. She remained close to her childhood friends, classmates, work



colleagues and her brother and sister Elks throughout the country. Her small stature and bright smile was nothing compared to her enormous heart and unwavering love for life and family.

The beloved wife of 41 years to William R. Minichello of Swampscott, formerly of East Boston, she was the loving and proud mother of Boston Police Sergeant Andrew J. Minichello and his wife, Maria of East Boston, cherished grandmother of Matthew Daniel; dear sister of Evelyn M. "Lynn" Wilson and her husband, R. Lee of New Hampshire, James A. Hickey and his wife, Nancy of Virginia and the late George B. Hickey, Jr. and his surviving wife, Ann Hickey of New Hampshire; devoted daughter of the late Ret. Boston Fire Captain George B. Hickey, Sr. and Evelyn M. (Crotty) Hickey. She is also lovingly survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, four godchildren, lifelong friends, extended family and colleagues.

Remembrances may be made to the Elks National Foundation c/o Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078, 191 Washington Ave., Winthrop, MA 02152 or Mass State Elk's Scholarship Fund, c/o Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078, 191 Washington Ave. Winthrop, MA 02152. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

## Judith Greco

She leaves behind her loving warmth, strength and unique ability to make things better

Judith "Judy" A. Greco, 80, of Revere, formerly of Winthrop and the North End of Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones and into the arms of her Angels.

Judy was a pillar of love and strength and her life is marked by the profound and unwavering love and dedication to her children, grandchildren and family. She was fun loving and mischievous in her youth and a trailblazer in living outside the lines. She loved entertaining, cooking and making everyone feel loved and cared for.

Judy grew up on Hanover Street in the North End as part of a large and loving extended family filled with happy memories. She was a graduate of Julie Billiard High School class of 1958. She was also a graduate of Bunker Hill Community College's Associate Degree program in travel. She was one of the first reservation agents at Eastern Airlines and led the team which opened their first international reservation center in Gatwick, London. Following her retirement from Eastern, she was a travel agent for Airwaves travel in Winthrop and Revere. Judy was also a hardworking and revered waitress through her younger years at several well known establishments throughout the area.

She leaves behind her loving warmth, strength and unique ability to make things better which will remain with all those who were fortunate enough to experience them.

Judy was predeceased by her wonderful parents, Yolanda (Martini) Masciulli and Albert Masciulli whom she adored and cared



for in their elder years and also by her devoted husband, Victor, her "Second Mother" and loving aunt, Marie McCormack of Sharon.

She was the beloved, devoted and adored mother of Jodi Greco of Revere with whom she shared a very special bond and Victor Greco, her loving son, of Revere, with whom she resided and who was her caregiver and confidant. She was the cherished and loving grandmother to Catherine Rose Greco of Florida and Thomas Joseph Russo of Revere; loving sister to Ralph J. Masciulli and his wife, Mary of Lexington; cherished aunt of Michael J. Masciulli and his family of Norwood and David Masciulli of Medford. Judy is also survived by several loving cousins and dear friends.

A Celebration Mass of Judy's life will be held on Monday, June 29 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Revere. Expressions of remembrance in Judy's name may be made to her favorite charity, The Listening Place in Lynn Massachusetts, c/o Father Alfonse Ferreira, 36 Michigan Ave. To leave an online condolence for the family on our memory wall, please visit [www.vazzafunerals.com](http://www.vazzafunerals.com)

## Councillor Guinasso pays tribute to his friend, Ronald Jannino

By Cary Shuman

Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso said his friendship with Ronald Jannino went back several years.

"My wife and I became friends with Ron and his wife and during the course of it all, he's best friends with Kenny Hill, so Kenny and his wife, Caroline, were friends of ours, so we socialized with everyone, Freddy and Grace Sannella, and that whole group," said Guinasso. "We just had a lot of fun, often touching lightly on politics."

Guinasso said Mr. Jannino was the author of the rules and regulations of the Northeast Regional School Committee.

"He just did a lot of nice things for the community," said Guinasso. "He played it low key, but when he was called upon, he rose to

the occasion. He was well-versed in Northeast school matters."

Guinasso said that he once recommended a candidate for admission to Northeast.

"The student wanted to pursue a career in the trades and Ron helped him through the process," recalled Guinasso. "He is now enjoying a very successful career in the trades all because Ronnie helped him."

Guinasso further stated, "Ron was a great family man. But he also surrounded himself with some wonderful friends and that is also a sign and a tribute to what type of person he was."

"The City of Revere will miss him. We all pray for his family at this time. We hope nothing but the best for the future of his family and we know that Ron will be in heaven watching over everybody."

## RMV encouraging customers to renew online now; get upgrade to REAL ID free in 2021

Staff report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is encouraging all eligible customers to renew their standard Massachusetts driver's license or Massachusetts ID card online at [Mass.gov/RMV](http://Mass.gov/RMV) any time between now and August 12, 2020, in order to qualify for a free upgrade to a REAL ID credential in 2021. This one-time, time limited offer is available to most customers who have an expired or expiring license or ID card dated between June 23, 2018 and August 2021, as customers are eligible to renew up to a

year in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID, or up to two years after their expiration.

"The RMV is encouraging all of our customers to stay safe, save time, and go online during the COVID-19 pandemic to renew their license or ID card, rather than attempting to come in to get a REAL ID," said RMV Registrar Jamey Tesler. "Over 500,000 people have a license or ID credentials that expires this summer that can be renewed online, and we hope they will all take advantage of this one-time offer for

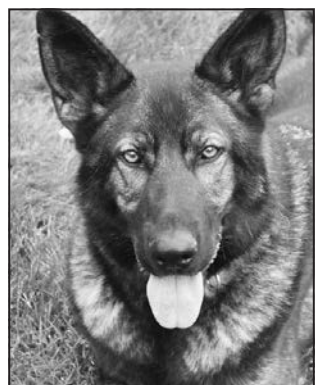
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## Beloved Revere Police retired K9 Walsh passes away

Special to the Journal

It is with great sadness that we announce (Retired) Revere Police K9 Walsh peacefully passed away on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>. His handler, Sgt. Mike Mason and his wife Katie were by his side. K9 Walsh served the Revere Police Department from August 2008 until December 2018. K9 Walsh was trained and certified in explosive ordinance and gun detection as well as patrol operations. Throughout his career he constantly displayed the true traits of a "police dog"; intelligence, loyalty, and courage. K9 Walsh was instrumental in the recovery of firearms, ballistic evidence, and people in hiding.

Although Walsh was trained in criminal apprehension and handler protection, he never once had to make a physical apprehension of anyone, which is one of he and Sgt. Mason's proudest accomplishments.



Retired Police K9 Walsh

Not only had K9 Walsh never hurt anyone, in contrast he was able to prevent others from the potential of being hurt.

K9 Walsh was one of the several Bomb sniffing dogs from local agencies called in to assist the Boston Police K9 Unit in the immediate aftermath of the Boston Marathon Bombing and events in Watertown Mass. K9 Walsh's skills and abilities were instrumental in keeping people in the Commonwealth safe in the days and weeks that followed.

In everyday business, K9 Walsh served the Revere Police Department, the City of Revere, its residents and numerous surrounding communities. Of all the assignments given to K9 Walsh, his favorites by far were his K9 demonstrations to thousands of school children of Revere. You could see the pride and happiness in K9 Walsh's eyes every time he put on a demonstration not only in our schools, but at the RPD Citizen Police Academies, and National Night Out. K9 Walsh loved to "show off" a little bit of what he could do and he truly enjoyed that.

Sgt. Mason, his handler, said "His physical strength and power, endurance, and keen olfactory senses coupled with his unquestionable desire to work was undoubtedly what made him so successful". "As intense, fierce, and intimidating as



Walsh, with his handler, Sgt. Mike Mason.


he appeared, he was just the opposite at home with his family. He truly enjoyed retirement and finally was able to adjust to the much slower pace of life after some well-deserved pampering".

K9 Walsh enjoyed his later years being spoiled at home with his family and living out his life as a lov-

ing pet. Although, in an attempt to show his constant desire to return to work, he continually ran to the police car in the driveway and sat by the back door every time he was let out of the house! In his heart he truly wanted to work.

Rest in Peace K9 Walsh August 11, 2007-June 10, 2020.

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Cooking class at The Power of Know Club

The Power of Know Club for Freshman students at RHS



Thanks to the creativity of our Youth Development Specialist and the middle school Power of Know teachers, we continued to engage our youth members and delivered materials to homes to make fun activities, such as cooking and painting possible. During the pandemic, the focus of the youth work has been building stronger connections with others, creating a positive sense of self, improving social and emotional learning, life skills, and working towards future goals. We held over 74 virtual meetings with over 95 members of the middle and high school Power of Know Clubs and the Youth Leadership Council.



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WEEKLY CRIME Report

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Revere Police Department responded on the following dates:

report.

stored the peace.

on Bradstreet Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1500: A domestic abuse prevention restraining order (209A order) was served upon a Revere Beach Parkway resident.

provided assistance.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

0129: Noise disturbance on Eliot Rd. The officer restored the peace.

0210: Domestic disturbance on Walnut Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0526: Vandalism on Lantern Rd. The officer will file a report.

0917: Unwanted person on Fairfield St. The officers arrested Matthew D. March, 32, of Fairfield St., on an outstanding warrant and on a charge of assault & battery upon a family of household member.

1007: MVA on American Legion Highway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1047: Animal complaint on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer spoke to the subject.

1113: A MV that had been reported as stolen was recovered on Oakwood Ave.

1200: Fraud on Squire Rd. The officer will file a report.

1243: Disturbance on Hancock St. The officer provided assistance.

1257: MVA on No. Shore Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1346: Disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer will file a report.

1317: An officer stopped a MV on Cary Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave the operator a verbal warning.

1442: Assault & battery (A&B) on Rand St. The officers issued summonses to a 58 year-old man from Concord, NH, for the criminal charges of A&B and making a threat to commit a crime, and to a 23 year-old Revere man for the criminal charge of A&B by means of a dangerous weapon (A&B D/W).

1521: MVA on American Legion Highway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1535: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1928: Lost animal at Broadway and Central Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1932: Parking complaint on Cooledge St. The officer issued a parking ticket.

1958: Larceny on Squire Rd. The officer will file a report.

2000: Suspicious activity at Reservoir Ave. and Broadway. The officer re-

2134: Shots fired on Carleton St. The officer will file a report.

2204: Noise disturbance on Park Ave. The officer restored the peace.

2237: Noise disturbance on Bradstreet Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2238: An officer stopped a MV on Ocean Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave the operator a verbal warning.

2259: Noise disturbance on Shirley Ave. The officer restored the peace.

2302: An officer stopped a MV on Thornton St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave the operator a verbal warning.

2306: An officer stopped a MV on Broadway for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave the operator a verbal warning.

2343: Suspicious activity on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer spoke to the subject.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

0004: Disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer provided assistance.

0035: Noise disturbance

0105: Noise disturbance on Arlington Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0845: A trespass tow was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

0931: Suspicious activity on the Lee Burbank Highway. The officer provided assistance.

0954: Suspicious activity on Hayes Ave. The officer spoke to the subject.

1215: Disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer will file a report.

1226: An officer stopped a MV on Central Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave the operator a verbal warning.

1233: MVA on Squire Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1239: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Squire Rd. The officer will file a report.

1312: Unwanted person on Furlong Drive. The officer provided assistance.

1345: An officer stopped a MV at Broadway and the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and issued a citation to the operator.

1357: Fraud on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer will file a report.

1439: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer will file a report.

1522: Disturbance on Cooledge St. The officer restored the peace.

1738: A trespass tow was reported on Overlook Ridge.

1743: A harassment prevention order (258E order) was served upon a Johnny Rd. resident.

1746: An officer stopped a MV on Cushman Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave the operator a verbal warning.

1817: Noise disturbance on Bosson St. The officer restored the peace.

1829: Parking in a handicapped spot on Mountain Ave. The officer issued a parking ticket.

1938: Missing person on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer will file a report.

2010: An officer stopped a MV on Cushman Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave the operator a verbal warning.

2210: Noise disturbance on Hutchinson St. The officer restored the peace.

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# Love will always find a way, even in the most dire times

Special to the Journal

Seven years to the very day they met, Patrick Neal and Elizabeth "Liz" Torres were married. The event took place on Washington Street in Revere at the home of Liz's God Mother Yolanda Napolitano. The original wedding was cancelled due to illness, and then to reschedule during our country's most dire times was next to impossible. Thanks to their combined families resolve a small intimate ceremony was to take place on the day they chose, two years ago upon Patrick's proposal on August 21, 2018. To ensure this date for both, their vehicle license plate bears the date as it's registration.

2018 their lives were to be joined by Liz's acceptance of Patrick's marriage proposal. The Reverend T. S. Deacon Economos of Danvers accepted the honors of marrying the couple in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. A small but dignified service was performed outside, with immediate family in attendance, while not the dream wedding that was planned, none the less a wedding, they both wanted. When asked about their decision of the wedding during such troubled times, Elizabeth stated, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about dancing in the rain", and that sums it up perfectly.

So it came to pass, on a bright sunny afternoon, Tuesday, June 16, 2020, Elizabeth Torres became Elizabeth Neal and the world continued as it has for millions of years but with the addition of two very happy people starting a new life as one.



There was nothing to stop Elizabeth Torres and Patrick Neal from getting married last Tuesday afternoon, June 16th 2020. After all it was their license plate since their official engagement two years ago, and the date marks their 7th anniversary together as a couple and no virus was going to stop their plans for a future together.



Elizabeth and Patrick Neal are shown with the host and hostess of their wedding, Liz's God Mother Yolanda and Francisco Napolitano.



Elizabeth Torres arrives at 63 Washington Ave, home of her God Mother Yolanda Napolitano. Elizabeth is greeted by her family and friends as the wedding is about to get underway. Accompanying the bride is her faithful pet, Allie.



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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### LOOKING AT \$5M DEFICIT

CHELSEA - The crisis of the City Budget is in full swing now as City Manager Tom Ambrosino submitted a \$181 million City Budget to the City Council this week that is down by \$2 million from last year – a first in many years – and also has a \$5 million deficit lingering.

“I would not characterize this budget submission as a positive effort,” said Ambrosino. “This is not the budget I had in mind when I was first proposing it in March. In fact, I had a budget for the first time in a long time not that did not rely on any reserves. We usually buttress our budget with about \$1 million in reserves every year. I had a fully funded budget that was healthy and positive. That was all thrown out the door.”

The one silver lining is that there will not be any layoffs right now of any City or School personnel – a stark contrast to Everett which just laid off 92 school workers and is looking to lay off or eliminate many City worker positions. The budget deficit of \$5 million will be filled with money from the Rainy Day Fund.

“This budget does represent using \$5 million in Stabilization Fund reserves to balance the budget,” he said. “We have hit so many problems with revenue and we have reserves and think now is the time to use it. Several unions have agreed to defer raises in their pay to prevent layoffs. We’re confident we can get through Fiscal Year 2021 without layoffs.”

A key problem for the City has been revenues, particularly hotel excise tax decreases and car rental decreases. Chelsea is heavily invested in the health of Logan Airport, and with it being basically shuttered for the last three months, millions of dollars are lost and will continue to be lost.

“I’m not sure how fast the economy can come back for a city like Chelsea that is dependent on the travel industry,” he said. “We have a lot of businesses that depend on Logan Airport... Travel is down 95 percent and it has an impact on our two biggest revenue generators including the hotels and the car rental companies – particularly Enterprise. We have serious concerns going into FY 21. It’s no different than Boston or any other City or Town.”

Ambrosino said they are expected a cut of about 30 percent to State Aid payments, which make up a substantial portion of the City Budget. However, there are federal bills floating around that could make a huge difference, including the HEROES Act. Were that approved, there is a chance that State Aid could be level funded from last year and a lot of things could return.

“If that bill were to pass in some form, the state wouldn’t have to cut city and town funding so much,” he said. “That’s the same for the School Department too. They might be able to provide some of the Student Opportunity Act money that was promised. We have a budget now that has \$0 for Student Opportunity Act funding.”

He said that would prevent them from having to use the \$5 million Rainy Day Fund money as well.

So far, though they have been able to keep personnel on and have been able to save the Summer Youth Employment Program and the Navigators, there are things that had to be deferred. Most of those things include projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

For instance, Marlbor-

ough Street was to be reconstructed this summer, and it really needs it after years of neglect. However, that has had to be deferred until next year when things hopefully improve.

The City Budget now goes to the Council, who has already begun having hearings this week to review the submission. It must be passed by July 1.

### FIREWORKS A PROBLEM IN CHELSEA

CHELSEA - Fireworks have struck a COVID-19 nerve this year, with Chelsea residents up in arms as louder and bigger fireworks seemingly go off every night all night long – and City officials and Chelsea Police are looking to crack down.

Councilor Todd Taylor said about five weeks ago he began getting angry texts from his constituents living next to Voke Park about fireworks going off at all hours of the night. Knowing Chelsea in the summer, fireworks are a part of life for about three weeks surrounding Independence Day, but this was somehow different.

“After getting five calls I went down to the park,” he said. “It was just littered with big fireworks. One of them was three feet tall and stuck in the middle of the field. That was exactly what the neighbors were saying. It isn’t like bottle rocket. It was bombs going off, and every night until about 3 a.m. or later.”

That same day, Councilor Taylor put up a Facebook post on Chelsea Happenings to see if anyone else was being bothered.

And boy were they. “I had no idea what a nerve it would strike,” he said. “It ended up triggering about 400 complaints in the comments. People were really mad all over the city, while some of the younger kids on there were mocking their anger. Shortly after I read an article in the Boston papers about this being a problem in Boston, Revere, Everett and Somerville. It really appeared something was going on here.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Chief Brian Kyes are taking the matter very seriously and have put on overtime to find those that are shooting off fireworks so late at night so consistently.

Ambrosino said they are telling residents to call 9-1-1 and report the location and police will respond.

Kyes said it was a breach of the public peace.

“We are issuing verbal warnings to apparent violators but if that does not work we have no choice but to impose monetary fines as a violation of our city ordinance,” he said. “The frequency and duration of these displays well after midnight is not only a nuisance and breach of the public peace but they are very dangerous as well as well in terms of a potential fire hazard. We can continue to do everything we can working with our concerned residents to respond in both a reactive as well as a proactive manner. We remain optimistic that we attain a high level of compliance due to the public safety risk involved.”

Taylor said there appears to be something coordinated about the fireworks – particularly in that so much money would be required to buy so many to shoot off for so long every night. He said he believes law enforcement will get to the bottom of whatever the real motivation is.

“There does seem to be some sort of coordinated effort going on,” said Taylor. “I don’t know if it has any connection to the pro-

tests or not. I’ve been told that might be the case. It’s going on all over the City and I still have people calling me or texting me about when they start and when they stop. It’s every day. I’ve never seen people more upset in Chelsea than about this. The question becomes who is funding all of this because it has to be very expensive.”

Taylor said he has reports of elderly people, veterans with PTSD and pets being traumatized – not to mention the essential workers who are trying to sleep prior to having to work long, tough shifts.

He said he would be willing to investigate whether or not there needs to be a hearing at City Hall, and maybe a change to the ordinance to stiffen the penalties for shooting off fireworks, particularly very late at night.

### DeMARIA CALLS RACISM A HEALTH CRISIS

EVERETT - On Tuesday, Mayor Carlo DeMaria made a declaration officially declaring racism a public health crisis in Everett – ensuring that racism and discrimination both remain intolerable.

That was bolstered by the announcement of a review of policies and practices at the Everett Police Department, and a list of action items that have been initiated immediately – including barring chokeholds, continuing more diverse hiring, and creating regional reforms to the Internal Affairs departments in area law enforcement departments.

“The City of Everett is culturally rich and abundantly diverse,” he said. “Racism or discrimination, in any form, will not be accepted nor tolerated. It is with this in mind that I find it imperative to declare racism a public health crisis in the City of Everett.”

Following President Barack Obama’s call to mayors to pursue policing reforms, Mayor DeMaria signed the Mayor’s Pledge issued by the Obama Foundation’s My Brother’s Keeper Alliance. The “Mayor’s Pledge” commits the City of Everett to the following:

- Review police use of force policies;

- Engage communities by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories;

- Report review findings to the community and seek feedback; and

- Reform police use of force policies.

The City of Everett Police Department’s policies and procedures strictly mirror and adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC). The MPAC is an organization responsible for the development, delivery, and enforcement of training standards of municipal police departments throughout Massachusetts.

The recommended use of force policies set forth by the “8 Can’t Wait” campaign has resulted in a cursory review of current policies to ensure that nothing was overlooked, said the mayor.

The following action items have been taken as of this week, he said.

- UPDATED USE OF FORCE AND DE-ESCALATION POLICIES

The City of Everett Police Department is actively updating the use of force and de-escalation policies, as well as the rules and regulations with a duty to intervene clause.

“As a result of our initial review of the current Everett Police Department policies, our Department will soon be equipped with a

### DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT



PHOTOS COURTESY MAYOR CARLO DEMARIA'S OFFICE/MICHELLE FENELOM

Two young people sit atop their family’s van on Friday night, June 12, to watch the City’s drive-in movie night showing of ‘ET: The Extra Terrestrial.’ The event was a hit with residents who were excited to be outside at RiverGreen Park and taking a break for the indoor COVID-19 restrictions. Below, Dayeli Garcia, Vanessa Carcamo, Sheryln Rodriguez, and Samantha Perkins get ready for the beginning of the movie.



policy surrounding Biased Based Policing,” he said. “For years, the Everett Police Department has been trained to never initiate any police involvement with another person on the sole basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, or physical ability. Although it exists as a past-practice, such training has never been codified into a policy until now. This policy will be published and implemented within the next 10 days.”

#### •CHOKEHOLDS BARRED FOR SUBDUING PEOPLE

Police utilization of chokeholds, strangleholds, or other tactics in which an officer cuts off the oxygen supply of another person in order to subdue them has, rightfully, become a main focus in the national spotlight as it pertains to police departments’ use of force policies. Chokeholds have never and will never be a method of restraint taught to the Everett Police Department, the mayor said.

In fact, chokehold training is explicitly barred in the State of Massachusetts, citing the inherent dangers which accompany that tactic.

“This is further reiterated to our Police force that, barring a situation in which an officer’s life is in imminent danger and deadly force has thus been authorized, a chokehold shall never be utilized on a person as a means to subdue them,” said the mayor.

#### •MAYOR CALLS FOR REGIONAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS REFORM

The Internal Affairs division of a Police Department refers to the enforcement arm within the department that investigates incidents and possible suspicions of law-breaking and professional misconduct attributed to officers on the force. This has been highly scrutinized based on current events.

Mayor DeMaria said on Tuesday he is seeking to form a Regional Internal Affairs Coalition to increase the transparency of police misconduct and the processes by which they are investigated. Mayor DeMaria said he will be calling upon local leaders to join him in forming this coalition to increase the impartiality of all Internal Affairs investigations. Additionally, the Everett Police Department have taken their own proactive measures in monitoring their internal affairs investigations. They are one of the few departments in Massachusetts that uti-

lize the leading professional standards software, IA Pro and Blue Team, used by approximately 800 public safety agencies in five countries. The IA Pro and Blue Team software acts as an early warning system, helps frontline supervisory documentation, case management of internal affairs investigations, and overall organizational accountability.

“As the needs of society change, it is the responsibility of local leaders to implement changes,” said Mayor DeMaria. “My Administration will not be defunding our police department; rather, we will be re-equipping the force by adding more tools to their duty belts.”

#### •RENEWED COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY POLICING

One of the greatest tools that a police department can use is their ability to use community policing to interact with residents and businesses alike, the mayor said. As part of their ongoing efforts in community policing, the City pointed to the fact that the Everett Police Department has engaged numerous organizations over the years in an effort to better serve their residents. These relationships, they said, have allowed the department to gain the trust of all Everett residents from the youth to the elderly population, and resulted in the creation of the Cops Corner at Everett High, the Junior Police Academy, and the 25 Days of Christmas tradition.

“The men and women of the Everett Police Department take their responsibilities seriously,” said Chief Steven Mazzie. “We have always valued our relationships with our residents and strive to provide our services in a fair and impartial way. Over the years we have found that transparency, communication, and mutual respect have helped de-escalate volatile situations and often led to positive outcomes.

We acknowledge that now is an important time to reinforce our dedication to getting the job done right while protecting those we serve and building a lasting trust,” he continued.

#### •COMMITMENT TO DIVERSE HIRING

It will remain the goal of the Everett Police Department, as it has been in over the past 10 years, the Chief said, to continue to hire police officers who are visually and culturally reflective of the community and its residents. The last class of

police officers hired were predominantly of diverse backgrounds and ethnicities, speaking multiple languages. The Everett Police Department will continue to strive to recruit people of color so as to best represent our diverse community, said the Chief.

#### •MORE CITY FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The City has committed to adding the necessary personnel to support police officers in the City of Everett. Mayor DeMaria said he will be reallocating Everett Police Department funds to hire mental health professionals, therapists, and additional personnel who will provide access to services needed by the City. This will be done in partnership and conjunction with local nonprofits and mental health providers. This collaboration will allow for a heightened ability of the Everett Police Department to achieve preventative results, rather than to respond with reactive measures.

### ZBA APPROVES PROJECT

EVERETT - The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted to approve plans for a 396-unit residential building at 65 Normand St. that came via one of the largest home builders in the nation – Lennar Development.

“Over the past few years the Village has become one of the hottest neighborhoods north of Boston,” Mayor Carlo DeMaria said. “We have created a recreational entertainment district, boating, biking, rock climbing, axe throwing, basketball, hockey soccer, along with Village Fest, Nightshift, Bone Up, Short Path Distillery, Village Bar and Grill, all having outdoor dining. Now we are transforming an old, industrial wasteland and creating a unique residential community, bringing hundreds of residents to take advantage of this unmatched area.”

Councilor Michael McLaughlin – who represents the area – had expressed concerns with the project at the Planning Board two weeks ago, calling for a neighborhood meeting. Local Attorney David O’Neil represented Lennar and helped to coordinate meeting with neighbors.

McLaughlin said on Monday all of his concerns and those from neighbors





# Officials sign onto letter urging Baker to fully fund schools

By John Lynds

Last year's Student Opportunity Act that was signed by Gov. Charlie Baker was a huge win for educators, parents and students as well as cities and towns across the state.

The law finally replaced the outdated formula used to fund public schools in Revere and other school districts in low-income neighborhoods that led to budget shortfalls year after year.

Because the state had not updated its education funding formula since 1993 to reflect districts' real health insurance and special education costs, the amount of aid being provided to cover those costs is too small.

To compensate, many districts like Revere ended up using money that would otherwise have supported core education programs—including Regular Education, Teachers, Materials and Technology, and Professional Development. This also results in dramatic cuts in other areas of education.

The Student Opportunity Act was to kick off this year with state "Gateway Cities" like Revere due to receive an additional \$217.5 million, more than 70 percent of the new aid promised un-

der the act.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic slowdown has caused a \$4-7 billion revenue shortfall and increase in education funding promised to cities like Revere is at risk.

In response, Revere City and Public School officials have signed onto a letter sent to Gov Baker urging him to fully fund schools in the co-called Gateway Cities.

School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly; Gina Garro, President of Revere Teachers Union; Matthew J. Costa, President of the Revere Administrators Association; Revere School Committee members Michael Ferrante, Susan Gravelle, Stacey Rizzo, and Carol Tye; as well as City Councilors Jessica Giannino and Steven Morabito all signed the letter that was sent to the Governor.

In the letter Revere officials, as well as educators and officials from 25 other Gateway Cities told the Governor that unless the state takes drastic action, the promises the legislature made to students in the Student Opportunity Act will remain unfulfilled once again.

"We therefore call on our legislature to ensure that

our Gateway City school districts are properly funded for the FY21 budget cycle," said the latter.

The letter argues that virtual learning during the COVID-19 pandemic has made it more challenging for students to progress through their school year.

"Some families have limited internet access," said the letter. "Some children have Individualized Education Plans that their schools haven't been able to follow. And for a number of reasons outside of their control, which include grueling work schedules, language barriers, and lack of familiarity with technology, many parents and guardians have not been able to adequately support their children's education. Experts expect opportunity gaps to only worsen, and so we worry about the disproportionate impact this will have on our students, especially as we consider not only what has already occurred, but what is yet to come in FY21 and FY22."

Even before COVID-19 Revere and other communities needed funding for additional wraparound services and mental health support, which is part of why the Student Opportunity Act was passed in the first place.

"Our students, compared with those in more affluent communities, face much higher rates of trauma due to poverty and immigration," said the letter. "Researchers have long known that spending a childhood in deep poverty is a type of prolonged, toxic stress that affects children's brains the same way, or worse, than acute trauma. Furthermore, many of our students live in fear that their loved ones will be deported, live with trauma memories of their dangerous journey to the United States, or suffer from the effects of intergenerational trauma from their parents' and grandparents' hardships."

The letter goes on to say that in addition to the challenges faced during COVID, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is putting all responsibility for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other required supplies on districts, rather than using the state's purchasing power to support them.

Transportation costs will likely skyrocket in order to ensure safe distancing between students on school buses. School mental health providers will undoubtedly be even more overworked next year than ever before.

While there may be additional federal funds coming, it is unlikely they will be enough to cover additional costs related to COVID-19.

"Our school districts cannot be expected to do extra work next year with even fewer resources than before," said the letter. "Therefore, we the undersigned Gateway City officials and allies call for the prioritization of Chapter 70 funding to Gateway City school districts in the FY21 budget. The Student Opportunity Act requires that the new funding be phased in over seven years "in an equitable and consistent manner." This pandemic will hurt all districts, but the pain must be distributed equitably, not equally."

In order to accomplish the proper funding of Gateway City school districts, Revere and other districts will need a strong fiscal commitment from the legislature and the Governor's Office.

"We believe this can be accomplished through a combination of recommendations outlined," said the letter.

The recommendations from Revere officials and officials in other cities and towns include;

Tap into the \$3.48 billion

"rainy day fund" to maintain the fiscal stability of the Commonwealth.

Increase taxes on capital gains, dividends, and interest to 8.95% so the wealthy will pay their fair share. This would raise \$1 billion per year.

Return the corporate tax rate to 9.5%, which would raise \$500 million per year.

Close the tax loophole on GILTI (Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income) to prevent companies from offshoring their patents and trademarks in order to avoid taxes, which would raise over \$400 million per year.

Halt the implementation of the charitable deduction in 2021, preventing the rich from writing off their large donations, many of which go to well-endowed universities and other wealthy nonprofits. This would save the Commonwealth \$300 million.

Gradually decrease state contributions for communities that spend above 120% of required spending and also have rates of economically disadvantaged and English Learner students well below the state average. This includes gradually reducing the minimum state contribution from 17.5% of foundation for the wealthiest cities

## REOPENING MASSACHUSETTS

### Step Two of Phase Two of state's four phase approach to reopening plan underway

By Lauren Bennett

Phase Two, Step Two is officially underway in Massachusetts as of Monday, June 22. At a press conference on June 19, Governor Charlie Baker announced that as part of Step Two of Phase Two of the state's reopening plan, things like indoor dining, close contact personal services, and dressing rooms by appointment only would be allowed to open. Offices would also be allowed to operate at 50 percent capacity, an increase from the previously allowed 25 percent.

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito also announced a new funding round for MassDevelopment's Commonwealth Places program totaling \$225,000, and said that the COVID-19 Response Round: Resurgent Places program will allow groups to apply for grants of up to \$25,000 for materials for outside dining and retail spaces.

The industries that are allowed to reopen as part of Step Two will have to follow sector-specific guidelines and mandatory safety standards in order to reopen.

"Key public health data,

such as new cases and hospitalizations, has been closely monitored and seen a significant decline allowing for Step Two of Phase II to begin on June 22," the state said in a recent release.

Patrons will be required to dine six feet apart indoors, and close contact personal services like hair removal, nail care, massage therapy, tanning salons, and tattoo and piercing shops will be required to operate in accordance with specific guidance from the state as well as create a COVID-19 control plan and complete a self-certification. The full list of safety protocols and guidelines can be found at mass.gov/reopening.

On June 23, Baker said that he is "encouraged by the continued progress" regarding the positive test rate in the Commonwealth. He said that the average positive test rate is down to 1.9 percent.

Recently, 17,617 tests were performed for people who have recently been to a large gathering, and 3.5 percent came back positive, which Baker said is "consistent" with the daily positive rate. He said that while he is "pleased to see the percentage of tests was quite low," he added that

"COVID-19 will not take a summer vacation."

On June 19, the Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Health Equality Advisory Group released new data and recommendations regarding the response to the pandemic.

"The advisory group recommendations were released with new data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) that highlight marked differences in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths for different races and ethnicities," the state said in a release. "Black non-Hispanics and Hispanics have a 3x higher positive COVID-19 case rate than White non-Hispanics. Black non-Hispanics and Hispanics also have higher rates of hospitalizations. Age-adjusted mortality rates show these groups are bearing a higher burden of COVID deaths compared to the White or Asian populations. Nine of the ten cities and towns with the highest rates of COVID infection are also communities where more than half the residents identify as people of color."

The Advisory Group consists of 26 community leaders, health and racial

equity experts, as well as members of communities who are impacted disproportionately by the virus, the release states. "The advisory group's mission was to inform the state's COVID response by recommending actions aimed at equitable access to health care resources and services, and prevention of inequities and disproportionate negative outcomes," it said.

"We have long understood that racism is a public health issue that demands action, and the disproportionate impacts of this new disease on communities of color and other priority populations is the latest indicator change is necessary," Commissioner Bharrel, who chaired the advisory group, said in a statement. "At the Department of Public Health, our mission is to eliminate health inequities and we place equity at the core of all that we do."

Some of the recommendations of the group include increasing equitable distribution of PPE, increase housing stability for those disproportionately affected by the pandemic, investing in outreach in multiple languages for testing, access to state assistance programs, and more.

## State announces additional administrative tax relief measures for businesses

Staff report

Gov. Charlie Baker, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Robert DeLeo on Thursday, June 18, announced additional administrative tax relief measures for local businesses that have been impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, especially in the restaurant and hospitality sectors.

This tax relief builds upon previous similar tax extensions and includes postponing the collection of regular sales tax, meals tax, and room occupancy taxes for small businesses that would be due from March through August, so that they will instead be due in September. Additionally, all penalties and interest that would otherwise apply will be waived.

"We are proud to join our colleagues in the Legislature to announce this additional relief for local businesses throughout Massachusetts while we all continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and work to protect the health and safety of the Commonwealth's residents," said Governor Charlie Baker. "These administrative changes extend tax relief measures put into place earlier in March and will allow

additional support for local companies including small businesses in the restaurant and hospitality industries."

"The House has been proud to provide local businesses with a toolkit of resources to help them weather the economic realities resulting from COVID," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "In addition to the House's multifaceted restaurant relief package, we believe that a deferral of tax collections will provide the restaurant and hospitality industry with a measure of stability and clarity."

Businesses that paid less than \$150,000 in regular sales plus meals taxes in the year ending February 29, 2020 will be eligible for relief for sales and meals taxes, and businesses that paid less than \$150,000 in room occupancy taxes in the year ending February 29, 2020 will be eligible for relief with respect to room occupancy taxes.

For businesses with meals tax and room occupancy tax obligations that do not otherwise qualify for this relief, late-file and late-pay penalties will be waived during this period.

The Department of Revenue will issue emergency regulations and a Technical Information Release to implement these administrative relief measures.

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## Gov. Baker issues proclamation marking Juneteenth

Staff report

Gov. Charlie Baker on Friday issued a proclamation declaring June 19, 2020 as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Celebrated each year on June 19, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, and is an opportunity to reflect on the need to continue working toward racial justice.

“Juneteenth is a chance for us all to reflect on this country’s painful history of slavery and the systemic impact that racial injustice continues to have today,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “It is also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the goal of creating a

more equal and just society. As our country continues the national conversation around racial injustice, it is especially important that we recognize Juneteenth. I look forward to working with our legislative colleagues to recognize this important day more widely going forward.”

Juneteenth is recognized each year on June 19. On that day in 1865, Major General Gordon Granger and his Union troops landed in Galveston, TX and announced that the Civil War had ended. Major General Gordon read a proclamation declaring that all enslaved people were free. The first Juneteenth was celebrated a year later in Texas and today is recognized across the country to

mark this important milestone.

State Law states, “The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the nineteenth of June as Juneteenth Independence Day, to be observed on the Sunday that is closest to June 19 of each year, in recognition of June 19, 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger announced freedom for all slaves in the Southwestern United States and in recognition of the end of slavery in the United States as well as the significant contributions individuals of African descent have made to the Commonwealth and to the United States and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.”

## City Council approves motion condemning “act of hate vandalism” on Lantern Road

Special To The Journal

The Revere City Council unanimously approved a motion to go on record as denouncing all hateful acts of vandalism in the community, particularly the incident of vandalism that took place on Lantern Road on June 11. A vehicle was spray painted with a swastika and the words “White Power” were written on the street.

The Council also asked that if any resident in the area of Lantern Road has video of that night, they should share it with the Revere Police Department in its ongoing investigation of the incident.

“Hate has no place in Revere, and collectively as a community, we must stand up and denounce atrocious acts such as this,” the Council stated in the motion that was sponsored by all 11 councillors.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna was one of several councilors to speak out against the June 11 act of vandalism on Lantern Road.

“This really saddens me and it surprises me, too, because I worked as a teacher at Revere High School, which is one of the most diverse schools in Massachusetts – and there were never any problems,” said McKenna. “The kids got along. There were no fights. Everybody appreciated being there. It was a wonderful place to be, so I’m surprised.”

McKenna said she agreed with Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso’s statement that “it’s only a small handful of people that did this.”

Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo said, “Unfortunately this is not the first time that this has happened. This type of hatred cannot be tolerated in our community. I hope this act gets investigated by the FBI as it is a hate crime. This should not be tolerated nowhere – and never again.”

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky delivered his remarks from a prepared text.

“We all know that a swastika is a symbol of hate and evil,” said Novoselsky, a past national commander of the Jewish War Veterans. “While this despicable act

of hate was targeted toward a Muslim family, this act had a profound effect on me and my family as well.

“It has affected me first as a neighbor in a very diverse community where I was taught to ‘love thy neighbor,’” continued Novoselsky. “We are all good neighbors and we all look out for one another on a daily basis. I have chosen to live my entire life fighting against hatred, evil, and

prejudice. I have chosen to love thy neighbor.

“When will this hate and evil stop? When will people learn to live in peace and harmony? When will human beings learn to respect each other? As far as I’m concerned, the time is right now. Let’s begin acting like decent human beings right now. Let’s watch out for our neighbors and not be afraid,” concluded Novoselsky.

On June 11, the Revere Police Department received reports that a car on Lantern Street had a swastika spray-painted on it. On the road near the parked car, the words “White Power” were also spray painted.

“I’m really concerned that it has not been called a hate crime by public officials,” shares Katherine Occena, longtime Revere-resident and activist. “Name it. Call it out. It’s a racist attack against groups of people. Full stop. It’s a hate crime.”

In response to these racially-motivated attacks, there will be a rally held at Revere City Hall this Friday afternoon at six o’clock. This event is being collaboratively organized by Moroccan American Connections In Revere (MACIR), a Revere-based mosque by the name of Association of Islamic Charitable Projects (AICP), and the youth organizers of the Revere Black Lives Matter March.

“Everyone of color in this city has a story regarding racism,” says Rashid, “No one should have to live in fear of becoming a victim of these hate crimes. We should give these people a voice, and all of us coming together will give one another confidence to confront this hate.”

Just last Saturday, local youth organizers were preparing a commemoration of Black life. While that event has been postponed to a later date, the organizers feel that not being notified about this racially-motivated attack could have possibly endangered them.

“The mayor and city officials knew about the hate crime, remained silent, and let us go ahead with the event we initial-

ly had planned for Saturday,” explains Jason Acosta, member of Revere BLM. “They let Black and Brown residents be put at risk? I’m not surprised, just disappointed.”

The lack of transparency from the city and their delayed response to the hate crime, “We will not allow hatred in our city,” declared the Mayor in a statement that was put out in response to this crime making local headlines. “Those who are responsible have no place here -- they do not represent our people or the strong community of immigrants and diversity of people in race, culture and gender identity and we must continue our work together toward an anti-racist Revere.”

The Revere Police Department says they have immediately opened an investigation and that it is active and ongoing. The FBI and US attorney’s office, civil rights division, are involved and contacting the Massachusetts Attorney General’s office to enlist them in this matter. The family says this was the third time in the span of nine months that they have been attacked. They are being legally represented by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

CAIR-MA civil rights director, Barbara J. Dougan says, “If the perpetrator is arrested and prosecuted, CAIR-MA will stand with the victims at every step in the court process.”

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