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KEEPING CITIZENS SAFE FROM COVID-19



Stopping the spread of Covid-19 is the #1 priority around the world, and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The City of Revere is doing all that is possible as well. With help from the state, officials handed out masks to residents last week. Shown outside the American Legion Building on Broadway last Saturday was Rayone and Nicolle Almedia and Lilian Jimenez passing out COVID safety packages, which included masks, wipes and a flier on COVID-19 safety, to many Revere residents that stopped by.

Renovations set for Ambrose Park

Elle Baker has her sights on Ambrose Park. The diligent and incredibly efficient project manager from the city's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development appeared at the City Council meeting to talk about a new grant that will help fund renovations at Ambrose Park located on Ambrose Street.

"We applied for a grant during the summertime and we were awarded a grant for Ambrose Park in the amount of \$273,900,"

said Baker. The Planning Department worked with City Finance Director Richard Viscay and Mayor Brian Arrigo to determine that a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)

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Memorial pole to be dedicated to WWII veterans Corrado, Tirro

Corrado] was not only my neighbor for over 50 years, but I went to several social events with him and his family. He just exemplifies the type of people that we have in our community that we want to show that lived here, resided here, and what they were all about.

"He was a wonderful father, tremendous grandfather, and a great neighbor and friend," continued Guinasso. "I think this little recognition is the

very simple thing we can do to memorialize him for many, many years in the future."

Guinasso also paid tribute to Mr. Tirro's service to the country.

"Unfortunately, a few months ago, his [John Corrado's] brother-in-law, George Tirro, passed away. And he was also a neighbor. I've asked for a memorial for him also. So what I would like to do is that these two names [John Corrado and George Tirro] be placed in the same location on the same pole."

Guinasso said the family has agreed to this awe-

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Health Dept. working hard in preparation for arrival of vaccines

By Cary Shuman

Revere Public Health Department Director Lauren Buck said the city is not at the point where it will be administering the COVID-19 vaccines to residents yet but the staff is making logistical preparations for the arrival and distribution of the vaccines.

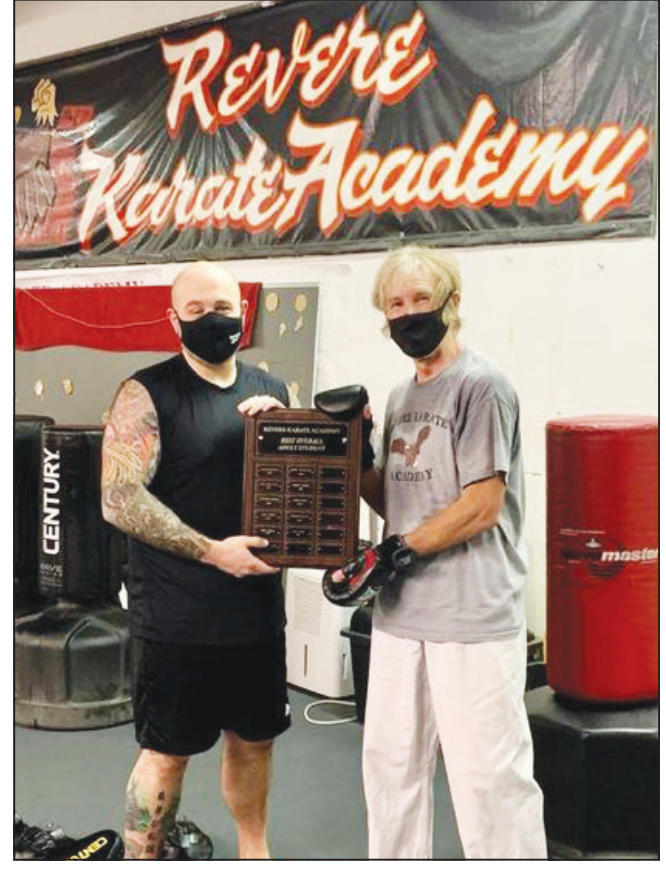
"We as a Board of Health are not there yet, but long-term care facilities have been working for weeks through the state's program in partnership with CVS and Walgreens Pharmacies in order to get that process up and running, but the vaccines are not there that."

Buck said "any health-care workers who live in Revere and work in acute care hospitals will hopefully be hearing from their employers about when they can be vaccinated there."

She added that the Revere Board of Health is making preparations for the arrival of the vaccines "so we're ready when it comes."

"We don't have any specifics in terms of when the Revere Board of Health will have its own supply of the vaccines to give to the residents of the city but we are making sure that we are working to make sure we are ready if we get the call," said Buck.

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Instructor Anthony S. Cogliandro of Revere Karate Academy presents Student John Coyne with the 2020 Best Overall Adult Student Award.

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Rep.-Elect Giannino will seek position on Comm. on Public Safety

By Cary Shuman

State Rep.-Elect Jessica Giannino is continuing preparations for her entry into the Mass. House of Representatives in January.

Giannino was elected Nov. 3 to succeed Rep. RoseLee Vincent in the Sixteenth Suffolk District seat that includes Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus. Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo also represents Revere and all of Winthrop in the House.

“From now until I take office in January I’ll be continuing to connect with constituents and strengthen my relationships with organizations whose members reside or work in the Sixteenth Suffolk District,” said Giannino. “For the most part, this means lots of Zoom calls!”

Giannino told the Revere Journal that she will seek membership on the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. “Tensions are high right now across the board. I can assure you that especially during these times we are relying heavily on police, fire, municipal, and regional emergency officials,” said Giannino. “My father [Chris Giannino] is a Sergeant with the Revere Police Department, so it’s important to me on a personal level that we get things right. That is why I will seek to be a member of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.”

Giannino said she is proud of the fact that she is one of seven newly elected female members to the House and will be a part of the largest delegation of female office hold-



State Representative-elect Jessica Ann Giannino.

ers in the state’s history. “Being one of the seven newly elected female members of the House of Representatives and part of the largest representation of women in the history of state government is an incredible honor,” said Giannino. “Tens of thousands of men have served in the Legislature, but that wasn’t proper representation of the State’s population. Women are set to hold a record-high of 31 percent of legislative seats and I couldn’t be more proud of the forward-thinking voters in the Commonwealth,” she said.

Giannino said the inauguration ceremony will be held in Boston, but it will have limited attendance. Joann Giannino, Jessica’s grandmother and manager of her successful campaigns for public office, will not attend the ceremony.

“I do expect to be sworn in at the State House with a very limited audience due to restrictions put in place surrounding the coronavirus,” said Giannino. “I value my family’s safety above all, so unfortunately my grandmother will not be in attendance, but we will celebrate in our own fashion. It certainly won’t be what I initially expected but that’s okay - I’m more concerned about getting to work.”

RECOGNIZING DECADES OF HARD WORK AND GREAT SERVICE Council honors Musto family, owner of China Roma

By Cary Shuman

The City Council took a trip down memory lane Monday night, honoring Paul and RoseAnne Musto and their family for 65 years of ownership of the China Roma Restaurant and on the occasion of their retirement.

Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso, a long-time customer and friend of the Musto family, reminisced about his many visits to the popular restaurant located at Broadway.

“I go back to the days when Paul’s father, Larry, was owner and doing a great job - it was quite the ‘in’ place in those days,” said Guinasso. “Upstairs we had Ronnie Mottola with his orchestra and we had all kinds of activities. It was just a wonderful spot to go.

“But more important-

ly, what am I going to do, RoseAnne, on a Saturday night for my food order - you better stay in business because my family depends on you,” said Guinasso. “It’s a part of my home and my lifestyle because your food is absolutely excellent. We will miss you. You’ve carried on the Musto tradition and you did it with class. We all appreciate the hard work that you did and the great product that you put out.”

Ward 5 Richard Serino read the official Certificate of Appreciation that will be presented to Paul and RoseAnne Musto.

“Although this is bad that we’re losing the Chinese restaurant, I’m happy that Paul and RoseAnne will be able to enjoy a well-deserved retirement,” said Serino, adding that a new Peruvian

restaurant will be opening in that location on Broadway.

Councilor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said that a lot of people are “very sad” about the closing of the China Roma. “I want to congratulate the Musto family on their retirement,” said Zambuto. “This is truly a Revere institution that is closing.”

Councilor-at-Large Steven Morabito said when he was a child, his parents would take the entire family to China Roma for holiday celebrations.

“You guys would take good care of us,” recalled Morabito. “As an adult, I still walk down Suffolk Avenue and I grab my 10 egg rolls that I get from you because you have the best egg rolls in town. I wish you nothing but success.”

Paul Musto thanked the

Council for the honor.

“We appreciate the honor you’re bestowing upon us,” said Musto. “Anthony [Zambuto], thank you. Ricky [Serino], you’re the best. Steven [Morabito], keep coming for the egg rolls, we’re still open.

“We appreciate all the customers that came here over the years and all our past employees,” continued Musto. “My granddaughters have been working with me recently and they’re doing a great job. Thank you very much.”

City Council Patrick Keefe told Musto that his great aunt worked at China Roma for many years.

“You run a good business over there and you’ve employed a lot of great people over the years - you should be proud of what you’ve done,” said Keefe.

Council approves Shaikh appointment to Cultural Council

By Cary Shuman

The City Council unanimously approved Mayor Brian Arrigo’s appointment of Farah Shaikh to the Revere Cultural Council on Monday’s meeting.

Shaikh has been a Revere resident since 2007 and is the mother of two children.

“I’ve been on PTO since my children were in kindergarten,” said Shaikh. “I take a lot of pride in bringing my culture to Revere. I’ve done a lot of volunteer work.

I’ve had the pleasure of working with Mr. Keefe and his wife for the Whelan Elementary School. And my children and Mr. Visconti’s children have grown up together. It’s my chance to give back to the community and I would like to dedicate my time.”

Councilor-at-Large Gerry Visconti said Shaikh is very active in the community and does a great job helping the schools.

“I think she’ll be a valuable asset to the Cultural Council,” said Visconti. “I’m in favor of this ap-

pointment 100 percent.”

Council President Patrick Keefe also voiced his strong support of Shaikh’s appointment and asked that other residents consider serving on local boards. “We really appreciate you asking to be a part of the Cultural Council,” said Keefe.

Shaikh said she was unable to attend the Dec. 7 Appointments Subcommittee meeting when many local board appointees spoke via Zoom with Council members.

“I apologize that I

couldn’t be at the last meeting - I had a fire in my house on Nov. 8 and I was dealing with a lot and had to be with the inspectors, but I would like to thank Mayor Arrigo and the City for helping me,” said Shaikh.

“I’m sorry for your inconvenience during that loss. I hope everything is well,” Appointments Subcommittee Chair Arthur Guinasso said to Shaikh.

“Thank you, everything is much better and we’re getting there,” said Shaikh.

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grant of \$141,100 will be used for the remaining cost of the Ambrose Park project.

“We are looking forward for your support to accept this grant,” Baker said to the Council.

According to Baker, the reconstruction project at the park will include the demolition of the existing structures, a new, inclusive play structure that would meet all ADA and special needs regulations, new entry gates, fence repairs, security lighting, new benches, new bleachers, an ADA walkway, and new handicapped parking spaces.

Baker said the com-

munity input process will start in January and construction would likely begin at the park in July, 2021.

Ward 5 Councilor John Powers lauded Baker for her past efforts in leading the renovation projects for the city’s parks.

“I just want to commend Elle Baker for the outstanding work she has done with regard to the parks in this city since coming aboard in the Planning Department,” said Powers. “Gibson Park in the Point of Pines, the park in Oak Island, and this [Ambrose] will be the final park in Ward 5 - the park is going to be

built out. I’ve had a lot of calls from people in the neighborhood about their concerns with the park and that it needed a lot of work. It’s a great thing that’s going to be happening on Ambrose Street. We can all thank Elle for the work she’s done in acquiring these grants.”

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso pointed out that the \$415,000 park project will be funded by two grants and at no cost to the city. Guinasso said many Ward 3 residents use the park. “It’s a beautiful spot to take your children there and have recreational activities for them and to promote physical activity for our young people,” said Guinasso. “I’m glad that the City of Revere is a recipient of these funds.”

Commission on Disabilities Chair Ralph DeCicco said he wanted to congratulate Elle Baker “on this park specifically, especially that this is going to be a fully ac-

cessible ADA-compliant park which is something that is not only near and dear to my heart, but to a lot of disabled children’s families in the city. This is great news.”

“Ralph DeCicco has been an inspiration to this project,” said Baker. “He’s been an advocate for having a fully accessible playground throughout the city and I think we’ve finally found that location and our goal is to achieve that.”

Councilor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said, “We’ve come a long way when we can have a fully accessible park being built in the city.”

In response to a question from Council President Patrick Keefe about the softball field at Ambrose Park, Baker said there will be “some minor renovations” to the field.

The Council unanimously approved the acceptance of the grants.

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will help put money into pockets and back into local communities. VITA is more important now than ever as our communities continue to struggle financially.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) offers free tax services to individuals with low-to-moderate incomes, senior citizens, people with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency, and those who need additional help with their taxes. With many people experiencing financial changes this year, additional volunteers are needed to provide free income tax assistance.

VITA volunteers serve in a variety of roles. Volunteers are needed to electronically file federal income tax returns, virtually greet taxpayers and help

organize their paperwork, set up and keep computer equipment running, manage tax sites and handle quality control. These roles are 100% remote and can be done from home.

We are looking for volunteers fluent in both English and Spanish with basic computer skills. The program begins mid-January and ends April 15th. A minimum of 5 hours a week is required and the hours are flexible, with day and evening hours open. Training is available and all volunteers are required to pass a CORI background check and the IRS Volunteer Training Certification test. Please sign up before January 15th.

To sign up or to get more information, email vita@tdinc.org.

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SPOTLIGHT

Last week, the new kitchen studio was put to use by a few community members and the Colombian Consulate of Boston. The show is a free cooking class to show viewers how to make a healthy holiday meal. Viviana Acevedo, executive chef of Panella Restaurant in Lowell, MA, cooked up some traditional Colombian food and a few other featured dishes. Dietician, Maria Clara Mejia, joined via Zoom to chat about the recipes. You will soon be able to view these programs on the RevereTV community channels once each are edited.

A new episode of “The Senior FYI” premiered Thursday. Director of Elder Services, Debbie Peczka DiGiulio had the Director of Revere Board of Health, Lauren Buck, and Dr. Amelia Rowley as guests. Rowley is a licensed clinical psychologist and professor at Boston College. The interview for this episode is about increased anxiety due to the novel coronavirus and the holidays. “The Senior FYI” continues to serve as an informational program directed to senior residents in Revere. It plays on RevereTV specifically on Tuesday at 6pm, Thursday at 2pm, and Friday at 8:30am. It can also be viewed on RTV’s Facebook and YouTube pages.

Public service announcements regarding masks are the latest recorded segments as part of a community outreach grant program with the state. You can view new videos for the “I wear a mask...” campaign in the RTV bulletin between programs on television, and on Facebook and YouTube. These PSAs are recorded with Revere residents who speak in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic. The purpose of this grant program is to better educate Revere residents with COVID-19 information in various languages to reach more in the community.

All of last week’s Revere city government meetings were covered live by RevereTV. The City Council Meetings include a recorded Spanish translation on the RTV YouTube page. Meetings are repeated on the channel in a cycle until the next meeting of its kind takes place. You can watch Revere’s government meetings on Facebook, YouTube, Comcast channel 9, and RCN channels 13 and 613.

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Councillors laud President Keefe for his leadership at final meeting of the year

By Cary Shuman

Councillors took their “point of personal privilege” segment at the end of Monday’s meeting to thank Patrick Keefe for his exceptional leadership as president of the City Council during a challenging year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Councilor-at-Large and State Rep.-Elect Jessica Giannino began the procession of praise for the president who served as Council leader throughout 2020.

“Mr. President, I just wanted to take a moment to commend you – this is your last meeting as Council President,” said Giannino. “As someone who’s done it, I know it’s not an easy task. And when you were voted in in January, I don’t think any of us knew what you were going to be

in for this year. And you adapted, you made sure we were all safe, and I really commend you for that because I know you had a ton of other stuff going on, too, but you always put the city first and you did a great job serving all of us. Mr. President, thank you.”

Councilor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said he wanted to commend Keefe for “a job well done as president.”

“It certainly was not a conventional year,” said Zambuto. “It’s been an interesting year and you adapted very well and I appreciate your service. And I wish you the best, not that you’re going anywhere.”

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso, who was Keefe’s predecessor in 2019, said, “I also want to applaud you for the efforts as Council President. And

I also want to applaud my colleagues for the efforts they put forth in this very trying time that we’ve shared. No one ever experienced a pandemic. This is amazing what we had to go through and the lives we all had to live in conjunction with providing community service to our constituents the best way we know how.”

Ward 5 Councilor John Power said to Keefe, “With regard to your presidency, mission accomplished, great job. No one could have done it better.”

Councilor-at-Large Gerry Visconti thanked his colleagues “for the warm welcome that I have received this year – we had some stressful times on the Council, but it has been enjoyable to work with each and every one of you.

“I want to say thank you

to Patrick for his presidency,” added Visconti who joined his colleagues in wishing Revere residents a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a safe New Year.

Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna began by jesting to Keefe, “Mr. President, that’s the last time I’m going to call you, ‘Mr. President’ this year.

“I just want to say kudos to you because I think you’ve had two rough times as an officer because when you were vice president and Councilor [Robert] Hass was president, Councilor Haas passed away. So you had that difficult time and now you’re president and you had this unpredictable time with the COVID-19 virus. I say kudos to you for handling both situations. I think you’ve done a fine job.”

Councilor-at-Large Ste-

ven Morabito lauded his colleague for “the visible representation that you’ve given the Council by attending events and acting on our behalf. It definitely did not go unnoticed.

“At every meeting you held, you were impartial. You put your heart into it and you were dedicated. And that’s all I could ask for in a President,” said Morabito.

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino thanked Keefe for his service as president. “It’s been a great year working with all of you, my colleagues. Thank you for the warm welcome. We bonded through the year and I think that’s a wonderful thing.”

In his own remarks, Keefe said he wanted to offer some quick anecdotes including one about meetings on Zoom, not-

ing, “The quote of the year for all of us has been: ‘You’re still on mute.’ And I’m sure that’s not just with the Council – I’m sure that’s with everyone in the world.

“And as you all had allowed to, I really appreciate you trusting me to be your Council President this year,” said Keefe. “I know that whoever we choose to be Council President next year will do a fine job. No one expected me to be the first Zoom President, but I guess that will go down in the Revere history books and I hope that whoever takes this job on next is able to manage the screen. I think my youth helped me in that.

“To the residents of Revere, again I thank you for allowing me to your President as well,” concluded Keefe.

Council President Keefe expresses frustration with no in-classroom instruction in Revere schools

By Cary Shuman

In a powerful statement that reverberated in the educational community into the weekend and on to this week, City Council President Patrick Keefe expressed frustration with students still being unable to attend classes in person at Revere schools.

Keefe’s remarks, made at a joint meeting of the Revere City Council and Revere School Committee Friday, were apparently not well received by some Revere teachers, two of whom expressed their discontent during the meeting broadcast live on Revere TV.

During the meeting two parents did seem to concur with Keefe that the overall remote learning experience did not meet the exceptionally high standards for which the highly acclaimed Revere school system is known. The parents cited a lack of information and updates being presented to parents by school administrators during the remote-learning process. Mayor Brian Arrigo, Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, Public Health Director Lauren Buck and Mayor Arrigo’s Chief of Staff Kim Hanton participated in the meeting.

Keefe said the issues

was personal to him in that he [and his wife, Jennifer] have two children enrolled in the Revere schools. He prefaced his remarks by stating that “I know for 100 per cent certainty that everyone on the School Committee, especially the superintendent [Dr. Dianne Kelly], and all of the faculty and the teachers have done an unbelievable job thus far. They have worked unbelievably hard.”

But then Keefe lowered the boom.

“I believe education is essential to our children, but as a parent I’m frustrated where we currently stand for eight months

and I feel helpless, a person watching my children deteriorate” said Keefe. “Just imagine how the other 8,000 families in Revere feel.

“This is why I believe it’s imperative that we make some corrective action in how we are attempting to get children back into our schools,” he continued.

Keefe called the curriculum and school system “the city’s gold standard” for years, especially so under the direction of Supt. Kelley.

“On March 12, that all went away. It changed when we closed the doors to everyone. And I agree that at the time it was the right decision to step back and reflect and plan a path forward.

“But fast forward eight-plus months and to continue to even be unable to consider the concept of going back in to these former safe havens, it’s not acceptable and it goes against everything these schools have stood for,” said Keefe.

Keefe inferred that the blame rested on the teachers when he said, “I don’t create a suggestion that

there is one group to cause for this great resistance for getting back into at least partial in-person learning, although it’s quite clear by many closely involved that this is the answer.”

Mayor Brian Arrigo, who is the ex-officio chair of the School Committee, was the first to respond to Keefe’s “perspective and frustration.”

“The level of anxiety and the challenges that come along with remote learning certainly come through the screen and I just appreciate the fact that you would take the time to express those feelings as a parent, first. Your perspective is one that I value and I certainly understand the frustration that you have,” said Arrigo.

The mayor said the frustration Keefe was experiencing was also being experienced by the School Committee and the superintendent of schools.

Kelly said, “I feel also, Patrick, for what you’re saying and I will say that I have had a number of parents reach out who feel the same way that you do, and a number of teachers who have reached out and are really desperate to

get back to the classroom and have some in-person instruction with their students.

“I think the most responsible thing that we can do and the School Committee has been in agreement with is follow the guidelines from our medical professionals and from the Department of Education, the CDC, the Department of Public Health. Although I learned a lot more about this infection, about vaccines, about ventilations systems – I am not an expert in any of them and so we all need to rely on the people who are.”

Kelly said Revere has consistently been among the communities with the highest COVID-19 positivity rates in Massachusetts.

The superintendent said the school system conducted a recent survey in which 3,100 families responded – which is a fantastic return. Kelly indicated that 85 percent of the parents indicated that they were very pleased with their children’s remote-learning experience during the pandemic.

Council gives its support to new residences at 83 Bradstreet

By Cary Shuman

Paul Buonfiglio appeared at the City Council’s Zoning Sub-Committee meeting to talk about his plans to alter an existing, non-conforming four-unit structure by increasing the number of units to six at 83 Bradstreet Ave.

Buonfiglio is the well-known director of Buonfiglio Funeral Home in Revere. He was representing Bradstreet, LLC, in the project.

“The plans for the building are a total rehab,” said Buonfiglio. “We’re not 100 percent certain on the final details to the exterior façade, but this will be the exterior once completed (see accompanying photo).

Buonfiglio said he intends to convert the existing, four-unit (13 bedrooms) structure to six units consisting of 3 two-bedroom units and 3 one-bedroom units.

“We’ve met with the neighbors and Councilor Joanne McKenna several times and Joanne can share with you that we’ve kind of conquered all the concerns of the neighborhood and I’m excited and looking forward to get this project moving,” said Buonfiglio.

McKenna said there was a community meeting and the neighbors’ biggest concern was parking. “We restricted it to six parking spaces, six cars, one per unit and one visitor’s pass per unit,” said McKenna, noting that the property was once the site of a rooming house.

McKenna reported that



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A look at developer Paul Buonfiglio’s plans for the property at 83 Bradstreet Ave.

the neighbors on Bradstreet Avenue were “very happy” about Buonfiglio’s transformational plans.

“The rehab will be a great asset to the community,” said McKenna. “I think the net worth of some of the houses around here will go up. I’m in favor of this.”

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso said, “With new ownership and the type of development that Paul Buonfiglio has presented, to me it seems like a great plus for the neighborhood and the Ward 1 people. I will be voting favorably for this particular proposal.”

Councilor-at-Large Gerry Visconti also voiced his support for the new plans. “Looking at that picture of what it’s going to be like, it’s apples and oranges,” said Visconti. “I want to commend both Councilor McKenna and Mr. Buonfiglio on working together and working with the neighbors.”

Councilor-at-Large Jessica Giannino called the proposal “a great example of a developer coming in and working with the ward councilor.”

“You’re at a point where the neighborhood is happy. The neighbors are getting an improvement. The developer is happy that he gets to build a beautiful project and the ward councilor is happy. This was done right,” said Giannino.

Committee Chair Anthony Zambuto praised the professional cooperation between the ward councilor and the developer. “This is what we look for, cooperation with the neighborhood, the ward councilor. It’s certainly a model for what should be done. Of course, it’s a lot easier when you have a developer like Paul Buonfiglio. It makes life easy. I commend Councilor Joanne McKenna. I know you put a lot of work into this and you got the neighborhood behind it. It’s going to improve the value of the neighborhood. It’s a big improvement to the neighborhood. Beachmont’s going to be very proud.”

The City Council later approved the Zoning Sub-committee’s favorable, unanimous recommendation of the proposal.

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THE VIRUS IS IN OUR HOMES

We now are fully amidst the holiday season. Hanukkah is here and the Christmas and New Year's holiday week is fast-approaching.

Public health officials at all levels of government have been warning us for months that we must change our usual manner for celebrating the holidays if we are to have any chance of stopping the deadly spread of the coronavirus.

Unfortunately however, far too many of us have been ignoring these warnings. Families and friends continue to gather for holiday celebrations as if they are completely oblivious to the existence of a pandemic.

But consider these somber and alarming statistics recently released by the state: The overwhelming numbers of active coronavirus clusters across Massachusetts between the period of Nov. 1-November 28 (coinciding with the Thanksgiving holiday time frame) were traced to households, which accounted for 9393 of the state's 9883 clusters and 23,756 of the 26,451 confirmed cases.

In other words, the coronavirus is being spread by family and household members to each other.

This transmission of the virus among household members is nothing new, but its prevalence is striking -- about 90 percent of new coronavirus cases are now occurring within our homes.

The arrival of vaccines is wonderful news, but until each of us has a "jab" (that's what the British call getting a shot) in our arms, none of us are safe and all of us have to assume that everyone we come into contact with is a carrier.

We realize that staying apart from our family members and friends during the holidays is tough medicine -- but it's the only prescription that will work to suppress the spread of the virus.

THANK YOU, GOV. BAKER

We'd like to take a moment to express our appreciation to Gov. Charlie Baker, who has demonstrated incredible leadership during the past nine months of a crisis that is unprecedented in our state's history.

Day-after-day, Gov. Baker has confronted a deadly pandemic and an economic collapse (not to mention a dangerous president from his own party) with a degree of intelligence, competence, and assuredness that is unmatched by any governor in the country.

Massachusetts has been very fortunate to have Charlie Baker's steady hand at the tiller of our ship-of-state during this stormy period. And (to extend the metaphor), although we know there are still some rough seas ahead, thanks to Gov. Baker's helmanship, we can see clearing skies on the horizon.

REMEMBER THE NEEDY

We saw a statistic the other day that was absolutely mind-numbing: 18% of all Americans, and 24% of American children, do not have enough to eat on a daily basis.

We mention this because during this Christmas season, when many of us normally would be splurging on holiday parties, vacations, and the like, those of us who are fortunate enough not to fall within the 18% must consider how we can use our unspent resources to help our fellow Americans who are dealing with a situation that is even worse than what America faced at the height of the Great Depression.

Hopefully, Congress will get its act together shortly and provide relief for those in need. But until that happens, it is up to each of us to do what we can to assist our fellow citizens through donations to organizations -- of which there are many -- that will help to ensure that every American at least has enough to eat every day.

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LETTERS to the Editor

ON 10 PEARL AVE.

Dear Editor:

Your issue of December 9 tells the sad story for me, of the demolition of the house at 10 Pearl Avenue in Beachmont. My father, John Vanderpot, bought that house and the house next door, 8 Pearl Avenue, some time in the 1920s. He died in 1933 and Adriana, his widow, became a single parent with eight children. She worked at that time as a housekeeper, but was unable to pay the mortgage without John's income. There were no mortgage insurances available then, and federal or state assistance was also lacking. We moved to a first-floor apartment at 148 Crest Avenue for a few years, in a building owned by a man named Haines, who had been a drummer in John Philip Sousa's band. From my bedroom I could look into "Carpies" grocery store next door. Just before the outbreak of WWII, we rented a large house owned by a man named Hall, at 15 Washington Square. No doubt the planned house that will replace the old 10 Pearl Avenue will provide a dry basement and many happy years of comfort. Being that close to Short Beach has its advantages, and I wish the residents good luck in their new home. I am about to publish a family history, and if anyone would like to learn of its availability they can reach me at: leov10571@yahoo.com

Leo Vanderpot

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST UPON US

Dear Editor,

Close your eyes, fold your hands. For a moment let your sorrow fade. Why, oh, why are you afraid? Has this world stripped you of your faith?

Close your eyes and on bend knee, listen to an angel pray and once again prepare the way so you'll see a Gift that's given.

For you, a time of Joy! Behold, a baby boy! - from Good News by Avalon

The holy season of Christmas is almost upon us, a season of hope and joy. The Advent journey we've been on has called us to repentance and preparation, and now we stand just outside of the great city of Bethlehem, ready to meet our Savior.

This year has been so very hard for so many of us, but through it all, our faith has given us the courage and the stamina to make it through. It has brought about great pain and loss, but it has also brought about extraordinary courage and compassion- we have seen it manifest itself in the doctors and nurses and frontline workers who selflessly offered themselves to save lives, give comfort and bring hope. We saw it in scientists and technicians who worked long hours to discover the light at the end of this long tunnel- a vaccine that soon will bring an end to this nightmare and allow us to dream of what the coming year may bring to us all- to be with those we love

again, to make plans for the future confidently, to be together again.

We also saw it in one another- how we reached out to one another, embraced technology that gave us new ways to share the moments in our lives, found ways around and through the challenges that faced us along the way, and came to see that even though we were physically distant, our faith, hope and love connected us- Christ was present in us, through us, with us. We opened our churches, shared and taught the timeless truths of our faith through Zoom, reached out to those in need, anointed the sick, and buried too many people, but we also celebrated baptisms, first communions, Confirmations, and even rejoiced in weddings. I saw it every day as our Collaborative staff and community reached out, following protocols, using the technology, innovating, all the while understanding why we needed to protect not only ourselves but one another. It's been different, and at times it's been frustrating, but we held the torch of our faith high, and we look to a brighter 2021 with renewed hope- ever looking up and looking ahead. And now... Christmas.

As we rejoice in the birth of our Savior, we understand how different this Christmas is. So many of the members of our Collaborative family cannot be with us- please know that through your prayers, you are present... we miss you, but we understand. If you feel in anyway unsure, please do not feel obligated to attend. We will be live streaming the Christmas Eve Mass from OLG at 4 pm on our Facebook

page. The Cardinal's suspension of the obligation to attend Mass remains.

If you can join us, please keep in mind that we will follow all the guidelines of keeping each other safe. Both churches have a limit of 70 people- if we go over the limit, there will be seating downstairs- the 4 pm Mass in both parishes will be shown on a screen in the halls, and a Eucharistic Minister will distribute communion. As we have done every weekend, names will be taken in the interest of contact tracing, temperatures will be taken, and masks are mandatory. Ushers will help keep the social distancing, and we sincerely ask everyone's cooperation and understanding- soon we will be free- but not yet- there's too much at stake.

As we look up and look ahead at the star and the bright promise of a new year, I express my sincere gratitude to Linda DeCristoforo and our incredible staff, Frs. Michael, Tom & Brian, Deacon Xavi and seminarian Sean, Bros. Jay-Ar and Jonathan, members of our committees, faith formation teachers, ministers and lectors, musicians and so many people who help make our Collaborative the blessing that it is. I pray that 2021 brings new hope, new joy and new blessings for you and your family, our collaborative, and the world. Please keep in touch with us via Facebook, email, our web page and YouTube.

Have a merry Christmas and a blessed New Year- look up, look ahead.

**Yours in Christ,
Fr. John Sheridan,
Pastor**

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some tribute to the two American heroes.

"I think that location would be great at the corner of Lowell Street and Revere Street," said Guinasso. "It would show many visitors to our community and our residents the high regard and high respect we have for these two gentlemen. This is

a great way to recognize them in this Christmas season and the season of giving of goodwill."

Revere Director of Veterans Services Marc Silvestri, a highly decorated U.S. Army veteran himself, will conduct the memorial pole dedication ceremony in coordination with Mayor Brian Arrigo.



City of Revere

Revere City Hall has shifted to an appointment-only model for in-person City services.

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Kingston serves the Revere community in many ways

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Situated in the basement of Revere City Hall, a small office serves as a valuable part of the Revere community.

The Revere Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union has been serving the Revere community for the last 58 years. For the last 20 years, Manager John Kingston, has been an integral part of the Credit Union. "We have almost all of the bells and whistles of larger financial institutions while doing our best to keep that small feeling where we do know our members personally."

Kingston, a lifelong Revere resident and staunch supporter of Revere Public Schools, started his tenure at the Credit Union as a manager trainee after years of working in retail. "I have met a lot of great people and have enjoyed watching the credit union grow.

"I am very proud of the High School office which helps students and staff with their banking needs and helps with financial literacy at the schools. I have been the Manager for the last 12 years. About seven years ago, we added checking accounts, debit cards, home equity loans, virtual banking and our mobile app.

"We were fortunate to receive some grant funding for many of these projects. These projects and the High School office have really helped us to grow and be relevant today."

In addition to his work at the Credit Union, Kingston is deeply vested in the Revere Public Schools.



John Kingston giving back to the community during Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration last March.

His father was a principal for over 30 years, his brother Chris, is a teacher at Revere High School, and his daughter, Jennifer, is a 4th grade teacher at the A.C. Whelan School.

"Many summer mornings, my older brother and I would be taken to school to help my Dad in unloading supplies delivered over the summer and help to get the school ready for the new year."

He loved his school and wanted his students to have the best their small building could provide. They had no gym and not a lot of amenities, but if you talk to people who attended the C. M. Barrows School, they have very fond memories of it and of my Dad.

"Education was important in our home and doing your best at whatever you did was not only encouraged but demanded. My father taught my daughter to read at a very ear-

ly age. He would spend hours with his grandchildren teaching them at home, and Jenn was reading at the age of 4.

Although her Papa didn't live to see her graduate from college or to see her begin her teaching career, he would be very proud of her. He saw her interact with kids and said she had the gift of teaching."

Both of Kingston's children graduated from Revere Public Schools. In addition to Jennifer, his son, Jeffrey is a graduate of UMass-Dartmouth where he earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice and hopes to be a police officer someday.

Kingston, a self-proclaimed PTA Dad, spent many years volunteering at the Lincoln School. "Even after my kids left the school, I continued to volunteer there as my brother and many friends taught there. I helped direct traffic inside the circular drive making

sure kids were safe once they stepped on the school grounds."

In addition to education, Kingston saw the enormous value of sports and began to volunteer and work Revere High athletic events. Kingston started working RHS football games about 16 years ago with his primary job being doing the yardage markers on the sidelines. He also began volunteering at High School basketball games keeping statistics.

After Coach Blasi retired from operating the clock, Kingston has now become a staple behind the scorer's table at RHS home basketball games and also is the clock operator for RHS hockey games. "I enjoy high school athletics. I am very happy to be a part of high school sports. I am fortunate to have the best seat in the house during these events."



John Kingston, Manager of the Revere Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union, shown with the Credit Union's generous donations to the Coats for Kids toy drive.



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Coats for Kids fundraiser rallies on despite COVID-19

By Melissa Moore-Randall

As Revere continues to grapple with COVID 19 it has not dampened the mission of one annual holiday event. Coats for Kids is in full swing once again this year trying to bring holiday cheer to Revere families in need. Coats for Kids started four years ago and has morphed into an annual event that has provided coats and toys to the city's neediest families. City Council President and event co-organizer, Pat Keefe, said "Coats for Kids started by chance during my first year as a councillor when an immigrant family came

into City Hall and asked for coats and has taken off since. I ran into Deb Pezcka at the Mayor's office, and she was teary eyed. When I asked her what was wrong she explained a new resident to Revere, a mom, walked into City Hall looking for help with warm winter clothes for her children. It was tough to realize and see people who live in the same city as you, experiencing such hardships without basic necessities. At that point I partnered up with a few community activists and all around great guys, Mike Digangi and Matt Parlante. We came up with a



Coats for Kids Drop Box at Volare Revere on Broadway



Coats for Kids Drop Box at Revere City Hall on Broadway



Coats for Kids Drop Box at Revere Police Headquarters on Revere Beach Parkway

holiday event to collect as many coats as possible for those in need. At that point Coats for Kids Revere was born, and we had our First Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party at Volare Revere that year."According to Keefe, the mission of Coats for Kids is pretty simple. "To pay back the good will we have experienced in our lives with helping to collect warm winter wear for the kids and teens of Revere."

Aside from Keefe, his wife, Jennifer, Digangi, Parlante, and Pezcka, the community has really stepped up to help with the annual event. Each year they partner with one local restaurant to host the event. Last year it was the Revere's newest restaurant Dryft located along Revere Beach. After last year's event, Keefe praised co-owner, Michael Aldi, for donat-

ing food and the restaurant for the event last year. "He showed unbelievable hospitality opening his heart and arms to us."

In addition, to the local restaurants who have sponsored the events, Keefe said that their partnerships have grown tremendously. Revere Public Schools Director of Facilities Carl Svendsen, Revere Police School Resource Officer Joe Singer, School Committee member and retired teacher Carol Tye, RPS Supervisor of Attendance and Homeless Education Liaison Doug Goodwin, Revere Public School Guidance Staff, the Mayor's Office and many more local businesses and the restaurant community have been specifically charitable. "Up until this year it was really one of the winter events we all looked forward to. Who doesn't like a reason to dress up



Coats for Kids Drop Box at Dryft on Ocean Avenue

in Christmas sweaters, go out and be an adult for the evening and give back to those in need."

In addition to winter coats, the event also accepts and provides toys for local families in need. "The last few years we realized Revere's annual toy allotment from a different charity drive had been dissolved so we started adding toys as well and have seen tremendous success. We estimate over 400 kids every year receive a coat or some toys from this drive," said Keefe.

With COVID 19 continuing to keep the city in its grips, the event did continue this year with the hopes to continue the same tradition in getting over 250 coats and enough toys to serve the needs of the City's families. "Since we cannot have one stand alone event, we have staged drop boxes

at the following. Revere City Hall (Broadway), Revere Police Station (Revere Beach Parkway), Volare Revere (Broadway), Dryft Revere (Ocean Avenue), The Marina at the Wharf (North Shore Road), Keller Williams Realty (Pleasant Street) and the Revere Employees Municipal Federal Credit Union (City Hall). We have already been out a few times to empty the bins. Looks like we are still on our way to reach the needs of our community. We have and plan to never miss a child."

If you know a family in need, Coats for Kids are still taking requests. You can send a message on their Coats for Kids Facebook page. If you cannot get to a drop location there is also a Go Fund Me account to make a donation on their page.

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By the Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts

The consistent teaching of the Catholic Church is that life begins at conception and ends with natural death.

ate a culture of respect for life as the foundation of a just and moral society. Today, we are deeply disappointed at the recent legislative action that, if enacted, would expand access to abortion in Massachusetts.

is not morally acceptable and is particularly harmful to the common good. Most troubling is the fact that under these provisions, women will have greater access to late term abortions throughout the term of their pregnancy with no specific statutory requirement that a physician utilize lifesaving

medical equipment if a child is born alive. Despite our disappointment we are hopeful that the full legislature accepts the language proposed by the Governor to retain 18 as the age of consent, as provided by the current Massachusetts law, and not reduce the age to sixteen. Clearly, a young

girl of age 16 needs the guidance and support of a caring adult when considering the possibility of a decision that will affect her for the rest of her life. We remain committed to life and pray for the end to all abortions. Our society is best served by the protection of every person's life, including

those waiting to be born and those approaching natural death. We pledge ourselves to work to bring about a more just society that offers humane and effective alternatives for women facing a crisis or difficult pregnancy.

Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts

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CONGRATS, DR. WALENSKY, ON

On behalf of the entire Mass General family and with enormous pride and admiration, we congratulate Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, chief of Infectious Diseases at Mass General, on her appointment as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Deborah Gorlin MGH Research Scholar 2015-2020, Dr. Walensky is an inspired choice for this top public health role. She is an accomplished clinician, scientist and educator who will bring creativity and boldness, wisdom and compassion to her new role.



Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH

COVID-19 Advisory Board, shaping key decisions and actions. She also has helped both the medical community and the public sort through changing guidelines and conflicting information, co-authoring more than a dozen COVID-related papers, organizing infectious disease leaders across Boston to publish a series of important op-ed pieces, and reaching millions as a medical analyst on CNN.

For the past 10 months, Dr. Walensky has been leading and supporting staff in her division as they battle against COVID-19. She has played a critical role advising Mass General and the Mass General Brigham system in all aspects of understanding, controlling, treating and preventing the virus. At the state level, she has served on Gov. Baker's

of HIV/AIDS. She has pushed U.S. and global policy toward routine HIV screening and promoted the idea of HIV treatment as prevention. As the first investigator to assess the survival benefits of AIDS treatment, Dr. Walensky, through her fierce advocacy, helped increase investment in research and treatment. She is a past chair of the National Institutes of Health's Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

When she takes the reins of the CDC this January, Dr. Walensky will lead a federal agency responsible for protecting and guiding the nation's public health and safety. Headquartered in Atlanta, the CDC is part of the Department of Health and Human

Services, with more than 10,000 employees and a budget of approximately \$12 billion. The CDC coordinates, supports and funds a vast range of programs including immunization, HIV/AIDS, emerging infectious diseases, environmental health, disease prevention, injury prevention, and public health preparedness and response.

Dr. Walensky holds an undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis, a medical degree from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and a master's in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health. She trained in internal medicine at Hopkins and in infectious diseases in the MGH/BWH combined

fellowship program. She and her husband, Loren Walensky, MD, PhD, a physician-scientist at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Boston Children's Hospital, are the parents of three sons.

In Dr. Walensky, the new administration has chosen a fearless, brilliant and compassionate ally who will give her all to protect and advance the health of our nation — just as she has done for patients, colleagues and the community at Mass General.

Peter L. Slavin, MD Mass General President Timothy G. Ferris, MD Mass General Physicians Organization CEO Katrina Armstrong, MD Chief, Department of Medicine

Baker announces \$300,000 grant to stormwater coalitions

Staff report

Building on its commitment to protect and improve water quality throughout Massachusetts, the Baker-Polito Administration has announced nearly \$300,000 in grants to five multi-community stormwater coalitions across the Commonwealth to help local cities and towns meet existing and upcoming stormwater management requirements.

The funding awarded by the Baker-Polito Administration will enable Massachusetts municipalities to expand their efforts to meet Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements and reduce stormwater pollution through coordinated partnerships that emphasize resource sharing. There are 260 Massachusetts municipalities subject to the current MS4 permit, issued jointly by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and MassDEP, which took effect on July 1, 2018.

alition to develop Phosphorus Control Plans for communities affected by the Lakes and Ponds and Charles River Phosphorus TMDLs. CRWA will develop model Phosphorus Control Plan templates that will contain several recommendations on phosphorus reduction crediting and by-law updates for each of the 54 communities included in the project.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy for Buzzards Bay Stormwater Collaborative — \$47,000

Permit requirements that the MS4 communities must meet include the development and implementation of a public education program, adopting more stringent local development rules, locating and removing pollutants that are illegally entering municipal stormwater systems, and installing stormwater management systems.

"MS4 grants play a crucial role in assisting cities and towns with their efforts to meet stormwater management standards, and I applaud MassDEP for their commitment to supporting our municipalities' ongoing work to protect the Commonwealth's water resources," said State Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett). "I am especially pleased that the grant awards going to both the Charles River Watershed Association and the Statewide Stormwater Coalition will reach every municipality in my district, including historically underserved Environmental Justice communities. Ensuring that our communities have the resources they need to develop effective solutions and meet challenges will go a long way toward preventing the harmful environmental and public health effects of stormwater pollution."

The groups receiving funding are:

•Statewide Stormwater Coalition — \$75,354

The Statewide Stormwater Coalition has developed education and outreach programming for more than 180 municipalities in Massachusetts that satisfies one out of six minimum control measures of the 2016 MS4 permit. For this project, the Statewide Stormwater Coalition will expand the education campaign through social media and YouTube advertising, translate video outreach materials to Spanish to reach a broader audience, and offer social media training for municipal staff on how to reach underrepresented audiences.

•Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) — \$59,771

This project proposes a new collaboration with the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Co-

Christmas Masses in Revere

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Christmas Eve — Thursday, Dec. 24

- 4 pm..... English Mass
6 pm..... Spanish Mass
11 pm..... English Mass

Christmas Day — Friday, Dec. 25

- 8:30 am..... Mass in English
10:30 am..... Mass in English
12:30 pm..... Mass in Spanish
*4 pm..... Mass in English
*6 pm..... Mass in Spanish

*additional masses for this year



ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Christmas Eve — Thursday, Dec. 24

- 3 pm..... Mass
5 pm..... Mass
12 am midnight..... Mass

Christmas Day — Friday, Dec. 25

- 8 am..... Mass
10 am..... Mass
12 noon..... Mass

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Christmas Eve — Thursday, Dec. 24

- 2 pm..... Mass
4 pm..... Mass

Christmas Day — Friday, Dec. 25

- 9:30 am..... Mass

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- 7 pm..... Creole Mass

Christmas Day — Friday, Dec. 25

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11 am..... English Mass

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If you plan to attend Christmas services in person, please be advised that all COVID-19 safety procedures must be adhered and followed, including the wearing of masks and social distancing whenever possible.

OBITUARIES

Stephen Joseph Cummings

He will be forever missed by his family and those blessed enough to have known him



Stephen Joseph "Steve C" Cummings, a longtime Revere resident,

who was born on March 31, 1959 to the late Constanca Caico and Harold Cummings, passed away on November 30 due to Covid-19.

Steve was a proud US Army veteran and happily wore his Boston Bruins hat everywhere he went; nothing made him happier than watching the Bruins beat the Montreal Canadiens! He loved watching the waves and the people on Revere Beach, and he made Christmas time extremely special for those he loved. Steve was always making others laugh, and always helping others regardless of the situation or time of day. He made time for others, and did his best to brighten up people's day, regardless of how he himself was feeling.

Steve was extremely proud of his son, Derek and did all he could to let everyone know how proud and happy he was of his son's accomplishments. He was especially proud of how much Derek has helped others in need.

Steve's wife Jaqueline,



"Jackie," as he lovingly called her, was the light of his life and he found great joy in celebrating her every chance he could. He would always say how lucky he was to have found such a beautiful, wonderful and patient person to share his life with.

Steve leaves behind his son, Derek, his wife, Jaqueline Cummings, to whom he had been married since Dec. 12, 1988, four brothers, two sisters and his wife's family. He is dearly missed and will never be forgotten by his wife's entire family, all of whom considered Steve a brother and he remains the favorite uncle to many of his nieces and nephews.

Steve was such an amazing person in so many ways, and he will forever be missed by his family and those who were blessed enough to have known him.

Gloria Ferrante

Wife of late Deputy Fire Chief

Gloria A. (Cataldo) Ferrante of Saugus, formerly of Revere, died on December 9 at the age of 87. She was the beloved wife of the late Deputy Chief RFD Theodore "Teddy" Ferrante, devoted mother of Retired. Lt. RFD Frank Ferrante and his wife, Donna, Cpt. RFD Steven Ferrante and his wife, Melinda, all of Revere and the late Revere firefighter Teddy Ferrante and his surviving wife, Karla of Peabody; cherished grandmother of Nichole, Frank, Teddy III, Rachel, Ashley, Steven Jr., Brittany, Michael and Katherine and loving great-grandmother of 13.

Gloria enjoyed reading, movies, and dancing. Due to the current spike in COVID-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachu-



setts and local officials, funeral services were held privately for the immediate family with arrangements by Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home. At the family's request and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gloria's memory to St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. For additional information, please visit guestbook at: www.Buonfiglio.com.

Mary Anne 'Tootsie' Bacigalupo

Former employee of Annemark Nursing Home, all who knew her loved her

Funeral Services were held in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals on Dec. 15 for Mary Ann "Tootsie" (Capano) Bacigalupo who died on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the Lahey Clinic Hospital in Burlington after falling ill from COVID-19. She was 86 years old.

Mary, affectionately known as "Tootsie," was born and raised in Revere. She was a proud alumna of Revere High School, Class of 1952 and a cheerleader for the school. In 1953, She married her love, Walter Bacigalupo and the couple raised their family in Revere.

Tootsie worked for the Annemark Nursing Home in North Revere, for over 30 years in the Housekeeping Department. All who knew Tootsie, loved her. Her amazing personality was always a pleasure to be around. She and her husband would spend their summers in Naples, Maine and winter in Islamorada, Florida. They moved to Lynnfield approximately six years ago and, on March 22, 2017, her husband of 64 years, passed away.

She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her unwavering spirit to love, share and be with family is what made her so special. She was an incredible cook and she loved to feed everyone, it was certainly one of her hallmarks. She also loved any opportunity to go to the casino, whichever one she could get to. Her life was filled with so much love, joy, happiness



and countless memories.

The devoted and beloved wife of the late Walter L. Bacigalupo, she was the loving and dear mother of Dawn M. Sylvia and her husband, Stephen of Peabody and Thomas W. Bacigalupo and his wife, Donna of Lynnfield; cherished grandmother of Bianca M. Bacigalupo of Lynn, Gregory M. Sylvia and Sasha Lee Sylvia, both of Peabody and

Stephen M. Sylvia and his wife, Kelly of Fitchburg and the treasured great grandmother of Armani, Alexis, Matthew and Gavin Thomas. She is also lovingly survived by her canine companion, "Hunter" who was always by her side and by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

The staff of Vertuccio & Smith Home for Funerals is most honored to have assisted the family in completing funeral arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit: www.vertuccioand-smith.com.

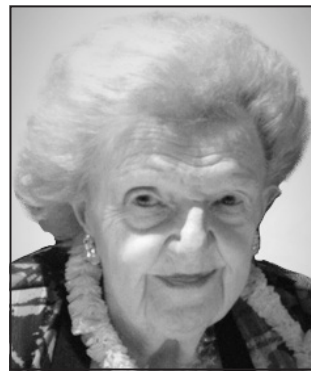
Ursula Maccaro

One of the first WWII War Brides

Ursula (Wehren) Maccaro of Revere passed away on December 7 at the age of 94.

Ursula was one of the First War Brides in the Boston area coming to Revere in 1947. She met her future husband "Mac," as he was called, while he was stationed in Berlin. Their story made the Boston Globe when they arrived. Ursula, along with her husband, owned "Tony's Fruitland" in East Boston from the mid 50's to the early 80's. She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Born in Berlin, Germany on September 25, 1926 to the late Johann and Gertrude (Wagner) Wehren, she was the beloved wife of 40 years to the late Anthony Maccaro, devoted mother of Peter Maccaro and his wife, Maureen of Dracut, and Maryann Russo and her husband, Stephen of Winthrop; cherished grandmother



of Michael and his wife. Sharon, Rebecca Maccaro, Kimberly Cash and her husband, William, Jennifer Green and her husband, Joshua, and Stephen Russo Jr. and his wife, Emily; adored great grandmother of Sophia, Audrey, Scarlett, Kyle, Elise, and Benjamin.

Due to the current spike in COVID-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and local officials, funeral services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of Paul Buonfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bethany Health Care Center, in care of Sister Jacquelyn McCarthy, 97 Bethany Rd, Framingham, MA 01702. For guestbook, please visit www.buonfiglio.com

Rosalie Morelli

Co-proprietor of Carter's Day Cleaning & Tailoring of Everett

Funeral Services were held in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals on Dec. 14 for Rosalie (Ballerini) Morelli. 78, of Saugus and a former resident of East Boston and Malden, who passed on Thursday, Dec. 10 at her Saugus residence following a long illness and surrounded by the overwhelming presence of her God and her adoring family.

She lived in East Boston and Malden in the early years of her life until 1996 when she moved to Saugus. Born and raised in Boston, Rosalie was a graduate of Boston Girl's Trade School, Class of 1960. As a young lady, she began a career with the prestigious "House of Bianchi" for some 10 years. She was an outstanding seamstress in spite of her youth. She was taught at her mother's knee and subsequently enjoyed a fine background in the art of repairing and designing ladies' fashions.

For the next 20 years, Rosalie accepted a position with "Marlena Ladies Sportswear of Boston." She was most content at "Marlena's" and remained with the company for 20 years.

In 1984, she and her husband, the late Luca Morelli, opened Carter's Dry Cleaners & Tailoring of Everett. Luca passed in November of 2014 and later in December of 2014, Rosalie retired. To this very day, Carter's Dry Cleaning & Tailoring is operated by her son, Louis Morelli and his family.

If one were to be asked to render a brief profile of Rosalie, they would have to admit that her family was her first joy and in that role she excelled. She was the youngest of nine children and when the other eight needed her, she



was there with high support and loving care. To her late parents, Domenic Ballerini and Philomena (Perrotti) Ballerini, she was devoted and kind. She was the cherished mother of Louis Morelli and his wife, Maureen of Everett, Lisa D'Alleva of Melrose and Lydia Howard and her husband, David Howard of Medford. She is the proud "Nonnie" to eight grandchildren: Zackary T., Madelaine R., Isabella M. and Luca F. Morelli, Charles D'Alleva, Lauren M., Rosalie M. and Henry L. Howard; the devoted sister of Domenic Ballerini and his wife, Beverly of Tewksbury and the late Angie Maurello, Norma Forgione, Gloria A. Forgione, Anthony Ballerini, Anna Scofield, Mary West and Ramilda Vaccaro. She is also lovingly survived by her grandnephew, Edward Scofield, her brother-in-law, Earl West of Florida and her sister-in-law, Nancy Moniz of Hansen, MA. Many other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews proudly survive Rosalie. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or to All Care Hospice, 210 Market St., Lynn, MA 01901.

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

Jean Martin

Beloved wife of the late former Lynn City Clerk

Jean A. (Kelly) Martin, 94, formerly of Lynn and Litchfield, ME, died unexpectedly in Revere, on December 12 in the presence of her compassionate God and faithful family.

Jean was a member of St. Anthony's Ladies Sodality and the Wakefield Garden Club.

The beloved wife of the late former Lynn City Clerk, Joseph F. Martin, she was the cherished mother of Lance A. Kelley and his wife, Diane of Wakefield, Donna J. Dicks of Revere, Cynthia A. Welch and Colleen C. Kelley-Wakely and her husband, James Wakely, all of Lynn, Joseph F. Martin, Jr. and his wife, Denise of Danvers and the late Marna S. Carroll; devoted grandmother to Kimberly A. Penney and her husband, Matthew and Heather E. D'Ambrosio and her husband, John, all of Wakefield, Richard Dicks and his wife, Lisa of Peabody, Derek Dicks and his wife, Hayley of No. Andover, Patrick and Caitlin Welch, both of Revere, Laura McCarthy and her husband, Michael of Danvers, Brian J. Carroll of Revere and the late Honorary Revere Firefighter, Michael J. Carroll and dear sister to the late Carolyn DiGiovanni, James and Donald Kelly. She is also lovingly survived by 13 great-grandchildren and many proud nieces, nephews, grand-nieces



and grand-nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass on Friday, December 18 at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church (Corner of Beach St. & Winthrop Ave.) Revere followed by interment in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn.

Face masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be maintained at the church and cemetery. All attendees are required to provide their name and phone number for contact tracing and temperatures will be checked prior to entering the church.

The family does welcome flowers; however and remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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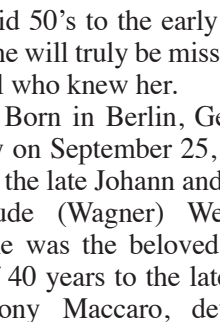
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REVERE POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES TWO NEW OFFICERS TO ITS RANKS

Courtesy photos

Chief David J. Callahan is pleased to announce that two officers have graduated from the Lowell Police Academy and will join the ranks of the Revere Police Department.

Department's Field Training Program.

Officer Builes is a veteran who served 9 years in the United States Marine Corps. Officer Taborda formerly worked at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department.

"We're proud to welcome two new officers to our ranks. Officers



Chief David J. Callahan, Officer Builes and Mayor Brian M. Arrigo

Builes and Taborda bring valuable professional experience from their past roles in service to the U.S. and in law enforcement.

They both share our department's values of excellence in policing and commitment to community service," Chief Cal-



Chief David J. Callahan, Officer Taborda and Mayor Brian M. Arrigo.

lahan said. "We want our department to reflect the community we serve. We continue to bring in talented and dedicated officers

that will support our work in developing strong trusting relationships and serving all our residents."

Revere Public School Superintendent Dianne Kelly addresses reopening criticism

By John Lynds

With parents and students feeling anxious to return to in-person learning some parents have criticized the Revere Public School (RPS) Department for not doing enough to get students back in classrooms or that the department is being overly cautious.

At last Wednesday's Revere School Committee's Committee of the Whole meeting, RPS Superintendent Dianne Kelly addressed the concerns and criticisms in a presentation to members.

"I know that we've had several discussions about reopening at each one of the School Committee meetings since the middle of the summer," Kelly began. "I know that parents and families are feeling anxious about hearing more of what's going on. I want to acknowledge at the start of this that there are a lot of people who feel differently on both ends of the spectrum about where we are with remote learning, about where we are with a return to in-person learning, about where we are with athletics. Some of the struggle is that we have so many different things in local media around the state of Massachusetts but also in the national media about what the right thing is to do in the face of COVID and, frankly, it's beguiling. But one thing that I'd like to say to everybody is you really need to understand that with all data that we're looking at and with all the information that we're looking at it's very context specific."

Kelly said, for example, one debate that has been going on nationwide since the school year began is around whether or not it's safe for kids to be in school in light of COVID or is it better for kids to be in school for their social and emotional well being as opposed to being isolated at home.

"We had different reports, we had different studies that have been conducted that have different findings in both of those areas," said Kelly. "And regardless of what any particular study shows you we really have to consider the context of where that study was undertaken, what students were involved and what the COVID context was for that environment. It's not necessarily the case that where we are in Revere is going to match perfectly to what we see happening in other communities across the Commonwealth, or across the nation."

Kelly said Revere's school reopening plan has been posted of RPS's website since before school started and breaks down current remote learning system, what hybrid learning might look like when it is implemented and it also what in person learning will look like in the future.

However, Kelly reminded that any move from one plan to the next would be based on Revere's COVID positivity rate, which is about 8 percent now.

"There's one piece of that rate that I want to highlight for the school committee and for the

community at large now," said Kelly. "And that was the updated guidance from the Department of Public Health and the Governor's office released at the end of November. And in that guidance they talked about the plan for reopening schools based on COVID positivity rates in particular communities. I would summarize that change by saying, initially they said if you're considered a red community, according to the state framework, you should be remote."

However, Kelly said that guidance was then changed but applied to more suburban school settings where facilities are bigger and social distancing can be maintained.

"They urge red communities to implement hybrid programs, and you would think, 'well that's Revere. We've been red since July,'" said Kelly. "While that's true, the state took the extra step to highlight a few districts that they knew were unique and different and Revere was one of those districts."

Kelly said the state urged Revere and other 'red' districts where the positivity rate is extremely high to be more careful. Revere officials were told by the Department of Public Health to try to figure out a plan to introduce in-school learning without jeopardizing the safety of students and staff.

"It's really important to point out the fact that the Department of Public Health identified a handful of districts, Revere being one of them, to single out as being a little bit different than everybody

else. I think it highlights my point of all of the guidance we hear around social emotional learning needs of kids and academic learning needs of kids and safety and COVID transmission---it is really relevant to the context that you're living in, when you apply those ideas."

Kelly said she realizes the real concern right now is how and when Revere gets back to school for in-person learning.

"I can't emphasize enough that that's what we all want," said Kelly. "But we have to make sure that we're doing it in a safe way. We feel like we'd be ready to open school tomorrow if we could. We have the right PPE. We understand the parameters around social distancing. We have cohorted our students so that there'd be minimal mixture of kids at different points in the day, and like a lot of other high schools in the Commonwealth we even did that for freshmen and sophomores, so kids would be together with one group of students throughout the day and not be constant-

ly switching and changing--increasing the risk of COVID spreading."

However, Kelly said the COVID rates are still just too high in Revere for a safe return to school.

"What we really need to do if we want to get back to school is work as a community to change that trend, and really make those numbers go in a different direction," said Kelly. "I know the Mayor's Office has put out a lot of information on how people can do that and quite frankly that's going to be the most important thing. If we really want to talk seriously about getting kids back into school."

Kelly added that those that have both criticized and praised RPS during these tough times should keep public disputes over when students should return to school to a minimum.

"We really need collaboration between parents, teachers, and the schools," said Kelly. "What's not helpful, and I've seen a little bit of it on social media lately, is different groups pitting themselves

against other groups. All that does is cause more social and emotional harm to kids who are listening to those conversations and witnessing those conversations and it makes this an even more challenging time for everybody involved. I can say that nobody here loves the way things are going or loves the conditions that we find ourselves in so we really need to work together to figure out solutions that will work and still be safe."

Kelly said that the hope is that RPS will be able to bring at least special needs students back in middle to late January.

"Then we can learn from that slowly and steadily and start bringing more kids back to school," she said. "We would continue to prioritize high need kids, such as our homeless students and kids that are living in foster care, our English language learners and other kids that we know have significantly greater challenges than some of the peers at home."

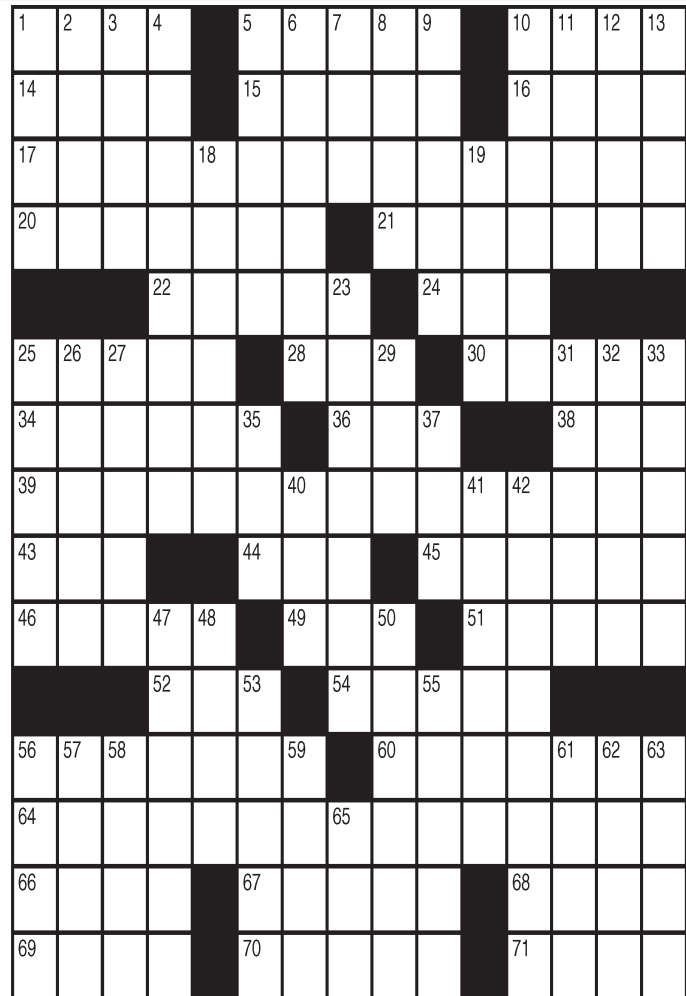
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Council looks to deter wage theft; blocks dishonest contractors from public bids

By Cary Shuman

The City Council voted to send an ordinance establishing a wage theft prevention regulation to the Council's Legislative Affairs Subcommittee following a hearing on the issue at Monday's meeting.

Councillors-at-Large Steven Morabito and Jes-

sica Giannino co-sponsored the original motion for the proposed amendment to the City of Revere ordinances at the Nov. 23 meeting.

Morabito explained how the new regulation would affect businesses seeking to bid on city contracts.

"The regulations would apply to every new contract, every renewal term of a contract, and any businesses bidding for city [contracts]," said Morabito. "This ordinance would prevent dishonest contractors, sub-contractors, vendors - any employer in violation of the

Fair Labor Standard Act, which covers wage theft, which consists of intentionally misclassifying a job category or not paying someone minimum wage or overtime or just simply not paying someone at all - from pursuing any public bids put out from the city." Giannino believes the

ordinance would be beneficial to everyone in the city. "It's really important that as officials we're working to maintain livable wage and preventing wage theft in our community, so I think this is a great idea," said Giannino, adding that Morabito had done a lot of research on the issue.

Councilor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said, "I'm sure this proposal has a lot of merit and I'm looking forward to hearing more details in the Legislative Affairs Committee. I'm not familiar with it so hopefully we'll get more of an education on it in Legislative Affairs."

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Shea, GBL Athletic Directors meet to discuss winter sports

By Cary Shuman

Revere High School Director of Athletics Frank Shea is meeting with Greater Boston League ADs today to discuss the evolving situation regarding the winter sports season in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among the key developments in the GBL this week was Everett High's decision to delay the start of its winter sports preseason practices from Dec. 15 to a new date. The Everett School Committee had voted 8-0 on Dec. 7 to allow the winter teams to begin practices as early as Dec. 15.

"I think you're going to see a lot of those decisions being made," said Shea. "With the case numbers going up, I think officials are going to roll back."

Revere High was tentatively scheduled to begin

its preseason practices on Jan. 4. A decision by Revere school administrators and city officials will be made on that day to determine whether preseason practices will go forward.

In fact, Revere Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly weighed in on the subject of winter sports during a combined meeting of the School Committee and City Council Friday. Showing that she is closely monitoring all COVID-19-related matters regarding the schools, Kelly noted accurately that the Lynn public high schools, Classical, English, and Tech, had canceled their entire winter sports seasons. Kelly understands the crucial role that competitive interscholastic sports play in the high school experience for Revere students. The many Revere student-ath-

letes going on to compete in college programs (with some, like former RHS basketball star Valentina Pepic earning scholarships) – not to mention the increased participation in RHS athletics - has reflected very well on Shea and the entire school district.

But with coronavirus cases surging in recent weeks, many area high school athletic programs have had to revise their plans for the winter sports season while remaining hopeful that they can begin practices soon.

Shea joins urban school association

Shea has been meeting on a regular basis with athletic directors from urban high schools, who have formed a new association.

"The MIAA approved the group to be an ad hoc committee so we'll have a voice for urban schools," said Shea. "We'll be represented in many of the state issues which is a big step forward because sometimes we're dealing with different situations than the suburban athletic directors. So this is a big step in the right direction for the urban schools."

There are approximately 35 school districts participating in the new urban athletic directors association.

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Stop & Shop celebrates grand reopening of Revere store on Squire Road

Staff report

Stop & Shop, a neighborhood grocer for more than 100 years, has unveiled a newly remodeled store in Revere, located at 540 Squire Road. Stop & Shop is elevating the grocery experience by delivering more fresh, healthy and convenient food options that help make grocery shopping easier for local customers.

The new features include an updated deli department with grab-and-go sliced meats and cheeses, more fresh prepared options, a remodeled bakery department offering fresh desserts as well as displays of sale items at the end of aisles to make it easier to find great values.

"We're excited to offer a convenient in-store experience with more grab-and-go meal solutions for our customers in the Revere area," shares Michael Linder, Store Manager of the Revere Stop & Shop on Squire Road. "We are also proud to partner with the First Congregational Church Food Pantry in honor of our grand reopening to assist more families in need, especially during the holiday season."

Customers who visit the store during the Grand Reopening weekend beginning on Friday, December



Mike Linder, shown with various members of the Squire Road Stop and Shop team, cut the ribbon during the grand reopening on Friday, Dec. 11.

11, may enjoy giveaways and samples including a pre-packaged slice of celebratory cake to take home and holiday activity books for children. To mark the special occasion, "Build Your Own Pizza" giveaways are also being provided to customers, while supplies last, which include pizza dough, shredded cheese, marinara sauce and pizza cutters.

To celebrate Stop & Shop's commitment to the community, the store will be donating \$1,000 in cash and \$500 in product to the First Congregational Church Food Pantry, which is an emergency food provider for more

than 900 local families burdened by hunger.

The store has also added a new wareroom to support home delivery demand, which is scheduled to begin fulfilling orders next week. The wareroom is an e-commerce fulfillment center, which is attached to the brick and mortar store and features manual order picking and packing. The wareroom will create 115 new positions, with job opportunities still available for home delivery drivers, personal shoppers and night crew clerks. Interested applicants can apply online at <https://stopandshop.reidsystems.com>.

The Revere store continues to offer Same Day Pickup, providing local customers with a faster and more convenient way to shop with pickup available in as little as four hours. Customers can now place an order on the Stop & Shop® mobile app, or visit www.stopandshop.com, click on "Order Online" and select "Pickup" at the Revere store, head to the store, and have a Stop & Shop associate load their groceries right into their car. Customers new to Pickup can receive the service free for 90 days by entering SSFREEPICKUP at checkout*.

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Rep. Pressley seeks equal funding for transit and highways with Transit Parity Resolution

Staff report

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), along with 32 Members of Congress, introduced the Transit Parity Resolution last week calling for equal funding for transit and highways.

Currently, Congress uses a 40-year precedent to determine funding for highways and public transportation. Since 1982, approximately 80 percent of federal transportation program funding has been allocated to highways, while only 20 percent has been allocated to public transit. When this 80-20 split was decided, it was intended to be a user fee, but since 2008 over \$144 billion in general taxpayer dollars have been used to supplement dwindling gas tax revenues for highway and transit spending. This split is out of step with the current needs of our country and leaves too many reliant on deteriorating transit systems with infrequent and unreliable

service.

"Public transit is a public good, and it's past time our government treat it like one," said Congresswoman Pressley. "For too long, our federal transportation investments have prioritized highways over public transit, incentivizing travel in private cars which increases traffic congestion, produces pollution, and exacerbates racial and economic inequality. Today, we have an opportunity and an obligation to fundamentally realign our federal transportation policy to center community connectivity and emphasize equity, access, and sustainability. As transportation agencies in my district and across the country face record budget shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we must act swiftly to make the investments in public transit our communities deserve by establishing real funding parity. This is about addressing the damage from this epidemic and committing to the

future of our transit systems. I'm proud to stand with Congressman García, Chairman Jeffries, and our colleagues in calling on Congress to do just that." Said Will Anderson, Sierra Club's Associate Director of Legislative/Administrative Advocacy for the Clean Transportation for All campaign, "The Sierra Club supports Congressman García's resolution to acknowledge frequent and reliable public transportation as the civil right and climate change solution that it is by adequately funding it. We must treat public transit as essential infrastructure—just like roads, bridges, tunnels and utilities—that is crucial to the economic, social, and environmental well-being of our communities."

In October 2019, Congresswoman Pressley founded the Future of Transportation Caucus, a Congressional caucus focused on centering equity, access, and sustainability in our transportation systems. In June, in response to the COVID-19 crisis, she led a letter advocating for \$50 billion in annual emergency funds to support and sustain our nation's public transit systems. Later that month, she introduced the Freedom to Move Act, which would provide federal grants to transit agencies that move to a fare-free model. Rep. Pressley is also a co-chair of the Congressional Bike Caucus and a tireless advocate for sustainable and equity focused transportation and infrastructure policies.

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er of the grocery store at 686 Winthrop St. and the recipient of a Bronze Star for heroism in Vietnam, is being credited with saving the life of 78 year-old Al Aldrich when Clapp, 24, rushed up to Aldrich's second-floor apartment and pulled Aldrich, who had been overcome by smoke, from the flames in his apartment on Saturday afternoon. The fire destroyed Clapp's business, Your Store Variety, which had opened that day.

The Revere Lions Club recently inducted two new members, Gerald Burman and Marty Rosenbaum.

50 years ago
December 17, 1970

Gov. Francis W. Sargent has ordered an immediate halt to further construction of the I-95 Expressway from Cutler Circle to Peabody pending a review by the regional planning commission.

After a meeting between city officials and MDC Commissioner John Sears, the MDC has given an additional two hours of ice time to Revere youth hockey teams at Cronin Rink.

Although Mayor George V. Colella has proposed giving cost-of-living pay raises to city employees of seven percent, city workers are demanding that they be treated the same as the police and firefighters, who recently were given 14 percent raises. A public hearing has been scheduled by the City Council on the pay raise issue.

A fire that spread with rapid intensity destroyed Arthur's Farm on Thursday night. Fire Chief Anthony Mastronardi said the baze quickly consumed the entire one-story, sprawling wood structure at 231 American Legion Highway. Arthur Ventola, the owner of the farm, said he had no insurance. The building was stocked with fruits, vegetables, and Christmas baskets.

Revere High students have sent a letter to leaders in No. Vietnam protesting

the mistreatment of American prisoners of war.

Sandy Dennis stars in That Cold Day in the Park at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago
December 22, 1960

The City Council has approved a flat \$625 pay raise over a three-year period for all of the city's 425 employees, including police and firefighters. The employees had been seeking the raise over a two-year time frame.

The final cost for snow removal of the 15-inch blizzard that paralyzed the city last week has been pegged at \$59,130.70.

Mrs. Ida Weber, a member of the School Committee for the past 10 years, resigned her seat this week and immediately was approved by her former colleagues to the position of traveling teacher of elementary music in the schools system. The job pays a salary of \$4000.

Santa Claus was greeted with a rousing welcome when he arrived at the Revere Airport via a light air-

plane that was operated by Julius Goldman, the owner of the Revere Airport, last Saturday afternoon. Santa then proceeded in an open-air convertible through the city's streets, culminating with his appearance at the City Hall for the annual Christmas party sponsored by the local Moose Club that was attended by 1500 youngsters.

Frank Sinatra and Debbie Reynolds star in The Tender Trap at the Revere Drive In. John Wayne and Fabian star in North to Alaska at the Revere Theatre.

70 years ago
December 21, 1950

Lieut. Bernard Kniznick, a veteran infantryman who enlisted in the Army in 1941 prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, has become the second Revere son to be killed in action in Korea. His brother and only sibling, Alfred, was killed in WWII when he was shot down over Korea. Lieut. Kniznick, formerly of 23 Curtis Rd., was wounded in battle in

September, but returned to the front lines shortly thereafter. Lieut. Kniznick leaves his wife, the former Charlotte Maltzman, and two children, ages five and three.

A new state law requires that all school employees must be tested for tuberculosis.

The Revere Civil Defense Dept. this week received a directive explaining the system of attack warnings that will be issued to the public in the event of a nuclear attack. All residents will be required to take cover or go to designated shelters.

The Federal Reserve Board has issued a report stating that more than one-third of American families spent more than they earned in 1949, a sure sign that Americans today are not following the example of thrift set by our forefathers. However, the board did acknowledge the benefits to the economy of buying on credit.

Jane Powell and Ricardo Montalban star in Two Weeks With Love at

the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

80 years ago
December 19, 1940

The City Council this week continued to add superior officers to an already top-heavy Police Dept., with the addition of an additional sergeant and lieutenant positions.

More than 700 friends and supporters turned out for a testimonial dinner for outgoing Mayor Laurence J. Gillis, who recently was defeated in his re-election bid.

Automobile owners are being urged to get their 1941 registration plates now before the end-of-the-month rush.

David A. Rose, an Associate Justice of the Dorchester District Ct. and an attorney with the law firm of Holtz and Rose, will be the guest speaker at the Friday night services of the Temple B'nai Israel in Beachmont.

Ray Milland and Claudette Colbert star in Arise My Love at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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MONDAY, NOV. 23

0007: Noise disturbance on Reservoir Ave. The officer restored the peace.
0027: Noise disturbance on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer restored the peace.
0034: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Charger St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
0135: Domestic disturbance on N. Marshall St. The officer filed a report.
0208: Noise disturbance on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer restored the peace.
0406: Domestic disturbance on N. Marshall St. The officer filed a report.
0443: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Squire Rd. with property damage. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
0541: Parking complaint on Sears St. The officer issued a parking ticket.
0633: Breaking & entering (B&E) into a building on Revere St. The officer provided assistance.
0634: Disabled MV on No. Shore Rd. The MV was towed.
0740: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Furlong Drive.
0741: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Furlong Drive.
1002: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Eastern Ave.
1019: Noise disturbance on Ward St. The officer restored the peace.
1141: Disabled MV on No. Shore Rd. The officer provided assistance.
1237: Assault on Proctor Ave. The officer filed a report.
1352: An officer served a domestic abuse prevention restraining order (209A order) upon a

Beach St. resident.
1433: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Butler St.
1528: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Park Ave.
1536: MVA on Everett St. A MV was towed.
1558: MVA at Endicott and Atlantic Aves. The officer provided assistance.
1632: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1701: MVA on Mountain Ave. The officer issued a citation to the operator, a 43 year-old Revere man, for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.
1705: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Eliot Circle for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1715: MVA on No. Shore Rd. The officer filed a report.
1729: Pursuant to an investigation, officers arrested Carlos R. Morales, 38, of Revere, for the criminal offenses of aggravated rape of a child with an age difference of more than 10 years where the victim is between the ages of 12 and 16 years of age and four counts of indecent assault & battery upon a child under the age of 14.
1731: Parking complaint on Franklin St. The officer restored the peace.
1737: Parking complaint on Endicott Ave. The officer issued a parking ticket.
1850: B&E into a MV on VFW Parkway. The officer filed a report.
1856: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Blake St. and No. Shore Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1946: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Atlantic Ave. and Jones Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer issued a citation to the operator, a 24 year-old Revere man, for the criminal offense of failing to stop for a police officer and for the

civil infraction of twice failing to stop for a traffic control signal.
2031: Shoplifting on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer spoke to the party.
2108: MVA on Broadway. The officer arrested Nelson Garcia, 43, of 21 Tapley Ave., for the criminal offense of operating a MV while under the influence of liquor.
2301: Domestic disturbance at Centennial and Waverly Aves. The officer provided assistance.
TUESDAY, NOV. 24
0710: Unwanted person on Park Ave. The officer spoke to the party.
0714: Disturbance on Calumet St. The officer filed a report.
0744: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Terrace.
0753: MVA at Broadway and Park Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
0949: A resident reported a case of identity theft.
0953: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Campbell and Centennial Aves. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1022: MVA at Park and Washington Aves. The officer issued a citation to an operator, a 55 year-old Saugus man, for the criminal offense of operating a MV after his right to operate had been suspended.
1046: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on the Missing Link southbound for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1125: Vandalism on Ford St. The officer filed a report.
1155: MVA on Broadway. The officer will file a report.
133: Unwanted person on Agawam St. The officer provided assistance.
1422: Suspicious activity on Furlong Dr. The officer provided assistance.
1440: MVA on Broadway. The officer issued a citation to a 59 year-old East Boston man for the criminal offenses of operating a MV while under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a

MV and for the civil infraction of a state highway violation.
1446: Unwanted person on American Legion Highway. The officer provided assistance.
1510: A Pemberton St. resident reported a fraud. The officer filed a report.
1521: A Randall Rd. resident reported a fraud. The officer filed a report.
1535: Animal complaint on Keayne St. The officer provided assistance.
1557: Suspicious activity on Patriot Parkway. The officer provided assistance.
1622: An officer stopped a MV on Shirley Ave. for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
1741: An officer stopped a MV on No. Shore Rd. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1744: An officer stopped a MV on No. Shore Rd. for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
1752: Larceny on Revere St. The officer filed a report.
1827: An officer served a 209A order upon a Malden St. resident.
1907: An officer stopped a MV on the VFW Parkway and arrested Gerlado Santos Duarte, 51, of Malden, on an outstanding warrant and for the criminal offense of operating a MV with a suspended license (subsequent offense).
1933: Disturbance on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.
2025: Disturbance on Parkside Place. The officer restored the peace.
2132: Suspicious activity on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.
2138: Domestic disturbance on Calumet St. The officer restored the peace.
2301: An officer stopped a MV on Squire Rd. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2320: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Dr.
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25
0006: Abandoned MV on Avon St. The officer issued a parking ticket.
0222: B&E into a building on the Revere Beach

Parkway. The officer filed a report.
0604: Parking complaint on Sears St. The officer issued a parking ticket.
0700: Disturbance on VFW Parkway. The officer restored the peace.
0733: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Dr.
0852: Blocked driveway on Cooledge St. The officer issued a parking ticket.
0940: An officer served a 209A order upon a Haskell Ave. resident.
0947: Suspicious activity on Camille Rd. The officer spoke to the party.
1054: An officer stopped a MV on Squire Rd. for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
1109: MVA at Copeland Circle. The officer filed a report.
1120: Complaint on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.
1122: MVA on Charger St. The officer will file a report.
1145: Suspicious activity on Furlong Dr. The officer provided assistance.
1230: A MVA with property damage was reported on Squire Rd. The officer spoke to the party.
1338: Noise disturbance on Beach St. The officer spoke to the party.
1416: MVA on Overlook Ridge Drive. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
1449: Complaint on Charger St. The officer provided assistance.
1541: An officer served a 209A order upon a Broadway resident.
1600: Domestic disturbance on Johnny Rd. The officer restored the peace.
1607: An officer stopped a MV on VFW Parkway for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1614: An officer stopped a MV on Ocean Ave. and filed a report.
1638: An officer stopped a MV at the Revere Beach Parkway and Campbell Ave. for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
1910: An officer stopped a MV on Ocean Ave. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1914: An officer stopped a MV on Dehon St. for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
1917: Threats to kill on Furlong Dr. The officer provided assistance.
2006: MVA on VFW Parkway. The officer will file a report.
2017: MVA at Broadway and Fenno St. The officer will file a report.
2017: Abandoned MV on Avon St. The MV was towed.
2027: An officer stopped a MV on Patriot Parkway for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
2050: Unwanted person on Hichborn St. The officer restored the peace.
2119: MVA with property damage at Washington and Park Aves. The officer will file a report.
2137: Domestic disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer restored the peace.
2152: The trespass tow of a MV on Overlook Ridge Dr. was reported.
2343: An officer stopped a MV on Newman St. and ordered the MV to be towed.
2349: Disturbance on Beach St. The officer provided assistance.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26
0018: An officer stopped a MV on American Legion Highway and provided assistance.
0045: Suspicious activity on Grover St. The officer provided assistance.
0123: Domestic disturbance on Winthrop Ave. The officer restored the peace.
0153: A MV was reported stolen on Ward St.
0229: Hit-and-run MVA on School St. The officer provided assistance.
0231: Domestic disturbance on Cooledge St. The officer restored the peace.
0912: Simple threats on Broadway. The officer filed a report.
0946: Disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer spoke to the party.
1011: Disturbance on Rand St. The officer spoke to the party.
1046: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Lee Burbank Highway.
1109: Blocked driveway on Centennial Ave. The MV was moved.
1204: A MV was reported stolen on Squire Rd. The officer filed a report.
1341: Domestic disturbance on Broadsound Ave. The officer spoke to the party.
1734: Simple threats on Harris St. The officer restored the peace.
1808: Larceny on Patriot Parkway. The officer filed a report.
1809: MVA on Winthrop Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
1919: MVA on Salem St. The officer filed a report.
1948: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Terrace.
2102: Noise disturbance on Ocean Ave. The officer restored the peace.
2104: Noise disturbance on Elmwood St. The officer restored the peace.
2122: Noise disturbance on Broadway. The officer restored the peace.
2159: An officer stopped a MV on Broadway for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2339: Unwanted person on Grover St. The officer restored the peace.
FRIDAY, NOV. 27
0016: Disturbance on Beach St. and Central Ave. The officer restored the peace.
0137: Domestic disturbance on Proctor Ave. The officer filed a report.
0154: Noise disturbance on Thornton St. The officer restored the peace.
0205: Noise disturbance on Thornton St. The officer restored the peace.
0338: Domestic disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.
0528: Unwanted person on Broadsound Ave. The officer filed a report.
0720: B&E into a building on Revere St. The officer filed a report.
0807: Parking complaint on No. Shore Rd. The MV was moved.
0809: Parking complaint on Hutchinson St. The officer provided assistance.
0834: Larceny on VFW Parkway. The officer filed a report.
0906: An officer stopped a MV on Jarvis St. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
0929: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Ocean Ave. and returned property to the

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Revere man pleads guilty to money laundering and cocaine charges

Staff report

A Revere man pleaded guilty to attempting to launder money to Colombia and cocaine possession.

Jairo Agudelo, 34, pleaded guilty on Dec. 8, 2020 to money laundering conspiracy, substantive money laundering and possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

U.S. District Court Judge Leo T. Sorokin scheduled sentencing for March 30, 2021. According to court documents, investigators seized approximately \$200,000 in cash from Agudelo when he attempted to launder drug proceeds from Massachusetts to Colombia in February 2019.

When investigators executed a search warrant at a Revere apartment used by Agudelo as a stash house for his cocaine distribution, they located approximately 400 grams of cocaine, as well as drug packaging materials and over \$11,000 in cash. The charges of money laundering and money laundering conspiracy provide for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$500,000, or twice the value of the property involved in the transaction, whichever is greater.

a fine of \$1 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Field Division; and Joleen Simpson, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation Division made the announcement today. Critical assistance was provided by the Boston Police Department; Massachusetts State Police; Revere Police Department; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations; and the United States Marshals Service. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Lauren A. Graber and Jared C. Dolan of Lelling's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit prosecuted the case.

This investigation, dubbed "Operation Týr," is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.

Crime Report

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owner. 1017: An officer stopped a MV on American Legion Highway for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1144: MVA on Revere St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1243: An officer stopped a MV on Broadway for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.

1309: An officer stopped a MV at Hy-Sil and Washington Aves. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1353: Domestic disturbance on Broadway. Officers arrested Michael J. Lamboy, 30, of Broadway, for the criminal offense of assault & battery upon a family or household member.

1400: A MVA with property damage was reported on Shirley Ave.

1430: Hit-and-run MA with property damage on Davis St. The officer spoke to the party.

1630: Disabled MV on the Lynn Marsh Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1715: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Dr.

1723: MVA with property damage on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1747: MVA with property damage on Augustus St. The officer issued a citation to an operator, a 24 year-old Revere man, for the criminal offense

of reckless operation of a MV.

1753: An officer stopped a MV on Beach St. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1815: Parking complaint at Pemberton and Marsh Sts. The officer issued a parking ticket.

1856: Unwanted person on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer restored the peace.

1913: Tenant/landlord disturbance on Kimball Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1935: MVA on Squire Rd. Officers arrested Jonathan Lizzotte, 33, of Everett, for the criminal offenses of operating a MV while under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a MV.

2029: Domestic disturbance on Green St. The officer provided assistance.

2121: Noise disturbance at Adams and Coledge Sts. The officer provided assistance.

2247: MVA at Broadway and Revere St. The officer issued a citation to a 25 year-old Revere man for the criminal offenses of unlicensed operation of a MV and operating a MV with a suspended registration.

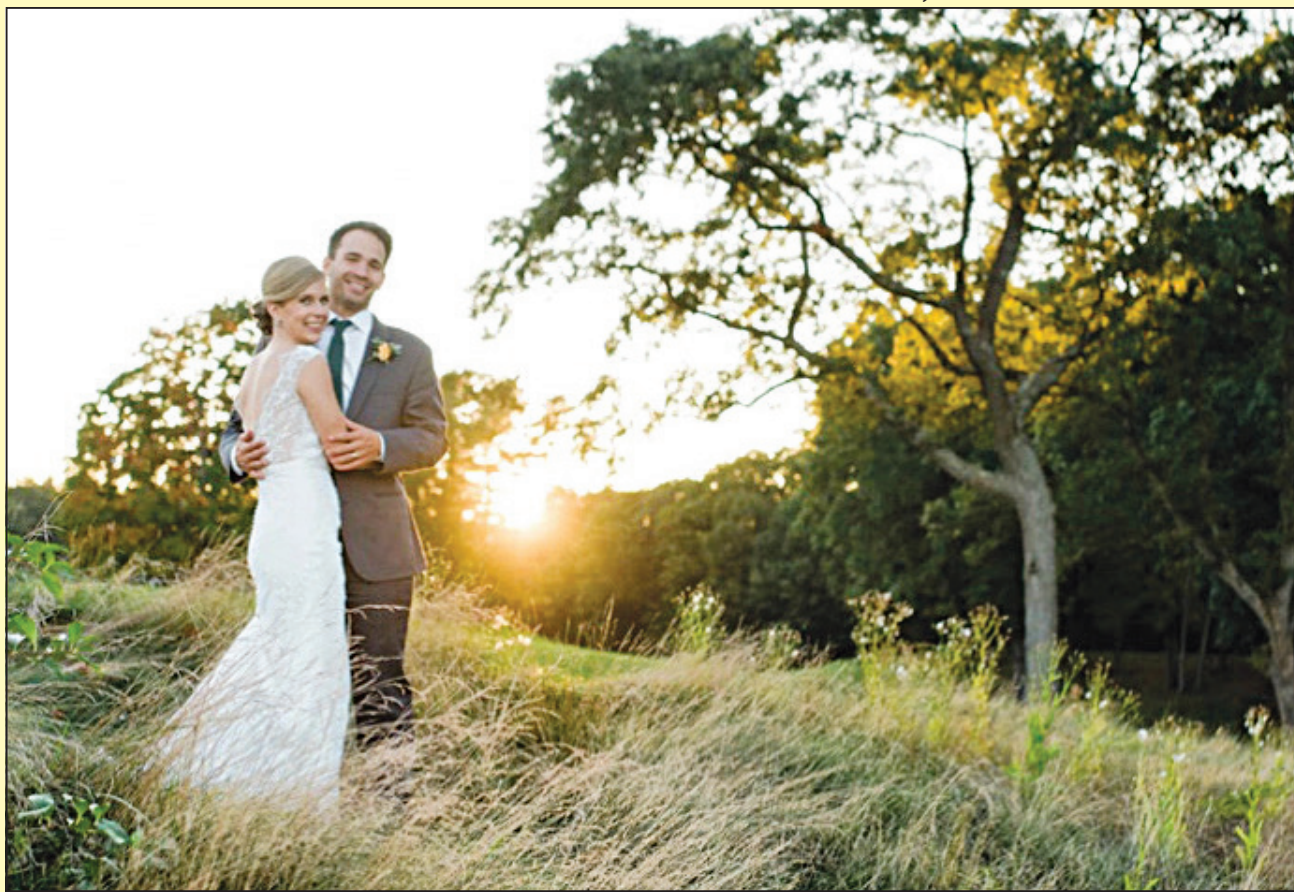
2252: Noise disturbance on Belgrade St. The officer restored the peace.

2309: Noise disturbance on Harris St. The officer restored the peace.

2330: B&E into a building on Hutchinson St. The officer filed a report.

2336: Noise disturbance on Belgrade St. The officer provided assistance.

LOVE IN TRYING TIMES CONGRATULATIONS, ALICE AND JOSEPH



Ms. Alice Hogan Peisch and Mr. Joseph (Jay) W. Quarantello III were married on Saturday, October 3 at an outdoor ceremony followed by a small reception at the Wellesley Country Club, Wellesley Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas E. and Alice Hanlon Peisch of Wellesley. The groom is the son of Joseph W. and Andrea Quarantello of Revere. He is the grandson of Lois and the late Joseph W. Quarantello, Sr. of Revere. The couple met at Boston Collegiate Charter School where they are both high school teachers, she in the English department and he in the history department.



Zonta message board decries violence against women

Staff report

As part of Zonta's annual Fall advocacy campaign, "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women," the Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore has partnered with the City to get that message out. During the International Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, November 25th through December 10th, the electronic message board outside City Hall

has proclaimed exactly that, in Spanish and in English.

The newly re-named Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore has historically been a staunch financial supporter of HarborCov. Past Fall campaigns have included partnerships with a local taxi company to raise awareness of domestic violence and the available local resources, and to provide travel vouchers for HarborCov residents in need of assistance. The

club also provides college scholarships to girls graduating from Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Saugus high schools, and provides food vouchers to families in those communities.

The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recognizes that one of

the many tragedies of COVID 19 is the increase in domestic violence. The club's message is the continued support of local agencies that denounce violence against women and provide safety and services. HarborCov's hotline number is 617 884-9799.



Zonta Club members are, L to R.: Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy; Diane Cambria; Bonnie Fishman; Sheila Arsenault; Janis Tarkata, President, and Theresa DiPietro. Photos by Georgia Green.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

STABILIZATION FUND APPROVED

CHELSEA - Help is on the way for homeowners that find themselves with increasing tax bills, as the City Council voted 10-0 to transfer \$750,000 to the Homeowner Stabilization Program to help some owner-occupants with tax increases.

The Homeowner Stabilization Fund had been in existence and had a \$250,000 balance this fall, but after the tax rate was set and it was discovered many people were going to get hit with tax increases – particularly two-family and three-family homeowners – it was proposed to be expanded. The program combined will have \$1 million in funding and will be available to those making under \$119,000 as a household.

Councillors were in agreement on the program, but Councillor Giovanni Recupero wanted clarification and wanted to send it to committee.

“I want homeowners to get it, but I want to know how they’ll be disbursed,” he said. “Will it be one sum of money for everyone under \$119,000? If it’s one amount for everyone, I’m for it. But if its not, then we need to talk about it.”

His motion for committee was defeated 1-9.

Council President Roy Avellaneda explained that the Council had gone over the program in detail for more than an hour before the last meeting with Planner Alex Train.

The matter was moved to a vote and approved 10-0.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he believed the program would roll out for taxpayers in January following the issuance of the first tax bills.

•CARES ACT

The City Council approved its second CARES Act payment on Monday night of \$4.029 million – money that comes from the federal government for COVID-19 related expenses.

Ambrosino said the amount was \$3 million above the previous allotment provided by Gov. Charlie Baker. The money will be used to fund all of the COVID relief since July 1. That includes the Chelsea Legal Clinic, Rental Assistance Round 2, Chelsea Eats and the Food Pantry program.

•CENSUS WAS A DUD IN CHELSEA

It was reported on Monday night that early indications appear that Chelsea, at least officially, will have a smaller population in the 2020 number than it did in the 2010 number – a number that was entirely too low back then.

It was bad news for all facets of government in the City, from simply having a good count of residents to losing out on millions in federal funding.

“Unfortunately, due mostly to the COVID-19 pandemic, our outreach efforts were constrained,” said Ambrosino. “As a result, our self-response rate was lower than hoped for and worse than in 2010.”

The self-response rate is made up of those that sent in their Census forms or filled it out online earlier this year. It doesn’t include those that were counted last summer and fall in door-to-door efforts.

State data for the Census 2020 is expected in early 2021, and data for cities like Chelsea is ex-

pected to come in the spring.

SANTA PARADE ON DEC. 19

CHELSEA - Santa’s always been mobile, but COVID-19 this year has him moving quite efficiently.

The City, Chamber of Commerce and a number of partners are coming together to have Santa Claus hosted in a parade through Chelsea on Dec. 19 from 3-5 p.m. Residents can look out their windows, from their porches/balconies or on Facebook.

Chelsea Police, Chelsea Fire, Cataldo Ambulance and several classic cars will accompany Santa through the streets.

The three routes are as follows (maps are available on the City of Chelsea’s website):

•#1 – Chestnut to Medford to Beacon to Mulberry to Chestnut to Everett Avenue to Essex Street and back on Congress Avenue.

•#2 – Park Street to Central Ave/Willow to Marlborough to Highland Street to Broadway/Stockton to Clark Avenue to Orange Street to Carter Street to Washington Avenue to Jefferson Avenue.

•#3 – Jefferson Avenue to Exeter Street to Wesley Street to Washington Avenue/Prospect to Springvale to Washington Avenue to Sagamore Avenue to Bloomingdale Street to Washington Avenue.

DELL ISOLA RETURNS TO COUNCIL

EVERETT - Former City Council President Rich Dell Isola will return to the Council perhaps as soon as next Monday to fill the vacancy now left by the resignation of Peter Napolitano – as is dictated by the City Charter.

Dell Isola, who was the last man out in the City Election in 2019, said he will take the seat and likely run again for it in the 2021 City Election.

“I’m going to go in like I left a year ago,” he said. “When I became president last year, I said we had to work as a team. I hope that can happen. Me, personally, I don’t see a team right now. We have to work together with the Mayor’s Office, the School Committee and everyone as one. I’m going in as a team player and whatever is good for the residents, that’s what I’ll do.”

He said he understands that there is what is likely to be a competitive City Election next year, and he’s ready to cast his hat in the ring as of now to run for re-election.

“As of now, I am going to run next year,” he said. “Being out for a year, you begin to look at politics differently. I want to have us working as a team.”

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio said the City Charter dictates the at-large Council replacement process, calling for the sixth-place finisher in the five-seat race to automatically take the seat if accepted.

The caveat is that the City Election cannot be less than 90 days away (which would be August 2021) and that the replacement candidate must have received at least 20 percent of the ballots cast. In this case, the City Election is nearly 11 months away, and Dell Isola received approximately 33 percent of the ballots cast in the

2019 election.

Cornelio said the Council would have to vote on the matter, but that is a formality as the Charter is specific in saying the 6th place finisher is automatically the new councilor on a vacancy.

“By his vote, he automatically gets it,” said Cornelio. “It goes to a vote of the Council, but the Charter says they ‘shall’ vote for that candidate. It is a formality vote really. He automatically receives it according to the Charter because he was 6th and had more than 20 percent of the ballots cast.”

The Council has 30 days to take the action of voting Dell Isola in and swearing him into office. Cornelio said they were contemplating taking that action on Monday, Dec. 14, but the agenda hadn’t yet been set.

SOME WINTER SPORTS GIVEN GO AHEAD

EVERETT - The Everett School Committee voted 8-0 to return some Winter Sports to Everett High School (EHS), allowing boys and girls basketball and hockey to begin practices as early as Dec. 15.

It is the first time any interscholastic sports have been given the okay in Everett since last year’s Winter Sports season ended and no spring or fall sports resumed due to COVID-19. However, with long discussions had within the Greater Boston League (GBL), Supt. Priya Tahiliani and Athletic Director Tammy Turner said they felt prepared to safely offer these sports to students as soon as possible.

“We’re asking for approval for this and have a recommendation, but are interested in discussion on it,” said Tahiliani on Monday.

“Winter coaches are on board with this proposal and are ready to make the best of what is not the best situation... We have put a priority on clubs and activities that are small in scope and that have a chance of being sustainable. We believe the athletic plan falls into that category.”

The plan allows girls and boys basketball – both varsity and junior varsity – and hockey, which is mixed boys and girls at Everett High. Indoor track would be moved to the Fall 2 Season, which also includes football and is scheduled to be on Feb. 22. Wrestling is a high-risk activity under COVID and would likely be in the spring, if at all. The new Winter Season would begin Dec. 15, with practices able to start on Dec. 15.

Teams will have a maximum of 15 players per squad and 20 for hockey, and there will be try-outs posted soon. Players will have to wear a mask at all times in both sports, there are no locker rooms and benches would be arranged with social distancing. There will be no spectators allowed at any of the games, but Tahiliani said they are working with ECTV closely to make sure that games are broadcast live for friends, family and students to watch.

Interestingly, referees will be asked to enforce a protocol where there is limited amounts of loud cheering and yelling from the bench areas.

The first games, Turner said, would be in January after the break.

NON-TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY TREE-LIGHTING IN EVERETT SQUARE



Like most things, lighting the Christmas trees and sprucing up the city with lights for the holidays wasn’t the same as in the past due to COVID-19, but Mayor Carlo DeMaria hosted virtual tree lightings in Everett Square, Ferry Street and at Wehner Park last Thursday, Dec. 3. In Everett Square, the huge tree towered above colorful lights – all flipped on by the mayor, this family and Bishop Robert Brown.



If necessary, sports might create a “bubble” if need be. For instance, Turner said if there is worry, they could designate Medford High as the location of all girls basketball games. Meanwhile, the teams will have different practice dates at Everett High as well to keep the teams segregated and to help with contact tracing.

“It is great to see the letters GBL back on the sports landscape where they belong,” said Tahiliani.

Turner said the GBL has been active all fall in coming up with strict protocols to ensure safety of student athletes – and to also allow them to return for their social-emotional benefits that having been missing for months.

“The GBL athletic directors and athletic trainers have been working since the fall,” she said. “We have been doing everything we can to come up with a winning plan because we know it the social-emotional benefit for the kids that we need... Because it’s just the GBL playing each other, we can adapt. The AD’s have been working together and building up the flexibility. We want to play and are willing to move to be able to do that.”

Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano warned that there has been a major increase in November for cases among kids age 0-19. That is a concern for her, she said, in returning to sports and something to watch. She said it will need to be watched carefully and sports might spread the virus.

“As far as the spread, it could be a risk where there are players in close contact with each other,” she said.

School Committee members Samantha Lambert and Dana Murray said they had read all of the protocols put out by the GBL and were impressed and comfortable.

“They are extensive and show a lot of thought and preparation went into the kids,” said Lambert. “That’s why I’m leaning towards voting ‘yes.’”

She also said it will be important to press upon the kids how the virus spreads, and staying home from a game with symptoms is the right thing to do.

“The students may not see the impact of a chain virus,” she said. “Whatever we can do to make sure they understand it’s not just themselves, but their family and other people’s families at risk if they don’t want to follow the guidelines.”

COVID RATE IS WAY UP

EAST BOSTON - As experts predicted, the post-Thanksgiving COVID-19 surge is here and numbers are once again through the roof in East Boston.

After a 35 percent decrease in the local COVID positive testing rate during Thanksgiving week, those testing positive for COVID last week increased a startling 78 percent.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health

Commission (BPHC) last Friday, 25,677 Eastie residents were tested for COVID and 21.9 percent were found to be positive for the virus, a 78 percent increase from the 12.3 percent reported two Fridays ago. Eastie again has the highest positive test rate in all of Boston.

Overall since the pandemic began 14.5 percent of Eastie residents here have been found to be positive.

The citywide positive test rate also increased dramatically last week and went from five percent of Boston residents testing positive for the virus to 11.9 percent--a 138 percent increase.

At his daily press conference last Thursday Mayor Martin Walsh said there is a sharp increase in viral activity and there’s an urgent need for vigilance: The Mayor said that after a couple of weeks of declining numbers Boston is now seeing, in the wake of Thanksgiving, a significant uptick in COVID activity.

“On Wednesday and Thursday, we recorded a combined 960 new cases in Boston, and Wednesday’s number for Massachusetts was the highest since the pandemic began,” said Walsh. “In addition, we are seeing more patients admitted to Boston hospitals due to COVID-19. Since Friday (Nov. 27), we’ve seen an increase of about 70 patients. We’re going to be monitoring the data, working closely with our hospitals and health care leaders, and bringing

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relief and resources where they are needed.”

Walsh said in the meantime, Bostonians must double-down on their personal precautions.

“Wear a face covering that covers your nose and your mouth when you are outside your house,” said Walsh. “Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer. Clean and disinfect your surroundings, especially at work. If you are an employer, make sure your workers have what they need to be safe, and allow as many people to work from home as possible.”

The Mayor asked seniors, in particular, to take extra care and continue to stay at home as much as possible.

The Mayor repeated his request that everyone get tested, especially if you have reason to think you’ve been exposed to COVID-19, or if you spent Thanksgiving with a group larger than your immediate household.

“Currently, we have over 30 testing sites in Boston,” said Walsh. “You can find them listed and mapped at boston.gov/coronavirus, or you can call 311.”

The free mobile testing site in Eastie is located in Central Square Park.

“The City will continue to invest in free mobile sites and bring them to neighborhoods where COVID activity is higher,” said Walsh. “Our mobile sites are free and open to anyone, regardless of whether you have COVID symptoms or not.”

Eastie’s infection rate rose by 7.5 percent according to the data released by the BPHC last Friday. Eastie’s COVID infection rate went from 757.7 cases per 10,000 residents to 814.6 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 420.8 cases per 10,000 residents and Eastie still has one of the highest infection rates in all of Boston.

An additional 267 Eastie residents contracted the virus with 3,823 confirmed cases, up from the 3,556 reported two weeks ago.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 11.4 percent last week and went from 27,228 cases to 30,342 cases in a week.

Nineteen more Boston residents died from the virus and there are now 938 total deaths in the city from COVID.

MELENDEZ HONORED

EAST BOSTON - Rep. Adrian Madaro and the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) recently honored NOAH’s (Neighborhood of Affordable Housing) Manlio Mendez as a Latinx Trailblazer for his continued impact on the East Boston community despite grim challenges.

Madaro nominated Mendez for his many contributions to Eastie through his work with NOAH and beyond.

Mendez was born in El Salvador and immigrated to the United States in 1992. He moved to Boston in 1995. He overcame the challenges many new im-

migrants face, including learning English, obtaining legal status, finding work, and a decent, safe affordable home. But he loved the city and the opportunities Boston offered.

In 2003, Mendez began working as a community organizer at NOAH and now serves as their Senior Community Organizer.

For years, Mendez has helped countless new immigrants transition to life in the United States by teaching them English, providing information about resources to support their families, and uplifting the leadership of community members who are eager to create positive change.

Mendez leads NOAH’s ESOL programming, 2020 Census outreach, citizenship classes, and community building efforts.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic Mendez has led efforts to distribute food and basic necessities to residents impacted by economic and food insecurity.

Madaro said Mendez’s passion is to help others learn the skills necessary to organize for social justice.

“Manlio (Mendez) is committed to helping our neighbors learn and grow their leadership skills, and to have patience with the process of creating positive community change,” said Madaro. “I am incredibly proud to be able to nominate Manlio for this year’s award. He is an incredible organizer and force for change in East Boston and among our Latinx community. I deeply appreciate all of his hard work, dedication, and commitment to our neighborhood.”

The annual celebration recognized the rich cultural history of the Massachusetts Latinx community and serves as a valuable opportunity to learn from one another.

“I have always believed the diversity of the Commonwealth is one of its greatest assets, and celebrating cultural heritage not only instills a sense of personal pride, events like this allow others to share in that celebration, which fosters understanding and appreciation and makes our state a better place for all,” said Speaker Robert DeLeo.

The event was filled with powerful remarks offered by nominees, who served as a testament to the resilience and innovation of the rising population of Latinos across the Commonwealth who continually impact their communities despite challenges.

“The Latino contributions are shaping a new and diverse Massachusetts,” said Chairman of the MBLLC, Representative Carlos González (D-Springfield). “We are teachers, principals, nurses, doctors, builders, motivators and are motivated to make a difference in our communities for the next generation. Somos un pueblo - we are one community.”

Nominated by legislators of the House and Senate, each 2020 Latinx Trailblazer has demonstrated exceptional leadership and served as powerful reminders that leadership means a dedicated investment in the power of community.

The MBLLC was created in 1973, with the intent

to be a leading voice on Beacon Hill for communities of color across Massachusetts.

SIERRA IS FIRST WOMAN TO WORK IN DPW

LYNN - Maraya Sierra wasn’t aware that she was the first woman in the history of the city to work in the Lynn Department of Works Street Division.

But when she learned of her groundbreaking achievement, the 35-year-old Lynn resident was understandably proud.

“It feels good – the crew treats me well, they’ve all been welcoming like I’m part of the team,” said Sierra. “I didn’t know I was the first woman in the division. But I feel it’s a good thing. There are a lot of movements going on right now and to be part of it is pretty cool.”

Sierra began her employment in the Lynn DPW in October and it’s been a busy schedule each day. “We do street work, paving, tree work, pot-holes – things like that,” said Sierra.

Last Thursday, Sierra was contributing to the Street Division’s meticulous paving of a sidewalk and driveway on Bennett Street. The weather was cold and winds were brisk, but the DPW contingent worked diligently to make the sidewalk safe for the public and complete the job.

Sierra credits the expertise of her foreman, Dan Baetzel, and the other members of the DPW crew for helping her making a seamless transition to the department.

“Dan is my foreman and he’s been teaching me a lot and he’s a great teacher,” said Sierra. “The crew makes sure I’m safe on the job. I was really nervous when I started, but they made me feel so welcomed, like one of them.

“I also want to thank [DPW Associate Commissioner] Lisa Nerich, [DPW Commissioner] Andy Hall, and [DPW Street Superintendent] George Potter for giving me the opportunity and believing in me to take part in this,” said Sierra.

“We’re very happy that Mariah is breaking new barriers as the first woman in the DPW Street Division,” said Nerich.

DPW foreman Dan Baetzel said Sierra has been an excellent addition to the team.

“It’s been great – ever since she’s been on the department, she’s been a great addition,” said Baetzel. “She gets her assignments every day, goes out, works hard, does her job – she’s been a blessing to have on my crew. Everyone gets along well with her. We got a great team of individuals down here in the DPW.”

DPW crew member Danny Cannata said, “This is my first week on the job and my first day I worked with Mariah and she’s great to work with. She’s good at the job. She’s actually showing me what to do. I enjoy working with her.”

Sierra previously worked for Aero Snow Removal and American Sweeper in plowing and street-sweeping operations. She had been working for Jet Blue at Logan Airport for seven years and received her Com-

mercial Driver’s License (CDL) with the MBTA.

“I can’t work in an office,” she says of her path toward mechanically inclined, outdoor places of employment. “I have to be outside doing things. I also like working in my hometown keeping the city nice and neat.”

Maraya graduated in 2004 from Lynn Classical where she played in the basketball program under the direction of varsity coach Gene Constantino and JV coach Geoffrey Boyd. “I was a freshman when Helen Ridley was a senior,” recalled Maraya. “I was at the game when Helen broke the scoring record. I actually know Helen well. I used to play street basketball with her. She’s a very good person and very dedicated to the sport.”

Maraya praised her favorite educator at Classical, Mrs. White, who was her English teacher. “She’s really dedicated to the kids,” said Maraya. “She went above and beyond for her students.”

After Classical, Maraya continued her education at the New England Institute of Art in Brookline.

Sierra and her DPW crewmates received a preview of New England’s cold winters Friday with the first snowstorm of the season. With her experience in snowplowing, the first woman in the DPW Street Division will be helping the department keep Lynn roads safe for motorists and residents alike, free of the wintry hazards of snow, sleet, and ice.

HOLIDAY PARADE PLANNED DEC. 20

WINTHROP - The Class of 2021 is doing what they can to spread some cheer this holiday season. On Sunday, December 20 at 3pm, Winthrop High School seniors will be decking their vehicles out for a festive car parade that will follow the route that Santa’s firetruck makes on Christmas Eve. Led by the Winthrop Police Department, the last two cars of the parade will be collecting food, toys, and winter accessories for those in need. Participants are asked to wear a mask.

“I continue to be so proud of the students of the Class of 2021,” said Senior Class Advisor, Marissa Ferrara. “They are always looking for ways to give back to the community and continuously put other’s needs ahead of their own. When Sofia approached us with the idea, we knew it was a great way to inject some holiday spirit during these very different times. These children all have such bright futures and Winthrop should be proud.”

The idea to host a parade came to senior, Sofia Vitale, when she was decorating her Christmas tree and reflecting on the glum 2020 season.

“My mom and I talked about how giving always feels so good,” said Vitale. “I want to give this parade to the community to spread some holiday cheer in a safe way. And I also want give to the families in need of some assistance, hopefully making their holiday the best it can be.”

On board with wanting to spread some holiday cheer, Vitale’s classmate, Jenna Dorr, offered her support, helping the pa-

rade come to life.

“The senior class is looking to do something special for the holiday season, which is a hard time for many families,” said Dorr. “This parade will not only be able to provide families in need with toys, canned food, and winter accessories, but also unite the senior class. We have not been able to do activities or see many of our classmates for a long time so I think this will bring everyone some holiday cheer.”

If you have any questions, please reach out to: Sofia Vitale: 781-816-3496 Jenna Dorr: 617-756-9792 Marissa Ferrara: 617-605-4939 Carla Vitale: 781-704-5819

COUNCIL TACKLES SOME ISSUES

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met remotely for its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 1, where it confronted a recent loss, voted on hate and received updates on the town’s water and tax rates.

Community Loss

Council President Phil Boncore choked up as he called for a moment of silence for Amy Gallagher, who passed away Nov. 30 at the age of 51. Gallagher, who worked with special education students at the middle school, was a beloved member of the community.

Police Chief Terence Delahanty delivered an emotional tribute to Gallagher, calling her “a good friend, more like a sister.”

“It’s a significant loss for the community,” he said. “There was so much Amy did and she didn’t expect anyone to thank her for it.”

“It’s very unfortunate and a sad day for Winthrop,” said Town Manager Austin Faison. “Amy worked hard for the town. She will be sorely missed.”

DPH Director Meredith Hurley offered a tearful acknowledgement of the loss.

“We are all reeling from the loss of Amy,” she said. “She always made me feel like I’ve been here forever.”

Pledge against Hate

Taking a recommendation from the Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations, the Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution based on Councilor Tracey Honan’s Pledge against Hate.

The resolution reads: “Whereas, we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal; and Whereas, Winthrop is a resilient and diverse community of people in race, culture, and gender identity and we must continue our work together toward an anti-racist, and anti xenophobic Winthrop. Resolved that the Winthrop Town Council strives to be a body that rejects hate in our community, that recognizes diversity as a source of pride and strength, that recognizes that black lives do matter, that values freedom to worship who we chose, and love who we chose to love; be it further Resolved that these values should not ever be disparaged; be it further Resolved that all are wel-

come to live their lives in peace and acceptance within our community, and that we are stronger together.”

“We are committed to making Winthrop a better and more inclusive place,” said the council president.

Water/Sewer Funding

CFO Anna Freedman delivered a lengthy presentation on the town’s water and sewer rates.

The Town Manager’s Office is working with a consultant to realize a study on the rate structure and on factors that could impact Winthrop’s rate, which is higher than other communities. Results from this study will be available during the FY22 budget cycle.

Caller Victor Imparato opposed the current water rates.

“I’ve lived in numerous communities and I’ve never seen water bills this high,” he said. “It’s hurting some of the families out there.”

He asked if there was any financial assistance available to families who couldn’t afford to pay their water bills, and Freedman said she would look into the possibility of a hardship waiver.

The full presentation can be viewed on the town’s YouTube channel.

Tax Classification

Council held its annual hearing on the tax rate options for the town. The total taxable value for FY 2020 was \$2.7 billion, a 2.2 percent increase over 2021. The Town Council adopted a uniform tax rate for next year, where all property types will be taxed at the same rate. The Deputy Assessor also noted that “New Growth” for 2021 will be \$192,450. A more detailed overview of the town’s tax classification can be viewed on the town’s YouTube channel.

COVID-19

So far in Winthrop there have been 962 positive cases, with 26 deceased, and 141 in isolation. The town remains in the Yellow Zone despite a Thanksgiving weekend surge.

There were a registered 57 new cases between Nov. 21 and Dec. 1, which could be attributed to people not socially distancing during the holiday weekend.

From Dec. 2 through Dec. 8, the Town registered 113 new cases.

“Wash your hands, avoid crowds, social distance,” Pres. Boncore pleaded. “We don’t want to have to shut down the town.”

The schools are still on track to reopen on Jan. 4.

“Hopefully we will be ready,” said Boncore.

Citations

The Council recognized the following individuals who were resigning from town committees: Robert Wynn and Barbara Flavin from the Citizens Advisory Committee on Finance; and Gina Cassetta, Linda Cargill, Tino Capobiano and Josephine Fatta from the Winthrop Air Pollution, Noise, and Airport Hazards Committee. Due to the resignations, there are immediate openings on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Finance; the Air Pollution, Noise, and Airport Hazards Committee; as well as the Board of Health.

The Year of the Stay-at-Home Holidays

Survey shows nearly 70 percent of Americans will not travel for Christmas

Staff report

A recent national survey commissioned by the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) shows that nearly two-thirds (69 percent) of Americans will not travel for Christmas. With a new surge in COVID-19 cases, the CDC recommending that Americans do not travel over the holiday season and new stay-at-home orders in place in states across the

country, the holiday season will compound the challenges already facing the hotel industry during this public health crisis. “We understand the importance of following CDC guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and support the government’s actions. However, with the dramatic decline in travel, hotels will face a harsh winter through no fault of our own. The hotel industry needs aid to survive until travel demand returns. Given this current environment, Congress cannot nor should not contemplate recess until a relief bill is passed now,” said Chip Rogers, President and CEO of AHLA. “Millions of Americans are out

of work, and thousands of small businesses are struggling to keep their doors open. We cannot afford to wait until the next Congress is sworn in for relief. We need help now.” The survey of 2,200 adults was conducted Nov. 2-4 by Morning Consult on behalf of AHLA. Key findings of the survey include the following:

- 74 percent of those traveling overnight for Christmas report they will stay with a family or friend.

- Only three in 10 (32 percent) respondents have taken an overnight vacation or leisure trip since March.

- Looking ahead to next year, 24 percent are likely to travel for spring break

44 percent say their next hotel stay for vacation or leisure travel will be a year or more from now or they have no plans to stay in a hotel

Business travel has been even more impacted as only 8% of Americans say they have taken an overnight business trip since March

Only 8 percent of all adults expect to travel for business within the next six months

62 percent of employed Americans have no plans to stay in a hotel for business

The hotel industry is facing record job loss if Congress does not provide relief. Every hour Con-

gress doesn’t act hotels lose 400 jobs, with up to 3 million permanent jobs lost. Seventy-one percent of hotels will not be able to last another six months without immediate assistance according to a recent AHLA survey of hotel owners and operators.

HUD, VA announce support to help Massachusetts veterans

Staff report

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced it is awarding \$804,181 in rental assistance in Massachusetts to house 63 veterans at risk of experiencing homelessness. This funding is part of \$46 million being awarded nationally.

The local agencies providing supportive housing include:

- Boston Housing Authority \$263,028 – 20 vouchers

- New Bedford Housing Authority \$43,473 – seven vouchers

- Quincy Housing Authority \$249,796 – 16 vouchers

- Barnstable Housing Authority \$51,900 – five vouchers

- Milton Housing Authority \$139,733 – 10 vouchers

- Mass DHCD \$56,251 – 5 vouchers

The supportive housing assistance is provided through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program, which combines

rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by the VA.

A component of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, the HUD-VASH vouchers being awarded today enable homeless veterans to obtain affordable, decent housing in the private market. These vouchers are critical tools in helping communities effectively end homelessness among veterans.

“We’ve made significant progress reducing homelessness among veterans here in Massachusetts,” said David Tille, HUD New England Regional Administrator. “These vouchers will continue to help communities build on these gains, providing targeted assistance to those in need to ensure that every veteran has a home.”

“Ending veteran homelessness has been a top priority for the Trump Administration since day one,” said HUD Secretary Ben Carson. “We have an obligation to ensure that our nation’s veterans, who

have given so much for our country are not left out on the streets. They fought for us, now it’s time for us to fight for them.”

In the HUD-VASH program, VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) assess veterans experiencing homelessness before referring them to local housing agencies for these vouchers. Decisions are based on a variety of factors, most importantly the duration of homelessness and the need for longer term, more intensive support in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing. The HUD-VASH program includes both the rental assistance the voucher provides and the comprehensive case management that VAMC staff offers.

Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent. VA offers eligible homeless veterans clinical and supportive services through its medical centers across the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

Pet Safety Tips for the Holiday Season

The holidays, along with all of its festive decorations, provides additional chewing opportunities – and potential emergency visits to the veterinarian – for our furry friends. So as we all start to deck the halls this holiday season, Trupanion, a leader in medical insurance for cats & dogs, offers up these 5 holiday items (along with related mishaps from Holidays past) to keep pets away from this holiday season.

Tinsel

Tinsel and ribbon can cause a tangled mess in the intestines if swallowed by a pet – ideally it should not be used in households with cats. A British Shorthair cat from Oregon ingested tinsel which resulted in a trip to the veterinarian – the Trupanion policy paid out \$807

Ornaments

Make sure to hang any

small or fragile ornaments high enough on your tree to avoid the wagging tail of your dog or a paw swipe from your cat. Although keep in mind, that for many cats there is no safe height. A lovable pooch in Washington state made an emergency visit to the vet when they ate a Christmas ornament – the Trupanion policy paid out \$4,495

Holiday lights

Pets are drawn to holiday lights, just like we are. The only difference is they may be tempted to chew on them. Be sure to also keep the electrical cords taped down or out of reach. A Brittany spaniel from Indiana succumbed to the temptation to chew and ingested some Christmas lights. After a trip to the veterinarian the Trupanion policy paid out \$1,566.

Holiday plants and trees

Many holiday plants can

cause gastrointestinal upset if ingested by your dog or cat. These include holly, mistletoe and amaryllis. A Shih Tzu from California ingested poinsettias, which are toxic to dogs. After a trip to the veterinarian the Shih Tzu was back in tip top shape – the Trupanion policy paid out \$59. Lilies are also extremely toxic for cats, even contact with the pollen or water in the vase may be enough to cause kidney failure.

“If you have a Christmas tree, make sure it is secure – it doesn’t take much for a cat or excited dog to knock it over, said Dr. Sarah Nold, Staff Veterinarian at Trupanion. “You should also take care to restrict your pet’s access to the tree’s water or ingestion of the tree’s needles, because both may cause vomiting and diarrhea, and can contribute to a tipped tree.”

Survey shows that worries about vaccine reluctance are overblown

Staff report

New survey data show only 15 percent of Americans believe a return to normal life is possible without a vaccine, a broad and bipartisan acceptance that policy makers should capitalize on.

The public opinion survey conducted by ScienceCounts, a non-profit whose mission is to promote public awareness and support for science, was conducted the week leading up to Thanksgiving attempting to understand the public’s feelings on the COVID-19 pandemic and willingness to vaccinate.

While an assumed narrative exists that an individual’s views on the seriousness of COVID-19, and necessity of a vaccine are bitterly partisan issues, the ScienceCounts survey indicates that conservatives, liberals, moderates, and

notably black-nonhispanics alike view the pandemic as serious and will take the vaccine even if social distancing and other disease transmission preventatives are necessary for a time after vaccination.

Some key takeaways from the survey include:

- 84 percent of survey respondents believe that a vaccine is the path to returning to normal with only 7 percent liberals / 16 percent moderates / 20 percent conservatives disagreeing.

- 53 percent of survey respondents are likely to get vaccinated once a vaccine is available, one in five are undecided at this time with Black American’s making up the plurality of undecideds.

- Willingness to get vaccinated is unaffected by the possibility that mask wearing, and social distancing could remain necessary for the foreseeable future.

“We must recognize, contrary to political punditry, the majority of Americans are ready to do what is necessary to get COVID-19 under control,” said ScienceCounts Executive Director Chris Volpe. “While clear differences exist when you look at a person’s political philosophy, our data tell us that the clear majority of American understand the pandemic is serious and understand taking the vaccine is the best chance we have at returning to normalcy.”

“Public health and public policy leaders should recognize this and develop a COVID vaccination response plan that is ready for the silent majority of Americans – including Black Americans - to be vaccinated,” he continued. “Our unique data tell us that American’s are ready willing and able to be vaccinated at levels not fully appreciated.”

Children’s Health Defense calls for more study of Pfizer COVID vaccine for seniors and blacks

Staff report

Children’s Health Defense (CHD) is raising significant concerns based on the briefing released for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee meeting Thursday, Dec. 10, to review the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine BNT162b2.

Less than 2.1 percent of the safety study cohort had been followed for over three months as of the Nov. 14 cutoff date. This is inadequate to determine any long-term effects of the vaccine. If the manufacturers allow vaccination of the placebo group after six months, longer follow up of these early cohorts will be lost. Manufacturers bear no liability for any adverse events under the Prep Act.

Only 2.1 percent and 1.8 percent of the study cohort included patients

75 years old and over with pre-existing medical conditions, for the vaccinated and the placebo groups, respectively. There were only 41 total African Americans over age 75 in both arms of the Pfizer vaccine study. These are insufficient samples on which to base broad recommendations for these very important and vulnerable segments of the population.

The change in the age groupings from 18-55 and 65-85 in Phase 1/2 to 12-15, 16-55 and >55 years of age in Expanded Phase 2/3, has limited the assessment of safety and efficacy in elderly, frail populations by combining working age, community-living empty-nesters and seniors with an older, sicker population.

In the Phase 2/3 portion, “In participants ... 75 years of age and older ... efficacy of COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine

BNT162b2 was ... 100 percent (two-sided 95 percent confidence interval of -13.1 percent to 100.0 percent)....” 100 percent efficacy means that they had no COVID-19 cases in the oldest group that received the vaccine; but the confidence interval is statistically meaningless.

Also, the initial Phase 2 portion of the trial, which looked at blood immune responses to vaccination, included a maximum of 22 people over age 68 in the 65-85-year-old group. It showed that older adults did not have noteworthy immune responses until after the second vaccination. With less robust immune responses in the elderly, extensive follow up on titers and how long they last is needed.

Children’s Health Defense is calling for further intense study overall, particularly for the elderly residential population and Blacks.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chelsea Curves construction look-ahead through December 26

This is a brief overview of construction operations and traffic impacts for the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work, temporary ramp and street closures, and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

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 right lane at the Carter Street off-ramp and continues through to the Tobin. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.).

•From Monday, 12/14 to Friday, 12/18, there will be nightly weekday closures of Route 1 Southbound Monday through Friday each week from 9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

•The detour for those closures will be that south-

bound traffic will exit Route 1 at Carter Street, travel on Carter Street to Everett Avenue, turn left onto Everett Avenue, and turn right onto the Everett Avenue on-ramp to rejoin the highway.

•From Monday, 12/28 through Wednesday, 12/30 and then from Monday, 1/4 through Friday, 1/8, Route 1 Northbound will be reduced to a single lane to set prefabricated bridge units (PBU's) during the nighttime (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.).

•During the week of 12/21, there will be no night shift. There will be

no work on the night of Thursday, 12/31 – New Year's Eve.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•CARTER STREET: On Thursday, 12/17 Carter Street will be temporarily closed during the daytime (7 a.m. – 3 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: Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue 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.

COMPLETED WORK

•As of 12/13, crews have installed the lights in the parking lots below the Tobin Bridge.

TRAVEL TIPS

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police detail, 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.

Person-centered care is essential to providing care in the home setting

Staff report

Most of us are faced with that question each year. So, as you see your parents or grandparents this holiday season—either safely in person or virtually—and express your love and thanks to them for all they have done, include Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) in that conversation by giving them the opportunity to talk about what they really need and want to make their quality of life better in 2021.

Discuss how they are doing around the house and ask what their daily routine looks like. Is it becoming increasingly difficult to get up and get dressed in the morning? Is it a challenge to navigate successfully in the

bathroom? Have there been any falls or other accidents in the home? Are they preparing healthy meals and eating them? These are just some of the issues that a MVES care manager can address with you and your parents. Consultations are free and there are no obligations. Options and choices will be presented for consideration by your parents and you as caregivers.

The great news is that most individuals will be fortunate to live well into their older years. The other news is that while it may be hard to accept as people age, many will eventually require some type of assistance. But ask any older adult where they prefer to live as they age and the response will likely be “at home.”

MVES' Home Care Pro-

gram provides access to a variety of in-home and community based services that make these daily activities easier. The program is available to individuals age 60 and over who need help with a range of daily tasks. People can receive services no matter what their income level may be and the fees are based on a sliding scale. Care managers will provide all the information on eligibility guidelines, fees, availability of services up front as you consider options that make the most sense for your parents and you as a caregiver. We understand that each person and family have different needs and we tailor care plans to meet those unique circumstances and needs. And we will continue working with you and your parents for as

long as you need us and the advice and care planning is always free!

A fundamental advantage of living at home is that the individual is able to keep control over their daily life. They get to continue living by their own schedule, choosing when they want to eat, sleep, and socialize. MVES describes this as person-centered care and does everything possible to support each person's ability to receive care at home on their own terms in the safest matter. Home care can help older adults remain in their homes and be healthier, more socially engaged and independent. In fact, research shows home care can expedite healing and improve older adults' quality of life. It can also prevent or delay the need for long-term care, which is financially

better for individuals and their families.

Frank, 87, of Chelsea, is receiving home care services including homemaking, a medication dispenser, a personal emergency response system, nutrition counseling as well as home-delivered meals. As the caregiver, Frank's son is pleased with the services. “Mystic Valley Elder Services provides support for both my father and my family in a caring manner. They knew my father's likes and dislikes and provided a care plan that met all of his individual needs,” said Frank's son. “I'm so grateful to the staff who have helped my father age in place. Because they have adapted to my father's needs, he continues to feel independent.” And since Frank

is very low income and is eligible for MassHealth coverage, his services are no cost to him.

MVES believes everyone should have the ability to live life to the fullest, with dignity. Through the Home Care Program and the care manager's customized care plan, older adults are given the support they need to remain in their homes and communities.

Make this holiday special for your parents, and think about how you can give them additional support and reassurance through MVES' range of home- and community-based services. When you need to understand your options for the care of a loved one, call us at 781-324-7705 or visit mves.org for more information.

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