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Council votes down Rana to HRC

By Cary Shuman

The City Council voted by a 9-2 margin against Mayor Brian Arrigo's appointment of Dimple Rana to the position of executive director of the Revere Human Rights Commission.

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky supported Rana's appointment while the other nine councillors voted against

her appointment.

The Council did unanimously approve a resolution offered by Council President Patrick Keefe, Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino, and Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti that the Council recognizes "the urgent and critical need for the re-establishment of the Revere Human Rights Commission. The resolution also seeks to have a civil rights attorney serve as the executive director of the Commission.

There was controversy aired about the process during the debate of the appointment which was held at the Appointments Sub-Committee meeting chaired by Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso.

After the councillors gave their comments about the appointment in the first hour of the meeting, Rana was allotted a 15-minute

window in which she and her supporters could address the Council. Rana, who has earned much praise for her leadership efforts during Revere's response to the coronavirus, declined to respond to the Council's remarks with her pre-planned presentation, instead yielding her time to some of her many supporters (Rana's full presentation appears on the Revere Journal's Web site).

One of the key components in the opposition to Rana's appointment was the research done by Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti, who commented that there are 21 Human Rights Commissions in the state and of the seven boards that have executive directors, six are attorneys.

Though she is not an attorney, Rana's academic credentials and experience as an advocate and community for Revere made her a formidable candidate for the position. Rana holds an undergraduate degrees from Hofstra and a graduate degree from Tufts University's urban policy and planning program. Rana is also a member of the state's Asian-American Commission.

Rana disputed Visconti's numbers, stating that in her own research she found that there are "32 Human Rights Commissions in the state and only two of them have executive directors that are lawyers. All the other Human Rights Commissions have chairs. They do not have executive directors and many of the chairs are not attorneys, either."

Mayor Arrigo said the issue of this appointment and the re-establishment of the Human Rights Commission represented a significant moment in Revere's history and that years from now people would be looking back at "this conversation." He said other communities were watching the city and how it proceeded with the appointment and the re-establishment of the Commission.

The mayor's endorsement of Dimple Rana was very strong and highlighted all of her academic achievements, her qualifications for the position of executive director, her efforts on the city's COVID-19 response

team, and her outstanding work overall in the city.

"I have to say I'm incensed. I'm embarrassed and I'm disappointed by some of the things that I've read and I've heard in my conversations over the past weeks regarding my appointment of Dimple Rana," said Arrigo.

The mayor further stated that as a result of those hurtful comments directed at Rana, "Today, more than ever, we need support for Dimple and support for the Human Rights Commission in the City of Revere

"I know some of you may say that you support re-establishing the HRC, but you don't support Dimple - unfortunately that cannot be the case. You can't let these comments linger and vote against her at the same time and say at the same time that human rights matter in our city," said Arrigo.

Council President Patrick Keefe seemed to take exception with Arrigo's remarks and the process in which only one candidate emerged for the position of executive director.

"The [Human Rights] Commission was left dormant since approximately 1999," said Keefe. "That's 21 years and through three [mayoral] administrations Now after almost 5 years in office and two affirmative council votes, our mayor wants to appoint an executive director. Not a commission just an executive director. It's taken five years to find one candidate, not one other person was ever considered or interviewed. That isn't an appointment - that's an ultimatum and that is a giant process failure - fully knowing we vote yes, or there is no commission established."

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, as usual, came well prepared for the important discussion McKenna praised Rana and her family, but ultimately the councillor's remarks hit hard against Rana's candidacy for the executive director's position.

"I have known you for a long time, Dimple - you were my student and I had all of your siblings as students, your brother and your two sisters. I have met your hard-working par-

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REVERE FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 926 ENDORSES COUNCILOR GIANNINO FOR STATE REP



Esther Battaglia made many friends at the Light House Nursing Care facility and they all wanted to join her on her very special birthday. Shown to the right, Mayor Arrigo presents, Esther Battaglia her citation from the City of Revere, celebrating her 100th Birthday.



Happy 100th Birthday

City officials, family, staff help Esther celebrate a century

The City of Revere has another resident who has hit a milestone when Esther Ruth Battaglia celebrated her 100th Birthday on Monday at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center.

Esther was born on July 27, 1920 in Salem Massachusetts. She was one of

three sisters, and was the youngest. Their father disappeared when they were very young leaving their mother Elsie alone to raise three beautiful children.

Esther married Myer Selby of Chelsea and raised two children resided in the Point of Pines. They had

two children, a daughter Linda and son David. After more than 13 years in Revere, the family moved to Marblehead.

Her daughter Linda stayed in Marblehead and raised a family of three

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Revere Dem. Comm. will meet Aug. 15 for endorsements

By Cary Shuman

The Revere Democratic City Committee (RDCC) will meet on Saturday, Aug. 15 to determine which candidates the Committee will endorse in the Sept. 1 Democratic Primary.

Dimple Rana, chair of the RDCC, said the Committee

is inviting the two Democratic candidates for State Representative - Joseph Gravellese and Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino, and the two Democratic candidates for U.S. Senator - Sen. Edward Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy III - to appear at an Aug. 11 Zoom forum to speak to the RDCC about their respec-

tive candidacies.

The candidates' forum, scheduled for 6-8 p.m., will be shown live on Zoom and the public is invited.

"We'll listen to the candidates [on Aug. 11] and then meet on Saturday, Aug. 15 [from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.] to make our endorsements," said Rana.

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Free COVID-19 testing site to operate at Revere High School July 27-Aug. 13

Special to the Journal

Mayor Brian Arrigo and the Revere Board of Health today announced a free COVID-19 testing site will operate at Revere High School from July 27- August 13 as part of the Baker-Polito Administration "Stop the Spread" initiative. Walk-up and drive-thru testing will be available Monday through Saturday in the Revere High School parking lot at no cost, with no insurance, no identification and no appointment required. Results will be communicated to the individual within 2-3 days.

The testing site hours of

operation are:

- Monday, 7AM-11AM
- Tuesday, 3PM-8PM
- Wednesday, 7AM-11AM
- Thursday, 3PM-8PM
- Friday, 7AM-11AM
- Saturday, 3PM-8PM

"Testing is one of the most important tools we have to contain the spread of Covid-19 and I'm encouraging everyone to take advantage of this opportunity," Mayor Arrigo said. "We know that convenience and cost are key and are grateful to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Department of Public Health for provid-

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BLESSING OF THE FLEET AT POINT OF PINES



Bob Lospenatto and Lotta Changes receive their blessings last Saturday morning. See more photos on Page 10.

Bowden appointed as new Collector-Treasurer

By Cary Shuman

The City Council unanimously approved Mayor Brian Arrigo's appointment of Cathy Bowden as the collector-treasurer for the City of Revere at its meeting Monday night.

Bowden began her service in city government as a tax title clerk and has served as the city's assistant treasurer for the past 29 years. She has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration and Accounting from Suffolk

University.

Revere Chief Financial Officer Richard Viscay, who coordinates and oversees all the financial departments in the city, praised the appointment.

"It's a promotion that is well deserved," said Viscay. "It's always a pleasure when somebody from within the city can grow from within. I am enthusiastic about Cathy leading the treasurer and the collector's offices into the 21st century economy. She's been work-

ing dedicatedly in the department and has learned a lot of new things especially with regard to the collector's responsibilities. I was glad to see that the Mayor put her up for appointment and the Council approved it. I think they made an excellent choice."

Mayor Arrigo was pleased to see Bowden's appointment approved enthusiastically by an 11-0 margin.

"I was pleased that the Council quickly and unan-

imously approved Cathy Bowden's promotion to Collector-Treasurer," said Arrigo. "Cathy has proven herself over the years to be a conscientious, skillful, and dedicated employee. Her experience will certainly serve her well as she takes on the larger responsibilities that attend her new role. The position is an important part of our city's financial operation and her interaction with Chief Financial Officer Rich Viscay will be a vital part of Revere's fiscal health. I am



Cathy Bowden, new Collector-Treasurer for the City of Revere, is pictured as she appeared via Zoom at Monday's City Council meeting.

confident that Cathy will excel and continue her outstanding service to the residents of Revere."

Revere Public Schools to hold virtual Town Hall meeting to discuss reopening schools in the fall

By John Lynds

According to Charlene Logue, Revere Teachers Association (RTA) 1st Vice President, during an Executive Board meeting a motion was passed unanimously that the RTA will recommend Revere Public Schools implement a phased in approach to reopening schools in the fall and begin the school year with remote teaching.

The motion and adoption of the RTA supporting a phased in approach comes just before Revere Public Schools will host a virtual Town Hall on Thursday, July 30 to begin address-

ing how to safely reopen schools in the fall.

In late June, Governor Charlie Baker's office and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released several guidance documents about reopening schools this fall.

RPS Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly said over the last three weeks, six teams of faculty, staff, parents, and students have used the state's guidance to begin to develop a draft plan for reopening this fall.

"Districts are required to develop three separate plans - one for return to full in-person instruction with safety requirements, one for full remote learning, and

one for hybrid learning that combines in-person and remote learning," said Kelly.

Kelly said the teams focused their work on several key areas that included teaching and learning with plans for in-person learning, hybrid learning, and remote learning, including technology needs and training; student supports with plans to address mental health and trauma; personnel and staffing with plans to manage staff assignments, supporting staff with high risk medical conditions, addressing the need for possible additional staff to assist with instruction, possible additional needs for tutors, and ways to pro-

vide additional support including recruitment of volunteers as needed; special education, English learners as well as other special student populations; facilities and operations--including cleaning and sanitation, classroom/building set-up and flow, and food services; and finally transportation including bus transportation capacity and safety protocols, management of increased traffic flow from families who decide to drop off/pick up their children, promotion of alternatives such as walking and biking.

"We applaud the level of thought and care that went into the development of this guidance, and share

its goal of the safe return of as many students as possible to in-person school settings in order to best meet students' academic, social, and emotional needs," said Kelly.

The virtual Town Hall will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday and residents can register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84425266308?pwd=Z-2VlenZpVzNaR25DYX-20YTMwZVpDUT09#success>.

"Each team will present their draft decisions for roughly 10 minutes and then take any questions," said Kelly about Thursday's meeting. "The draft plan will also be posted for public comment from July

30 through August 4. Any feedback from the Virtual Town Hall or through public comment will be weighted by the teams for inclusion in our final plans which will be released on August 10."

Kelly said RPS's main priority in all decision making will focus on the safety of its staff and students.

"We will only return to in person instruction either hybrid or fully if we can do so safely," she said. "Your input is critically important to us and we hope you will be able to lend your voice."

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deep-rooted family full of dedicated public servants and union members, I am ecstatic to have the support of Local 926," said Giannino. "With the help of the Revere Fire Fighters, many of whom I've known for most of my life, I will ensure that the 16th Suffolk District is represented by someone who believes passionately in putting the community first. We will go to all corners of the district and reach as many voters as possible before the September primary."

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 citi-

zens 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.

REVERE SENIOR NEWS

MVES/ Massachusetts Senior's Farmer Market Nutrition Program vouchers will be available for distribution on Friday, August 7 at noon at the American Legion Lawn, 249 Broadway. This program has a limited number of vouchers. Senior Revere residents must be at least 60 years of age and meet income guidelines. All applicants must be present to fill out paperwork.

If you cannot be present on August 7, you must fill out an application with a proxy form. Please call 781-286-8156 for any questions concerning this program.

Exercise Programs can be viewed on RCN channel 3/613 and Comcast channel 8/1072. You can also find programs on YouTube Fitness Playlist and The Senior FYI playlist.

Bill - Tai Chi - Mon. & Tue. 9:00a.m./Thur. at 10:00 a.m.; **Sharon - Core & Balance** - Mon., Wed., & Fri. at 10:00 a.m. and **Yoga** - Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 11:00 a.m.; **Aimee - Combo** - Tues. @ 10:00 a.m., Thur. at 11:00 a.m. and Fri. at 9:00 a.m. and **Aimee - Zumba** - Tue. at 11:00 a.m. and Wed. at 9:00 a.m.

The Senior FYI Schedule is Tuesday at 6 p.m., Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m. **W o u l d** you like to be a guest on our Senior FYI show? Call 781-286-8156 to schedule your appearance.

New Pop up Produce Monday's in August, Rumney Marsh Acade-

my, 140 American Legion Highway, 3 p.m.-5:30p.m. While supplies last. Pre-registration is required for pick-up. You may sign up at revere.org (Covid-19 food assistance), for further assistance contact 311 or 781-286-8156. Sponsored by City of Revere/Revere on The Move.

EAST BOSTON SAVINGS BANK OPENS THREE NEW BRANCHES

East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB) has opened new branches in Salem and Woburn and is targeting a late summer opening of EBSB's third branch in Brookline.

"We are very excited to be expanding our footprint within these communities. All these locations coincide with our strategy to penetrate lucrative high-density markets and expand the EBSB franchise that has a strong community banking history" said Richard Gavegnano, Chairman, President and CEO of East Boston Savings Bank. "We are proud to be part of these great communities and look forward to establishing new relationships and enhancing existing ones."

The opening of the Salem branch, located on the corner of New Derby and Washington Streets, marks a continuation of EBSB's expansion to the North Shore. Located on Route 114, the location is ideal as it provides great visibility and is accessible to public transportation (busses and commuter rail.) With \$32 million in deposits and

GRAVELLESE DELIVERS FOOD FOR REVERE'S COMMUNITY RESPONSE NETWORK



"For five months, people like Ralph DeCicco, Dimple Rana and Charlie Giuffrida have organized volunteers to deliver food and other critical supplies to people self-isolating or facing other crises during this pandemic. I'm proud and happy to lend a hand wherever I can." - Joe Gravellese

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL WITH JOE GRAVELLESE



Joe Gravellese (right) dropped off a yard sign and visited this weekend with John Correggio. The long-time former elected official has endorsed Gravellese in his race for State Representative.

more than \$76 million in loans, the bank already conducts a substantial amount of business in Salem and see's great potential to expand its customer base due to the many nearby small businesses.

The Woburn location at 331 Montvale Avenue is ideal as it provides great visibility and is accessible to the heavily traveled commuter Route 93. Located just off exit 3 south, the branch is equipped with a drive-up window and drive-up ATM. "In Woburn and we see great potential to expand our customer base due to the many residential neighborhoods and businesses in the area," says Gavegnano.

The Branch's third Brookline branch is located at 473 Harvard Street. The site of a former Starbucks, it's only a 6-minute walk

from the MBTA's Green Line "B-branch" Harvard Avenue stop. "With a significant deposit base from our two other Brookline branches at 1050 and 1441 Beacon Street, the Harvard Street location allows us to service a more densely populated area of the community," says Gavegnano. This branch is targeted to open in mid-September.

Founded in 1848, East Boston Savings Bank operates 40 full-service branches including a Mobile Banking Unit in the greater Boston metropolitan area. EBSB offers a variety of deposit and loan products to individuals and businesses located in its primary market, which consists of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk counties. As a member of both the FDIC and Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF) all deposits are insured in full.



SPOTLIGHT

The RevereTV staff had been working closely with City Hall in the Council Chamber to ready the setup for the first day of hybrid city meetings. With a combination of in-person council members, members participating virtually, and public attendees calling in on Zoom, this week's city government meetings were underway. Monday's meetings spanned all afternoon and into the evening. You can watch these meetings and today's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on our TV channels, Facebook, and YouTube page.

You may also have noticed that RevereTV has begun to include School Committee meetings and videos on our regular government channel. This was typically exclusive to Comcast 22 and RCN 15. You can now also watch School Committee meetings on RTV Gov, which is Comcast 9 and RCN 13 or 613. Along with the most recent meetings, RevereTV has included this year's Revere High School virtual scholarship awards and sports awards.

In light of this year's International Sand Sculpting Festival being cancelled, the Revere Beach Partnership was able to pivot their efforts towards keeping beachgoers safe in the midst of the pandemic. RevereTV covered the announcement of the Revere Beach Partnership's Ambassador Program last week. The RBP passed out Revere Beach themed face masks and set up hand sanitizing stations all along the beach. There will also be a group committed to keeping the grounds of the beach clean and safe. Watch RTV's coverage of this announcement on Facebook and YouTube.

This week, RevereTV is airing coverage of the 2013 Sand Sculpting Festival on our community channel. This is 8 and 1072 on Comcast and 3 and 614 on RCN. Playlists of individual daily coverage from past festivals are always available on our YouTube page. However, our TV package is one cohesive video of coverage that happened throughout the entire festival from start to finish in 2013. RevereTV's celebration of past sand sculpting festivals will continue each week through the summer, with each week showing a different year.

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Revere School Committee responds to contract non-renewal for three teachers

By John Lynds

After statements from Revere Public School Superintendent Dianne Kelly and Mayor Brian Arrigo, the Revere School Committee has weighed in on the online petition that has been circulating for weeks calling for contracts to be renewed for three Revere educators.

The petition and subsequent letter to the Revere School Committee argues that the contracts of Katie Cochrane, Victoria DeVincent, and Heather Kantrowitz, all staff members at the A.C. Whelan School were not renewed as retaliation for their union activities.

“On June 5, 2020, three Revere staff members at the A. C. Whelan school had their contracts non-renewed as retaliation for their union activity,” reads the online petition. “They were punished for standing up for

the rights of teachers and students in the 2019-2020 school year. We call on the Revere Public Schools to immediately reinstate these three educators.”

On June 23, 2020 the Revere School Committee received a letter from a Revere City Councilor regarding three educators.

In the letter the Councilor speculated that the educators “were non-renewed as retaliation for their union activity”.

“The Committee would like to take this opportunity to expressly and categorically state that it did not retaliate against any educators for union activity, either acting on its own or through its Superintendent and Principals,” said the School Committee in a statement to the Revere Journal. “Although the District cannot comment on individual personnel matters, it must be noted that every

year the District (like the many other school districts in Massachusetts) reviews all of the provisional teachers without professional teacher status (first three years of employment) and, consistent with the requirements and standards of the state law in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, determines which teachers should return to work for the subsequent year.”

The School Committee wrote that any teacher who is renewed after three consecutive years of employment acquires “professional teacher status”, after which a teacher can only be dismissed for “just cause” and has arbitration rights.

“The statute ensures that school districts have ample time to objectively assess all teachers and to decide which teachers have earned the status of permanent employees,” the statement continues. “This year was no

different than the previous years in that some teachers without professional teacher status were issued notices of non-renewal for the upcoming school year. When determining which personnel to return, the District does not consider any teacher’s union activity.”

The School Committee reminded the public that personnel decisions in the school district are not the responsibility of the Committee, nor the City Council but rather the decision of administrators who operate schools on a daily basis.

“The Committee supports the recent personnel decisions of the Superintendent and Principals and assures the City Council and community that no educator was retaliated against for engaging in union activity,” the statement concludes.

The statement by School Committee members was in line with previous state-

ments made by Superintendent Kelly and Mayor Arrigo.

Like the School Committee, Kelly said each year administrators review all teachers, as well as staff without professional teacher status, to determine which teachers will return to work for the next school year.

“This year was no different than the previous years in that some teachers without professional teacher status were issued notices of non-renewal for the upcoming school year,” said Kelly in June. “When determining which personnel will return administrators do not consider any individual’s union activity or use of the contractual grievance procedures.”

In a statement Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo said, “Our school system is one of our city’s greatest assets -- providing a high quality education to our thousands

of current students and attracting new families to Revere all the time. I’m proud of the work Dr. Kelly and her teams do in applying the sound policies that continue to move Revere Public Schools forward.”

However, the Revere Teachers Association said the dedicated staff members all had one other thing in common—they took a stand against unfair practices and raised their voice as union members this year.

“They filed grievances, spoke at rallies, and all were outspoken in their concern,” said the RTA in a statement. “They protested against wrongful policies by their administrator which hurt student learning. They went above and beyond every day in their jobs and also took the risk of advocating for their working conditions, and for the learning conditions of their students.”

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ents on several occasions. I know you are very educated and have gone through some of the finest colleges. I also know the good things you have done for so many people in need, especially during the coronavirus.”

But McKenna said that Rana had called out two of her colleagues on the Council in a publicly aired video. McKenna felt Rana’s comments were not an accurate portrayal of what her colleagues had actually said.

“My question to you, Dimple, is: Do you have any regrets for the comments that you made in this video?”

McKenna sought a reply from Rana, but Guinasso interceded, “We’re not going to have a question-and-answer period.”

McKenna also raised a question about Rana’s actions “during a Farmer’s Market festival last year in which two Revere residents were reprimanded by you for wearing political shirts while they were working on a food truck.”

McKenna concluded in respect to the negativity in Revere over the past four weeks, “My wish is there is no more division in our city. That we come together as one, respect one another and stand united as a community, especially during these uncharted times.”

Ultimately the Appointments Subcommittee consisting of Councilors Jessica Giannino, Joanne McKenna, John Powers, Gerry Visconti, (Ex-Officio Member) Patrick Keefe, and (Chair) Arthur Guinasso voted 6-0 against Rana’s appointment in a recommendation to the full Council who met afterwards in its regularly scheduled meeting.

Speaking about the 9-2 vote against her appointment, Rana said, “They

made their decision on personal reasons and their decisions were not unbiased. They didn’t take in to account a number of things.”

Rana added that the Council’s vote further delayed the re-establishment of the Human Rights Commission, “which our city is in need of – in the 20 years that it’s been dormant.”

“They’re just making it more difficult for the Human Rights Commission to be established – with or without me,” concluded Rana.

DIMPLE RANA’S STATEMENT ON THE HRC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First off thank you to Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky for voting yes for my appointment at the full council meeting. Thank you At-Large Councilor Steve Morabito for being the most rational and objective Councilor on Monday night. It is very apparent that the majority of Council voted for personal gain and pandered to a small but very outspoken group of naysayers instead of a large population of voters who witnessed why they should more than ever become involved in local government. The lack of respect for you Councilor, is a lack of respect towards our city in stalling yet again the Human Rights Commission which our city really needs.

Last night after the no vote for my appointment the City Council passed a resolution to have Civil Rights lawyer’s appointed as the Executive Director.

How many lawyers are on the city council - Zero.

How many lawyers are on the other Boards and Commissions?

Yes, the rejection is to not appoint me, but why use that as an excuse to not start the Human Rights Commission and instead the council passed a resolution to delay the reactivation of the commission. They want nominations of Civil Rights lawyers to do the work of the Executive Director for free? Are they confused about what the role of the Chair is? The Executive Director is a clerk position and doesn’t have any deciding powers, only the commission does.

What are they going to do when no one applies to do a free job they are over-qualified for?

The same thing they have been doing for the past 20 years, nothing. Instead, they accused the Mayor that he hasn’t started it when it’s up to the city council to confirm appointments and also encourage people to apply which they haven’t done at all. Instead for the past 6 years, they have stalled on passing the ordinance to reinstate the HRC and last night made it even more difficult for it to be established.

It’s a stalling tactic. The Revere City Council does not want the HRC.

I and the residents of Revere ask:

1. Councilor Giannino to be transparent and release and make public the results from the survey she administered

2. Councilor Visconti to be transparent and provide the list of HRC researched and identifying the 7 he mentioned which have Executive Director as lawyers. Upon my own

research, I have identified 32 Human Rights Commissions in Massachusetts and only two which have Executive Directors who are Attorney’s, Boston, and Cambridge. The remainder of the commissions have Chairs, many who are attorneys who have voting powers.

3. Councilor Serino to be transparent and respond to constituents emails he has not answered over the past three weeks

4. All councilors to release the names of individuals and organizations that submitted emails and letters of support

STATEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR SERINO

“I want to thank Councilor Visconti, Council President Keefe and the seven other colleagues who supported this resolution,” said Ward Six Councilor Richard Serino. “We wanted to show the community that yes, we resoundingly believe the Human Rights Commission needs to be reactivated as soon as possible, but that it must be done so in a way that unites our community instead of causing further division. We recognize that racism and discrimination exist in Revere, and we condemn it. When it comes to confirming a nomination, the Revere City Council as a legislative body has the right to scrutinize a mayoral appointment, and it is not only unfair, but undemocratic to back the Council into a corner and essentially demand that a nominee be confirmed. I have only been a councilor for six months, but I take these duties very seriously, and when I vote

on these appointments, I want to know for sure that the person filling the role is the best possible candidate for that role ... That is why I, along with Councilors Visconti and Keefe, filed this resolution, which I see as a very reasonable, level-headed compromise.”

COUNCILLOR KEEFE’S SPEECH

The Globe writes “Does Revere Need a Human Rights Commission? The City Council doesn’t think so”

The true answer to this is an Emphatic Yes, Yes we need to establish the HRC

But Lets get the facts straight on the Human Rights Commission and decide where the big stall is actually from.

The City Council has voted 3 times since 2014 in favor of reinstating this commission — 3 times.

The commission was left dormant since 1999. That’s 21 years and through 3 administrations Now after almost 5 years in office, 2 affirmative council votes our mayor wants to appoint an executive director. Not a commission just and executive director. Its taken 5 years to find one candidate, not one other person was ever considered or interviewed. That isn’t an appointment that’s an ultimatum and that is a giant process failure. Fully knowing we vote yes or there is no commission established.

So I ask again who is stalling the process?

Why is the hostility toward the council when 3 administrations did not feel this was important enough to take action.

How many times have those so engaged today written to him to get this going before this came a hot topic in late May? How many times did you contact the Boston Globe to ask why your boss isn’t moving on this project?

I know myself, Councilor Morabito and others reminded him often as a matter of fact on his dry erase board in his office it says HRC, it has been there for 2 plus years. Now I don’t blame him, he’s a busy man and has to prioritize so clearly he felt this was not as high on the list of priorities. Clearly you all felt that this was ok to stay dormant for over 20 years. Maybe the city isn’t so bad, now again I agree we need to get this commission going but we need to get it right and the lack of options is concerning to say the least.

Resolved that we the undersigned members of the Revere City Council stand ready to take up Mayor Arrigo’s appointments of members to the Human Rights Commission at the earliest opportunity; therefore be it

Resolved that we the undersigned members of the Revere City Council stand ready to take up Mayor Arrigo’s appointments of members to the Human Rights Commission at the earliest possible convenience during this summer session, and request that he does so in a manner that is timely advertised for both the members of the Council and the public to review the credentials of appointees.

Sound judgement, fairness, honesty and representing the facts is an integral piece of this commission in order to really fight for whats most needed. The ability to work through the weeds and manage the grey is a vital role in leadership.

Yes we should be okay with uncomfortable conversations it’s the only way we can really work on structural change. But divisive and uncomfortable are far different. This process is divisive.

We should not be creating and endorsing false narratives and crying wolf as it will dilute the times we truly need to help those who need us most.

This is the major disconnect.

It’s not personal but this entire process has taken that is into a dark place it does not belong.

Starting out on the wrong foot is an understatement between the initial concerns with what you would get in return via compensation and what your current work load is makes me really question what’s happening behind the scenes. The Mayor only offered one appointee and you can argue this could be a politically motivated move as he might have oversight in directing the moves of the director. Its certainly not out of the realm of concern.

The fact that this was tabled to be further discussed and then immediately we took to name calling, misrepresenting information and ultimately creating a large divide in our community is not the path we could have taken. This was an epic Process failure and showed lack of judgement in understanding this is the first appointment to this commission in 21 years. The council just wants to get it right, that is our job we are here to speak for the entire community, who clearly have concerns.

Secondly, and most importantly instead of this process being about the actual commission you [Dimple Rana] took advantage and made it about you which it is not. No one person is greater then the commission and no one person should be the focal point. I again feel this too has gone in the wrong direction.

To contradict the current narrative that the City Council be standing in front of the inception of this commission, I challenge the mayor to look inside his capable city, his cabinet, city staff, school administration and city council to assist in getting this commission off the ground. Let’s get the actual commission appointed and work on beginning this process in a more inclusive way rather than this ultimatum we have in front of us right now. Revere has always found ways to come together for the better good and this in my opinion can unite us rather than divide us.

Complete copy of Council resolution on the Human Rights Commission

The following is the full text of the resolution sponsored by Council President Patrick Keefe, Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino and Councilor-At-Large Gerry Visconti.

Whereas, we the undersigned members of the Revere City Council recognize the urgent and critical need for the re-establishment of the Revere Human Rights Commission; and

Whereas, as a Council, we also recognize the deep division in our city and hear our residents who have suffered terrible injustice and want action, as well as our residents who wish to see our community move forward with a Human Rights Commission in a professional and unbiased manner, and in a manner that builds bridges and unites all residents of Revere; and

Whereas, we reaffirm our commitment that we unanimously made at our meeting on June 22nd, 2020 that hate has no place in the City of Revere and to expand on that statement, we explicitly denounce discrimination in our community based on

race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or because of stigma; and

Whereas, under Chapter 9, Section 28 of our City Ordinances, it is the policy of the City of Revere to protect the constitutional, civil and human rights of all people within the city and to promote understanding among individuals and groups in the city through improving the quality of discourse and eliminating unlawful discrimination; and

Whereas, it is the function of the Human Rights Commission to implement the aforementioned policy by initiating activities designed to educate and inform the City about the effects of prejudice, intolerance, and bigotry, as well as to assist with mediation of disputes of discrimination; and

Whereas, given the duties and charges of the Commission, particularly with regard to the sensitive nature of mediation of disputes of discrimination, we the undersigned members of the Revere City Council believe the role of executive director should be discharged preferably by an

attorney of law who has a background in adjudicating violations of civil rights; and

Whereas, given the uniqueness of the work of the Commission compared to other boards and commissions of the City, as well as the desire of the Council that we get this right in order that the Commission is the best it can be, we believe the executive director of the Human Rights Commission should be selected from an open and transparent process in which the position is properly advertised and in which the candidates are interviewed by a committee composed of (1) the Mayor, (2) three members of the City Council appointed by the Council President, and (3) two members of the School Committee appointed by the Chair of the School Committee. The five members of the sub-committee who are not the Mayor shall recommend two final candidates to the Mayor, who shall select and appoint based on those final two recommendations. This process shall be completed, and the appointee shall be submitted to the City

Council for confirmation no later than Monday, October 5, 2020; and

Whereas, the stipend of the executive director of the Human Rights Commission should be equitable and comparable to the clerks of other boards and commissions of the City; and

Whereas, recognizing the urgency of getting the work of the Commission off the ground as soon as possible, that in the meantime, Mayor Brian Arrigo submit to the City Council appointments for the members of the Human Rights Commission at the earliest opportunity; therefore be it

Resolved that we the undersigned members of the Revere City Council stand ready to take up Mayor Arrigo’s appointments of members to the Human Rights Commission at the earliest possible convenience during this summer session, and request that he does so in a manner that is timely advertised for both the members of the Council and the public to review the credentials of appointees.



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Forum

MORE THAN \$1 TRILLION IS NEEDED

We're all familiar with the phrase, "A day late and a dollar short."

What brought that to mind this week was the announcement by the Republicans in Washington of their \$1 trillion economic pandemic plan that would supplement the \$3 trillion bill that Congress passed last spring.

The original bill did a number of things, most notably increasing unemployment benefits by \$600 per week for the millions of Americans who have lost their jobs because of the pandemic.

That original plan also was notable for what it did NOT include, namely, funding for state and local governments whose tax revenues have all but evaporated thanks to the pandemic.

The new GOP plan reduces the unemployment benefit from \$600 per week to \$200 per week and provides little funding for cash-strapped state and local governments that already have been laying off their employees, with more to come.

By contrast, the Democratic plan -- which was passed by the House of Representatives fully two months ago -- calls for another \$3 trillion that would continue the \$600 weekly payments for the unemployed and provide much-needed funding to state and local governments.

There are two things that are undeniably clear as the pandemic rages in the months ahead: First, the national unemployment rate will remain in the range of Great Depression levels for the foreseeable future and second, state and local governments will be required to implement massive cutbacks in the months ahead without substantial financial assistance from the federal government.

The Republican plan significantly fails to address both of these looming crises. By contrast, the Democratic plan, which the Republicans have failed to discuss for two months, will alleviate the worst of the pandemic's effects on the everyday lives of every American.

Or to put it another way, the Republicans are, "A month late and at least a trillion short," and their inaction of the past two months is threatening both the economic and social stability of the country.

SCHOOLS MUST BE SAFE TO REOPEN

We will be the first to concede that we do not know what exactly must be done in order to reopen our state's public schools safely in the face of the pandemic.

However, what we do know is that a large study in South Korea (which, by the way, has been a world model for suppressing the pandemic) has shown that children ages 10-19 are highly-efficient at transmitting the coronavirus to others, particularly the adults with whom they have contact.

As much as we would like to see our schools reopen for many reasons, it just does not seem possible to do so in a manner that safeguards not only the children, but also school personnel and the family members of the children.

Kids bring home plenty of germs and bugs from school even in the best of circumstances. It is inconceivable that we will be able to stop them from transmitting this highly-contagious virus if they return to school as usual in the fall. Maybe the experts have it all figured out -- we can only pray that they do.

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LETTERS to the Editor

I AM DISAPPOINTED IN THE ACTIONS

Dear Editor:

The actions taken on Monday night by the Revere City Council were, without question, the clearest example I've ever seen of that old adage that the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.

Watching the Revere City Council, specifically on the subject of the Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission, frankly made it difficult to be a proud citizen of Revere. A motion added to the tumultuous debate concerning the Executive Director position simply devolved into the kind of deflection and talking over one another that you'd expect to see on a public Facebook argument, not the deliberations of a body meant to steer our city in the proper direction. One councillor suggested that the Human Rights Commission was a reaction to the murder of George Floyd, suggested that Revere didn't have any issues like that (and ignored the hate crime committed on our streets last month). Yelling in legal jargon, refusing to recognize the power of the President of the Council, allowing some councillors their full-throated defense of their positions, but denying the same courtesy to others? Is this what we can expect from our civic leaders?

But, ultimately, the decision to introduce a new resolution concerning the Executive Directorship of the Commission and who should be appointed to it

was one that is indicative in my opinion of a City Council willing to do as little as possible and still have the political cover to say they want change until change is presented to them. They rejected a qualified candidate on the grounds that the nominee could be "biased," despite their own ordinance granting no such discretion to the office of the Executive Director, and then passing a resolution with no force of law based on one problematic Councillor's best guess that there is likely a practicing attorney who'd be willing to do that job for free. Not that any member of the Council was willing to present such a person.

No, we've seen this trick before. The City Council doesn't appear to want change; they've made that clear. One Councillor said as much when he made it clear he was worried that the Human Rights Commission might disturb the operations of government. What operations of municipal government the Councillor believed were in such violation of human rights that a Commission to explore such violations would impede their business was never mentioned.

Instead of change, this City Council wants to sit back, meekly applaud one another for making "compromises" on "divisive issues". I thought these men and women were supposed to be our leaders. I thought we could expect more from them than do-nothing resolutions, ignoring hate crimes in our community, and shouting at each other. I thought we could expect action.

I'm sad to say I was wrong.

Joseph Curran

I SUPPORT TONY ZAMBUTO

Dear Editor:

The events of the past few weeks compel me to offer some information in support of Revere City Councilor Anthony Zambuto, whom I feel is being unfairly characterized. Please allow me to frame my comments in context with some background. Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) is the designated anti-poverty agency serving low income residents of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. The non-profit exists to identify the causes of poverty in our area and develop strategies to eliminate the barriers that keep people from becoming self-sufficient.

I retired from that organization in October 2019 after a 48-year career. Throughout my career at CAPIC, I endeavored to address the issues of poverty facing all persons in need of hope and opportunity. I found that poverty doesn't pick a season when it strikes; it doesn't pick race, culture, color, religious denomination, gender or natural origin. Poverty and hardship doesn't discriminate. I grew up in Revere public housing. We lived in Veterans Housing on Broadway, then Constitution Ave. I was never embarrassed by that opportunity that our family desperately needed. I believe the experience keeps me grounded and sensitive to the needs of people who face hardship. My Dad was 100% disabled veteran

from WW2 and couldn't work for ten years after an honorable discharge. He eventually regained his health and overcame the disadvantage that a disability incurs. Many, however, due to their race, color, heritage, linguistic inability, lack of education, gender or religion cannot overcome disadvantage and continue to remain in poverty. CAPIC is there to help balance the equation and provide opportunity where and when it doesn't exist.

Anthony Zambuto has served as a volunteer member of the CAPIC Board of Directors since 2000. For twenty years he has been an active participant in the anti-poverty dialogue that shaped two decades of programming. Councilor Zambuto, along with a long list of other dedicated Board members has contributed to the development of the programs that provide services to help all people become self-sufficient in the three-community area and to that end he has been on a team that has enriched the lives of thousands. I have never been a witness to any comment or remark that could be considered inappropriate by Councilor Zambuto, in fact he has been a champion of those in need and I promise you he has never been in favor or against any particular segment of the population. Councilor Zambuto, like all Board and Staff of the CAPIC organization takes great pride in helping others. Whatever has led to the recent criticism of Councilor Zambuto by some, is not warranted in my opinion.

Robert S. Repucci

GUEST OP-ED

Defend, don't defund the police

By Kevin O'Connor

A bad idea has taken hold in the wake of the rallies protesting the brutal murder of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer. Defund the Police is the rallying cry for this radical response.

We've seen versions of the movement take hold even here in Massachusetts. Boston Mayor Mar-

ty Walsh, for example, pledged just weeks ago to reallocate \$12 million of the Boston Police Department's overtime budget to social services.

Nothing's more important than the safety of our communities, and we in Massachusetts are fortunate to have highly educated, professional police officers patrolling our streets. I say, defend, don't defund, the

police.

The videotape of Mr. Floyd's murder is sickening. Many good Americans took to the streets to protest his murder, and to decry racial bias and discrimination in our criminal justice system. I applaud these peaceful protests. We must ensure that Americans, regardless of race, creed, sex, orientation, or economic station, are treated fairly and equally by all government actors.

But to leap from there to Defunding the Police, a mantra that has taken hold even among members of our Congressional delegation, is a bad idea. Mr. Floyd's memory will not be honored by adopting a radical policy that would produce more crime and reduce public safety. And a broad-brush repudiation

of our country's 800,000 officers in blue is flat out wrong.

Those supporting Defund the Police conveniently forget that every violent crime has a victim. They suggest that funds spent on police should be reallocated to social services, in a misguided belief that criminals are simply misunderstood.

Our communities rely on our police to keep peace and prevent crime. We need our police most in underserved neighborhoods where people are often hardest hit by violent crime.

Vulnerable populations-- women, children, people of color, and the elderly-- would be even more at risk without public policing. People feeling threatened would be more likely to take

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children, Sarah, Rachael, and Daniel.

Sarah married Dennis and raised two children. Dylan seven and Viniene five. Rachel and Kiffer have two children, Lily nine and Charlie six years old. Daniel and Randi have two children as well, Wren, five, and Iris three years old.

Esther's son David lives in Vermont with his wife Cynthia. They raised two beautiful girls, Meira and Elana.

Meira and Christopher have two children, Dante who is 13 and Sicily who is five. Elana and Ian have two girls. Eva who is five and Aliya who is three.

Esther is blessed to have five loving grandchildren and 10 wonderful great grandchildren.

Esther retired to sunny warm Florida to retire with Myer who passed away from a long battle with cancer. Esther was at his side day and night.

Over time she remarried

to Tony from Long Island NY. They lived and thrived in Florida until Tony passed away from a long battle with Dementia. In Florida, Esther knew and had many friends in Florida. She excelled in bridge and loved to play.

Eventually she returned to Revere to be closer to family and resided at the Jack Satter House.

Esther has an infectious smile. At age 99 and now living at The Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere, she was diagnosed with Covid 19. During the illness, she never changed from her normal self and after two negative tests she beat the virus.

"Everyone loves Esther, everyone says hello to Esther, she is the pillar of strength and kindness," said her son, David Selby. He added, "Esther is still very much alive and we all look forward to not only celebrating her 100th birthday but future birthdays as well!!"



Captain of the Revere Police Dept., Amy O'Hara extends her well wishes to Esther.



Mayor Brian Arrigo arrived at the Light House Nursing Facility in the mobile city hall van.



Esther is shown with her citation and niece, Robyn Gersh.

Hotel rooms' tax receipts show slight decrease

By Cary Shuman

Revere Chief Financial Officer Richard Viscay said the city had estimated \$2 million in rooms' taxes for the Fiscal Year '20. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Revere's room tax collections are down, but not as severely as one might have anticipated.

The city has collected \$1,817,000 in room taxes, \$183,000 below projections, which can be directly attributed to the pandemic

that has hurt the hospitality industry not only here but nationwide.

"We were actually pleasantly surprised that we were as close as we were to the estimate," said Viscay. "The hotels were doing well up until the fourth quarter [of Fiscal Year '20]."

The amount of funds came mostly from the room taxes applied at the five existing hotels in Revere: the Quality Inn (154 rooms), 100 Morris St.; the Comfort Inn (208 rooms)

American Legion Highway; Four Points Sheraton (180 rooms), Squire Road; Hampton Inn (250 rooms), Lee Burbank Highway; and the Rodeway Inn (34 rooms), American Legion Highway.

Three hotels are currently under construction: Avid Hotel (114 rooms), American Legion Highway; Holiday Inn Express (152 rooms) 245 Revere Beach Parkway; and Marriott Springhouse Suites (168 rooms), 400 Ocean Ave.

Another 100-room hotel, La Quinta, 125 Squire Road, has received its permits, but construction has not commenced.

With nine operating hotels generating hundreds of jobs in a concerted development effort led by Mayor Brian Arrigo and Strategic

Planning and Economic Development Director Robert O'Brien, Revere stands to reap tremendous economic benefits in the future. Local restaurants should also benefit from the influx of tourists staying at hotels in the city.

Viscay said he readjusted

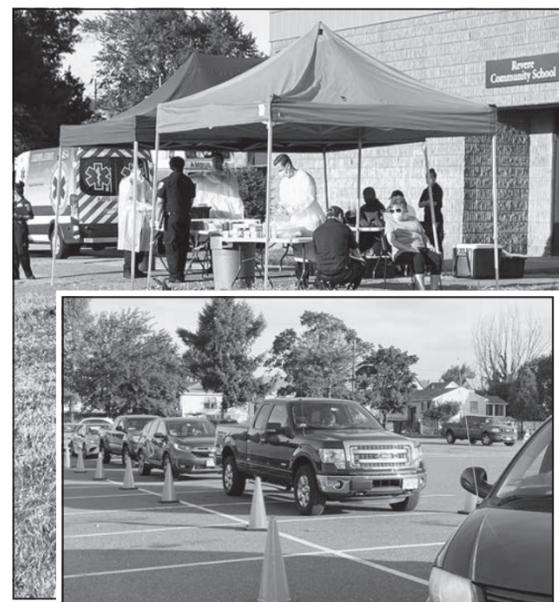
the rooms' tax projections for Fiscal Year '21, reducing that figure by 20 percent from Fiscal Year '20 to \$1.6 million, "with the hopes that the pandemic will go away and we'll get back to some normal rooms' tax collections for the new Fiscal Year."

COVID testing // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ing Revere residents with this resource."

This "Stop the Spread" initiative is a data-driven effort to reduce the prevalence of COVID-19 in communities that are above the state average in total cases and positive test rate, and have experienced a decline in testing levels since April. Residents of Revere are urged to take advantage of the availability of this new testing opportunity, even if they are asymptomatic. While this site is being launched in Revere, it is open to all residents of the Commonwealth.

Residents are reminded that if they test positive for COVID-19, to please answer the call when they are contacted by the Community Tracing Collaborative or Revere Board of Health. Also, any individual who



Shown above, a COVID-19 testing site has been set up at the RHS parking lot while cars wait in a line to be administered their tests. needs a safe place to isolate access an isolation and recovery site at no cost.

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A chart showing the room tax distribution in surrounding communities.

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the law into their own hands, a response to fear that rarely ends well. And those with means will find a way to buy protection, creating an even bigger gap between the rich and the poor.

There are some bad people in law enforcement, just as there are bad people in every field. We must review all police practices to assure that we are providing equal protection to all under the law. But most police officers are good people. They are our neighbors, our relatives, and our friends. We must defend our police, not defund them.

We rightly recognize our police as heroes in the wake of terrorist attacks such

as the Marathon Bombing and 9/11. These honorable members of our communities put their lives on the line every day to defend us. We owe it to them — and to ourselves — to provide the best possible training, responsible oversight, and adequate resources for them to do their jobs.

And we owe them respect and gratitude for their bravery and public service. Both Democrat candidates for US Senate, incumbent Senator Ed Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy III, have come out in support of the Defund the Police movement.

Both have also pledged to "divest" themselves of any

support from police associations, even going so far as to return donations they previously accepted from our police. We deserve much better. Better strategies to make sure what happened to George Floyd never happens again out there. Better training and hiring practices, more comprehensive oversight, and a strengthened ability to identify and root out problems would be a good place to start.

But defund the police? We'd be smarter to defund Congress.

Kevin O'Connor is a Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate.

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Koutu, Karika	Steeves, Timothy S	145 Bennington St #318	\$338,550
Aquize, Marcelo	Contreras, Katherine G	23 Blaney St #2	\$440,000
Chen, Dennis	Breedens Lane LLC	110 Breedens Ln	\$782,500
New Espesus LLC	105 Eustis Street RT	105 Eustis St	\$375,000
Maragheh, Navid	Bodner, Leonard S	35 Fowler Ave	\$530,000
Durning, Rosemarie	US Bank NA Tr	191 Garfield Ave	\$550,000
Lucero, Cesar A	Gouda-Ibrahim, Ahmed	31 Jones Rd	\$510,000
Reddy, Yogesh	El-Hassnaoui, Mohamed	45 Mccoba St #51	\$190,000
Chavarría, Luisa F	Alfaro, Jorge A	1469 N Shore Rd	\$430,000
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2020 Revere Annual Summer Food Program

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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.

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Daniel Callahan Jr.

Retiree of Bradlee's Department Stores and Motorola Corp.

Funeral Services and Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett was held on July 24 for Daniel J. Callahan, Jr., who passed unexpectedly on July 21. He was 90 years old.

Daniel was a retiree of Bradlee's Department Stores and Motorola Corp., a US Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of the V.F.W. Mot-tola Post #4524.

The beloved husband of the late Rose (DeRosa) Callahan, he is lovingly survived by his devoted companion of 17 years, Frances D. Diglio with whom he made his home. He was the dear brother of the late Mary Margaret Ash, cherished uncle of Joanne Ash and her husband, Patrick Pickup of Marshfield and Judith A. "Judi" Lemoine and her husband, Kevin of Norwell. He is



also lovingly survived by three grandnephews: James W. Hutchinson and his wife, Lauren of Marshfield and William P. and Daniel J. Lemoine, both of Norwell. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Jeffrey Jean-Charles

Of Everett

Jeffrey Jean-Charles of Everett passed away on July 11 at the age of 31.

Born in Boston on Feb. 17, 1989, he was the cherished son of Micheline Jean-Charles of Everett, adored father of Nasir Jean-Charles, dear brother of Fara Maurice of Everett, Wilhelm Maurice of Amityville, NY, Stanley Jean-Charles of Utah, Eureka Ravilus of Brooklyn, NY, Vanessa Fernandes of Boston and Wilner Maurice Jr. of Brockton and is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral arrangements are by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home,



Revere. A Funeral Service will be held privately at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 455 Washington Ave, Revere. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Kathleen Meaney

Retired research biologist and first female manager of the Revere League

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on July 28 in the Immaculate Conception Church for Kathleen F. Meaney, 82, who passed on July 26 following a brief illness.

Kathleen was widely known as a Type A supporter of the Revere Little League and the very first female manager to serve the Revere League.

She was a 1955 graduate of Cathedral High School and a 1959 graduate of Emmanuel College of Boston.



Her career at Arthur D. Little Co. of Cambridge spanned some 46 years as a Research Biologist.

The beloved daughter of the late Joseph M. and Catherine F. (Wallace) Meaney, she was the dear sister of the late Joseph E. Meaney and Jean E. Nichols and her late husband, Edwin P. Nichols; cherished aunt to Paul E. Nichols and his wife, Linda of Everett, David J. Nichols and his wife, Daphne of Littleton and Brian G. Nichols and his wife, Nicole of Swampscott. She is also lovingly survived by her sister-in-law, Sally Meaney of Fayetteville, GA. Kathy also leaves her best friends of 40 years, Christine M. LaVigueur and her husband, Joseph of Revere and her special feline pal, "Holly." Several other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews also survive "Kathy."

Remembrances may be made to the MSPCA-Angell, 350 So. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130-9923. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Attorney Antonio Abbene Jr.

Practiced law until the age of 93

Attorney Antonio Abbene, Jr. peacefully departed on July 25 in his 98th year, surrounded by his loving family. Tony was a life-long Revere resident who resided on the same street where he was born 98 years ago.

He graduated from Revere High School in 1939, served his country in World War II, attended the Colorado School of Mines, Boston College and Suffolk University Law School. Tony practiced law until the age of 93.

He served on the Revere School Committee and was legal counsel to the School Board. He was also Assistant Solicitor for the city. He was the former chairman of the American Heart Association in Revere, a member of Revere Kiwanis and the Justinian Society.

The beloved husband of 72 years to Florence J. (Lepore) Abbene of Revere, he was the devoted father of Pamela M. Florida and her husband, Richard J. of Marlborough and Anthony 'Skip' Abbene and his wife, Karen A. of Melrose; cherished grandfather of Charles D. and Anthony J. Abbene, both of Melrose;

David Norman-Powell

The true essence of a father figure

David Norman Powell, known to many as either Dave, Uncle Dave, Uncle David or Dad; and known to one as Husband, died on July 15 and with his wife by his side, he peacefully returned home.

David was born in Boston on Sept. 22, 1957 to the late Samuel and late Mamie Powell, the fifth of eight beloved children. He enjoyed playing the drums, art, speaking phrases in several different languages and making great first impressions. Affectionately, he always had a loving embarrassing story about his family. No matter who you were to him; brothers, sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews, sons and daughter, no one is without a story.

David attended Boston Trade and Boston University. He worked for GE as a Machinist in the Jet Engine Division & Millennium Pharmaceuticals as the Laboratories Facilities Manager. It was during this time that he met his wife, Maria Luz Powell. Together they were members of the Catholic church, Immaculate Conception Parish Community, in Revere. David was more than an uncle to some; he was the true essence of a father-figure. With all the love he could give, he made sure his family knew he loved them by either simply saying "I love you," calling, just stopping by to say "hello," having a heart to heart conversation about life, telling you "I am so proud of you" or by just being available.

IN MEMORIAM

July 30, 2007 - July 30, 2020

13th Year Anniversary

John P. Walsh



Lovingly remembered & sadly missed by Your Wife Kathy



dear brother of the late William, Dante and Benjamin Abbene and Anna Pistorino; son of the late Antonio Abbene, Sr. and Lena (Alba) Abbene. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, Funeral Services and Interment will be private. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

Funeral Arrangements are entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals. To send online condolences or for more information, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.



He sang his children's praises at every opportunity. He appreciated family gatherings and meeting new friends. He had a passion for working on both minor and major household projects. Indeed, he was the man with every tool in the toolbox. David's hobbies included architecture, art, language, design, wood working, photography, cinematography and laughter.

David now joins both his parents, his brothers: Lynn Eric Powell, Jethro (Jeff) Powell and sister, Ruby Powell. David leaves to cherish his legacy: his wife, Maria Luz Powell, his children: Edward C. Harris, John M. Powell, and Diana M. Powell. To celebrate his life, he leaves his mother-in-law, Lucia Hanao, his sisters: Mary Tillman and her husband, Ronald, Daphne Massey and her husband, Alonzo, his brother: S. Phillip Powell and his wife, Phyllis, his sister, Ginnette Powell and his sister-in-law, Amparo Henao. He leaves his Goddaughter, Nicole Massey, his lifelong brother (cousin) Bill Alston, and dear niece, Xaviera Cox, several aunts, uncles, cousins and over 60 nieces and nephews and a host of extended family and close friends.

David will be remembered by all from the memories he gave us, the moments we've shared, and the impact of his love.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Roslindale. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

To place a memoriam in the Revere Journal, please call 781-485-0588

Frances Fisher

Of Revere

Frances T. (Elliott) Fisher of Revere died on July 21 at 90 years of age.

The beloved wife of the late Arthur W. Fisher, she was the cherished mother of Robert Fisher and David Fisher, both of Billerica, Keith Fisher of Revere and the late Kevin, Arthur and Gail Fisher, adored grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 13.

Due to the ongoing restrictions with COVID-19, all services will be held privately and under the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. At the family's request and in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Fran's



memory to Mass Eye and Ear at The Foundation of the MEEI, Inc., 243 Charles Street, Development Office, Boston, MA 02114 or via <https://www.masseyeandear.org/online-donation-form>. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Arthur Romano

Will be sorely missed by all who knew him

Arthur Romano of Revere died on July 22 at the age of 70.

Born in Everett on Sept. 22, 1949 to Edith (DiOrio) Romano and the late Arthur Romano, he was the cherished brother of Donna LeBlanc and her husband, Ed of Revere. adored uncle of Samantha LeBlanc of Colorado, Anastasia LeBlanc, Arrielle LeBlanc-Pagan and her husband, Luis,

all of Revere and their children, Soveida, Vita, and Lui. He is also survived by his dear cousins, George Romano and his wife, Linda of Peabody and by many loving cousins, aunts and uncles. He was the beloved godfather to Joe Romano and Joe Prezioso.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Funeral arrangements



were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home Revere. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Division of Development & The Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

William Gulla

Avid sports fan

William "Billy" Gulla, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away suddenly on July 21, at the age of 52.

Born in Revere on April 5, 1968 to Linda (Tempesta) Gulla and the late Joseph Gulla, he is survived by his beloved life partner of 23 years, Marisa Birritteri. He was the devoted father of twin daughters, Jayla and Gianna Gulla and is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was an avid sports fan who never missed a game, especially if it was his Boston teams. He truly will be missed by all who knew him.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Wednesday, July 29 at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St, Revere (Everyone to meet directly at



church). Due to COVID19 requirements, masks are mandated once entering the church and capacity limits are in effect. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Private Interment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association / American Stroke Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Marcia Cutler

Of Revere, formerly of Chelsea

Marcia C. (Patick) Cutler of Revere, formerly of Chelsea, died on Wednesday July 15.

The beloved wife of the late Sumner L. Cutler, she was the devoted mother of Lesley Cutler of Stuart, FL and Nancy Ward and her husband, Walter of Harpswell, Maine, loving grandmother of Jared Kave of Maine and is also survived by extended family and

friends.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Contributions in Marcia's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 330 Congress St., 5th FL Boston, MA 02110 or the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. Visit www.torffuneralservice.com for guestbook.

In Memoriam

Vincent "VINNY" Doheney

17th Year Anniversary
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The blow was great, the shock severe, we little thought the end was near.

And only those who have lost can tell the pain of parting without farewell.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Allen

Retired chemist, researcher, consultant, and proud Double Eagle

Robert Allen of Peabody, formerly of Saugus and Harwich, passed away unexpectedly after a short illness on July 22 at the age of 90.

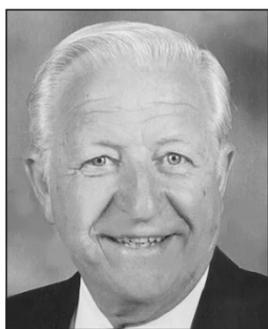
Known as Bob, he was the son of the late Alfred Allen Sr. and Mary (Caissie). Bob was the beloved husband of 66 years to the love of his life, Dolores (Magno) Allen. A marriage made in heaven, they were an inseparable team that always held hands and always went everywhere together.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Bob was a double eagle. After Boston College High School, he graduated from Boston College in 1952 with a BS Degree in Chemistry. He was a proud and enthusiastic supporter of all things Boston College and as a season ticket holder with Dolores enjoyed attending football games and travelling to Bowl Games for many years. One of his biggest thrills was to be at a game on a stormy day in Florida and see quarterback Doug Flutie throw his famous 80-yard Hail Mary pass for a last second victory against arch rival University of Miami.

He had an accomplished and fascinating career as a Chemist, working as a researcher and consultant for more than 60 years. Always passionate about his work, after dinner he frequently worked for hours at the kitchen table on reports or talked on the phone with colleagues about on-going experiments. He was initially involved in ground breaking research with the chemistry of radioactive materials with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His career then gravitated to electrochemistry where he was involved with fuel cells and catalysts.

As a partner at Prototech in Cambridge and then a member of E-TEK in Natick, he made significant contributions to the process that enabled car manufacturers to effectively fire-proof vehicle interiors, leading to countless saved lives. His career continued with research positions at companies based in Germany, Italy and Israel.

A man of great humility and integrity, upon his passing his family was surprised to learn that his name is on more than 70 patents



involving his research. Bob finished his career in 2017 at Northeastern University as a part-time Senior Scientist where he enjoyed advising doctoral students on their research.

As his career was winding down, he and Dolores moved to Cape Cod where they enjoyed gardening, socializing with their many friends, helping out with charities and being parishioners of Holy Trinity Church. For many years he organized a deep sea fishing trip for his family off the coast of Cape Cod and helped reel in a 200 pound tuna on one memorable trip.

Always an optimist, this quiet man confidently and successfully defeated cancer three separate times, often time getting treatment in the morning and going to work later in the day. His family is grateful to the doctors and nurses at the Massachusetts General Hospital for their exceptional care over the years.

As avid travelers, their globetrotting took them to places ranging from the Holy Land with their church group to Alaska to pan for gold as well as countless cruises.

In 2017, he and Dolores moved to Brooksby Village in Peabody where they became proud and active residents.

Bob was devoted to his family. He was a caring, understanding and attentive father and grandfather who was always and will forever be adored and much loved by his three children: Stephan of Wellesley, Charlene and her wife, Joanne Cancro of Watertown and Michael and his wife, Holly of Yarmouth, Maine, as well as his three grand-children: Christina Mitchell and her husband, Jeff, Nicholas Allen and Ashley Allen. Bob was the dear brother of the late Alfred Allen Jr. and Doris Jarvie and the uncle of Don Jarvie Jr.

Because of concerns with the COVID -19 pandemic, all services will be privately held. At a later date, when public health conditions are improved, Dolores and his three children intend to invite family and friends to a Memorial Mass and reception to celebrate his long and happy life. It is strongly requested that, in lieu of flowers, any donations be made to the Brooksby Village Scholarship Fund, Philanthropy Fund, 200 Brooksby Village Drive, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

Holy spirit, you who gives meaning to and shines the light on my path so that I may reach my goals. You who gives me the divine grace to forgive and forget the evil done unto me and which is with me at every moment in my life. I want in this short dialogue to reassure you one more time I do not ever want to be separated from you, no matter how grand the worldly possessions may be, my desire to be with you and my brothers in perpetual glory will not be lessened. (One should say this prayer 3 days the divine shall be granted no matter how unattainable it may be.) Publications must be promised.

Favor Received.

C.G.

10 years ago July 29, 2010

Wonderland Dog Track has run out of time to pay its taxes, and there will be no more extensions. Mayor Tom Ambrosino said on Monday that Wonderland still hadn't paid its whopping tax bill and he would move to revoke their commuter parking lot license.

Sal Cammarata's days of walking the halls of the Garfield Elementary School as its principal came to an end effective July 1 with his retirement from the Revere school system. He will be succeeded by new principal, Patricia DiGregorio. Cammarata, a Revere native, is a product of the Revere School system. He attended the now-defunct schools such as the Max Achenbach and the Barrows School for elementary, while going to junior high at the McKinley School and then Revere High. Cammarata earned a Bachelor's Degree and two master's degrees from Salem State, returning to Revere to teach sixth grade at the Paul Revere School in 1975. However, after eight years there, he was laid off due to Proposition 2 1/2 cuts – something that happened to many Revere teachers in that generation -- but called back two years later. Upon return, Cammarata took on the role of a guidance counselor and grant writer. He was responsible for getting millions of dollars in funding for the Revere schools in that position, but he also gained valuable administrative experience. He was promoted to an assistant principal position at the Garfield in the 1990s, where he served with former RHS Principal Scott Lumsden and current Deputy Superintendent Ann Marie Costa. When both of those administrators left for higher posts, Cammarata served as an interim principal for about six months – which he said built up his confidence and allowed him to officially take on the position in June 1998.

As Gov. Deval Patrick seems to be in the mood to sink the casino gambling ship, others closer to Revere are working behind the scenes to make sure it stays afloat. State Rep. Kathi-Anne Reinstein (D-Revere) was tapped earlier this month to be one of six members of a carefully selected state legislative conference committee charged with hammering out a compromise expanded gaming bill. She told the Journal on Monday that the committee would resume meetings this week, and that she is optimistic.

Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore, Despicable Me, and Dinner for Schmucks are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago August 1, 1990

Residents of the Victoria St. area expressed their opposition at the City Council meeting Monday night to a proposal to convert a two-family home into a residence for the mentally-handicapped by the No. Suffolk Mental Health Assoc.

Hundreds of mourners filled St. Anthony's church for funeral services Saturday for former Chelsea District Court judge Salvatore Aloisi. The 79 year-old Revere native died of pneumonia at Mass. General Hospital. Aloisi served on the Revere School Committee in the 1940s and was a judge from 1970 to 1981.

Congressman Edward J. Markey took the first step toward securing national park designation for Revere Beach by introducing legislation for the National Parks Service to conduct a study.

Gov. Michael Dukakis was in Revere Wednesday

REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

REMEMBER WHEN?



Marty Shunlkin, Robert Nathan, Kay Lynch, Jay Epsimos and Paul Paisner mingle during a hot summer day on July 12, 1956.

to tout the state's financial involvement in the construction of the new Garfield Magnet School.

Phil Wallace has been named the new head hockey coach at Revere High. He succeeds Larry Maroney.

Young Guns II, Mo' Better Blues, and Arachnophobia are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago August 4, 1980

The City Council is trying to determine who is responsible in the city government for the now-infamous sewerage and drainage work that was done on private property in the area of Burbank St. and Oakwood Ave.

Chelsea Police Sgt Arthur Cashin, who made his home in Revere with his wife Lorraine and daughters Stacey and Renee, was shot and killed on Broadway, Chelsea in the line of duty on July 20 during a routine car stop. He had been with the Chelsea P.D. since 1971.

Revere Police Sgt. Carmine Maglione has topped the Civil Service examination for promotion to lieutenant.

Mayor George V. Colella termed the pay raises awarded to the police and fire departments by an arbitrator as "devastating." Colella said the raises will increase the tax rate by \$10.00. The arbitrator gave raises of six percent retroactive to July 1, 1979, and seven percent raises retroactive to January 1, 1980.

More than 360 children have been taking tennis lessons under the auspices of Sam MacDonald and staff of the Revere Parks and Recreation Dept.

A 10-foot shark was reported about 400 feet off Revere Beach this week.

Several dozen residents of the area near 575 Broadway appeared at an Appeals Board hearing to oppose the construction of a Wendy's restaurant on the site.

50 years ago July 30, 1970

School Committeeman Richard P. Santeusano has announced he will resign from the committee in order to pursue a fellowship to earn a doctorate at UMAss Amherst. He also will resign his post as an assistant professor at Suffolk Univ.

School Committeeman Dennis DiSalvo has been named an Administrative Assistant in the Wellesley school system.

State Senator Joseph J.C. DiCarlo will not face opposition in the Democratic primary and there are no Republican candidates, assuring his re-election to a second term.

Two Winthrop men who were arrested on drunkenness charges also have been charged with growing marijuana in the front yard of a Winthrop Ave. home opposite McMackin Field. The two men, who are landscapers, apparently were growing hundreds of marijuana plants in the yard of the unsuspecting home owner.

Rev. Paul I. Moore is the new pastor of the First Methodist Church on Beach St.

City Councillor William P. DiCarlo is the new President of the local Kiwanis Club.

George C. Scott and Karl Malden star in Patton at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago August 4, 1960

Paul Buonfiglio of 2 High St., a delegate to last week's Republican National Convention in Chicago, got the chance to shake hands with the GOP Presidential candidate, vice-president Richard M. Nixon. Buonfiglio is a former School Committee member and is a local funeral home director.

Dr. Harry Schwartz, Chairman of the Revere Board of Health, has announced plans for a week-long polio inoculation clinic for Revere youngsters of pre-school and school age.

Revere's Linda Bowe, who came into national prominence last year with two hit records, has another hit record that boosts the presidential candidacy of John F. Kennedy entitled, Massachusetts is My Home State. Her first hit record last year, penned by her husband, Basil Bova, was entitled Breakin' In a Brand New Heart.

More than 500 youngsters are expected to attend swimming classes at Revere Beach sponsored by the Revere Journal in conjunction with the Red Cross.

Two beach stands adjacent to the Arcade Bazaar on Revere Beach were destroyed by fire. Fire Chief Vincent McAulay set the damage estimate at \$20,000.

John Carrabes and Larry DeAngelis banged home runs, but the Revere Western Division All Star team lost in the final game of the district championship to the Chelsea Nationals, 5-3.

Robert Taylor and Dana Wynter star in D-Day, the Sixth of June at the Revere Theatre. Stuart Whitman stars in The Story of Ruth at the Revere Drive In.

70 years ago August 3, 1950

City Manager Edward C. Monahan has named Col. Joseph H. Hanken, Retired, M.N.G., of 33 Wave Ave., as the head of the city's Civil Defense Dept., pursuant to new state legislation authorizing each municipality to establish a civil defense department.

City Councillor Louis Kirstein has announced his candidacy for State Senate. Kirstein said it is time for Revere, which has the largest population in the district, to be represented by one of its own in the Mass. Senate. The State Senate seat has been held by Chelsea residents in recent years.

The Chamber of Commerce has voted in favor of retaining the lights at the intersections of side streets along Broadway. The lights presently operate on a blinking system, but the Chamber voted to

put them back into working condition. However, the police traffic bureau has called for the removal of the lights and that stop signs be used for traffic approaching Broadway on the side streets.

Gov. Paul Dever signed a \$100 million highway bond bill that Dever hailed as a "triumph of civic enterprise."

Abbott and Costello star in Hit the Ice at the Revere Drive In. Jackie Robinson stars as himself in The Jackie Robinson Story at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

80 years ago August 1, 1940

What weather officials have termed as one of the strongest electrical storms on record ripped through Revere Tuesday, breaking a five-day heat wave, uprooting trees, and causing general havoc throughout the city.

Mayor Laurence J. Gillis held a public hearing relative to his suspension of police sergeant Philip Gallo on charges that Gallo acted in a manner unbecoming a police officer. A young Beachmont woman, 24, who was working in the police station as part of a federal jobs program, said she was grabbed from behind by a man and sexually assaulted. However, although she told two other investigating officers that Sgt. Gallo was her assailant, she testified on the witness stand that she could not positively identify her assailant.

Former Mayor Andrew Casassa has announced his candidacy for City Treasurer.

After receiving a complaint from Rev. E. Ambrose Jenkins, pastor of the First Congregational Church, the Revere police have ordered a burlesque show on Revere Beach to stop its indecent performances, which involve a strip tease act by scantily attired, smiling young ladies.

An East Boston woman became the fifth, auto-related fatality in the city this year when she was struck by a car on Winthrop Ave. near Suffolk Downs Thursday night.

There are 171 Revere residents working at Wonderland, representing about 39.2 percent of the jobs at the greyhound track.

Marshall Cooledge, 30, son of former City Council Pres. Athel Cooledge, was killed from injuries suffered in an altercation with a 36 year-old Chelsea man early Wednesday morning at the corner of Shirley Ave. and Beach St. The Chelsea man is being held on a charge of manslaughter and \$10,000 bail.

The call from Washington to draft 400,000 men between the ages of 21-31 will mean a quota from Revere of 107 men.

Ronald Reagan stars in The Mortal Storm at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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John P. Walsh



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THE POINT OF PINES BLESSING OF THE FLEET

The Summer of 2020 is not what everyone hoped it to be, the impact of the pandemic affected everyone in all walks of life, financially, medically, personally and socially. The members of the Point of Pines Yacht Club are no different. The annual "Blessing of the Fleet" is a big day for the Revere based yacht club. Family, friends, elected officials are all invited to attend the big event. The docks were lined with coolers of beverages and foods of all kinds for all to enjoy. The officers and board members in their dress whites greeted everyone in the main hall prior to the official blessing.

The Point of Pines Yacht Club is a good neighbor and friend to the city of Revere, always the first to extend an open invitation to the needs of the residents of the Point of Pines and the rest of the city as well. This year Commodore Jay Bolton and his officers were disappointed in not being able to have their annual event, but where there is a will, there is a way. The always ready to help Father Richard Uftring of East Boston, who has been part of the blessing the past several years, offered to bless the fleet in a small service on Saturday, July 25. Social distancing and masks were part of this years ceremonies, but

all the same it was an win for all, not allowing the pandemic to totally impact their lives. Father Uftring offered his blessings to all the members and their families, to have a safe boating season as well as to the community of Revere, in hopes that all continue to stay safe throughout this pandemic. While all the fanfare was not allowed the true meaning of the day came through loud and clear, we must continue to put our faith in God, however you may choose to worship, and continue to have hope and we will come through this together.



Commodore Jay Bolton carries the Holy Water and Evergreen for the blessing, in the lead was Father Richard Uftring heading to the docks of the Point of Pines Yacht Club. Shown right, Trustee Jack Glancy with a reading during Saturday's blessing of the fleet.



The Glancy's and Gutta Go receive their blessing.



Father Uftring addresses the PPYC Officers, Past Commodore and Trustee Jack Glancy, Vice Commodore Jill Simmons Wetmore, Recording Secretary Mike Quigley and Commodore Jay Bolton and members.



"Dread Pirate" and Recording Secretary Mike Quigley gets his blessing.



Vice Commodore Jill Simmons Wetmore receives her family boat blessed.



Before the boats, the officers receive a blessing, to stay safe and continue to do their jobs as officers of the Point of Pines Yacht Club.

Congratulations!



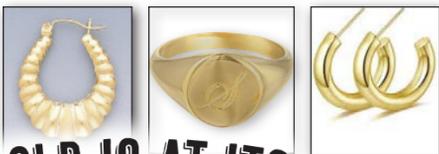
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Here's to 200 Victories

Tony Ferullo attains basketball coaching milestone at Mystic Valley

By Cary Shuman



Mystic Valley Regional Charter School boys basketball coach Tony Ferullo.

program has ever known, attained the milestone victory in front of a spirited crowd at the school gymnasium located on Eastern Avenue, Malden.

"Coach Ferullo is a true point of pride to Mystic Valley Regional Charter School," Director/Superintendent Alex Dan, who took in the momentous win, said. "He is our longest tenured coach and someone that is synonymous with Eagle athletics not just on the court but in making an impact in the lives of our student-athletes even after they have graduated. We congratulate him on this wonderful achievement and certainly look forward to many more wins and celebrations in the future."

Coach Ferullo, who for the last 21 years has worked in the media relations department of a local university, has loved the game of basketball since his days as a youngster in Revere. The proud father of three sons began his coaching career 24 years ago, serving as the head coach at Newman Prep in Boston for a season before his hometown Re-

vere came calling. After five years at the helm of the Patriots and a year on the bench as an assistant at Melrose High School, the prospects of building a program from scratch enticed Ferullo to accept a challenge and opportunity, one that he has embraced for the past 17 winters. Along the way, much success has come as his teams have hung a quartet of banners in the Eastern Avenue Athletic Complex, the first in 2012, followed by back-to-back trophies in 2014 and 2015, and finally in 2019 as the Eagles came away with the CAC large division title. For his career, he now has tasted victory 260 times overall.

Someone who eschews the spotlight and constantly preaches collective team success, Ferullo shied away from celebrating the victory, instead focusing on the next task at hand, a conference tilt with CAC foe Northeast Tech the next night. As an aside, MVRCS' first-year assistant Fran Brown '07 was a captain and on the floor 17 seasons ago when the Eagles downed South Shore Charter to give Ferullo his maiden win.

"Tonight is all about the players both past and present," Ferullo said. "I've never taken a charge, hit a three-pointer or dunked the ball, it's been my players throughout these 17 seasons, they've been the ones that deserve the credit. I have enjoyed shaping lives and my players have almost become like sons to me."



Mystic Valley Regional Charter School boys basketball coach Tony Ferullo is pictured with team captains Kenny Jean-Pierre and Alfie Tsang and middle school basketball players (holding signs) after the Eagles defeated Innovation Charter for his 200th career victory at the Malden charter school. Ferullo has coached for 17 seasons at Mystic Valley.



Mystic Valley Regional Charter School boys basketball coach Tony Ferullo is pictured with the 2019-20 team after he earned his 200th career victory at the school.

Wabik trains at Della Russo for her next Aug. 15 pro fight

By Cary Shuman

so Stadium in preparation for her next professional fight.

Wabik, who is undefeated (4-0-2) in six bouts, is running her laps around the track at the stadium and doing some of her shadow boxing there. She is being assisted by Eddie Ford, one of the best trainers in the business who also lives in Revere. Ford is working

See WABIK Page 12

When professional boxer Kim Wabik saw her gym in Medford close its doors forever during the COVID-19 pandemic, she sought out a new venue in which to train and do her conditioning workouts.

Wabik found the answer right next door. A resident of Revere in an apartment off of Broadway, Wabik is training at Harry Della Rus-



Revere's professional boxer Kimberly Wabik and her coach and trainer, Eddie Ford, are pictured at Harry Della Russo Stadium where Kimberly is training for her fight on Aug. 15 in New Hampshire.

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ROUTE 1

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

•**ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND:** Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the left lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)

•**ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND:** Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone begins in the left lane before the Carter Street off-ramp. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)

•**RAMP B CLOSURE:** (Route 1 North Bound on-Ramp from 6th Street) will be closed on Tuesday, 7/28 during the nighttime from 9pm-5am for prefabricated bridge unit Installation.

SILVER LINE ALTERNATING SINGLE LANE BUS TRAFFIC

•The Silver Line busway will continue to have single lane bus traffic where the Line passes through the Silver Line Gateway underneath the Chelsea Viaduct. This single lane bus traffic will help to facilitate safe bridge construction.

•Silver Line service will be maintained without interruption or delay using alternating direction bus traffic. The alternation of direction will be controlled by MBTA police and flaggers.

•The single, alternating lane condition has now been extended through Friday 9/18.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•**CARTER STREET** will be temporarily closed on Friday, 7/31 during the nighttime (9 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.)

•**ORANGE STREET** will be temporarily closed on Wednesday, 7/29 and Thursday 7/30 during the daytime (7:30 p.m. – 3:30)

•**ARLINGTON STREET** will be temporarily closed on Friday 7/24 during the daytime (7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m. - 1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•**ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND:** Bridge deck and gutter repairs continue in the left lane over the Tobin Bridge. We will continue to remove bridge deck and install new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.

•**ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND:** Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

•**UNDERNEATH ROUTE 1:** Crews will replace and paint steel; power wash and paint columns and support beams; excavate, erect steel; place new concrete columns; and deliver steel beams from the new bridge deck.

TRAVEL TIPS

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

EBSB reports second quarter and first half net income

By John Lynds

The economic downturn and slowing economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on many businesses and some banks.

However, despite the uncertain economic times Meridian Bancorp, Inc., the holding company for East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB) has remained on top and announced net income of \$17.3 million for the quarter that ended June 30, 2020. This represented an increase from the \$13.0 million reported for the quarter that ended March 31, 2020.

“Despite the unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID-19, I am pleased to report record net income of \$17.3 million for the second quarter of 2020, up \$2.1 million, or 14 percent, from the prior second quarter record in 2019,” said EBSB Chairman, President and CEO Richard Gavegnano. “This improvement in quarterly results reflects continued growth in net interest income, a \$4.2 million gain on sale of a Bank property in South Boston and a decline in operating expenses, despite bolstering our reserves with a \$9.6 million provision for loan

losses. We are experiencing one of the most unique periods in our long history and management has shifted their focus and allocated available resources to minimizing COVID-19’s impact on the Bank and our customers, community and shareholders. We have kept our branches available, supported our loan customers with temporary modifications and ensured our employees did this in the safest manner possible.”

Gavegnano said EBSB began working with loan customers in March, making accommodations for their existing loans to help ease them through the pandemic. As government mandated shutdowns took effect and more people were unemployed, primarily in April and May, EBSB maintained an active understanding of evolving government programs and suspended accounting rules to ensure its customers were taking advantage of opportunities as needed.

“This includes successfully executing the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”) and providing modifications to existing commercial and

residential loans,” said Gavegnano. “I was happy with the Bank’s execution in assisting our customers when they needed it most.”

According to the report EBSB’s net interest income was \$47.4 million for the quarter that ended June 30, 2020, up \$2.3 million, or 5.0 percent, from the quarter ended March 31, 2020. Non-interest income was \$8.7 million for the quarter that ended June 30, 2020, up from a loss of \$831,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2020.

““We have reserved \$9.6 million this quarter through the provision for loan losses, increasing our coverage ratio to 1.06 percent,” said Gavegnano. “We have been prudently adjusting our reserves throughout the quarter to incorporate the modifications being executed in support of our customers. As of June 30, 2020, we had applied COVID-19 related modifications to approximately 13 percent of our loan portfolio. Management’s focus over the next several quarters will be on monitoring these modified loans through constant analysis and communicating with the customer. These efforts will allow us

to quantify our exposure and apply the results to determine a reasonable provision for loan losses.”

EBSB’s total assets were \$6.418 billion at June 30, 2020, up \$69.4 million, or 1.1 percent, from \$6.349 billion at March 31, 2020.

Total deposits were \$4.820 billion at June 30, 2020, down \$1.6 million, or less than 0.01 percent, from \$4.822 billion at March 31, 2020. The net decrease in deposits for the six months ended June 30, 2020 reflects a \$338.8 million decrease in certificates of deposit, including a \$239.4 million reduction in brokered deposits.

“COVID-19 has brought unprecedented challenges to the financial services industry,” said Gavegnano. “We are well-equipped with capital and liquidity and will leverage our resources to steer the Bank and our customers through these difficult times.”

EBSB’s total stockholders’ equity increased \$14.7 million, or 2.0 percent, to \$734.3 million at June 30, 2020 from \$719.6 million at March 31, 2020, and increased \$7.7 million, or 1.1 percent, from \$726.6 million at December 31, 2019.

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hard to guide his talented fighter toward a New England and world championship title shot.

“We’re really taking the social distancing very seriously,” said Wabik. “If there are people at the stadium, we’re do our training on the side, away from the field. It’s been a strong learning curve. When you jump rope, there are no padded mats. And there’s no air conditioning when it’s 90 degrees outside.”

The 5-foot, 4-inch Wabik will be facing a rematch in the 130-pound division

against Britain Hart of Virginia on Aug. 15 at the Castleton Banquet Hall in Windham, N.H. The two fighters fought to a draw in January, 2019. They will compete in 6 two-minute rounds.

“It’s unfinished business,” said Wabik. “She felt like she won. We felt like we won. I watched the fight on tape. There were things that she did well. There were things I did well. Now we’re ready to find out who’s the better fighter.”

There will be no fans in the hall when Wabik and

Hart enter the ring. Due to the coronavirus, only the two boxers, two cornerpersons (Kim’s team is Eddie Ford and Jose Cetina), the referee, the ring physician, the promoter, and the judges will be in the hall. Everyone (except the boxers) will be wearing face coverings.

Is Kim Wabik concerned about competing in a contact sport like boxing during a global pandemic?

“My faith and my hope is that the promoters and the sanctioning body in New Hampshire are taking

it as seriously as we are,” said Wabik. “We’ve been assured that everybody is going to be tested.”

Eddie Ford believes his fighter is ready to make a statement against Hart.

“This will be Kim’s first step up to a sixth rounder and she’ll be ready,” said Ford. “Kim is used to training in a gym, but she’s doing her boxing training outdoors like my father used to have my brother and me do. Our goal to win this fight and to continue to develop Kim into the best boxer she can be.”

Shooting at Revere Beach leaves 20-year-old dead

Special to the Journal

At 10:10 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Troopers from the State Police-Revere Barracks and Revere Police responded to a shooting in front of the Twist and Shake ice cream shop, 82 Revere Beach Blvd., Revere.

Troopers and officers were on scene within minutes and located 20-year-old male, later identified as Yaseen Butt, of Revere, suffering from a gunshot injury. The victim was conscious upon Troopers’ arrival and was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Preliminary investigation suggests the shooting followed an altercation.

The homicide investigation into the identity and whereabouts of the shooter is ongoing and is being conducted by State Police-Revere, the State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County, the State Police Crime Scene Services Section, and Revere Police.

No further information has been released.

WEEKLY CRIME Report

COLLISION ON BROADWAY



On Wednesday, July 17 an MBTA bus collided with another motor vehicle on Broadway while attempting to turn onto Central Ave.

bance on Crescent Ave. The officer will file a report.

1859: An officer stopped a MV for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Squire Rd. and Patriot Parkway and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1903: Disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.

1911: A MVA with property damage only was reported on Hutchinson St.

1957: Vandalism on Emmett Terrace. The officer will file a report.

2007: Medical aid on Ocean Ave. A person was transported to the hospital.

2120: An officer stopped a MV for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on Sargent St. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2316: Domestic disturbance at Sargent St. and Johnny Rd. The officer provided assistance.

The Revere Journal was unable to acquire the latest police reports by press time. Please check back next week.

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

THURSDAY, JULY 16

1510: Domestic disturbance on Vane St. The officer will file a report.

1520: Medical aid on Suffolk Downs Rd. A person was transported to the hospital.

1535: MVA on the American Legion Highway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1557: MVA at Tabley Ave. and Broadway. The officer will file a report.

1557: Suspicious activity on Porter Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1640: Lost animal on Centennial Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1654: A 209A order was served upon a Kingman Ave. resident.

1745: Disturbance on Beach St. The officer restored the peace.

1854: Domestic distur-

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School Committee votes in favor of D'Ambrosio's Equity Advisory Board proposal

By John Lynds

Last Tuesday night the Revere School Committee voted 4 to 3 to accept first-term School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio proposal to establish Revere Public School's first ever Equity Advisory Board that will examine racial, disability, gender, and religious equity issues in the schools.

"I'm incredibly excited,"

said D'Ambrosio. "The board is going to do much needed and long overdue work and I'm glad to see the School Committee lead the way."

D'Ambrosio envisions the Equity Advisory Board as a diverse mix of parents, teachers, students and community leaders that will make recommendations to the School Committee and Superintendent on a regular basis.

"Essentially I see this new board examining a broader array of issues through the lens and eyes of people not on the School Committee," said D'Ambrosio. "I think a good mix of parents, teachers, students and community leaders that have experience with equity and deal with it on an everyday basis will be an important new set of eyes on the issue in Revere. The board will have tremendous potential to come up with solutions and identify problems that we haven't addressed to this point as a school district. Basically, I think it is important to allow people not on the School Committee to make policy recommendations on this crucial topic."

D'Ambrosio said working to create a more equitable system for students is absolutely essential for a school district of the 21st century.

D'Ambrosio said the advisory board will be a truly collaborative effort between teachers, administrators, the School Committee, and the superintendent – and the possibility of community leaders and student representation.

"The exact specifics of the board will be hammered out over the next month or two through a collaborative process," said D'Ambrosio. "I'd like to see an 8 to

12 member board with a healthy mix of educators, parents, student representatives and community leaders. The board I envision will represent the rich diversity of Revere with members from all different backgrounds."

D'Ambrosio, 24, was elected to the School Committee last November, topping the ticket with 5,318 votes in his first run for public office.

Baker-Polito administration issues new travel order effective Aug. 1

Staff Report

Gov. Charlie Baker announced that effective Aug. 1, all travelers entering the Commonwealth, including both out of state residents and Massachusetts residents returning home, will be required to comply with a new travel order.

Travel Order: Starting August 1, all visitors and Massachusetts residents returning home, including students returning to campuses for the fall semester, must fill out a "Massachusetts Travel Form" and quarantine for 14 days unless they are coming from a COVID-19 lower risk state or they can produce a neg-

ative COVID-19 test result administered no more than 72 hours prior to arriving in Massachusetts, or they are included in one of the other, limited exemptions.

Individuals who get a test must remain in quarantine until they receive their negative test results. Failure to comply may result in a \$500 fine per day.

Travelers are exempt from this requirement if they are coming from a state that has been designated by the Department of Public Health as a lower risk COVID-19 state or fall into another narrow exemption category.

Based on current public health data, those lower risk states will include: New

York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Hawaii.

Traveler exemptions include people passing through the state, people commuting across state lines for work, people traveling to Massachusetts for medical treatment, people complying with military orders, or people traveling to work in federally designated critical infrastructure sectors (essential services).

Prior to travel, people should visit www.mass.gov/MATraveler to fill out the "Massachusetts Travel Form" or text "MATraveler" to 888-777.

The list of lower risk states is subject to change

based on public health data, and states may be added or taken off the list at any time.

The Administration also announced updates to the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces to incorporate the requirements of the travel order. This included sector-specific updates for lodging, higher education, office spaces and other industry sectors.

Updated guidance: The Administration today updated guidance for lodging, offices, manufacturing, construction, labs, performance venues and indoor and outdoor events relative to the travel order. In addition, lodging operators are required to notify guests about this new travel order.

Employers are strongly discouraged from allowing business-related travel to destinations other than those appearing on the list of COVID-19 lower risk states. Employers that permit employer-paid or-reimbursed travel to those states should take measures to ensure employees comply with this order. Employers are also urged to strongly discourage their employees from taking leisure travel to destinations not included on the list of COVID-19 lower-risk states.

All travelers and residents are required to continue to follow the Administration's order that requires face coverings, and practice good hygiene, social distancing and regular hand washing. People should not travel to Massachusetts if they have symptoms of COVID-19. Travelers will be informed of this order and new travel guidance by airlines, passenger rail corporations, bus companies and some major travel agents when booking trips and before arrival in Massachusetts.

For more information, please visit mass.gov/MATraveler or text "MATraveler" to 888-777.



The latest Beautiful Home given out by the Revere Beautification Committee went to the DFernandez family on Broadway.

RBC's latest 'Beautiful Home on Broadway'

The Revere Beautification Committee's latest "Beautiful Home" award has been given to the Fernandez family located on Broadway.

The property of this house is surrounded by a wrought iron fence that encloses a manicured lawn. The entire property is kept in pristine condition from the back yard area that leads to a garage to the front of the house facing Broadway.

The side entry, located on Rose Street, is flanked by hydrangea bushes whose lovely flowers provide a

warm and welcoming sight. In the corner is a beautiful shade providing tree providing a lovely atmosphere in which to relax. Bushes line the side of the house from front to back.

In the front of this center entrance colonial, the lovely bushes are continued and the area is filled with baskets of colorful flowers and graceful urns also flower filled. There is a statue and an American flag in the area creating a beautiful and welcoming atmosphere. To complete the scene, there is a huge oval shaped wreath

on the front door.

The owner, Richard Fernandez, does all of the work on the flowers himself but he hires a person to mow the manicured lawn. He estimates that he spends about two hours a day to maintain the property.

It is obvious that Richard and his wife Patti take great pride in their home. That pride is reflected in the finished project. The Revere Beautification Committee (RBC) urges all residents to take pride in their property by beautifying it as the Fernandez family has done.

Aquí con Markey: Over 130 Latinx elected officials, community leaders endorse Markey

Staff Report

Over 130 Latinx elected officials and community leaders released a letter highlighting how Ed Markey has delivered for Latinx and immigrant communities across the state and country. The letter also announced the signatories' strong endorsement for the Senator's re-election.

"As the coronavirus disproportionately ravages Latinx communities, Ed Markey has continued to work with local leaders to better understand our unique needs during the pandemic," the letter read. "He is a true ally and advocate for the Latinx and immigrant community in Massachusetts and beyond. He is by our side, understanding that bills with direct impact on our local communities mean just as much as those that propose broad national change."

"I am proud to have the support of these incredible leaders from across the state," Senator Ed Markey said. "Their advice, direction, and hard work have been an important element of the success of our campaign to date. I work hard for them, and I pledge that my actions in the United

States Senate will prove worthy of their support."

The letter comes after several Latinx leaders this week announced their support for Senator Markey's re-election including State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, and Suffolk County Register of Probate Felix D. Arroyo.

With the applications for mail-in ballots already sent out, the continued addition of new endorsements shows the grassroots momentum building around Senator Ed Markey's re-election message, proving he's a progressive leader with the track record and bold ideas we need now.

In the midst of the coronavirus crisis, Ed Markey was the first Senator to call on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to immediately halt needless deportations and release from detention all immigrants who pose no public safety threat, and introduced the Immigration Enforcement Moratorium Act to halt the Trump administration's harmful immigration enforcement activities. Ed Markey continues to fight for comprehensive immigration reform that would guarantee a pathway to citizenship

for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in our country.

Local leaders from the area that have signed on include:

- State Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (Boston)
- Suffolk Registrar of Probate Felix D. Arroyo
- Marcony Almeida Barros, Everett School Committee
- Roberto Jimenez Rivera, Chelsea School Committee
- Marisol Santiago, Chelsea School Committee
- Julio Hernandez, former Chelsea School Committeeman
- Juan Pablo Jaramillo, State Democratic Committee, Revere
- Edwin Argueta, Everett community leader
- Paulina Bastidas-Yale, Revere community leader
- Iliana Panameno, Everett community leader
- Liana Matute, Revere community leader
- Angel Meza, Chelsea community leader
- Gloribell Mota, East Boston community leader
- Katherine Occena, Revere community leader
- Merlin Serrano, Chelsea community leader
- Gladys Vega, Chelsea community leader

Illegal and undocumented immigrant take a stand for driver's licenses

Staff report

Immigrants and activists have been sleeping in tents on the State House's front steps for a week and half sacrificing in high heat and humidity, harsh rainfall, and threats that have raised increasing security concerns. All the while legislators and the state have largely ignored the encampment, taking their time to take action on licenses despite the nearing of the legislative session.

Legislators are comfortably at home while immigrants and activists are sacrificing to show the state just how important driver's licenses really are. The immigrant community's struggles have only been heightened in the pandemic, yet still has decided to take a stand for the chance of having access to a driver's license that could prevent deportation and fami-

ly separation. Now as the encampment has continued to persist, racist individuals have used intimidation tactics and threats.

Early Sunday morning, a man visited the camp site and asked if the camp was Black Lives Matter and repeatedly said if it was he would drive over them followed by threatening to beat up a member on our security team. The state cannot condone this treatment towards anyone, and needs to take action to support the vulnerable communities facing both systemic and individual attacks on their communities.

"We couldn't avoid it, we didn't go look for him, he came to us. It was ugly, we know folks are against this bill and don't support us, and we are here to get a vote so that we would be able to get out of the shadows and drive without fear. Legislators need to take us

into account, we are your neighbors, we are your community too, you need to govern for all your community. We live here and contribute, our children go to school. We feel ignored and it's your job to make a decision and can't avoid it." Rosa Santos, Cosecha Worcester

In the face of the worst attacks against immigrants in this country, Massachusetts has taken it slow when it comes to protections for the immigrant community. The lack of immigration legislation in Massachusetts and now the complete ignoring of an encampment for 10 days at the statehouse asking for dignity and respect for immigrants. It seems the immigrant community cannot do enough to receive the support of legislators.

While 16 other states including Utah and Virginia have already passed similar



Cosecha activists spent 11 days and nights camped out at the State House to call attention to the need for driver's licenses for illegal and undocumented immigrants. The group was even allegedly threatened on Sunday by a man who said he would run them over in his car.

legislation. If legislators are not be able to pass licenses before the legislative session ends, legislators will

get to take a break, while undocumented immigrants will not get such a luxury. These last remaining days

will be telling of whether or not Massachusetts will show they have the back of those in their community.

“BACK THE BLUE” AT A RALLY AT REVERE CITY HALL

Monday afternoon more than 100 loyal supporters of the Revere Police Department and other law enforcement agencies gathered at Revere City Hall. Organizers Anthony Giannino and Nick Moulaison Sr. got the supporters rallying around the American Flag that flies proudly over Revere City Hall.

The National Anthem was sung by local artist, Vanessa Salvucci prior to the speaking portion of the rally.

A small group of anti police supporters from RHS representing Black Lives Matters were present. Write in Republican candidate for US Congress, Rachel Nicole Miselman started the program with her platform, followed by Caroline Colarusso, Republican candidate for the MA 5th District, against

Congresswoman Katherine Clark. Revere elected official Councillor at Large George Rotondo. Rotondo addressed the recent shooting and killing of a former Revere student on Revere Beach the Sunday night citing it was the police, not a social worker that rushed to the scene and tried to save the boy’s life. He then went on to mention the small group of anti police protesters that they have no idea of the many duties a police officer has during the course of his time on the force and how it effects his personal and family life.

There were many retired officers at the rally. Revere and State Police were at the rally keeping things peaceful and organized, ensuring the peace for the citizens and local businesses that were open in the area.



DJ Stevie Ray with event organizer Anthony Giannino at the Back the Blue Rally at Revere City Hall last Monday afternoon. Shown to the right, Republican Candidate, Caroline Colarusso for Congress in the Ma 5th District addressed the crowd at Revere City Hall.



Councillor at Large George Rotondo received a huge round of applause from the Back the Blue supporters.



Revere resident Allan Pechner shows All American police support for the new Revere Chief of Police, David Callahan.



Organizers Nick Moulaison Sr. and Joe Piwowski (left) Backing the Blue. A rally to support Revere Police Officers and other local law enforcement units.



Local artist, Vanessa Salvucci sang the National Anthem. Shown right, Back the Blue supporters turn their attention to the small group of anti police protestors and shout them down.



A group of counter-protestors.



Dave and Rick Freni with write in Candidate Rachel Nicole Miselman, also shown is Raul Hilerio.



Wayne and Bobby Rose showing their support for the Revere Police at the Back the Blue Rally last Monday afternoon.

U.S. Attorney, FBI team with AARP for Tele-Town Hall on COVID scams targeting seniors

Staff report

The U.S. Attorney’s Office and the Boston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have partnered with AARP to educate senior citizens in Massachusetts about COVID-19 scams and other fraud targeting the aging population.

Through AARP’s Fraud Watch Network, approximately 5,600 Massachusetts seniors participated in the hour-long tele-town hall event yesterday with

U.S. Attorney Andrew E. Lelling, federal prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the FBI. During the tele-town hall, federal officials discussed the types of schemes currently being reported, provided tips and tools on how to avoid becoming a victim and answered callers’ questions.

“As communities undertake efforts to stem the spread of COVID-19, scammers are using the pandemic as an opportunity to prey on public fear and take advantage of vulnerable mem-

bers of our communities,” said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. “Over recent months, we’ve seen a surge of scams including counterfeit medical supplies, bogus treatments and fake vaccines, and scams attempting to gain access to personal financial information. We are committed to finding and prosecuting those who perpetrate these scams as well as educating individuals about how to protect themselves from becoming victims of crime.”

“Scammers targeting

seniors are a growing concern here in Massachusetts. Last year alone, more than \$11.2 million in losses were reported to us by elderly victims, and we know for a fact these crimes are grossly underreported because of shame and embarrassment,” said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division. “Fraudsters are using the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic to their advantage and that’s why we need to work together to put them out of

business for good. Educating ourselves, as well as our aging family members and friends through tele-town halls like this one, is crucial to avoid becoming a victim.”

Throughout the current health crisis, federal investigators and prosecutors have continued to fulfill the Justice Department’s critical mission of protecting public safety. Federal authorities have prioritized the disruption, investigation and prosecution of crimes related to COVID-19, including fraud schemes,

unapproved treatments and scams related to stimulus money and unemployment.

Massachusetts residents who believe they are victims of fraud or other criminal activity related to the pandemic should contact the U.S. Attorney’s Office at USAMA. VictimAssistance@usdoj.gov or call 1-888-221-6023. Members of the public can also contact the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) by visiting www.IC3.gov. If you or someone you know are in immediate danger, please call 911.

RALLY FOR DIMPLE RANA ON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AT AMERICAN LEGION

On Monday evening the Revere City Council voted on Dimple Rana, Mayor Brian Arrigo's choice as the Commissioner of Revere newly reformed Human Rights Commission. It's been approximately 20 years since the commission has held a meeting as part of the city's agenda.

The supporters of Dimple Rana for commissioner were on the lawn on the American Legion Building with a big screen to

view the on-line committee meeting prior to the council meeting at City Hall. Several called in in favor of Rana, included candidate for State Representative Joe Gravellese and several other residents. The supporters watched outside the committee meeting that voted down the appointment, 9-2. Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Councillor at-Large Steven Morabito voted to approve the appointment.



Revere business woman and Rana supporter Lori Holmes(center) is shown with other supporters on the American Legion lawn watching the council vote on their choice for Revere's Human Rights Commissioner.



Supporters of Dimple Rana for Commissioner of the Human Rights Council get the disappointing news that she lost the vote at the council meeting 9-2.

Pressley sponsors bill to help senior fraud victims

Staff report

Vice Chair of the House Democratic Task Force on Aging and Families Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) and House Elder Justice Caucus Co-Chairs Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Peter King (R-NY), along with Reps. John Katko (R-NY), and Elise Stefanik (R-NY), announced bipartisan legislation to help seniors who have been victimized by financial scammers.

The bipartisan Edith Shorougian Senior Victims of Fraud Compensation Act (Edith's Bill) will allow elderly victims of financial scams to recoup their financial losses through the Crime Victims Fund. The bill is named in honor of Edith Shorougian, who lost over \$80,000 in retirement savings after being scammed by a financial planner.

"Our seniors are among our most vulnerable, and we have a moral obligation to ensure their financial security," said Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. "As reports of scams targeting seniors skyrocket amid the COVID-19 crisis, it's absolutely critical we do all we can to safeguard our older neighbors from fraud and support those who have fallen victim to these schemes. That's why I'm so proud to introduce Edith's

Bill, which will protect senior victims of fraud by guaranteeing states have the funding needed to reimburse them for money stolen by scammers. It's unconscionable that anyone would prey on our seniors, particularly in the midst of this pandemic, but in light of this tragic reality, we must take bold action to keep them financially secure, and that's exactly what this bill will do."

The bill is supported by: AARP, Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Impact Movement, Elder Justice Coalition, National Coalition against Domestic Violence (NCADV), National Network to End Domestic Violence, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV), National Children's Alliance, National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA), Justice in Aging, The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), Public Investors Advocate Bar Association (PIABA), Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS), North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) and Public Citizen.

As Vice-Chair of the House Democratic Task Force on Aging and Families, Congresswoman Pressley has fought to protect our vulnerable aging population.



A small but hearty gathering on the lawn of the American Legion Building last Monday evening, watches intently the vote on Dimple Rana for Commissioner of Revere's Human Rights Commission.

USDA declares August 'Tree Check Month'

Staff Report

August is the peak time of year to spot the Asian long-horned beetle (ALB) as adults emerge from trees. That's why the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is declaring August as "Tree Check Month." Checking trees for the beetle and the damage it causes is one way residents can protect their own trees and help USDA's efforts to eliminate this beetle from the United States.

Signs of this invasive pest continue to be found in Massachusetts, so residents need to be on watch. A portion of Worcester County remains under a federal quarantine for the ALB, and the movement of wood out of the area is not allowed. The most recent infested tree was removed in March in the town of Auburn.

"Just this past June, we confirmed a new infestation in South Carolina after a homeowner reported that they found a dead Asian long-horned beetle on their property," said Josie Ryan, USDA APHIS' National Operations Manager for the ALB Eradication Program. "We need the public's help to find new areas where the beetle has spread, because finding it sooner means fewer trees will become infested."

ALB is an invasive wood-boring beetle that at-



tacks 12 types of hardwood trees in North America, such as maples, elms, horse chestnuts, birches and willows. In its larval stage, the insect feeds inside tree trunks and branches during the colder months. The beetle creates tunnels as it feeds, then chews its way out as an adult in the warmer months. Infested trees do not recover and eventually die. Infested trees can become safety hazards since branches can drop and trees can fall over, especially during storms.

The beetle has distinctive markings that are easy to recognize:

- Black and white antennae that are longer than the insect's body.
- A shiny black body with white spots that is about 1 inch to 1½ inches long.
- Six legs and feet that can appear bluish-colored.

Signs that a tree might be infested include:

- Round exit holes in tree

trunks and branches about the size of a dime or smaller.

•Shallow oval or round scars in the bark where the adult beetle chewed an egg site.

•Sawdust-like material called frass, laying on the ground around the tree or in the branches.

•Dead branches or limbs falling from an otherwise healthy-looking tree.

ALB is not harmful to people or pets. If possible, residents should take pictures and capture suspicious insects in a durable container and freeze them, which helps preserve the insect for identification. Residents can report the insect or tree damage by calling the ALB hotline at 1-866-702-9938 or reporting online at www.AsianLonghornedBeetle.com.

"As people use firewood this summer, we are also asking them to buy heat-treated and certified wood rather than move untreated firewood long

distances, which can potentially spread ALB," warned Ryan. "You can also responsibly gather firewood where you will burn it or buy it in the area where you will use it."

Firewood cannot move out of areas that are quarantined for ALB without a permit. It is important that people follow state and federal laws, which restrict the movement of woody material, to keep the tree-killing pest from spreading outside of known infested areas.

It is possible to eradicate the pest. In May 2014, an infestation area in Boston was declared ALB-free. The insect has also been eradicated from areas in Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio and New York.

For more information about the Asian long-horned beetle, other ways to keep it from spreading and eradication program activities, visit www.AsianLonghornedBeetle.com. For local inquiries or to speak to your State Plant Health Director, call 1-866-702-9938.

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2020 the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). Please join USDA APHIS to help protect the world's crops, forests, gardens and landscapes against invasive pests. Learn more by visiting www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/2020.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CITY ENACTS CHANGES TO CURB RACISM

CHelsea - City Manager Tom Ambrosino agreed to sweeping changes immediately within City government to help stem systemic racism within City Hall during a meeting on the subject called for by Councillors Leo Robinson and Calvin Brown, amongst others.

The meeting on Tuesday night was a follow-up put in during the last meeting in June by Robinson and Brown and other councillors after the Black Lives Matter rally organized by what has now become known as the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance and the Chelsea Black Community.

The meeting was bolstered by a letter sent from the Young Adult Alliance, led by Kyle and Jayda Umemba. That letter went to Ambrosino within the last week and contained upwards of 50 demands on how to change City government to prevent systemic racism.

The call by Councillors Robinson and Brown, and the young people, were answered in a sweeping set of initial changes laid out by Ambrosino at the meeting.

That started with an ask of Ambrosino to acknowledge publicly that systemic racism is built into government at all levels, even Chelsea City Hall.

He said he had no problem doing that.

"That's an easy one for me because I do acknowledge that inherently all government entities, unfortunately, are infused with systemic racism," he said. "It is inherent bias. I accept that and I have publicly acknowledged that...The City declared racism as a public health emergency. That is a recognition that there is systemic bias in institutions and they need to be addressed."

Beyond that, the Councillors and the youth had unilaterally called for a new Office of Diversity and Inclusion - and Ambrosino committed to that, and to providing a budget for the office this fiscal year.

"I am in full support of that and it will be a positive step forward to have that office here at City Hall," he said.

He proposed that the new office directly report to him and the City Solicitor, though it had been called for as a department within Human Resources by the youth. He said he would likely be able to hire the director by November, and would ask the Council to approve \$200,000 from Free Cash at the next meeting to start the work.

"I envision this office will initially be for Fiscal Year 21 one person," he said. "We will have a director of Diversity and Inclusion. It's not a low-wage job. It's a highly skilled job with a highly skilled person and will be like any other high-level department head."

Over time, he said there could likely be more staff to help the director.

Some of the other calls in the letter and by the Council included inherent bias training for all City employees, and also an assessment of where City government is at right now in regards to diversity.

Councillor Damali Vidot said that would be a good starting point.

"I would like someone to come in and give us some perspective from outside on how these systems perpetuate in way we don't see ourselves," she said.

Ambrosino said that would likely be the first task of any director of the new office.

He said within the package he will send to the Council in September for consideration will be a budget that includes money for a director, for procuring an assessment of City Hall and City government, and for the beginnings of inherent bias trainings.

He said there would have to be a "robust" number going forward for the office to conduct trainings - as he doesn't expect this to be an initiative that fizzles, but one that continues on and grows.

Councillor Robinson said that is exactly what he is looking for, something that perseveres. He and the Council called for a Task Force that would be "organic" and coming from the community rather than City Hall. He said the Task Force would be called on to make sure these initiatives stick around for the long run.

"That's important to me that we put things in place now," he said. "We need to have a Task Force to make sure it's around and working for several years and not just put in place and goes away in a year."

There was agreement that the Task Force on Racism be established, and that it would not be appointed by City Hall or anyone in the current power structure. The details of that will continue to be defined as time goes on.

Vidot said she hoped it would be made up of black, indigenous and people of color, and would act similarly to an Independent Civilian Review Board.

Ambrosino also said he would be looking to also address a call from the Young Adults implement racial equity in City Budgeting, and to promote better engagement in the community on the City Budget and expenditures.

The first is something that would be done internally, making sure all expenditures by department heads are seen through an equity lens. The second piece he said would be on him, and he committed to having budget teaching sessions in January to help the general public to first understand how municipal budgeting works - what can and cannot be done. It's something he does already for new members of the City Council every two years.

He said if the Council approves his request in September, the new Office could be running by November.

"If the Council adopts this appropriation in September, we could probably have a director on board in early November," he said.

The Young Adult demands are numerous, and Tuesday was just a start, but Kyle Umemba said it was a good start. He said it meant a great deal to hear the proposal for the director, and also a budget allocation with it. That, he said, means it has been taken seriously and is real.

Meanwhile, he said in the next two weeks he will be scheduling a Town Hall for residents to tell their stories and be heard.

"We will be setting up

POLE DOWN



PHOTO BY PAUL KOOLLOIAN

On Tuesday morning, July 21, at approximately 9 a.m. Chelsea Fire and Police Department responded to the area of Pearl and Essex Streets after a large dump truck struck overhead power lines pulling down a utility pole in the process that landed atop the truck. The operator of the truck was not injured. Chelsea Fire companies remained on scene until the pole and wires were removed from the truck by crews from Eversource. Chelsea Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Town Hall meeting because we have heard there is a request to get community voices out there," he said. "There will be an agenda and we will document these stories and narratives."

CITY CLERK EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN 'VOTE BY MAIL'

CHelsea - Chelsea City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White is confident that the 'Vote By Mail' option for the Sept. 1 State Primary will go smoothly in the city.

Cintron White explained the different phases of the process that will allow Chelsea voters to cast their ballots by mail, meaning they would not have to go to the polls to vote on Sept. 1, the day of the Primary Election.

"The state has mailed to every registered voter in Chelsea a card that says, 'Official 2020 Vote By Mail Application,' said Cintron White. "Residents can return the application by mail (The state is paying the costs of postage via Business Reply Mail) or drop it off at our office. As soon as we get the ballots in our office, we would send them a ballot."

The deadline for submitting Vote By Mail applications is Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. "Early ballots for the State Primary must be returned by 8 p.m. on Sept 1, 2020, to be counted," added Cintron White. "The mail-in ballots may be returned in person, by mail, or by dropping them off in the green mailbox outside of the Washington Avenue City Hall Entrance."

Some have suggested that the new Vote by Mail option could lead to voter fraud, but Cintron White discounts those opinions.

"I think people in Chelsea trust the process here," said Cintron White. "I think people feel safe voting by mail and we encourage them to do so. I don't see why people would be opposed to it."

Due to the coronavirus, it is expected that many residents will choose to vote by mail in the Sept 1 Election. That option will also be available for the Nov. 3 Election.

The State Primary election season is heating up in Chelsea. Councillor-at-Large Damali Vidot is running against State Rep. Dan Ryan in the Democratic Primary. The U.S. Senate race, featuring U.S. Sen. Edward Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy III in the Democratic Primary, is generating significant interest in Massachusetts and nationwide.

All the election-related activity and the new Vote by Mail process has made it a busy time for the City

Clerk's Office at City Hall that is led by Cintron White, a popular 1999 graduate of Chelsea High School, who will be celebrating a milestone birthday this week.

ENCORE PAYMENT SURPRISES OFFICIALS

EVERETT - In a time of ultra-tight budgets and City Hall layoffs, no one was looking forward to July 15 more than Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his financial team.

It was the day that Wynn Resorts had promised to pay two quarters of its Host Community Agreement (HOC) fee for Encore Boston Harbor to the City - after missing multi-million dollar payments for two quarters in a row totaling more than \$10 million. The City had given great leniency and expected the money in its coffers on July 15.

But it didn't come... again.

Unknown to the City, apparently, Wynn Resorts followed a new protocol and instead of directly paying the City of Everett, they paid the State of Massachusetts - leaving the City to have to wrangle with the state Department of Revenue to try to get the money as fast as possible in a system that usually only delivers at the end of the calendar year.

Encore Spokesman Eric Kraus said there was a logistical change to the payment protocols and they are working with the City to get the money to City Hall as quickly as possible.

"There was a change in the logistics of payments," he said. "Now it's a two-step process and not a direct process. We are working with the City of Everett to expedite the payments going forward. We are working with them."

Kraus said under the HOC they are to pay the state first, but that isn't how it's worked in the past - as the first two payments in September and December came directly to the City of Everett and skipped a long and involved process of having the state act as a middle man.

"Under the terms of our (HOC) agreement, we make the payment to the State of Massachusetts and the state makes the payment to the City of Everett," he said. "We are working with the state to ensure its payment to Everett is as expedited as it can possibly be."

City officials did confirm the situation, but refrained from comment right now as the process continues to play out.

"The City has not received the payment from Encore scheduled for July 15," said Spokesperson Deanna Deveney. "Encore has deviated from our payment schedule and paid the State directly on the 15th."

Councillor Michael McLaughlin, who represents that area of the city, said he isn't happy that Encore has deviated from past practice in payments. He said he supported Encore for three reasons, the jobs, the stature and the host payments. He said they have come through on jobs and stature for Everett, but he's concerned about payments.

"The third part has been disappointing and alarming," he said. "The payments for taxes to our community. The first quarter of the year they were late paying. The third and fourth quarters, of course, because of COVID-19 had been delayed and that's totally understandable, but now sending our very much needed \$10 million go to the State of Massachusetts rather than the City is unacceptable and shows a lack of leadership. We need this \$10 million investment as soon as possible and having to wait several more weeks and adding more work on our City is disappointing."

The HOC payments with Encore have been a bit of a mess, looking back over the last fiscal year. Prior to opening the company made all of its payments on time and in full, and went over and above on many of the off-site construction projects and promises. Few can argue they haven't come through on their commitments to Everett and on their promises of jobs to residents of the City.

But when it comes to the legal HOC agreement, which includes four equal payments each quarter in September, December, March and June - there have been mostly hiccups. The first payment in September came late, but was attributed to issues regarding the proper transfer of the funds.

Only the December payment was made on time and directly to the City.

In March, with COVID-19 raging and the resort closed, Encore did not make its quarterly payment, and the City gave them leniency as they were generously continuing to pay their employees through the closure. It was agreed they would pay two quarters on June 30 as flexibility for COVID-19 lockdowns.

However, on June 30, they also didn't pay, but made an agreement with the City to pay no later than July 15. They City fully expected the money to come directly to them.

Apparently, sources said, Encore owed the state several million dollars in gaming taxes, and so it paid one big lump sum that included those taxes and Everett's HOC fee to the state.

The tie-up presents two problems fiscally for the City, as it needs cash to help stem the tide of continued layoffs to its workforce.

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layoffs to its workforce. The second piece is that the City needs to close out its books on the previous fiscal year, which ended June 30. The Encore HOC payments are a major piece of closing the books, and without the money in hand, the books stand open.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED

EVERETT - The largest residential apartment developer in the world has taken note of the Revere Beach Parkway in Everett, proposing to take over the residential project on the Wood Waste property and knit a very high-end apartment community into what is already an emerging residential address on Vale and Boston Streets.

Tammy Copson of Greystar Development – the largest developer of apartments in the world and based in Boston – told the Everett Planning Board on Monday they have entered an agreement with Wood Waste on Boston Street to purchase their intended project and make modifications.

“We are purchasing the land from them,” she said. “We will be the developer, contractor and management company...Our team has worked on these modifications. We have really aimed to work within what has been approved already and work on changes to keep the project moving...We are the largest residential developer in the world and have more than 500,000 units under management. We aim to construct high-quality living environment. We also want to satisfy the existing community.”

The Wood Waste project has a long history dating back to 2017, and was approved in 2019 with 57 conditions that included serious requirements for flood prevention and transformation of the industrial block into a residential area. Those conditions would be inherited, according to the City and the developer.

Copson said the changes include converting three, seven-story buildings into two, six story buildings to accommodate 650 apartment units – which is the same number as before and still includes 33 affordable units on site. They have reduced the retail portion of the project from 13,507 sq. ft. to 9,000 sq. ft. but added it to the ground floor to increase foot traffic and activity on the new street. They have also bumped up the amenity space in the apartment community from 9,637 square feet to 19,000 square feet. They have also reconfigured the parking arrangement, decreasing the numbers of spaces, but putting the parking in two, well-hidden structured garages. The parking spots go from 832 to 785 – still above the required number of 746 spaces.

“The new buildings become really permeable, accessible and active,” she said. “We hope to start construction in [the second quarter] of 2021 and continue to push the project forward now and push the design details so we can deliver this on budget and on time.”

One of the things that the new design attempts to do is “knit” the new project into two existing projects on either side – the Fairfield development of more than 700 units across Vale Street on the Chelsea side, and the one-year-old Pioneer development across the street on the Everett side, fronting the Parkway.

Tom Schultz of The Architectural Team said they have been very thoughtful about the other two developments and fitting this one

into the feel and idea of those other two.

“We tried to develop a strong urban edge along the streets,” he said. “We designed urban blocks and tried to stitch in the Pioneer and the Fairfield development under construction on the Chelsea side. It’s a way to activate the street and give some street life there...The greatest difference between this design and the previous design is that first floor is no longer parking, but instead we’re trying to activate the street with retail.”

A key design element is a pedestrian/vehicle middle road between the two buildings – much like what one might see at Station Landing in Wellington. The street is highly friendly to pedestrians and to activity, but is also used as a way for cars to slowly get to the parking garages. There are a number of traffic calming situations instituted on that block to keep speeds down and to make drivers understand the concept.

There is also now an increase in open space to 29 percent as well, and the use of materials like brick, metal, glass and cementitious panels.

The breakdown of buildings is as follows. Building 1 will have 330 units (91 studios, 142 one-bedrooms, and 97 two-bedrooms) and 380 parking spaces. Building 2 will have 320 units (88 studios, 137 one-bedrooms and 95 two-bedrooms) and 379 parking spots. There are 26 street parking spots also. Amenities will include lounges, fitness, Yoga rooms, work pods, two pools, a dog park and two roof decks.

City planning officials were excited about the project and felt it could be the next step in lifting up that area post-COVID, and they said there could likely be more proposals coming for that area too – marking a huge step in the transformation of a blighted industrial area to a trendy residential address.

Planning Board Member Leo Pizzano was unhappy that the long-time project was switching hands, but only because he was concerned that four years of review and refinement might be lost.

“We spent four years on this project,” he said. “I want to make sure this Board is protected and they inherit these 57 conditions and they know what they are,” he said. “We did a lot of work on these 57 conditions and I don’t want them to go down the drain.”

Said Copson, “We understand there is a lot of history here and a lot of work done.”

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the Minor Modification – which included the redesign of the buildings, the street and the layout. They will be back at the Aug. 24 Planning Board meeting to discuss the affordable housing obligations.

FOOD TRUCKS KICK OFF SEASON

EAST BOSTON - With the list of culinary mainstays in Boston closing due to the economic fallout created by the COVID-19 pandemic growing weekly, it’s obvious that restaurants are some of the hardest hit businesses during these uncertain times.

Many restaurants were forced to close or change to take out and delivery services during the height of the pandemic, only to reopen with limited capacity.

Each week, more and more popular eateries are closing simply because they can no longer make their margins through phased re-openings and limited capacities.

Last week, Mayor Martin Walsh kicked off a new pilot program in Eastie aimed at helping struggling restaurant owners reach more customers during the ongoing COVID crisis.

According to Walsh, the summer pilot program announced Friday for the City of Boston’s Food Truck Program will support valuable small businesses that have been greatly impacted by COVID-19. The program will also provide residents throughout the City’s neighborhoods with additional accessible and safe food options.

“Small businesses and restaurants employ our neighbors and add to the vibrancy of our community, but have suffered greatly due to our COVID-19 response,” said Walsh. “This summer Food Truck pilot will provide additional dining options for residents and visitors across our City, while also adhering to public health guidelines in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.”

So far Teri-Yummy, Northeast of the Border and Bibim Box will all be in Eastie on a weekly basis serving up unique foods at neighborhood parks.

Teri-Yummy will be at Bremen Street Park on Tuesdays and Fridays while Bibim Box will be at the park on Saturdays.

Over at Prescott Street Park Teri-Yummy will be on hand Monday and Thursdays while Northeast of the Border will be at the park on Tuesdays.

The food trucks in Eastie will be open from noon to 7 p.m.

Walsh said while food trucks have been able to operate as “food take-out businesses” throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor’s Office of Economic Development, Streets Cabinet, and the Inspection Services Department collaborated to create new spaces in local commercial districts and adapt to changing commuter and workplace conditions.

“The City of Boston has waived all site permit fees for this summer pilot,” said Walsh.

However, all food trucks must be approved to operate, have up-to-date certifications and permits, and are required to continue following all public health guidance by properly marking six feet spacing between customers and maintaining social distancing. All food trucks that have not signed up yet but are interested in participating in the pilot are encouraged to fill out an eligibility form.

Walsh said earlier this year, an interdepartmental effort created a new online application portal which allows food truck owners seeking to vend in the city an option to submit all approved licenses, certifications, and required documents digitally.

This new online method, provided in addition to in person, email, and by mail application options, provides food truck owners with a more transparent and streamlined permitting process.

The City of Boston has also created a number of useful guides and resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19, including a new platform to advertise and purchase PPE and cleaning supplies, Open Businesses in Boston and Support Boston Restaurants, platforms which helped businesses to publicly share that they are open and direct residents to support local establishments.

To assist businesses in industries impacted most by COVID-19, the City of Boston launched the Small Business Relief Fund, which to date has distrib-

uted \$6.1 million in debt-free grants to 1,685 small businesses in every neighborhood in order to address rent, fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, lost sales, lost opportunities, and other working capital expenses.

ORGANIZATION GETS GRANT FOR CENSUS WORK

EAST BOSTON - An Eastie organization has been awarded Rapid Response Grants to support the 2020 Census by the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund (MCEF).

Neighbors United for a Better East Boston (NUBE) will use the grant money for outreach and education.

The grants by the MCEF went to some of the hardest to count communities in Massachusetts, as well as communities that were among those hit the hardest by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are living through an unprecedented time. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic at the starting moment of the 2020 census we know now more than ever that a full and accurate census count is facing serious challenges,” said Chair of MCEF Alexie Torres. “MCEF has joined with our national funding partners in seeing a need for additional resources to our hardest to count communities.”

Founded in 2008, NUBE is an organization that mentors community leaders who support social transformation and shifting political power. NUBE’s leaders organize and advocate for inclusive democratic processes and just public policies to create a vibrant economy and environment for all East Boston.

NUBE’s work is guided by a commitment to developing a more just, understanding, and sustainable neighborhood. NUBE believes that leaders, who live its values and intentionally engage in social, economic, and political life, will help create alternative systems and structures that promote social transformation.

Since being created, NUBE has increased voter turnout 10-15 percent in recent elections in precincts with a high density of people of color.

Having an accurate 2020 Census count fits right into NUBE’s mission to transform the lives and amplify the voices of Eastie residents who have been excluded from prosperity by an inequitable economic system.

This year the United States will conduct its decennial census. In Boston there’s been a huge push to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census because it determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

MCEF used real-time census response rate data and knowledge of the impacts of the pandemic to make rapid-response grants between \$500 to \$5,000 for additional outreach activities. Organizations in these regions, who work with hard-to-count populations including communities of color, are struggling to increase Census response rates while simultaneously responding to communities’ needs, which have been increasing in the wake of COVID-19.

Historically, certain populations are “hard-to-count” in the census. Urban and rural areas with large low-income populations, people of color, immigrants, non-English speakers, migrant workers, ex-offenders, young children, the elderly, those who are disabled, renters, the homeless, and those living in mobile homes or multi-unit residences are historically hard-to-count.

To date, MCEF has awarded \$1 million in

grants targeting support for grassroots organizations coordinating education and outreach initiatives in “hard-to-count” communities across the Commonwealth. MCEF plans to release another round of grants later this month.

WATER QUALITY UP AT KING’S BEACH

LYNN - With summer in full swing and beach goers enjoying sun, surf and sand, while social distancing Save the Harbor/Save the Bay released its annual report on the water quality at Kings Beach in Lynn.

According to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Annual Beach Water Report Card, Kings Beach’s water quality went up four points in the summer of 2019.

Kings Beach scored a 79 percent last summer after posting a perfect 75 percent in 2018. In 2017 Kings Beach scored a 92 percent; an 83 percent in 2016; a 76 percent in 2015; and an 88 percent in 2014.

Last year’s score elevated Kings Beach’s six-year average to 82 percent.

The drop in some scores at beaches like Kings Beach was not surprising. Though places like Lynn, Swampscott and Boston continue to track down and correct old combined outfall sewer connections and broken pipes, it is a slow go and there are no easy fixes.

Old combined outfall hookups mix stormwater and sewage together after a big storm and pump it out into the harbor.

Berman has long said that there are two ways to fix an urban beach problem. One way is to sever every pipe that goes into the beach like the city did in South Boston years ago but that is very expensive.

The other way to ensure cleaner water is for residents to look at their own water and sewer hook ups and make sure they are not old hook ups that lead out into storm water drains.

Both Lynn and Swampscott have planned improvements to their sewer and stormwater systems, which Berman said he expects will result in significant improvement in water quality on Kings Beach when they are completed.

However, things are a lot better than they were 25 years ago when the Deer Island treatment facility was in disarray and a broken outflow just off the harbor beaches was pumping 200 million gallons of raw sewage back into the water after heavy storms.

“Changes in the intensity and frequency of summer storms often explain the variations we see on our beaches from year to year,” said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Bruce Berman. “These seasonal variations are why Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is reluctant to draw conclusions from a single year’s sampling results, preferring to rely on the multi-year average we have included in this report.”

“These scores reflect the percent of samples that complied with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s single sample limit for bacteria, which is the most straightforward way of evaluating beach water quality and potential impacts on human health,” said Berman.

Lynn was not alone in 2019 and the overall water quality safety rating for Boston Harbor’s regional beaches owned by the Commonwealth and managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation was 88 percent, a decline from the previous year’s score of 94 percent.

“2019 was one of the wettest years on record for Massachusetts, part of the wettest 12-month stretch in the state’s 124 years

of record keeping,” said Berman. “Some summer storms dropped a month’s worth of rain in just a few hours. It was a summer of extremes, with July also being the hottest one on record, making beach accessibility even more critical to the region’s residents.”

Berman added that 2019 marked a change in beach posting protocol by the Department of Public Health, which resulted in 39 additional days when area beaches were incorrectly flagged as unsafe for swimming, including over the Fourth of July weekend.

“While we recognize the importance of protecting public health, the current system is severely flawed and needs to be improved,” said Berman. “One critical weakness of our beach posting and flagging program, where bacteria testing triggers advisories, is that postings are always a day late because beach managers must wait 24 to 36 hours after a sample is collected to obtain test results. Beach water quality may have already changed significantly during this period, and the prior day’s test does not necessarily reflect current conditions.”

Berman said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay had hoped to resolve this situation before the start of the 2020 beach season, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced public agencies, advocates and other stakeholders to direct their attention and resources to other pressing public health concerns.

WINTHROP RESIDENTS LOOKING AT 2030

WINTHROP - On Wednesday, July 15, the advisory committee meeting for the Win2030 Actionable Visioning process met for the first time. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

There were about 20 people in attendance, including committee members, employees of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), Council President Phil Boncore, School Supt. Lisa Howard and several residents.

The purpose of the meeting was to highlight the goals of the visioning process, define the committee’s role, review all community input so far and discuss next steps.

Purpose of Visioning Process

The visioning process is meant to provide community feedback, highlight connections, measure and summarize goals, recommend actionable steps, inform a master planning process, and publish a report of all findings.

Advisory Committee Role and Outreach

The advisory committee is tasked with promoting awareness of Win2030 Visioning, providing ongoing council to MAPC and the town, and representing visioning ideas to decision makers. Outreach will be based on the town’s budget and will include email, website, press, social media and WCAT.

Summary of Community Input

On May 30, MAPC, the Town of Winthrop and the Win2030 steering committee presented a live, interactive Zoom meeting. Around fifty people participated in that meeting. Subsequently, residents were invited to respond to an online survey between May 30 and July 13. The survey was advertised on Facebook and 378 people responded (only three said they did not live or work in town). Both the live event and the online survey asked respondents to rank their goals in eight key areas. The following chart shows the top goal in each category.

Americans with Disabilities Act's 30th anniversary

MBTA highlights progress and upcoming accessibility projects

Staff report

On the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the nation's most significant legislation regarding the civil rights of people with disabilities, the MBTA reaffirms its commitment to being a leader in accessible public transportation.

"Thanks to the ADA and our riders who have advocated and partnered with us, the MBTA is more reliable and accessible than ever before," said MBTA General Manager Steve Pofatak. "We're proud of the accessibility accomplishments we've made so far, but we're committed to continuing to make improvements, which are fundamental to allowing our neighbors, friends, colleagues, and family mem-

bers with disabilities to use the MBTA safely and confidently. With that in mind, we celebrate this important anniversary and look forward to continuing our path forward."

This week's GM Video Update features additional discussion regarding the history of accessibility at the MBTA and the progress toward a fully accessible T.

By the 1970s, the MBTA had already begun projects and programs with a focus on accessibility, including the T's first elevator going into service at Quincy Center Station in 1971 and offering door-to-door paratransit service through the use of two lift-equipped vans in and around Brookline in 1977. Early Federal laws and state oversight through the Massachusetts Architectural Board helped to expand a focus on accessibility at the T and, by 1990 when the ADA was signed, around twenty-five MBTA stations were accessible. At that time, some buses were

also accessible, though customers were required to call ahead to request these lift-equipped buses be assigned to a particular route.

The signing of the ADA in 1990 aimed to eliminate discrimination against people with disabilities, including in public transportation. Expectations for public transit providers like the MBTA were clarified and called for all parts of service to be accessible, including reliable stop announcements, improved employee trainings, and accessible key stations and vehicles.

The existence of the ADA has also given riders a mechanism for holding organizations accountable for providing accessible service. While the T had made some progress since the signing of the ADA in 1990, a group of riders with disabilities along with the Boston Center for Independent Living filed a class-action lawsuit against the T in 2002 that cited many ADA

violations, including broken elevators, inaccessible buses, and employees not equipped to assist customers as needed.

Following a comprehensive settlement agreement of this lawsuit in 2006, the MBTA has fundamentally shifted its approach, initiating accessibility projects and programs with the goal of becoming a global leader in accessible transit. In the fifteen years since the settlement agreement, tremendous progress has been made – to name a few:

- The MBTA now has over 232 accessible stations – including 200 elevators system-wide with elevator "up time" averaging 99.4 percent or better consistently over the last decade through new elevator maintenance contracts.

- The T's bus fleet is 100 percent accessible with the newest fleet designed with feedback from riders with disabilities that has resulted in a layout that will provide more space and options for all customers, including wheelchair users and families with strollers.

- All front-line employees receive improved training in providing accessible and inclusive service to all customers, including one-of-a-kind training in assisting customers with dis-

abilities during emergency situations.

- Recognizing that firsthand experiences help shape a more usable system, the MBTA continues to reinforce its efforts to include riders with disabilities in its decision-making processes by hiring talented staff who also have disabilities and improving rider engagement through groups like the T's Riders' Transportation Access Group (R-TAG).

The RIDE is also a leader in service quality, efficiency, and innovation among peer paratransit operations. Since the launch of this service on a smaller scale in 1977, the MBTA's ADA door-to-door paratransit RIDE program currently provides service for eligible customers in fifty-eight surrounding towns and communities, including Boston. Of the 1.6 million trips provided last year on the traditional RIDE service, over 245,000 trips were taken as part of the innovative pilot partnership with Uber and Lyft, which provides customers with flexible options that best meet their needs and additional similar pilot service offerings to come soon. The upcoming software and technology transition to Routematch will also continue to improve

the customer experience, enhance reliability, and increase efficiencies by providing customers with a new web-based trip booking platform, a compatible smart phone app, and interactive voice response prompts to assist customers in managing their own trips. The MBTA continues to explore better, more integrated ways to offer trips to its RIDE customers using both paratransit and fixed route service.

While the MBTA is proud of this progress so far, the T is committed to continuous improvement with more projects focused on accessibility in the pipeline. As part of the MBTA's Plan for Accessible Transportation Infrastructure (PATI) that aims to make the system entirely accessible, major upgrades within the next five years include:

- The renovation of Symphony and Hynes Stations on the Green Line to improve accessibility;

- Improvements to nine street-level Green Line stops that make these stations fully accessible;

- Over 50 new elevators in design; and

- Many innovative technology pilot programs, including indoor navigation for blind/low vision customers.

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CITY OF REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS HYDRANT AND VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT CITY BID NO. MUN-2020-1011 INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for construction of Hydrant and Valve Replacement Project, in the City of Revere, City Bid No. MUN-2020-1011 will be received by the City of Revere Purchasing Department, Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, at his office, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA, prior to 10:00 a.m., August 13, 2020, and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Time stamp in the Purchasing Office shall govern the time. The work of this Contract includes, but it not necessarily limited to removal, replacement and relocation of approximately 20 hydrants, removal and replacement of approximately 9 gate valves, and furnishing and installing approx-

imately 9 new gate valves, and pavement replacement throughout the City of Revere; and all appurtenances and incidental work necessary to complete this Contract. The Contract Time for the Base Bid shall be a total of 84 calendar days commencing seven (7) days following the effective date of the Agreement, with all on-site construction activities necessary to fully complete the work executed within forty-nine (49) consecutive calendar days, excluding final trench paving. On-site construction shall commence no later than forty-two (42) days following the effective date of the Agreement. Additional Contract Time for Bid Additive Alternate 1 shall be 7 calendar days, excluding final paving. Additional Contract Time for Bid Additive Alternate 2 shall be 7 calendar days, excluding final paving. Additional Contract Time for Bid Additive Alternate 3 shall be 7 calendar days, excluding final paving. Additional Contract Time for Bid Additive Alternate 4 shall be 14 calendar days, excluding final paving. Additional Contract Time for Bid Additive Alternate 5 shall be 14 calendar days, excluding final paving. Additional Contract Time for Bid Additive Alternate 6 shall be 20 calendar days, excluding final paving. Once initiated, final paving, shall be completed in 14 consecutive calendar days and no later than June 30, 2021.

Contract Documents may be examined and/or obtained by contacting the City of Revere Purchasing Department, Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, at mpiccardi@revere.org or (781)286-8157 at Revere City Hall, Office of the Purchasing Agent, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA, 02151. Revere City Hall contact hours are 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday and 8:15 AM through 12:15 PM on Fridays. Contract Documents will be available on July 30, 2020. Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and be accompanied by a Bid Security, satisfactory to the City, in the amount of five percent of the Bid. Surety is to be in the form of a certified, cashiers or treasurers check, drawn on a responsible bank or trust company; or bid bond issued by a company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth. Bids are to be sealed in an envelope, marked on the outside with the words "Hydrant and Valve Replacement Project, City Bid No. MUN-2020-1011" and returned to the Purchasing Department prior to the opening date and time. Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of thirty days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. The Successful Bidder must furnish a 100 percent Performance Bond and a 100 percent Payment Bond with a surety company acceptable to the Owner.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those tradespeople who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract. The bidding and award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39M. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest. MR. MICHAEL PICCARDI CITY PURCHASING AGENT CITY OF REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS 7/29 R

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 Chapter 131 of the Massachusetts General Laws (Wetlands Protection Act) that the City of Revere Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing, on Wednesday August 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81045750451> Or iPhone one-tap :

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CITY OF REVERE, MA INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR: SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT & RUBBER SAFETY SURFACE AT SONNY MYERS PARK Bid No: DPCD-2020-1007 Separate sealed bids will be received by the City

of Revere Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, at his office, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, prior to 11:00 am, August 13, 2020 at which time they will be opened and publicly read. This bid is for the supply and installation of playground equipment & a rubber safety surface, and all associated work, at Sonny Myers Park in Revere, MA. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from the office of Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151, beginning Thursday, July 30, 2020 or electronically by e-mailing mpiccardi@revere.org. Mailing of specifications requires advance payment in the form of a check or money order, in the amount of \$25.00. Revere City Hall is currently closed to the public. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 8:15 AM - 5:00 PM and Friday 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM. For additional information, please contact Michael Piccardi, Purchasing Agent at 781-286-8157 or mpiccardi@revere.org. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a Bid Bond or a Certified or Treasurer's check from a Bank or Trust Company or Money Order of not less than five percent (5%) of his bid. The selected contractor shall provide Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of contract price. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or any part of a bid, which in the opinion of the City Purchasing Agent is most advantageous to the City of Revere. Attention of bidders is

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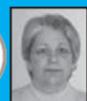
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THE CITY OF REVERE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Mayor Brian Arrigo and the City of Revere once again presented the Summer Concert Series at the American Legion Lawn last Sunday evening was the first of four weeks. The concert series kicked off on July 26, with these changes to keep with the guidelines of Covid-19. There was no dance floor, the Revere Veteran's Committee was not able to have a BBQ, and unfortunately there were no bathrooms available, as of the opening date .

The four- member band, dressed in early Beatle attire, black pants, white shirts and ties and sporting the sugar bowl haircut, performing with original Beatle style instruments and drums and English accents. All this made the evening quite interesting and enjoyable. From, I Want to Hold Your Hand to A Hard Day's Night and everything in-between brought applause from the crowd.

Seating with proper spacing was provided and although the crowd was small for the opening week and considering the humid-



Mystery Tour was the opening act of the four week concert series at the American Legion Lawn. They featured songs from the early Beatles, performed in traditional Beatles attire and genuine instrument selection.



Joe and Inez Cole were enjoying the music of Beatle cover band Mystery Tour.



Bobby and Gail rose with Little Bobbi

ity the rest of the season holds much promise for resident enjoyment.

Mayor Brian Arrigo and Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Hinojosa invite all next Sunday at 6 p.m. to enjoy the Music of the Revere Based Classic Rock Band, Decades of Rock. Featuring: Elvis, Tom Jones, Tom Petty, Rolling Stones, James Brown, Grand Funk Railroad and many more favorites. Music starts at 6 sharp and goes until 8 p.m. The schedule remaining is as follows, August 2 - Decades of Rock, August 9 Tom Petty cover band, August 16 North Shore Acappella.



Social distancing does not mean you can not enjoy the company of friends and good music at the Revere Summer Concert brought to the citizens by Mayor Brian Arrigo and Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Hinojosa. Shown are: Linda Doherty, Sandi Lozier, Denise Rampelberg and Joyce Martin.

SUPPORTERS JOIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE JOE GRAVELLESE AT STAND-OUT

A large group of supporters joined candidate state representative Joe Gravellese at a stand-out on Broadway Saturday.

The line of social-distanced, campaign sign-holders stretched from American Legion Hall to the corner of Broadway and Pleasant Street. Several motorists honked their horns in a show of support as they passed by City Hall.

Gravellese, a graduate of Revere High School in 2006 and Boston College in 2010, said he was pleased with the large turnout for his campaign.

"What you see from the turnout is that there is a lot of energy behind this campaign," said Gravellese. "We started off as a long-shot but I think people are seeing that our supporters are fired up because they really believe in this message

of really making the kinds of changes that we need to see in our communities.

"Because of everything that's happened this year in Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus and how hard we've been hit by COVID-19 and how many people are struggling, we need strong, new leadership at the Statehouse that's really ready to fight for our communities. I think the turnout here today is indicative of how excited people are that we're doing just that."

Assisting Joe Gravellese at the stand-out were his mother, School Committee Vice Chair Susan Gravellese, father, James Gravellese, sister Kristina Paolini, and her husband, Rennie Paolini.

Joe noted proudly that Kristina just received her Master's degree in Management from Harvard. "She's wicked smart," said Joe.



State representative candidate Joe Gravellese with some of his supporters at the stand-out on Saturday.



Xavier Alvarez assisting Joe Gravellese, candidate for state representative, at the stand-out in front of Revere City Hall.



Joe Gravellese, with his mother, School Committee Vice Chair Susan Gravellese, and the container for the water bottles she brought to the stand-out.



Candidate for State Representative Joe Gravellese (center), with family, his sister, Kristina Paolini and her husband, Rennie Paolini, and his parents James Gravellese and Susan Gravellese, pictured at the campaign stand-out event this past Saturday.