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NEWS BRIEF

ARRIGO TO DELIVER STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS THURSDAY

Mayor Brian Arrigo will deliver the 2021 State of the City Address Thursday at 6 p.m. on Facebook Live, Youtube, and Revere TV. Among the topics expected to be covered in the annual address are the city's continuing, multi-facted response to the coronavirus pandemic, city projects such as the Suffolk Downs redevelopment effort, and the outlook for businesses in the city in the months ahead. The Mayor will reflect on the incredible work

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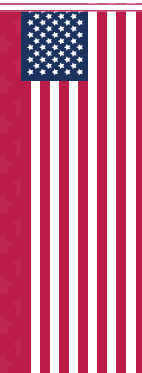


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On Friday, Feb. 5, the Revere Board of Health hosted its fifth vaccination clinic at the Rumney Marsh Academy. Over 300 resident seniors were vaccinated at this clinic. Shown above, are Ward 5 Councilor John Powers, and RN Adrienne Maguire, who helped to administer the vaccines along with her team. Seniors who attended were given a small COVID-19 care package with masks and hand sanitizer, as well as an apple pie, courtesy of Manne's Bakery on Broadway. See more photos on Page 5.

State rep. candidates set for debate on Feb. 18

By Cary Shuman

The four Democratic candidates running for state representative have all agreed to participate in the Revere Journal/Revere TV debate to be televised live on Revere TV. Candidates Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Jeff Turco, Valentino Capobianco, and Alicia DelVento said they are looking forward to discussing the issues facing the Nineteenth Suffolk District. Stephen Quigley, president of the Revere Journal

and Winthrop Sun-Transcript, will moderate the debate. Bob Dunbar, executive director of Revere TV, will lead the broadcasting team. All four candidates have been campaigning vigorously for the Revere-Winthrop seat previously held by Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, who served for 30 years in the House of Representatives. The Democratic Primary in the special election is Tuesday, March 2. Paul Caruccio is running unopposed in the Republican Primary. Richard Fucillo is running as an Unenrolled candidate. Following are the com-

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Serino's Zoning Board tracker proposal is sent to committee

By Cary Shuman

The City Council has referred Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino's motion about starting a Zoning Board of Appeals tracking system on the city's website to the Economic Development and Zoning Subcommittee.

Serino said that the

"ZBA Tracker" would allow residents to quickly access and gather information about ongoing projects that are before the Board of Appeals."

Serino said the City of Boston has launched the tracker system successfully "and I think the City of Revere would be well served by a similar tool."

He said through the system residents would be notified in advance that a project or zoning change was being planned for their neighborhood.

Lor Holmes, a Ward 2 resident, expressed her support for Serino's plan. Holmes said the ZBA

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Council approves \$5.875M loan order for capital improvements

By Cary Shuman

The City Council unanimously approved a loan order in the amount of \$5.875 million for Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Im-

provements.

Viscay said the funds would be used for "deferred maintenance" and equipment operations by city departments.

He asked the Council to

approve a bond that would accelerate the purchase of one additional fire pumper truck and one city-owned trash truck among other

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State Rep. Race Highlight: Looking at the Candidates

DeVento highlights building coalitions and past experience in House in campaign for DeLeo seat

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Born in Winthrop and raised on Water Tower Hill, where she still lives today, Alicia DelVento's desire to fight for Winthrop and Revere is inspired by the service of others. "Many of my family and closest friends are now educators, nurses, and essential workers, and I witness them giving tirelessly for the benefit of us all. This place is where I learned to fight for bold, compassionate policies



Candidate for State Rep. Alicia DelVento

that help my friends and neighbors. It's why ensuring a brighter, healthier future for our community is so important to me."

Alicia has strong roots in both Revere and Winthrop. She tells us: "My story began right here in Winthrop and Revere, in a family of community activists and union Democrats," she said. "My dad's mother, Josephine, was a World War II refugee coming to America after her home in Italy was bombed. Speaking no English, her family came to East Boston before settling in Revere. She and my grandpa

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A MIDNIGHT BLAZE ON MOUNTAIN AVE



PHOTO COURTESY OF REVERE FIRE PHOTOGRAPHER PETER ALOISI

A fire blazes at 242 Mountain Avenue in the middle of the night on Saturday, Feb. 6. The Revere Fire department, with help from neighboring departments worked vehemently to put it out. The aftermath left the building a total loss, but no residents were injured. Read about it on Page 19.

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

It's that time of Year again!
Check out our lovelines on Pages 6 & 7




Dr. Perella and Dr. Mulligan present School Improvement Plan to School Committee

By John Lynds

At last week's Revere Public School (RPS) Committee meeting, Revere High School (RHS) Principal Dr. John Perella and SeaCoast Principal Dr. Stacey Mulligan presented an overview of the School Improvement Plan at both schools.

One of the highlights of the plan, according to Perella and Mulligan, is that it reflects the work both schools have been doing to collaborate on goals and establish a cohesive connection between both the SeaCoast and RHS.

Mulligan said one main focus is to increase gender and racial diversity of

staff, particularly among teachers and administrators.

"So both schools will be recruiting, hiring and supporting and retaining faculty members of color," said Mulligan. "The most effective way to do this would be to first join the MPDE, or the Mass Partnership for Diversity in Education. It's a group of districts that all come together to work on trying to diversify their staff. I go to meetings once a month and it is a great place to network. They hold three job fairs throughout the year and actually have a pool of candidates, administrators and educators that are available so it'll be a great resource for us."

I know that Revere has participated in the Inspire Fellowship, which is basically a group of educators of color that come together and work to help educational leaders recruit. They help with a curriculum that's culturally responsive and they demonstrate the importance of having teachers of color in your district."

Taking the lead from RPS's district wide initiatives, RHS and SeaCoast have added a component on anti-racism and improving equity for all staff and students at the two schools.

"Both schools have an acute focus on social emotional learning practices," said Perella. "I was in an

equity team meeting at the High School and we were having this conversation. This work is important in that we are resetting our priorities on individuals and on children and not the content (of the curriculum). Our equity team has created equity workshops, especially in February because it's Black History Month, and we'll be spending a lot of time in these workshops that are designed to include students to talk about specific needs."

Perella also talked about creating opportunities for parent engagement and decision making. "We think this is a vital initiative and critical to any success that the schools, or

the district will have," said Perella. "So both schools have hired family liaisons, and they have been extremely effective and really connecting us to parents and families in a variety of manners. We've recruited parents to be members for positions on the School Improvement Council at Revere High School and we had bi-weekly community forums and webinars in the fall where we shared information and communicate with families some of the changes that were taking place, not only in the remote setting but also some of the grading structures that we were hoping to implement."

Perella added that there is also a weekly commu-

nity message via "Sunday Email" to connect families to upcoming events as well as sharing information about what's happening.

"These are all translated into different languages and sent in different languages," said Perella. "We are now on our third community working group session where we work with parents and introduce and receive feedback on some of the changes in the grading system and the structures that are unique and quite foreign I think too many people outside of the educational world."

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ments of the four Democratic candidates for the state representative seat about the Feb. 18 debate:

JUAN PABLO JARAMILLO

"I am very excited to be participating in this debate. An open dialogue and discussion is the bedrock of our democracy which I'm so invested in. I'm very thankful to Revere TV and the Revere

Journal for putting this debate together and the amazing work they do in informing our voters here in Revere and Winthrop. This campaign is about assuring that working families are safe and that they can recover safely from the pandemic and stronger from the pandemic. It's about assuring that we're providing top-notch education and that we're bringing good paying jobs

to the residents of Revere and Winthrop, jobs that honor and value their work. And I'm excited to be able to have these conversations with the candidates and with the voters."

JEFF TURCO

"From day one of this campaign, I have focused on reaching out to voters and receiving feedback on the issues they care about. We have launched an is-

sues feedback page on our website, sent a mailing with a tear away card for voters to send back their ideas, and have engaged in thousands of conversations on the phone and at the door. I look forward to taking part in the debate and discussing the issues this campaign should be about...because my issues are YOUR issues."

VALENTINO CAPOBIANCO

"I look forward to a conversation about the issues that impact Revere and Winthrop. I look forward to the upcoming debate and I am grateful for the opportunity to share my vision for helping working families get through the pandemic, improving our public schools, and providing access to quality, affordable healthcare."

ALICIA DELVENTO

"I am looking forward to debating the critical issues facing our community, specifically seeing us through the COVID-19 pandemic, expanding resources for our small businesses, fighting for our public schools, and of course ensuring our Winthrop and Revere beaches are protected for years to come."

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done by so many to help the city rise up and overcome the unprecedented adversity of 2020, contributing to an even stronger foundation for the City's future.

WINTHROP CHAMBER/WCAT TO HOLD STATE REP DEMOCRATIC DEBATE

The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce and Winthrop Community Access Television will hold a Democratic Candidates Debate live via Zoom, on Wednesday, February 17 beginning at 6 p.m. All Democratic Candidates running for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District have been invited to participate. The Debate will be broadcast live on WCAT channel 22, as

well as livestreamed on WCAT's website at www.wcat-tv.org and on WCAT's YouTube channel @WCAT Winthrop.

The Chamber is accepting questions from the public via email until 4 p.m. Monday, February 15. If you would like to submit a question for the candidates please send it to info@winthropchamber.com.

Please include the community of which you are a resident. Please note that due to time constraints not all questions may be asked.

REVERE PD INVESTIGATING SHOOTING IN THE CITY

The Revere Police Department is investigating

a shooting that took place at Pomona and Folsom streets last Saturday afternoon.

A man was wounded in the shooting and transported by a friend to a medical facility in Chelsea. The man's injuries were not life threatening.

NORMAL POSTAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE TO RESUME ON TUESDAY

Postal employees across the commonwealth will pause on Monday, February 15, to celebrate President's Day. Retail offices will be closed and there will be no collection or street delivery of mail except for guaranteed overnight parcels.

Full retail and delivery operations will resume on Tuesday, February 16.

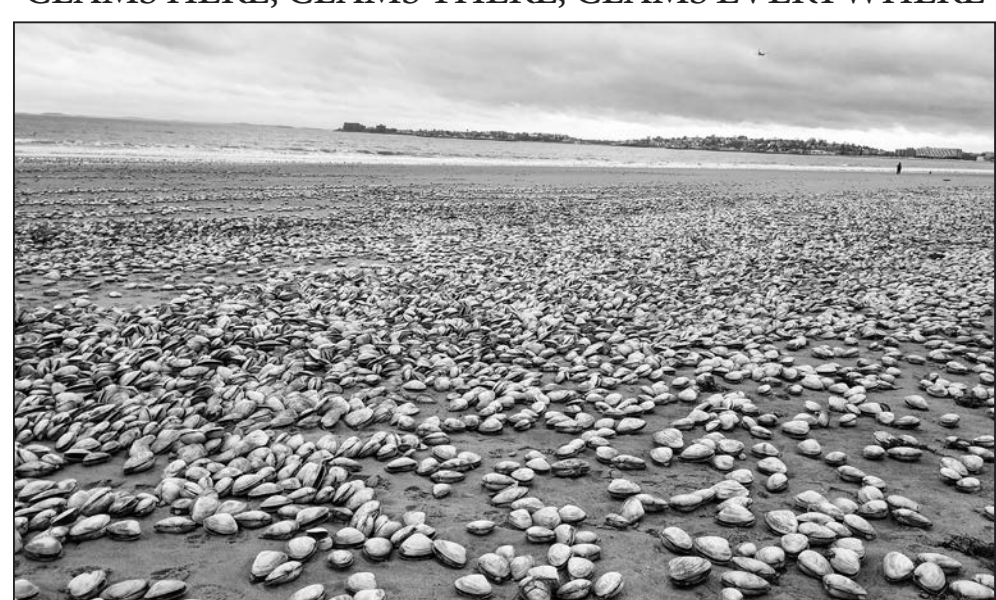
The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

MCU TO MERGE WITH GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL CREDIT UNION

Metro Credit Union (MCU), Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, today announced that it will merge with Gloucester Municipal Credit Union, founded in Gloucester, Mass in 1941, on February 26. Metro, which recently surpassed \$2.3 billion in assets, will absorb GMCU's nearly 500 members and \$2.3 million in assets. Metro's newest members will have access to an expanded line of products and services as well as its 14 branch locations.

"I'm thrilled to welcome members of the Gloucester community to the Metro family," said Robert Cashman, CEO and president. "I encourage both existing members of GMCU and others who are or were previously employed by the city of Gloucester to take advantage of the many opportunities Metro has to offer our members."

CLAMS HERE, CLAMS THERE, CLAMS EVERYWHERE



Last week's nor'easter despite heavy winds dumped very little snow in Revere. Coastal damage was negligible unless you were a clam; the pounding surf washed up thousands of clams onto Revere Beach. Seagulls flocked to the scene for a free meal while residents simply wanted to see the thousands of beached clams. The Division of Marine Fisheries warned residents that the clams were not safe for human consumption.

When considering a merger, GMCU turned to Metro due to its strong reputation, digital and technological advancement, and obvious commitment to its more than 220,000 members.

"Metro will offer our members additional benefits and opportunities that we have not been able to provide, including digital access, mortgages, home equity loans, and more," said Lawrence Ingersoll, board president, Gloucester Municipal Credit Union. "We are particularly grateful to partner with a credit union that we know will treat our members with compassion and care and offer them the security and trust they deserve."

For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit metrocu.org or connect with us on LinkedIn.

MVES OFFERS SAFETY TIPS WHEN WALKING IN SNOWY AND ICY CONDITIONS

Each winter, slip and fall accidents cause serious injuries. Even when surfaces do not look especially icy or slippery, it is very possible that a thin sheet of transparent ice or "Black Ice" is covering your pathway putting you at risk. When you approach a footpath or roadway that appears to be

covered with ice or snow, always use extreme caution. Many slips and falls happen in places people regard as safe and secure, typically outside their front door, on the doorstep, on the path or while getting out of the car.


With the winter weather upon us, Mystic Valley Elder Services' Safety Committee advises these 10 tips to make sure you are staying safe when walking around in snowy and icy conditions.

- Walk slowly and carefully. Wear boots or other slip-resistant footwear.
- Use special care when getting in and out of vehicles. Use the vehicle for support if you need to do so.
- Watch for slippery floors when you enter any

building or home.

- Avoid walking with your hands in your pockets; this can reduce your ability to catch yourself if you lose your balance.
 - Watch out for black ice.
 - Tap your foot on potentially slick areas to see if the areas are slippery.
 - Walk as flat-footed as possible in very icy areas.
 - Avoid uneven surfaces if possible. Avoid steps or curbs with ice on them.
 - Report any untreated surfaces to your town, property owner, or work's maintenance department to help keep you safe.
 - Remember: Ice and snow mean, "take it slow!"
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Councilors put the well-being of Revere workers first with Amazon resolution

By Cary Shuman

The City Council approved a resolution by Councilors Jessica Giannino and Richard Serino urging fair and full employment opportunities at Amazon.

Amazon will be building a new distribution center on the site of Showcase Cinemas on Squire Road. It has another facility in operation on American Legion Highway.

Giannino, who also serves as state representative for the district, began the discussion.

“This is very straightforward and the resolution reads exactly what we’re looking to accomplish,” said Giannino. “Basically Amazon is one of the wealthiest companies in the world. They’re worth over \$1.7 trillion, with a ‘t’ – and they’re working right now to build their own distribution network to increase profit, but it’s at the expense of their workers.”

Giannino said she wants to make sure that Amazon fulfills its obligations to the city of Revere and that the company is held accountable to high safety standards.

“We want to make sure the drivers are safe and they’re working under good conditions and it’s also making sure that the residents who are working in these jobs are getting fair livable wages,” said Giannino.

She added that other area communities have passed elements stated in the resolution.

Serino said one of the biggest issues about Amazon that Ward 6 residents brought forth to him was “yes we’re bringing jobs to the old movie theater site but what kinds of jobs are they?”

“Amazon has a track record for not being fair employers,” said Serino. “In fact, last week they were just fined \$61.7 billion for withholding tips from delivery drivers.”

Serino said he wants Amazon to be “a fair employer.”

“We can certainly request and show our solidarity with Amazon employees and fight for them to show that they deserve to have the opportunity to unionize and they deserve to earn livable wages and good benefits,” said Serino. Revere resident and Regional School Committee member Anthony Caggiano, a member of Teamsters Local 25 who said he works for UHL, “which is in the same business as Amazon,” also expressed his support for the resolution.

“I’m asking the City Council to pass this resolution and send a message to Amazon that basically if you’re going to do business in this city, you will pay the prevailing wage and benefit package and the right to collective bargaining,” said Caggiano.

Councilor-at-Large George Rotondo said he fully supports the resolution that “speaks very clearly as to the need for community wages in the City of Revere.”

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso, “The resolution is well intended and I think it’s a great thing to show everyone that we’re on their side. But we want to show our new employer that we would like to support our residents and their employees also.”

Councilor-at-Large Steven Morabito said “Amazon makes so much revenue, but it’s the little people that are doing all the work and making them successful that are not rewarded.”

Morabito commended their colleagues for sponsoring the resolution.

Following is the text of the resolution:

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the health, safety, and well-being

of the residents of the City of Revere; and,

WHEREAS, The preventative measures put in place to combat COVID-19 by state and local agencies to prevent the spread and curtail transmission of the coronavirus have had a devastating economic impact on local retail establishments, and have changed the retail options for the residents in the City of Revere; and,

WHEREAS, Existing retail and e-commerce delivery networks currently operate in the City of Revere and set community standards for every family with sustaining wages, benefits including but not limited to quality health insurance and secure retirement; and,

WHEREAS, Revere’s retail and e-commerce delivery options coexist in diverse neighborhoods, while adding value to the fabric of the community, including offering good careers for Revere residents to provide for their families; and,

WHEREAS, Existing e-commerce delivery options have aptly served the residents of the City of Revere throughout the COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining the highest of standards for its essential workforce; and,

WHEREAS, Amazon, which does not conform to area standards for wages, benefits, and working conditions, has chosen the City of Revere for expansion of its e-commerce operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Revere City Council, hereby assembled, urges Amazon to meet and confer with the Revere community, included, but not limited to, representatives of labor unions including the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 25, locally impacted neighborhood groups, local residents, and other interested parties to discuss how Amazon can expand delivery operations, warehouses,

and fulfillment centers in a way that is beneficial to the City of Revere and its residents while guaranteeing sustainable growth for the City and helping to ensure that fair and equitable employment standards are maintained for all e-commerce delivery networks; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Prior to any

expansion into the City of Revere, Amazon commits to and presents sufficient evidence to the Revere City Council that its operations meet or exceed current Community Standards established by existing e-commerce delivery networks. This commitment would include that all delivery drivers will be direct employees of

Amazon and not independent contractors. Amazon must commit that all of its delivery drivers will be competent, safe drivers, that Amazon and its delivery drivers will maintain the utmost professional conduct in their day-to-day operations in the neighborhoods of the City of Revere.

City Council approves Public Art Commission

By Cary Shuman

Revere has a newly established Public Art Commission.

The City Council voted unanimously to launch the new board after Elle Baker, project manager in the Planning Department, had given the Legislative Affairs an overview of the commission during the subcommittee meeting.

“We would start a Public Art Commission so we may have a group of five to seven members that would work alongside the Planning Department and help to establish new guidelines for public art,” explained Baker.

She said members would bring a variety of

backgrounds in art “and establish more diverse expressions of public art opportunities throughout the city.”

One high school student will be invited each year to participate in the new commission, said Baker.

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso asked if the members of the Public Art Commission would receive a stipend.

“They are paid positions according to the ordinance,” said Subcommittee Chair Steven Morabito.

“And what kind of money would they be receiving?” asked Guinasso.

“I believe it would be the same as any other acting committee in the city,”

replied Morabito. “I’m not sure of that [pay] rate.”

Ward 5 Councilor John Powers asked how the members of the new commission would be selected. Baker responded that several residents had already requested membership on the new commission. Morabito added that Mayor Brian Arrigo would be making the appointments, but “all appointments must be approved by the City Council.”

The Legislative Affairs Subcommittee gave the Public Art Commission a favorable recommendation that the full membership of the Council affirmed at its regular meeting.

Giannino leads efforts to call on Baker Admin. to prioritize postal workers in the COVID vaccination process

Special to the Journal

As the old saying goes, “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds,” and in 2021, the United States Postal Service’s motto should be updated to include the words “nor pandemic.”

Unfortunately, postal workers were not specifically named as one of the job-specific sectors eligible in Phase 1 and Phase 2 in the Baker administration’s phased approach to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, despite being designated in the CDC’s Phase 1b recommendation. After hearing from postal workers from Revere, Chelsea or Saugus, Representative Jessica A. Giannino (D-Revere) felt compelled to advocate to

the Baker administration to prioritize these essential workers.

“I was proud to lead an effort to draft a sign-on letter for my colleagues in the Legislature to join with me in calling on Governor Baker to prioritize postal workers and to specifically name them in the state’s phased vaccination approach,” said Representative Jessica A. Giannino (D-Revere). “Postal workers have been on the front lines throughout the entire pandemic, and sometimes do not receive the credit they so rightly deserve. They are interacting with the public regularly, whether it is when delivering mail to a person’s home or in the post office when citizens are buying stamps or mailing packages. These are men and women who have reported to work each

and every day since the onset of the pandemic, and whose essential function became even more critical over the last year with the 2020 elections and a busy holiday season that saw an influx in deliveries.”

Ensuring that these workers remain healthy is essential to averting backlogs that have plagued the USPS since the onset of the pandemic. Nearly fifty State Representatives and State Senators signed onto the letter to express that they share postal workers’ concerns both for their health and their ability to continue their essential work, and to urge Governor Baker to acknowledge the public health value of their role by explicitly naming these workers in the state’s eligibility criteria as soon as possible.

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tracking system would make the entire process “more transparent.”

“I look forward to learning more about it and this motion looks to me as a signal in that direction that the Council as well wants to learn more about how we can learn from best practices of other communities,” said Holmes.

“I look forward to being a part of the process.”

Serino said he was encouraged by the favorable reception for his “ZBA Tracker” proposal and that he is looking forward to the discussion at the next subcommittee meeting.

“Although all ZBA agendas and hearings are properly noticed and ad-

vertised in Revere, oftentimes, residents don’t realize something has received ZBA approval until after reading it in the newspaper after the matter has been taken up. A tool like this would allow residents to periodically check in on projects that are before the ZBA in their neighborhoods,” said Serino.

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capital improvements.

“Rates are historically low right now,” said Viscay. “We feel it is a good decision for the city to bump up a couple of these pieces of equipment and sell one bond for the entire amount to fully execute the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan and Budget.”

DPW Supt. Paul Argenzio spoke in favor of the bond authorization.

“There are several pieces of equipment that the DPW desperately needs, one of being a sweeper, a trash truck, two all-wheel drive, six-wheel dump trucks, and a sign utility vehicle,” said Argenzio. “In all cases, these pieces of equipment replace pieces that are [year] 2006s, so they’re on their last legs and we really need to have this equipment to operate properly.”

Argenzio added that the dump trucks are necessary to bolster the department’s snow-fighting capabilities, especially in the hilly sections of Revere.

Argenzio also expressed support for a \$1.4

million appropriation targeted for repairs of public stairs in the city.

“Over the last couple of years, we’ve been able to replace the three sets of wooden stairs and now we’re faced with either total reconstruction or major repairs to the other sets of all-concrete stairs throughout the city,” said Argenzio. “We have the engineering work done and we’re ready to move on this.”

Chief of Infrastructure Donald Ciaramella also spoke in favor of the prospective purchases of new equipment.

“The equipment that’s needed is very valuable to our operations, snow removal, and the cleanliness of our streets in regard to the street sweepers,” said Ciaramella. “It’s badly needed equipment and we’ll put it to good use.”

Julie DeMauro, transportation manager for the city, said she supported the \$1.4 million appropriation for the rebuilding of the public stairs in Beachmont.

“I’ve been working

with Paul Argenzio, along with [Councilors] Joanne McKenna and Ira Novoselsky, and several members of the Beachmont Improvement Committee to get these stairs rebuilt,” said DeMauro. “This is really important. Two of the steps are in complete disarray and you would need a complete demolition, so this money is definitely needed.”

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso said he was pleased to see an upgrade in city-used equipment.

“I’m very pleased with the purchases for the DPW and the Fire Department,” said Guinasso. “This is the type of thing that we need in our community. We need modern and updated equipment in order to service our community the best we know how.”

The City Council also approved loan orders in the amount of \$60,000 for the replacement of windows and doors at the Lincoln School and \$60,000 for the design and replacement of a new boiler system at the Beachmont School.

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WINTRY BLAST IS NOT SO HARD TO TAKE

The polar vortex once again has spun out of control, as it has done often in recent years. Instead of remaining in a tightly-wrapped circular motion around the Arctic, the vortex has been weakened by record-high temperatures in the Arctic in recent years because of climate change, thereby loosening the vortex's centrifugal force and allowing waves of cold air to drift from the Arctic to the continental United States.

We have to admit however, that the cold air has been refreshing. We're not suggesting that we want the sort of cold that is gripping the midwest with below-zero temperatures and -50 wind chills, but what is winter without a little spell of cold weather?

We think all would agree that Sunday's snowstorm, with those huge flakes of snow floating down upon us, was wondrous. Catching them in your mouth (as we did while out for a run before the Super Bowl) was something to be appreciated by all of the senses.

Sure, milder winters are easy on our heating bills and we don't have to worry about freezing pipes, slippery roads, and all of the other difficulties that come with winter weather.

But it is precisely the harshness of winter that makes us appreciate summer all the more. It won't be long before the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are here and these days of sub-freezing weather will barely be a memory.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

TB SETTLED THE GOAT QUESTION

Yes Pats' fans, it was bittersweet to watch the duo of Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski lead the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a Super Bowl championship.

On the other hand, no Pats' fan should be deluded into thinking that if the Pats' management had kept #12, New England fans would be celebrating with a victory parade this week.

Tampa Bay started the season with far more talent on its offense than the Patriots and then went out and added Rob Gronkowski, Leonard Fournette, and Antonio Brown -- all of whom not so coincidentally scored the Tampa Bay touchdowns.

But analysis aside, the game captured the imagination of fans -- and even non-fans -- across the country because of the matchup between the greatest QB of all time, now at the age of 43, vs. the up-and-comer, 25 year-old Patrick Mahomes, from Kansas City.

In addition, en route to the big game, Brady had vanquished two other GOAT wannabes, Drew Brees and Aaron Rodgers, while another GOAT pretender, Ben Roethlisberger over in the AFC, had fizzled out.

The Brady-Mahomes matchup was a classic, made-for-TV, duel-for-the-ages.

But in the end, it was #12 who stood tall and confident in the pocket, firing lasers to his receivers, while Mahomes was scrambling around haphazardly and making costly mistakes.

New England fans were fortunate to have had the joy of watching Tom Brady perform his magic for 19 seasons, including six championships in nine Super Bowl appearances.

It was a run of excellence that will not be repeated, either here or anywhere else -- because there is only one GOAT.

VACCINATE THE POSTAL WORKERS

Dear Governor Baker:

We, the undersigned members of the Massachusetts General Court, are writing to respectfully request that you prioritize United States Postal Service workers to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, as recommended by the CDC's national Advisory Council on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These workers are currently designated in the CDC's Phase 1b recommendation, but have not been specifically named in the state's eligibility criteria for Phase 1 or Phase 2.

This has led to confusion, and a plea for assistance from postal workers in our respective districts.

Postal workers have been on the front lines throughout the entire pandemic, and sometimes do not receive the credit they so rightly deserve. As the old adage goes, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds," and in 2021, this motto should be updated to include the words "nor pandemic." Every day since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, letter carriers

and postal workers have shown up to ensure our mail gets to its destination. Postal workers interact with the public regularly, whether it is when delivering mail to a person's home or in the post office when citizens are buying stamps or mailing packages. Further, as a result of the pandemic, the USPS experienced a major increase in workload, as the agency handled millions of mail-in ballots during the 2020 elections, as well as a surge in package deliveries through the holiday season.

Ensuring that these workers remain healthy is

essential to averting backlogs that have plagued the USPS since the onset of the pandemic. As State Representatives and State Senators, we know the postal workers in our districts, and we share their concerns both for their health and their ability to continue their essential work. We urge you to acknowledge the public health value of their role and explicitly name these workers in the state's eligibility criteria as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Jessica A. Giannino
 State Representative
 16th Suffolk District

City Council honors Revere resident Fatou Drammeh

By Cary Shuman

Monday night the Revere City Council honored Fatou Drammeh, founder of the local non-profit organization, Women Encouraging Empowerment, with a Certificate of Appreciation for her commitment and dedication to the community. The honor was bestowed upon Drammeh in coordination with the city's observance of Black History Month.

Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino, Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe, and Councilor-at-Large Jessica Giannino sponsored the motion to recognize the well-known Revere resident.

"Fatou Drammeh's organization works to educate, advocate for, and protect the most vulnerable populations in our community," said Serino. "Additionally, through the COVID pan-



Fatou Drammeh, founder of Women Encouraging Empowerment.

demic, Fatou has truly gone above and beyond to connect residents with resources. Fatou has dedicated her entire personal and professional life to advancing the causes of social justice, economic prosperity, participatory adult education, and program development for vulnerable populations. Revere is a better city because of the work Fatou does day-in and day-out."

Council passes resolution to recognize February as Black History Month

Staff report

The Revere City Council unanimously adopted a motion by Councilors Jessica Giannino, Patrick Keefe, and Richard Serino recognizing February as Black History Month.

Following is the text of the Resolution:

A RESOLUTION HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH WHEREAS,

In 1926, famed African American historian and scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson, son of former slaves, established "Black History Week" to celebrate accomplishments

and achievements made by Black Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development as a nation; and WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson valued education and believed that it was never too late to learn, and that it is beneficial for all Americans to continue to learn about the heritage and experiences of ALL Americans; and WHEREAS, It is through learning that we become enlightened and come to understand each other more clearly; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford designated the entire month of February as

Black History Month, and urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history," and

WHEREAS, Black History Month allows for discussions of our country's legacy of slavery, and institutional and structural racism; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Revere City Council hereby recognizes Black History Month, and the Council does so by honoring the contributions of Black residents to the common good of our community.

CLARIFICATION

In last week's newspaper, It was incorrectly reported that the new Avis lot on Charger Street would service up to 2,000 cars when the lot is fully in operation over the next several years. The maximum number of cars on the lot is projected to be 900. We regret any inconvenience caused by the wrong number.

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WE OUR SENIORS

OVER 300 REVERE SENIORS RECEIVE THEIR FIRST ROUND OF VACCINATIONS

Volunteers and staff have made contact with 1,400+ residents in first week of outreach

On Friday, February 5, the Revere Board of Health hosted its fifth vaccination clinic at the Rumney Marsh Academy, this time providing a first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to 380 Revere residents aged 75 and older as part of the Commonwealth's Phase 2 distribution protocol. Residents vaccinated on Friday will receive their second dose the week of March 1. In partnership with the City of Chelsea and Town of Winthrop, the Board of Health will administer 600 second doses for Revere first responders later this week.

As part of the City's "Reach Every Senior" campaign, volunteers and staff at the COVID-19 vaccine hotline have made

contact with more than 1,400 residents over the age of 75, informing them of the vaccination options available to them and assisting them in making an appointment as needed. Of the residents contacted to-date, nearly 60 percent reported already having an appointment, or were assisted in making an appointment.

A multilingual mailer will be sent to all Revere households in the coming days to provide contact information for each of the currently available, local vaccination options. For example, the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center clinic at the Revere PACE Center vaccinated more than 200 seniors in its first two days of operation last week. The PACE Center site is available to all residents currently eligible for a vaccine under the state's phased distribution protocol.



Babe Cammarata receives her first dose of the vaccine.



Camille Vova receives her first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine from Adrienne Maguire.



Joseph Cattoggio receives his first dose of the vaccine.



RoRo Cattoggio receives her vaccine from Kathy Savage.



Dee DiGregorio receives her first dose of the vaccine from RN Isabelle Catano.



Mrs. DiFlippo receives her vaccination shot from Tish Camonas.



Vincent Cammarata is given the vaccine by RN Adrienne Maguire.

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for State Representative

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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IS PERSONAL FOR ME

After my parents divorced, we fell on hard times. We had to move from the house I had known all my life on Reservoir Avenue in Revere, to public housing on Walnut Street. The staff at the Revere Housing Authority always treated us with dignity and respect. They told all of us that with hard work and determination, we could be or do anything. I took the lessons they taught me to heart and am a practicing attorney in no small part to their belief in me. Access to affordable housing is critical as gentrification and the cost of living continue to skyrocket in our area.



We need to get the cost of housing under control.

"Whether you are a senior struggling to afford the skyrocketing value of the home you have lived in for decades or someone new to our community just trying to find an affordable place to live, housing affordability is an issue we can all agree must be dealt with."

PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

For many of our seniors, this isn't an investment property, it is a home. The struggle to pay property taxes that have continued to go up because of the staggering increases in property value have left some with no choice but to sell and leave. We are losing generations of families that have called Revere and Winthrop home. I support expanded property tax discounts for our seniors and state programs that will help them through the process.

PROTECTING RENTERS

The COVID-19 pandemic has ground our economy to a halt, costing our friends and neighbors the jobs that they have worked in for years. The gridlock in Washington has forced state and local governments to take the lead. I fully support the rental assistance programs that have been approved by the Legislature and Governor to help keep people in their homes during this pandemic and I will continue to fight for their implementation should I become your next State Representative.

HOUSING STABILITY

For both renters and homeowners alike, housing stability policies are critical to keeping people in their homes in their hour of need. As State Representative, I will work with families to help end the foreclosure crisis that seemingly never ends, the predatory lending practices that have exacerbated the issue and advocate for quality, affordable housing that will allow a new generation of families to call Revere and Winthrop home.

Happy Valentine's Day



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Alianora and Emmalia*



*Happy Valnetines day Nonna
we love you very much and can't
wait to give you a BIG HUG!
- Ava & Sophia*



*Happy Valentine's Day
Christopher & Vincent*



*Happy Valentines Day
Gabriella & Anthony!
Auntie loves you*



*Guliana and Mario, mommy
loves her little sweeties!
Happy Valentines Day*



*Happy Valentine's Day
Love Hanna*



*Happy Valentines Day
Nani, Abuelito and Abuelita
Love your Little Luna xo*



*Happy Valentine's Day Papa!
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annoying, love Mia & Maddie*



*Happy Valentine's Day to our
family and friends! Love,
Anthony & Guliana Merlina*



*Happy Valentine's Day from
Alex Danny Goshua, Yuliana & Emma*



*Happy Valentine's Day
Gayden, Mel, Elijah, and Alessandra!*

Happy Valentine's Day



Love you Mom & Dad, Nonni & Grampa, xoxo Robie



Happy Valentine's Day to the Best Mommy, Nana Tracy & Ita Sara. Love Owen & Lorenzo



Happy Valentine's Day Jimmy-pa, Nonno & Nonna love Charlotte



Happy Valentine's Nana & papa LOVE you, Elijah



I love you Nanny xo Robie



Hugs & Kisses and Sweet Valentine wishes xoxo Olivia



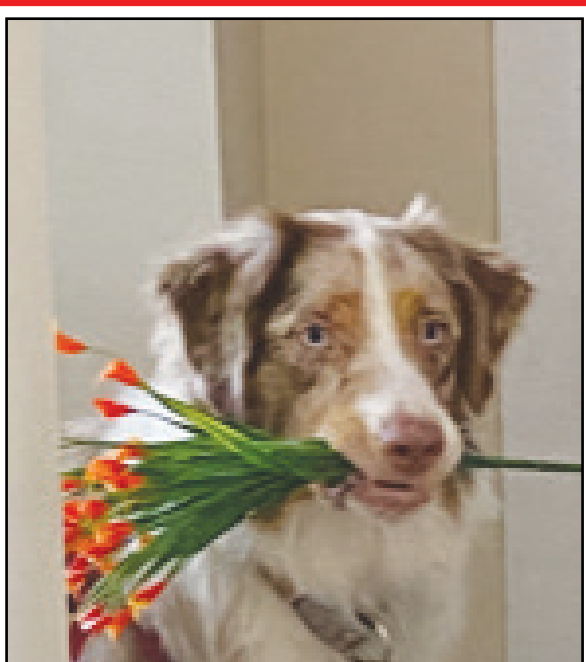
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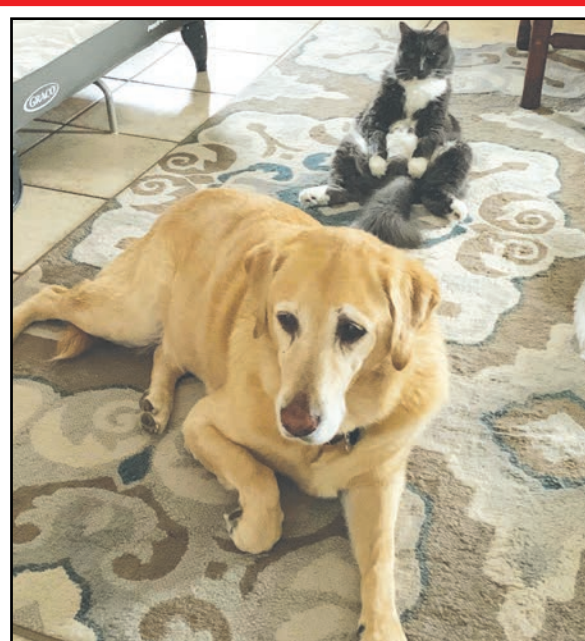
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State Rep. Race Highlights

Massachusetts Retirees Association endorses Jeffrey Turco for State Representative

Special to the Journal

On Wednesday, the Massachusetts Retirees Association endorsed Jeffrey Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and a Special Election is set for March 30th with the Primary being held on March 2nd.

“Mass Retirees is proud to endorse Jeff Turco for State Representative. Not only is Jeff someone we have worked closely with on a variety of issues for many years, but he is also

someone we view as a friend and supporter of public retirees,” said Mass Retirees President Frank Valeri. “I got to know Jeff very well when we both worked in the State Senate. He’s the ideal candidate to hit the ground running on day 1, with a wealth of experience and deep roots in the community.”

Throughout the Massachusetts Retirees Association’s 52-year history, the Association has become widely recognized as one of the strongest lobby groups on Beacon Hill. Its 52,000 members consist of retirees of the

state, teachers’, city, town, county, authority and district retirement systems.

“As a longtime supporter of the association and someone familiar with the type of lawmakers that Mass Retirees aligns with, this endorsement is a huge honor,” said Turco. “I look forward to advocating on behalf of all the women and men who so generously dedicated the better part of their lives to serving their communities and the Commonwealth.”

As a seasoned attorney with local roots, Jeffrey Turco is the ideal blend of experience and profes-



Candidate for State Rep. Jeffrey Turco shown with some supporters during a recent stand-out in Revere.

sionalism, with the know-how to be a strong leader for his community in these

most uncertain times. In 2005, Jeffrey was the Special Sheriff and Superin-

tendent of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office and starting in 2006 was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the Agency. Since 2011, Jeffrey has owned and operated the Law Office of Jeffrey Rosario Turco in Chelsea. Working for his community has always been in the forefront for Turco, for two years he served as Town Council President in Winthrop and a School Committee member. Jeffrey resides in Winthrop with his wife, the former Melissa Carbone, and their six children.

DeVento // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Tony, a laborer with Local 22, put down roots in the district. Meanwhile, after serving in WWII, my mom’s father Joe opened his own small business, Stasio Lumber Yard, which served Winthrop for decades. Winthrop and Revere welcomed them with open arms, and we have to keep making sure we welcome people from all walks of life.”

DeVento experienced firsthand how essential a strong public education is, graduating from the Winthrop Public Schools and going on to earn a B.S. in Health Management and Policy at the University of New Hampshire. She is currently a Master of Public Health candidate at Dartmouth College.

After nearly four years on Beacon Hill, which included working on the Massachusetts budget as an aide to former House Ways and Means Chairman Rep. Jeff Sanchez, DeVento left her post, to commit herself completely to this special election. “If elected, I want to legislate the same way that I am running this campaign -- full-time with an open door policy for everyone. I have heard from many

in our community about how important it is to them that their State Representative’s one and only job is serving constituents and ensuring Beacon Hill passes legislation that helps folks in Winthrop and Revere. That’s something that is very important to me, and something I promise to do if elected.”

A passion for public health and experience organizing in the community led DeVento to run for Bob DeLeo’s seat. “If you ask me, if you want something done, you start talking to your neighbors and get to work. When I look at the considerable challenges facing our district and our Commonwealth, the best way I know how to move forward is to build coalitions and mutual respect. We have to fight for a brighter future for Winthrop and Revere, which means for all of us. I am also very data and science-driven. For me, public health is the guiding force behind everything, and it encompasses more than just the healthcare system. We don’t have a healthy community if our schools aren’t funded, if our air isn’t clean, if our trains don’t

run, or if people simply can’t afford to live here anymore.”

When asked why she would be the best successor for Speaker DeLeo’s seat, she added, “I’m a coalition-builder, but I’m a fighter too. I also have the most experience of any candidate in the current House of Representatives and am very familiar with its workings, having spent the last four years working under the Chairs of Ways & Means, Health Care Financing, and State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, and for a member of the Special Committee dealing with the Commonwealth’s economic recovery from COVID-19. I am confident in my relationships in the current legislature, and that I’ll be able to hit the ground running in a way that not every freshman representative necessarily can. I don’t think this moment calls for another lawyer on Beacon Hill. We are living through a public health emergency that is at once worsening challenges our community has been facing for quite some time now and giving rise to new problems that require creative

solutions. I think we need a fresh perspective to help us fight back from COVID-19 and ensure we come back stronger than before. In many ways, I think my past experience in the House, background in public health, and community organizing gives me a unique perspective and a better seat at the table.”

DeVento had high praise for the man she hopes to succeed. “I know that if elected, I would have some big shoes to fill. Speaker DeLeo has been a champion for Winthrop and Revere for decades, his departure is truly a bittersweet moment for many in our district, including myself. I have had the opportunity to not only benefit from Speaker DeLeo’s work for our community as a constituent, but see it first-hand in the House of Representatives over the last four years. His friendship and mentorship over the years has meant a great deal to me. If elected, I would take these lessons to Beacon Hill, to continue his fight for Winthrop and Revere.”

She sees many major issues affecting Revere and Winthrop that need decisive action. “An equitable COVID-19 vaccine rollout is the first priority, and the process needs to be much clearer and more accessible for our Seniors than it is currently. But we

also need to come back stronger. That means it’s time to dive deeper into some of the challenges that COVID-19 has laid bare. We must confront how our current public health crisis has exacerbated many of our state’s challenges and inequalities, from healthcare to education, climate, infrastructure, and economic opportunity. We also need to put our money where our mouth is and protect frontline workers and first responders with hazard pay and emergency sick leave. We also have to take a closer look at the quality of care and services we provide our Veterans. They have given so much for our community and the least we can do is have their back by ensuring they receive the highest quality care possible.”

DeVento is committed to delivering for the district, and fighting to ensure that all residents of the 19th Suffolk have what they need -- like housing, education, and healthcare. “A top priority for me is passing and building on the climate bill. I learned so much from my time as Winthrop’s lead organizer for Ed Markey this past year -- we need to act now. That means investing decisively in affordable clean energy, clean public transportation, clean jobs. Protecting the beaches and

the Belle Isle Marsh is an investment in our futures, our health, our homes, and local businesses.”

DeVento applauded Speaker DeLeo’s work as an advocate for early education. “I will fight to make high-quality childcare and early education available to all working families, Public education funding is one of my top priorities, and something I was especially proud of while working for the Chair of House Ways & Means. This includes expanding mental health services for our young people, especially those who may be struggling with addiction.”

Her overall goal if elected is simple. “I see this as a moment to make sure that Revere and Winthrop continue to be welcoming and thriving communities. This community welcomed my grandparents when they were looking for a place to call home, and it’s one of many reasons why I will fight for a bright future for all of us.”

The special Democratic primary for DeLeo’s seat is slated for March 2nd, with a general election set for March 30th. For more information about DeVento’s campaign, you may visit her website AliciaDeVento.com, @DeVentoMA on Twitter and Instagram, and /DeVentoMA on Facebook.

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32BJ SEIU endorses Juan Jaramillo for State Rep.

Special to the Journal

Following a member-led vetting process, 32BJ SEIU is endorsing its own Juan Jaramillo for State Rep, District 19 (Revere and Winthrop), as well as Bryan Barash and Madeline Ranalli for Newton City Council in March 2021’s special election.

“These candidates have shown their dedication to making real change in the communities our members live and work in,” said Roxana Rivera, Vice President of 32BJ SEIU. “The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the economic and health disparities Black, brown, and immigrant workers and their families face. Now more than ever, we need elected officials in office who have a vision and plan for improving the Bay State’s cities for working families, such as immigration reform, racial justice, affordable housing, strong union jobs, gun control and clean air and water. I know that Juan, Bryan, and Madeline would work every day to serve the public and amplify the needs of our communities.”

Juan Jaramillo was raised in Revere after emigrating there with his

parents from Colombia. He went to the city’s public schools, graduating from Revere High School. Since his adolescence, he has volunteered as a Big Brother in the Big Brother/Big Sister program, as Program Director for Revere Youth in Action, and as a coach for Pop Warner Football in Revere. During his time with 32BJ, he has helped amplify the voices of frontline janitors and security officers, many who live in Revere.

“The members of Local 32BJ have been at the forefront of this pandemic making sure that people are safe in their work spaces. They have also been leading the fight to expand workers’ protections and benefits for every worker in the Commonwealth,” said Mr. Jaramillo. “I am honored to have the support of the members of 32BJ. Together, we will build a stronger middle class by uplifting workers everywhere; from the person putting up sheet rock to the one cleaning our hospitals.”

Bryan Barash currently works as the General Counsel for State Senator Harriette Chandler, and began his career in public service by working to get

former President Barack Obama elected. Madeline Ranalli has been a strong voice for gun violence prevention and for environmental and racial justice. Both candidates have a vision for making Newton a more equitable, diverse city that working people can afford to live in.

“I am so proud to have the endorsement of the hardworking people at SEIU 32BJ,” said Bryan Barash. “I know that together we can deliver on the promise of affordable housing, racial justice, environmental sustainability, and economic security for all.”

“I am deeply honored to earn the endorsement of 32BJ SEIU. Growing up in a proud union family, I understand the important work that unions do to support not just workers, but their families and entire communities as well,” said Madeline Ranalli. “As we work to recover from COVID-19 and tackle widespread economic and racial injustice, it is important now more than ever to show up for working families, and I look forward to doing that every day on the Newton City Council.”

Revere's Richie Gallucci goes from the classroom to central office

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Revere Public School Assistant Superintendent Richie Gallucci, a self-proclaimed shy kid from Oak Island, is today part of a four-person team, along with Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly, Assistant Superintendents Danielle Mokaba and Dr. Lourenco Garcia that collaborates on a regular basis to help support and lead the Revere Public Schools and its nearly 8,000 students.

Gallucci, 42, grew up on Oak Island Street in Revere, with his mom and brother Danny (a Math teacher at the Susan B. Anthony), in close proximity to many members of his mother's family.

"My mother, Patty Flynn, was the rock in our family. She epitomized what hard work, character, and values are all about. She constantly stressed the importance of education and never let us become complacent with our performance in the classroom—a B+ or A- on our report card always had the potential to become an A with a little additional effort and focus. My mom pushed us in all aspects of life, never allowing us to give up on an endeavor without "seeing things through," with a maximum effort and all potential solutions exhausted. I am forever grateful for the upbringing I had with my mom and her brothers and sisters."

When speaking of his upbringing, Richie also has high praise for his teachers throughout his years in the Revere Public School system.

"I am also grateful for all of the amazing educators that I had as a student in the Revere Public School system. There are so many teachers that had a positive impact on my life—from Ms. Yanow in elementary school to Ms. Rega in junior high to Ms. Tye in high school (to name just a few). Looking back, I am amazed at how their work extended beyond academics, as they were pioneers of the social emotional learning concept long before it was ever named. Not only did they support academic endeavors, they also took the time with their students to build confidence, self-esteem, and compassion. As an incredibly shy student throughout much of my elementary schooling, I was always appreciative of their work and it empowered me to take more risks as I grew older in my education."

Richie attended the Paul Revere School, Beach-

mont School, and Revere High School where he was a 1996 graduate. In addition, he has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, an MBA from Suffolk University, a CAGS from Salem State College, and a Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

In addition to his role as Assistant Superintendent, his most important role in life is being the biggest fan to his three children, Karly, 12, Drew, 11, and Cameron, 7, with his wife, Kerry, who is a Guidance Counselor at the Susan B. Anthony Middle School.

"Currently, my main hobby is to serve as my kids' biggest fan. I love watching them engage in the extra-curricular activities that they have grown to love during their early childhood. My daughter loves art, softball, and gymnastics, while my boys play baseball, football, and hockey. I like to help out with coaching when time permits, but I believe that the experience is often more meaningful when the coach is someone other than me. I really enjoy watching them engage and compete in the activities that they love, but more importantly hope that they are learning valuable life lessons that will stay with them forever."

His rise to the position of Assistant Superintendent started as an English Language Learner teacher at the Susan B. Anthony Middle School.

"I am always appreciative that an ELL classroom was my first experience in teaching, as it taught me a great deal about barriers that can exist in the educational process. More importantly, it forced me to think creatively in order to develop supports, solutions, and personalized lessons to meet the needs of my students. I quickly learned that the best educational experience for each and every one of my kids was not a one-size-fits-all plan." In addition, he also taught English Language Arts at the Susan B. Anthony Middle School and Garfield Middle School, grades 6, 7, and 8. "As an ELA teacher, I brought my passion for writing to my middle school classes, as we often wrote together as a class, just as much as we read. After six years of teaching, I was named the Garfield Middle School Literacy Coach. I am incredibly proud of our team's work and accomplishments during these two years where our students made incredible strides in both



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RPS Assistant Superintendent Richie Gallucci.

reading and writing. Middle school writing can be a challenging endeavor and our team's ability to engage, guide, and support our students is something that has always inspired me in my subsequent roles in the district. Beyond our academic success, what I appreciate most is how much I learned as a visiting coach to my fellow colleagues' classrooms. Their dedication, creativity, and innovation was incredible, and forever influenced my outlook on teaching and learning. In 2013, I was named Principal of the Rumney Marsh Academy. As the leader of the building, I once again was able to learn and grow alongside some amazing colleagues. I value each experience in my journey to this position—without these stops along the way, I know that I would not be sitting here in the position of Assistant Superintendent."

Gallucci credits his wide range of experience as why he chose to apply for the Assistant Superintendent position.

"I thought I was a strong match for this position because of the range of experience I had as a teacher, coach, and principal in our school district. As a classroom teacher, I always had incredibly strong relationships with my counseling colleagues, nurses, and other building staff. I quickly realized how crucial these relationships were in providing holistic support that focused on my students' social and emotional well-being. I had a wealth of experience in the field of special education, not only as an inclusion co-teacher and coach, but also as the principal of a middle school building staffed to provide support to our high needs students. I have been fortunate enough to work with talented members of our special education staff, particularly our teachers and assistant directors of special education. Overall, in my six years as the leader of a school building, I was able to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of how all members of our

school community work to make our system run effectively. It literally takes each and every person in our district community to build a strong culture and environment for our students. That is the vision that I bring to this position and it is this belief that inspired me to pursue the opportunity."

Gallucci acknowledged that the first year in any new position is challenging, however being hired in the middle of a pandemic took the sentiment to a new level.

"I know that I am certainly not alone in this challenge. Everyone in our community, even those that have been in their current position for years, has had to change and adapt to the unbelievable circumstances that we have experienced for almost a year now. The most immediate challenge in my current role is to ensure that I am up to date with the most recent health and safety information as it relates to Covid-19. Perhaps more importantly, it is my responsibility to ensure that this information is being disseminated to our district community in a timely and helpful manner. My greatest partners in this effort have been the medical professionals and school personnel that have served the greater Revere community beyond our school walls. Our school nurses have been phenomenal in working with staff, colleagues, and families to ensure that they are fully supported during this unprecedented time. They have been instrumental in providing individual support, vaccination clinics, and outreach services for members of our community. I am in constant contact with Jessica Gagnon, our lead nurse, to ensure that we are up to date and communicating pertinent information with our staff on a regular basis. Adrienne Maguire, the school nurse at Beachmont Elementary and SeaCoast High School, has set up multiple flu clinics for Revere families to ensure that the flu vaccine and other vaccinations were accessible for residents. Dr. Nathalee Kong, Chair of the Revere Board of Health, has been amazing in every way possible. Not only has she provided continuous medical guidance and support for our city, school district, and residents, she has led a number of webinars and town halls for our district's staff and families. Lauren Buck, the Director of Revere's Department of Public Health, has been another great support for

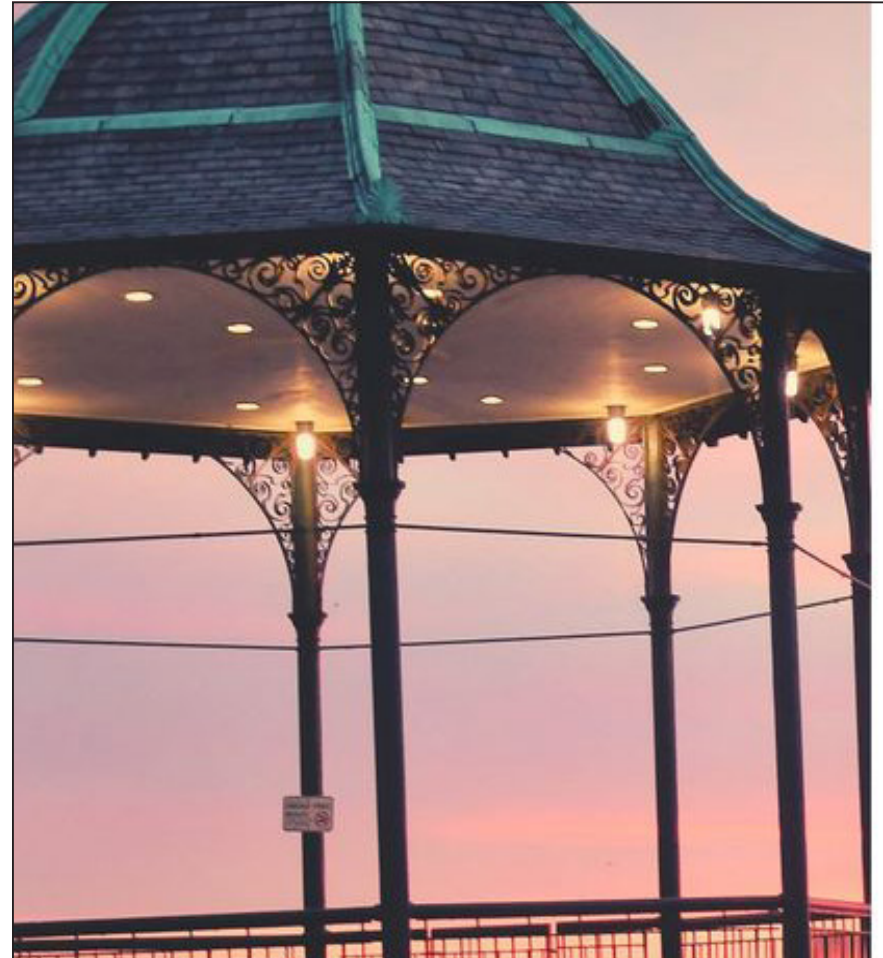
our process, establishing one of the early Covid-19 vaccine clinics for first responders in Revere and neighboring cities and towns. As a result of her work in setting this clinic up at the Rumney Marsh Academy, we now have a vaccine format that we can utilize when we are able to provide the vaccine for educators. In addition to medical professionals, our HART Team has continued their outstanding outreach work to families in need. Our Dining Services team has continued their dedicated work throughout the pandemic, providing multiple food distributions for families since the day we shifted to remote learning. Members of our Transportation department, working in conjunction with our Dining Services team, have stepped up to unfamiliar roles to streamline our distribution of food to improve accessibility for families. While it has certainly been challenging, I am incredibly grateful for the team camaraderie and effort in supporting members of our community."

Gallucci noted the restrictions resulting from the pandemic as the most difficult part of his job. "I think the most difficult aspect this year is the inability to interact with students and staff on an interpersonal basis. I miss working, chatting, and communicating with my fellow colleagues and students firsthand. In a typical first year in this role, I imagine that I would have been visiting schools and classrooms on a regular basis to get to know students, staff, and families. These types of interactions cannot obviously happen at this moment, but my hope is that it will happen in the near future as we get closer to the light at the end of this tunnel."

Challenges aside, Gallucci sees many rewarding aspects of his new position. "I am inspired each day in working with the administrative leaders in our district, starting with Dr. Kelly and her incredible work ethic and resolve in doing what is best for our kids. I have already learned so much from Dr. Kelly, Dr. Mokaba, and Dr. Garcia. The building principals, assistant principals, and directors have redefined what leadership is all about during this pandemic. They have spent countless hours in planning and preparing for a return to in-person learning since August, ensuring that we are ready to open our doors when the time arrives. Even when these plans have

not come to fruition, they have maintained their resolve, applying creativity, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to their planning process. Our custodial and maintenance staff have kept our buildings safe and clean, adhering to the latest guidelines while also working to set up isolated portions of our school buildings for clinics or childcare. Our translators and Parent Information Center have worked tirelessly to ensure effective communication with all of our community members. Our administrative assistants, family liaisons, and security personnel have engaged in continuous outreach to individual families. Our office personnel has continued their hard work throughout the course of the pandemic. Our Technology department has not only been able to ready devices for thousands of students, they have continued their support for our staff, while also providing additional support for remote students and family members. And our teaching staff, paraprofessionals, related service providers, coaches and counselors have literally redefined their approach to working with our kids in trying to provide the very best education possible in a full remote setting. This is the most rewarding aspect of my job—the fact that I get to work with every colleague, in every department, across our district. Through these experiences, I am constantly gaining a better understanding and appreciation for all of the work and accomplishments that my colleagues achieve on a regular basis. During this unprecedented pandemic, it has been amazing to watch so many people step up to provide education, services, and support for our students, staff, and families. It is certainly something that I will never forget in my lifetime."

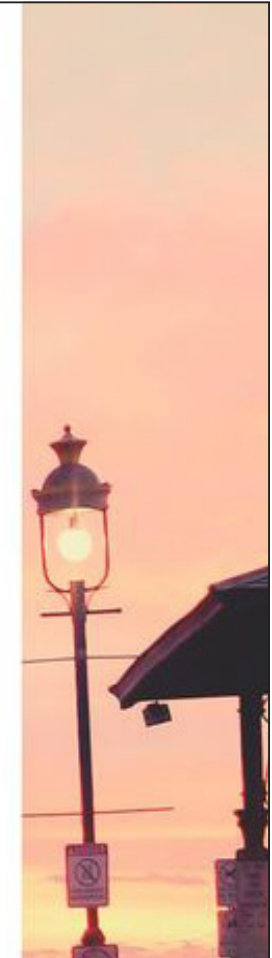
When asked if he had any aspirations beyond being Assistant Superintendent, Gallucci is focused on this year. "I feel like I cannot even think beyond this year. I am very happy in my current role and that is my sole focus right now. This year has been quite the challenge, but I know that we are going to be better and stronger from it. I never know what the future will bring, but I have a great sense of pride in serving as Assistant Superintendent for the city in which I grew up and I am very excited for all that comes with this responsibility," he said.



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OBITUARIES

Antoinette Brandano

Her kind spirit, love, respect for family and friends and passion for life will be missed

Antoinette (Nesci) Brandano, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed peacefully at the age of 100 on February 4.

Ann was born in Revere on March 12, 1920 to the late Elizabeth (Puzzella) and Domenic Nesci. She was the beloved and devoted wife of the late Peter Brandano with whom she shared 38 years of marriage and the widow of the late Albert Lepore. Ann's kind spirit, love and respect for her family and friends and her passion for life will be missed. Her daily routine of dressing so beautifully each day along with hair and lipstick and polished nails was very important to Ann.

She is survived by her sons: James Brandano and Phyllis of Florida, Vincent Brandano and Susan of Revere, Robert Brandano and Denise of Lynnfield, Paul Brandano and Gregory Zak of Florida and Richard Brandano and Barbara of Peabody. She was the cherished nana of nine grandchildren



and proud Great Nana of 12; loving aunt to Joanne Scenci and Thomas of New Hampshire, Nicholas Catizone of Revere, Sonny Ruggerio of California and she was pre-deceased by her beloved son, Carmine Lepore, Peter Brandano, Jr and his wife, Joyce Brandano; her devoted niece, Carol Callahan and her siblings, Jeanette Ruggerio, Frances Catizone and Salvatore Nesci.

The family would like to thank the West Revere Nursing Home and Kaplan Hospice House of Danvers for their loving care.

A visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere on Tuesday followed by an 11 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ann's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or at stjude.org. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Leo Mirasolo

Retired ILGW (International Ladies Garment Union) Presser



Funeral Services were held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic for Leo F. Mirasolo who died at Massachusetts General Hospital on Sunday, January 31 exactly one week after losing his wife of 73 years, Phyllis (Amato) Mirasolo.

Leo was born and raised in East Boston. He was educated in Boston Public Schools but like many, he was forced to leave school to assist with providing for his family. Leo worked as a presser as a young man then opened his own Dry Cleaners & Tailoring shop in Maverick Square in East Boston. He had to close it shortly thereafter due to being drafted into the United States Army in September of 1945.

Leo spent more than a year in Germany with his unit as they searched for weapons and resistance soldiers. The unit went house to house to maintain peace and safety for U.S. Soldiers as well as fellow foreign allies.

Leo was honorably discharged in May of 1947 and immediately began work as a presser with the ILGW Union (International Ladies Garment Workers Union) in Boston's "Garment District." He spent over 45 years working there.

Leo and his wife began their life together in East Boston, later moving to Revere in 1956. His family was always first. He worked hard to provide for his family which was always his priority.

After many years of hard work, Leo and his wife enjoyed traveling around the world. They took trips to Europe, Hawaii, the West Coast, Aru-



ba, the Bahamas, Canada, Las Vegas and Florida. Leo also enjoyed the visiting casinos and the race-track. He was a horse racing enthusiast.

Above all, Leo loved his family. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, they were the most important to him.

The devoted and beloved husband of the late Phyllis (Amato) Mirasolo, he was the loving father of Ret. Revere Patrolman Joseph L. Mirasolo of Groveland, Leonard F. Mirasolo and his wife, Ann Marie of Saugus and Lisa A. Mirasolo of Revere; cherished grandfather of Michelle L. Korisianos and her husband, Peter of Peabody, Stephen J. Mirasolo and his wife, Nicole of Groveland, Meghan Allen and her husband, Edward of Melrose and Brian W. Mirasolo and his fiancé, Sheila Jameson of Wakefield; adored great grandfather of Gianna, Ava, Alexa and Georgia; dear brother of Mary "Chickie" Masse of Revere and the late Christopher Mirasolo and his surviving wife, Connie of Wakefield, Joseph Mirasolo and his surviving wife, Rose of Revere, Vincent Mirasolo, Frank Mirasolo, Rose Salton, Lena Bouchard, Jennie Arinna and Anna Rappa. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Entombment was in Woodlawn Cemetery - Sheffield Community Mausoleum, Everett. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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

Edwin Frank

Retired Hearings Officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Edwin Frank, 95, of Chelsea, formerly of Malden and Revere, beloved husband of the Harriet (Berger) Frank died on February 8 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House, Danvers.

Born in Malden, the son of the late David and Rose (Levine) Frank, he was raised and educated in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School. Edwin worked as a hearings officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias Crescent Lodge and former board of directors' member of the Chelsea Revere Jewish Community Center. Edwin loved listening to classical music and watching sports. When he was a kid, he used to sell tip sheets for Wonderland Dog Track.

Edwin is survived by his son, Eric Frank and his wife, Donna of Nashua, NH, his granddaughter, Hannah Frank, who was the light of his life, and his niece, Diane Frank. He was predeceased by his brother, Philip Frank and a nephew, Rick Frank.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic private graveside services will be held in Lynn. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Katzman Family Center for Living 17 Lafayette Ave. Chelsea, MA 02150. Sharing written remembrances and condolences during this time will be essential in helping the Frank family reminisce, celebrate and heal. We encourage you to share your memories by visiting www.torffuneralservice.com

Marie Chiles-Mason

Longtime devotee of St. Anthony of Padua Parish Community

Marie A. (Vellucci) Chiles-Mason, 83, died in Revere on February 5 following a long illness.

A longtime devotee of the St. Anthony of Padua Parish Community, Revere, she was the beloved wife of 54 years of Kenneth J. Mason and the late Edward J. Chiles, the cherished mother of James E. Chiles and his wife, Christine of North Andover and Kevin J. Chiles and his wife, Kristine of Revere; devoted

grandmother of Janelle Silk and her husband, Dustin of North Andover, Britney Francis and her husband, Jeffrey of East Hampstead, NH, Stephanie Chiles and Jamie Leigh Chiles, both of North Andover and Kevin J. Chiles, Jr. and Emily Anne Chiles, both of Revere; dear sister to Cosmo D. Vellucci and his late wife, Maureen of Malden, Patricia J. Carrasquillo and her late husband, Juan and Anne C. Rodriguez and her late husband, Efrain "Fred," all of Revere. She is also lovingly survived by her three great-grandsons, Patrick, Connor and Jack



Silk, all of North Andover and proudly survived by Barbara Mason of San Jose, CA and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend the Visitation in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere today, Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. Parking available left of the funeral home. Due to the ongoing pandemic, all protocols will be strictly adhered to i.e. face masks must be worn at all times in the funeral home, in church and on the cemetery grounds. Social distancing must be maintained. All are invited to attend the Funeral Mass on Thursday, Feb. 11 in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Attendees are instructed to report directly to church. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

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

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

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

C.G.

Happy 90th Birthday
JOHN B. D'ARCANGELO SR.
February 3, 1931

Little did we know that morning God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

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They say it gets easier every day
We think of you in silence, and often speak your name
We have lots of memories and your picture in a frame.
We know you'll walk beside us and when our lives are through, We know that God will take our hand and lead us right to you.

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IN LOVING MEMORY
Richard "Dick" Smith
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If Roses Grow in Heaven
If roses grow in heaven
Please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my husband's arms
And tell him they're from me,
Tell him I love him and miss him
And when he turns to smile,
place a kiss upon his cheek
And hold him for a while.

Because remembering him is easy, I do it everyday.
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.

Lovingly remembered and missed,
Wife Kathleen and
daughter Wanda

In Loving Memory of
Connie Mercurio
Feb. 14, 2013-Feb. 14, 2021
8th Year Anniversary

♥ Petals of Her Life ♥
As beautiful as a rose to see, was her life she lived so gracefully. She made things precious by her touch, her selfless love lives on in each of us.
The petals of her life fell one by one, each a gift of her heart till there were none. Yet her radiance blooms once again in fields of glory with no end.
We love and miss you,
Your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

OBITUARIES

Michael Buonopane

Retired Rochester, NH School Network Administrator



Michael W. Buonopane Jr., 71, of Wakefield, NH, passed away on February 5 after complications from multiple strokes.

Mike was born on April 26, 1949 to Susan and Michael Buonopane Sr. in Revere. After graduating from Revere High School in 1967, he graduated with a degree in Political Science from Salem State College in 1974. His work for Honda Motorcycles Division involved travel around the United States and Japan, after which he served for 20 years as a network administrator for the Rochester School Department, retiring in 2018. He devoted much of his free time to preserving the memory of those who fought in World War II, especially his own father, who served with special distinction in the Pacific theater.

Mike was predeceased by his mother, Susan, and his father, Michael Sr. He is survived by his son, Andrew; his former wife, Christine; his brother, William; his sister-in-law, Susan (née Greeley); his sister, Maria Giannelli (née Buonopane) and his brother-in-law, Stephen Giannelli; his uncle, Edward Demaso; his many cousins; his nephews, James and Paul; his nieces, Nina Giannelli; Carolyn Desrochers (née Buonopane);

Laura Woollacott (née Giannelli); their spouses and children; and his closest friends, Lino Avellani and Jay Mazzola.

A calling hour will be held Thursday, February 11 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 145 Lowell St., Manchester, NH. Masks are required. The church has social distancing protocols. The funeral will follow with a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral. Burial will take place at 1 PM in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park & Cemetery, 185 Lake St., Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21297-0303 or online at: <https://support.crs.org/donate/give>.

The Connor-Healy Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 537 Union Street, Manchester, NH is in charge of the arrangements.

REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Shown in 1982 during the unveiling of the Horatio Alger postage stamp are from left, Congressman Ed Markey, Post Office Director of Customer Relations Hal Hoffman, and Revere Mayor George Colella.

10 years ago February 9, 2011

As the sale of the Necco Candy Company looms, Necco officials indicated at a public meeting last week that they hope to find a buyer that would keep the company intact – including its brands and its factory/property. However, according to union officials who represent Necco workers, the chances for a positive sale that would benefit workers and the city has only a narrow window of opportunity at this point.

With little more than a week under new ownership, the Squire Lounge was the scene of a brutal knife attack last Friday, and the incident has been forwarded to the License Commission.

Justin Bieber: Never Say Never, Sanctum, and Just Go With It are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago Feb. 14, 2001

City officials are predicting a sharp increase in property values in the city after the recent revaluation by an outside firm.

A 13 year-old Dorchester boy has been convicted of the non-fatal shooting of a 27 year old man in the back at Revere Beach last summer.

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino has named former Chamber of Commerce President John Verrengia to replace Kenneth Hill on the Board of Assessors, but the City Council voted to delay voting on the appointment.

The Chamber of Commerce recently sponsored a “Shadowing Day” event for RHS seniors, who shadowed local businessmen and women during their work day.

The Wedding Planner, Hannibal, and Valentine are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Feb. 13, 1991

City building inspectors are undertaking regular inspections of tenements on Shirley Ave. in an effort to ensure that the spectacular blaze that left more than 100 persons homeless in December does not happen again.

A 19 year old Charlestown man, Christopher Greenberg, was sentenced to life in prison for the stabbing death of Noel Rafalko of 6 Florence Ave. who was 22 when he was murdered in his home.

The Silence of the Lambs, Home Alone, and Dances With Wolves are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Feb. 11, 1981

DPW Supt. Henry Trifone said that the projected 25 percent reduction in the DPW budget because of the implementation of Prop. 2 and 1/2 will cause a “drastic” reduction in the services provided by his department.

The School Committee received disturbing news this week that the roof at the Revere High School, which is not even 10 years old, is deteriorating and will cost \$200,000 to repair.

State Senator Francis Doris announced this week that a \$2.7 million contract has been awarded to construct a pumping station at Sales Creek that will alleviate flooding in the area.

City Hall was abuzz this week with a visit by Joe Kennedy, the Presi-

dent of Citizens Energy Corp., who came to speak to local oil dealers about the under-priced oil provided by his company for low-income and elderly residents. Kennedy is the oldest son of the late Robert F. Kennedy and a nephew of the late President John F. Kennedy, both of whom were assassinated. Kennedy is seen by many as a potential candidate for public office.

Judge Lillian M. D’Ambrosio will replace Judge Salvatore Aloisi as the Presiding Justice of the Chelsea District Court. Aloisi, a former long-time Revere resident, is retiring after a distinguished career on the bench.

John Cerretani is the new President of Cerretani’s Supermarkets. He replaces his father, O. “Joe” Cerretani Sr., at the helm of the family business.

Robin Williams stars in Popeye at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

50 years ago Feb. 11, 1971

The School Committee has named Mrs. Dorothy (Mauriello) Foley the new Principal of the Wolcott School. She has been a guidance counselor at Revere High for the past 11 years.

The ABCC has asked for briefs from lawyers from all parties on the question of whether the ABCC should revoke the liquor licenses of fraternal organizations, such as the Elks, which have racial discrimination clauses in their charters. The local Elks Lodge is serving as the test case for all Elks and Moose lodges across the state because its license is up for renewal.

The Revere Housing Authority voted 3-2 to give Exec. Dir. Carl Hyman a \$2500 pay raise.

Wizard of Gore, Gruesome Twosome, and Something Weird are playing at the Revere Drive-In Theatre.

Former Mayor Laurence J. Gillis, who served from 1938 to 1941, passed away Sunday at the Mass. General Hospital. He was 73 and had been a resident of the city for 70 years. He was a veteran of WWI and practiced law for 45 years.

Frank Strecker Jr. is the new Commodore of the Beachmont Yacht Club. Burger Castle Restaurant, 125 Squire Rd., is offering a giant 2-for-1 sale for any sandwich or dinner. Burgers are 59 cents and a roast beef sandwich is 79 cents.

Walt Disney’s The Aristocats is playing at the Winthrop Cinema during the school vacation week.

60 years ago Feb. 16, 1961

State Rep. Harry Della

Russo is the lone Revere candidate among a field of 12 who are vying to succeed State Senator Harold Canavan, who left that post to take a judgeship in the Boston Municipal Court.

More than 1500 persons were on hand at Blinstrub’s Village in South Boston to honor new BMC judge Harold Canavan. State Senate President John E. Powers served as featured speaker. Canavan has served as a member of the School Committee and City Council, State Representative, and State Senator in local politics in a career that began in 1938.

A two-alarm fire at 18 Dolphin Ave. Monday morning left 15 persons homeless. Fire Chief Vincent MacAulay said the blaze started when two men installing a Formica countertop on the first floor ignited a chemical adhesive.

Local car dealers will hold traditional Washington’s Birthday Open Houses Wednesday.

Rev. Michael Doocey, who has served as a curate at Immaculate Conception Church since 1952, has been transferred to Sacred Heart Parish in Newton.

Bob Hope and Lucille Ball star in The Facts of Life at the Revere Drive In. Jack Lemmon and Ricky Nelson star in The Wackiest Ship in the Army at the Revere Theatre.

Bradley Lord, U.S. Men’s Figure Skating Champ, a nephew of Revere residents Mrs. Anne Walden and Raymond Duval, was one of the 18 members of the U.S. National Figure Skating team killed in the tragic air crash in Brussels, Belgium last week.

More than 300 persons attended the second annual Costume Carnevale at City Hall sponsored by the Revere Ladies Lodge of the Sons of Italy.

Bob Hope and Lucille Ball star in Facts of Life at the Winthrop Theater.

70 years ago Feb. 15, 1951

A former Revere resident, Pfc. Frank Charido, has been listed as missing in action in Korea. Charido had been in the service prior to the outbreak of the war. He had altered his birth certificate in order to be able to join the Army. Charido is the 21st Revere casualty of the war. Cpl. Gerald Chieppo has been listed as missing in action and Lieut. Bernard Kniznick and Cpl. Robert S. Mauro have been killed in action. The others have been wounded.

City employees appeared en masse at Monday’s City Council meeting to demand an across the board pay-raise of \$200. Their request came

on the heels of City Manager Edward Monahan cutting his own salary by \$2000 and the city councilors reducing their salaries to \$4000 per term, which means they will receive nothing this year. Monahan cut the requested budgets of department heads by \$423,000 for a final city budget for 1951 of \$3,833,000. Monahan’s cuts included a big reduction in the requested School Department budget, including the elimination of the \$200 raises for school teachers which had been granted by the School Committee. The school budget represents about one-third of the overall city budget.

An educational film about the atomic bomb, “You Can Beat the A-bomb,” is being shown in the public schools this week.

Louis Wiseman is the new President of Congregation Tifereth Israel on Nahant Ave.

John Foulds is the new President of the Point of Pines Beach Association.

Robert Mitchum and Burgess Meredith star in G.I. Joe at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

80 years ago Feb. 13, 1941

Miss Angie Passeri of 366 Proctor Ave. was the lucky winner of the grand prize of a Glenwood gas range at the annual Revere Journal Cooking School, held in conjunction with the local gas company, which was attended by a capacity crowd of local homemakers on all three nights last week at Revere City Hall.

Former Police Chief Edward Tighe, who had been demoted to patrolman by former Mayor Laurence Gillis two years ago because of Tighe’s alleged involvement in a gambling ring with former Mayor James O’Brien, assumed his duties once again as Chief of Police after being reinstated by new Mayor Raymond Carey this week. Carey told the members of the police department that he has no ties to racketeers and he expects the police to keep them out of the city.

A report by the Registry of Motor Vehicles reveals that Revere ranks last for automobile safety among the 13 cities of its size in the state. Revere had the most accidents of any of those cities in 1940 with 507 collisions that resulted in six fatalities and 882 injuries.

John Airola, the Superintendent of the police and fire alarm signal systems in the city for the past 30 years, died suddenly this morning at Winthrop Community Hospital. Airola had slipped and fallen at his family’s Luna Park Garage on Ocean Ave.

National Grid seeks approval to expand access to distributed solar

Staff report

National Grid has filed a proposal to expand access to solar energy and provide annual bill discounts to 20,000 low-income customers in Massachusetts.

Solar-powered generation is a vital part of the strategy to meet Massachusetts’ clean energy goals. While many customers benefit from the savings of rooftop solar, not every customer has the means or ability to install solar panels on their home.

Community Shared Solar is a part of the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program, and it enables customers to lower their bills through local solar projects without having to install solar panels on their property.

To date, low-income customers have had limited access to the monetary benefits available from participating in solar projects. As of December 2020, less than five percent of solar capacity in the SMART program serves low-income customers. The company’s Solar Access Initiative, which is pending review from the state Department of Public Utilities (DPU), seeks to make clean energy more accessible to low-income customers.

“No matter their income level, all of our customers should share in the benefits of distributed solar,” said Marcy Reed, president of National Grid in Massachusetts. “With this proposal, we are demonstrating our commitment to offering fair and affordable solutions as we drive toward our clean energy future.”

The Solar Access Initiative aims to expand access to Community Shared Solar projects by eliminating the need for customer

credit checks through a new Solar Simplified Billing program. In addition, National Grid will launch a Solar Enrollment Program exclusively available to low-income customers that will provide approximately \$240 in annual bill discounts.

•Solar Simplified Billing

The owners of many Community Shared Solar projects screen applicants using credit scores to reduce the risk of late payments. This significantly limits the pool of customers who can qualify to participate. National Grid’s Solar Simplified Billing eliminates the need for credit checks by guaranteeing on-time payments to project owners.

•Solar Enrollment Program

National Grid’s Solar Enrollment Program will simplify the process for low-income customers to sign up for Community Shared Solar projects. The program will offer a month-to-month subscription, no sign-up or cancellation fees, and an electricity bill discount of approximately \$240 per year.

Residential customers enrolled in National Grid’s low-income rate will be eligible to participate. National Grid expects that the program will serve up to 20,000 low-income customers.

National Grid will contract with and match low-income participants to Community Shared Solar projects. The contracted projects will not have to conduct their own customer billing or recruitment, reducing their costs and making more bill discounts available to the low-income participants.

If approved by the DPU, the Solar Access Initiative would go into effect in early 2022.

State Rep. Race Highlights

School Committee member Carol Tye endorses Juan Jaramillo for State Rep.

One of Revere's most respected public servants supports Jaramillo's bid for election to the House

Special to the Journal

Revere School Committee member and former Revere Superintendent of Schools Carol Tye has endorsed Revere's own Juan Jaramillo for State Representative for the 19th Suffolk District. Committeewoman Tye is a former teacher at Revere High School who led the teachers union for 33 years before she was promoted to the position of superintendent. After her retirement in 2001, Carol was elected to the School Committee and continues to serve in this capacity.

Jaramillo, a Revere High School graduate, served alongside Tye as the Student Representative to the Revere School Committee. "I am proud to support Juan Jaramillo for State Representative

from Revere and Winthrop," said Committeewoman Tye, a lifelong Beachmont resident, in her endorsement of Jaramillo. "As a colleague on the School Committee, Juan always stood by his values. I am confident that he will continue to fight for our students, our parents, our teachers, and our schools in both Revere and Winthrop as our State Representative."

While the Revere Public Schools are among the top-performing Gateway City school districts in the Commonwealth, its working-class student body has been disparately affected during this pandemic. The public health crisis has highlighted the long-term funding issues that school districts like Revere face and presented us with unique challenges

to learning that plague students and families in their educational experience.

"I am honored by and grateful for Committeewoman Tye's support. She is among Revere's most respected public servants, and I am looking forward to working with her on bettering our school district," said Juan Jaramillo of Tye's endorsement. "We are in a unique moment for our school system. It is critical that our students and parents receive the quality education and support they deserve, while we simultaneously protect our staff's health and safety. I am a proud graduate of Revere Public Schools, this is where my kids will go to school, and I am deeply invested in our system. As your State Representative, I will work tirelessly to build upon the

district's success."

Talking about the Student Opportunity Act which increases funding for schools like the ones in Revere and Winthrop, Jaramillo said "the Commonwealth has a constitutional duty to fully fund our public schools and I will fight to ensure that we meet that commitment now that we are so close to fulfilling that promise. We can't afford to lose even a year of the promised funding that the legislature made to our students and teachers. The Student Opportunity Act will help; bridge the digital divide that has negatively affected our working-class student population, improve the infrastructure in our buildings to enhance the learning experience and protect teachers and students, and provide more



Candidate for State Rep. Juan Jaramillo and School Committee member Carol Tye, who has endorsed Jaramillo for the 19th District Suffolk State Representative seat.

specialized learning for the students that most need it."

"I am running for state representative because of the incredible work of educators like Ms. Tye who has been fighting for a quality education for all and inspired my career in public service" Juan Jaramillo, a life-long Revere

resident, is running to represent Revere and Winthrop in the House of Representatives 19th Suffolk District. If he succeeds in the March 2nd special primary, Jaramillo, the only Revere candidate on the ballot, will move into the seat formerly held by the Honorable Speaker Robert A. DeLeo.

TURCO CAMPAIGNING IN BEACHMONT



Shown above, Candidate for State Rep. Jeff Turco with supporters shown during a stand out this past weekend at Kimmerle Park in Beachmont.

Shown to the right, Candidate for State Rep. Jeff Turco goes door to door with former Mayor of Revere Dan Rizzo to greet and talk to constituents.



Revere City Councilor Patrick Keefe endorses Juan Jaramillo for State Rep.

Special to the Journal

Revere City Councilor Patrick Keefe announced his endorsement of Revere's own Juan Jaramillo for State Representative for the 19th Suffolk District. Keefe was elected to the Revere City Council in 2017 for Ward Four and has served on the council since. Councilor Keefe works in operations management for Legal Seafood and also served as the President of Revere Pop Warner, was elected to serve as the Council's president for the 2020 session.

Jaramillo and Keefe serve together on Revere's Democratic City Committee, where Keefe serves as Treasurer. "I've known Juan for over 8 years and he has always been a fighter for Revere. I feel it's important that the representatives should reflect the district that they serve," said Keefe (D-Ward 4). In his endorsement, Keefe highlighted Juan's understanding of the district, "Juan the only Revere candidate, is a great representation of our city's people, our schools, our businesses, character, work ethic, and its greatest asset is our diversity. I am confident Juan will be a great representative for the district and I am excited to announce my support in his campaign." He closed by saying, "Speaker DeLeo was a true champion for our community delivering for all of the residents of this district. Juan is the only candidate with a track record of bringing results, from getting us the seed funding money for the Revere Substance Use Disorder Initiative



City Councilor Patrick Keefe.

to expanding access to healthcare to our residents by bringing the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to Revere and Winthrop."

Revere is among the communities in the Commonwealth hardest hit by the pandemic this year. A diverse community, Revere faces a confluence of crises in public health, education, housing, and in our economy.

"I am honored by Councilor Keefe's endorsement," said Jaramillo (D - Revere). "As Council President, Councilor Keefe's led our communities through some of the hardest times of the pandemic. Councilor Keefe paid close attention to the needs of our most vulnerable residents, I look forward to working with him to ensure this city's residents continue to receive the care, education, and housing they deserve during this difficult time."

Juan Jaramillo, a life-long Revere resident, is running to represent Revere and Winthrop in the House of Representatives 19th Suffolk District. Jaramillo, the only Revere candidate on the ballot, will fill Speaker Robert DeLeo's seat if elected in the March 2nd special primary.



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Sports

ST. MARY'S OF LYNN SPARTAN HOCKEY SENIOR NIGHT AT CONNERY RINK

Last Wednesday evening the seniors of the boy's hockey team from St. Mary's of Lynn were recognized for their achievements on the ice

for the past four years. During this time these Spartans have recorded a record of 50 wins, 24 losses and nine ties. This excellent record shows that

St. Mary's boys hockey continues to be one of the finest programs for high school athletes in Massachusetts.



(#8) Dante D'Ambrosio with his parents, Michelle and Dave.



#11 Senior Captain Kyle LoNigro with his parents, Jennifer and Ed.

SHORT-RANGE SHOT

St. Mary's basketball star Nicolette D'Itria will attend Endicott College in Beverly

By Cary Shuman

Nicolette D'Itria's legacy as one of the most successful players in the history of the powerful St. Mary's High School of Lynn girls basketball program is already assured.

A superb 5-foot-6-inch senior guard from Revere, D'Itria was a starter and major contributor the last

two seasons as St. Mary's played Hoosac Valley in the 2018 state championship game and defeated Rockland in the 2019 state semifinal at the TD Garden (The state final, a rematch with Hoosac Valley whom the Spartans had bested earlier in the season, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

Basketball observers will agree that St. Mary's, currently 15-1 and in first place in the Catholic Central League, would have been one of the favorites for the 2021 state title but the ongoing pandemic has forced the cancellation of the entire MIAA Basketball Tournament.

St. Mary's head coach Jeff Newhall said D'Itria is worthy of all the accolades.

"Nicolette's record of success here is one of the best in the history of our program," said Newhall. "I think if we didn't have a pandemic she would have been the first person here to start in three consecutive state championship games."

As her exciting high school varsity journey winds down (and her now legendary 30-point JV explosion as an eighth grader remains a school record), D'Itria has announced that she will be continuing her academic and basketball career at Endicott College in Beverly.

"I made the decision



NEXT STOP ENDICOTT: St. Mary's High School basketball star Nicolette D'Itria is pictured with her proud family, parents, Mike D'Itria and Tami D'Itria, and brother, Anthony D'Itria.



PHOTO BY BOB MARRA

St. Mary's High School basketball star Nicolette D'Itria, pictured in action during the Spartans' victory over Bishop Fenwick in the Division 3 North sectional final in 2019.

Ivan Mertilus takes another step forward toward his pro football dream

By Cary Shuman

Ivan Mertilus is back in his hometown of Revere after impressing NFL scouts during his appearance in the 2021 Hula Bowl college football all-star game in Hawaii.

Mertilus made four tackles for Team 'Ania (Land) who lost to Team Kai (Ocean), 15-13, in what will likely be the last game played at Aloha

Stadium, home to the University of Hawaii football team.

"Hawaii was good, it was a blessed experience," said Mertilus, a 6-foot, 200-pound defensive back, who is hoping to be selected in the 2021 NFL Draft. "I'll always remember playing in the Hula Bowl."

Mertilus, 23-year-old

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the other day after I had a phone conversation with the Endicott coach," said D'Itria. "I had talked about it with my parents before and we decided that it would be my best option to go to Endicott."

D'Itria also considered Framingham State, Suffolk, and UMass/Dartmouth among her final choices before making the decision.

D'Itria has toured Endicott's beautiful, pictur-

esque campus, met the basketball coaches in person, and attended a Lady Gulls' game. D'Itria will play her home games at the Dr. George MacDonald Gymnasium inside the Post Center, which is an excellent facility for college basketball.

A rising star from her start in Revere

Nicolette D'Itria's skills and fundamentals on the basketball court were ob-

vious from the beginning, a product of her father Mike D'Itria's teachings.

She first played organized basketball in the fourth grade for the Revere Runnin' Rebels travel team coached by Tim Spinney and Anthony Palermo. Spinney is currently an assistant coach at St. Mary's. "Mr. Spinney has been with me in basketball the whole time

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10 years ago
February 9, 2011

The Revere High girls basketball team showed this week that not only are they adept at winning the runaway games, but that

they also know how to win the close ones. Danvers seemed to be on the verge of ending the 12-0 Lady Patriots' run of victories. Playing before a big crowd estimated at 400-500 fans,

LET'S GO, PATRIOTS!



RHS Cheerleaders perform a routine during a Revere High football game in 1982.

RHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

the home team Lady Falcons held a six-point lead with 1:40 to play. After Revere regrouped with a timeout, a basket by Marissa Parent, a three-pointer from the baseline by Gena Restiano, and free throws by Morgan Jenkins and Restiano soon erased the Danvers advantage and eventually propelled the Lady Patriots to a 50-46 triumph. Restiano and Parent ended up as high scorers with 13 points apiece. Morgan Jenkins added 12, Ashley DeFraia hit for eight, and Caitlyn Caramello chipped in four. The following night's contest against Salem proved to be a return to the typical scenario that has befallen most of Revere's opponents this season as the Lady Patriots cruised to a 56-30 victory to improve to 14-0. Parent led the point parade with 12, followed by Jenkins with 11, Restiano with 10, Caramello with eight, and Amy Rotger with seven.

The Revere High boys indoor track team put on a strong showing at last Thursday's Northeastern Conference Meet at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. Coach Jack Mosko's Patriots finished fifth among the 12

teams at the competition with 43 points. The top finisher for Revere was Breny Guzman, who captured first place in the 300 meter dash in a time of 38.19 seconds to claim the title of NEC Indoor Champion in that event. Other medalists for Revere who added points to the Revere score sheet by placing in the top six were: Albion Lici, who took sixth in the 55 meter hurdles in 8.95; Robert Rose with a third in the 300 in 38.51; Mike Fitzpatrick with a third in the 600 in 1:26.69; Brahim Rhazi with a third in 1000 in 2:41.77; a second by the 4 x 400 relay quartet of Fitzpatrick, Devin Colon, Johnny Lopes, and Rhazi 3:42.24; Joe Ritchie (who also reached the finals of the 55 meter dash, but finished in eighth position) with a second in the long jump in 20'-5"; Vin DiChiara with a fifth in that event with a leap of 18-4.5; and Vito Licata with a third in the shot-put with a toss of 43-1. he meet also was notable because Ritchie's long jump of 20'-5" set a new Revere High School record.

On the girls' side, Briana Scata was the lone Lady Patriot to reach the

medalist circle with a fifth-place effort in the shot put with her throw of 28'-6".

The Revere High boys basketball team dropped a pair of contests this week, falling to Salem, 85-55, and then to Danvers, 73-60, on Saturday. The Patriots committed 34 turnovers in the loss to Salem. Sean Quiroz enjoyed a nice night in the offensive department with 20 points. Trae Weathers hit for nine, Greg Cabral added seven, Chris Palladino tossed in six, Paul Norton had five, D.K. Khalieng chipped in four, and Frank Colleran and Al Lagis, newly up from the JV, scored two points apiece. In the Danvers contest, Weathers turned in a monster night with 29 points and 18 rebounds. The contest was tied at 51-51 after three periods, but the Patriots only hit on 3-of-10 from the foul line in the final period. Quiroz reached double figures with 11 points. Cabral, who had to leave the game on account of illness, had six points, as did Palladino. Colleran and Joseph Aut hit for four each.

A lack of offensive punch proved fatal for the Revere High hockey team in a 3-1 loss to Swamp-

scott. Dale Paradise scored the Revere goal, assisted by Peter Marino.

20 years ago
February 14, 2001

The RHS hockey team tied Franklin 2-2 to clinch a spot in the post-season state tourney. Mike McPherson scored the game tying-goal in the third period. Coach Jim Palumbo's squad now is 9-5-2 on the season.

The RHS boys basketball team clinched a state tourney spot with a 91-76 win over Arlington. Jon DeMarco scored 24 points and Chris Miles added 20.

30 years ago
Feb. 13, 1991

The RHS hockey team earned its second win of the season, 7-4 over Malden. Manny Scata scored a hat trick for the Patriots.

The RHS girls basketball team dropped a 61-52 decision to Everett. Kim Hyland scored 16 points, Nicole Anzuoni added 10, and Amy Chamberlin had nine.

Ti Ek won the 50 yard dash and Bunnaro Sun captured the high jump to lead the RHS boys track team to a second-place finish in the GBL Indoor Track Meet last week.

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son of Beatrice Mertilus of Revere, said one of the highlights was playing on the team coached by Mike Singletary, the former Hall of Fame linebacker for the Chicago Bears (who defeated the Patriots, 46-10, in Super Bowl XX).

"We practiced with Coach Singletary each day and after the first day I pulled him over so I could get a one-on-one with him so I could learn more about the defense and how he does things and how I can improve," said Mertilus.

The Hula Bowl was televised nationally on the CBS Sports Network. Mertilus, who played safety in the game, showed ex-

cellent pursuit in getting to the ballcarrier quickly.

"I was playing behind a lot of great players - my linebackers and my defensive linemen," said Mertilus.

Mertilus roomed with his team at the Waikiki Hotel under strict guidelines due to the coronavirus. "We had a team bus from the hotel to the stadium and really didn't get to do too much sightseeing. The coaches had their own travel van. At all times we had to wear special masks that had the Hula Bowl logo on them."

Mertilus received his Hula Bowl uniform as a souvenir. "After the game Mike Singletary signed

the back of my jersey so I'm definitely going to put it somewhere special in the house," related Mertilus. "We also received Hula Bowl practice shorts and jerseys, backpacks, and we're going to get rings."

Mertilus will now prepare for what is known as an "NFL Pro Day" workout. The traditional NFL combine for draft prospects in Indianapolis has been canceled due to the coronavirus.

"I'll be doing my training in Los Angeles," said Mertilus, who attended LA Valley Community College and Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

Describing himself as

"a man of faith," Mertilus said he will assist at a homeless shelter during his training period in LA.

Mertilus grew up in Revere and attended the Our Lady of Grace School, Chelsea, through fourth grade. He attended Immaculate Conception, Revere, for fifth grade and then graduated from Garfield Middle School. He was a student at Revere High School for two years before transferring to St. Clement School, Medford.

After playing in the Tropical Bowl and Hula Bowl all-star games, Ivan Mertilus now wants to begin a career in professional football.



Ivan Mertilus of Revere is pictured at the Hula Bowl college football all-star game in Hawaii with Team 'Ania head coach Mike Singletary.

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and I'm grateful for all of his support and coaching," said D'Itria.

She attended Immaculate Conception School and excelled as a leading scorer for the school team in grades five through seven.

D'Itria also attended Jeff Newhall's Spartans Summer Basketball Camp and enrolled at St. Mary's after completing seventh grade at IC.

A promotion to the varsity as an eighth grader

Once Nicolette D'Itria arrived in the St. Mary's girls basketball program, Coach

Newhall recognized her potential to contribute at the varsity level right away.

Newhall moved the talented eighth grader to the varsity and there was no looking back after that. D'Itria became a four-year starter and this season she again pairs with Jirsy Queliz to form one of the state's best backcourts.

Though she has exhibited her outside shooting ability in virtually every game (she had a 25-point performance in Florida that earned a special 'Player of the Game Award'), D'Itria is known widely as "a complete player."

D'Itria can finish drives

with either hand. She is an adept dribbler. She is a strong rebounder and tenacious defender. She is generous in the distribution of the basketball, making her a perfect complement to teammates, including 1,000-point scorer Maiya Bergdorf, Alyssa Grossi, Kelly Preira, Van Nguyen, Pe'jae Parent, and her aforementioned backcourt partner, Yirsy Queliz, a future college basketball prospect herself.

Nicolette's work ethic - a key facet in her consistent improvement instilled in her by her father, Mike - is second to none, according to Newhall.

"Nicolette has worked on her game more than any player we have had in our program and she deserves everything she gets," said Newhall.

She has sharpened her game in the off-season playing AAU basketball for the MCW Stars under the leadership of coaches Mandy Zagarowski and Jesus Rodriguez.

Basketball has been a great experience at St. Mary's

During her career, the St. Mary's basketball team has traveled to play games at Disney World and in South Carolina, New York, and Cape Cod.

"The whole experience has been a lot of fun," said D'Itria. "I have great teammates and friends at the school. You're able to do a lot more on the court with them and it's just an overall better game because of their talent and teamwork."

An excellent student and a member of the National Honor Society who performs community service, D'Itria said the coaches at St. Mary's have been awesome mentors.

"I want to thank Mr. Newhall and all the coaches for everything they have done for us," said D'Itria. "Coach Newhall is always very honest with us and pushing us to do our best."

Nicolette said she truly appreciates Head of School Dr. John Dolan for attending the team's games, including the meaningful Senior Night Ceremonies. "Our administration and teachers are always so supportive of our team," she said.

One of her favorite

teachers is also one of her basketball coaches, Mike Jalbert, who teaches U.S. History at St. Mary's.

"Mr. Jalbert always been there for my basketball and my schoolwork," said D'Itria.

A lot of support from her family

Nicolette, 17, is thankful for the support and inspiration of her parents, Mike and Tami D'Itria, and her brother, Anthony, a stellar Steph-like shooter and perhaps the next member of family to help bring a state title home to St. Mary's.

"I want to thank my family for always having my back on everything - my dad, for always taking me out to the gym for extra hours just to put up some more shots and put me through some drills and always pushing me to my limit," said D'Itria. "And my brother is always there to tell me what I can do better on the court."

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East Boston's Ben Downing announces candidacy for Governor

By John Lynds

On Monday afternoon, East Boston resident Ben Downing is inside Mi Pueblito Restaurant in Orient Heights Square picking up some tacos for lunch.

"The chicken jalapeno here is also really good," Downing tells me as he pays for his lunch.

It's been a busy morning for the Western Massachusetts native who has served 10 years as a State Senator from Pittsfield before stepping down in 2017 to work full-time in renewable energy.

Downing has been on the phone all morning tapping into his network of supporters, potential donors, friends and family.

On Monday morning, Downing released a video announcing he is formally entering the 2022 race for Governor of Massachusetts.

"Growing up in Pittsfield, I lived what it meant to be an afterthought in the state's political power circles," said Downing. "Now, as an East Boston resident, I'm part of a new community just as familiar with being written off. From one side of Massachusetts to the other, I have spent my life in communities that have had to fight harder than they should to get fair representation, equitable access to resources, and attention from Beacon Hill. So I know what a difference state leadership makes. And I know we need better than what we are getting right now."

Downing was one of the youngest state senators ever elected in Massachusetts history in 2006 at the age of 24. During his tenure at the State House, Downing emerged as a

leading climate advocate.

Downing moved to Eastie five years ago with his wife, Micaelah Morrill, and are raising their two young sons Malcolm, age three, and Eamon, age nine months, here. However, Downing's roots in Eastie are strong and the family got their start in the neighborhood at the turn of the last century. In fact, there's a hero square on the corner of Sumner and Cottage Street in Jeffries Point that was dedicated by Mayor Martin Walsh in 2019 in honor of Downing's great great-granduncle Albert Henry Downing of Eastie who died during World War I.

While living in Eastie, Downing has seen first hand the inequities that have existed for quite some time but have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think the major issues right are going to be the COVID response and the lessons we've learned from COVID," said Downing. "What did it expose? What did it show? I think what it showed was something a lot of us already knew existed. We have these widening economic and racial gaps in Massachusetts around income and wages, around wealth and gaps between communities in parts of the state that have grown and have benefited from economic growth in recent decades. So the focus will be how do we close those gaps, how do we address economic and racial justice and, while doing that, take the urgent steps that we need to take to address climate change. We know that the scarcest resource when it comes to climate change is time. We only have really a decade here to take the steps we need

to build a sustainable society and I don't think our actions at the state level have reflected that."

Downing argues that most urgent priority over climate change has percolated up from members of the legislature, there needs to be more sense of urgency from the executive branch of government.

"We need more of a sense of urgency," said Downing. "We know communities like East Boston, Chelsea, Revere and even Pittsfield were targeted for the development of fossil fuel infrastructure and have the asthma rates and other public health indicators to reflect that. We know a transition to a clean energy economy and the spillovers from that are positive. We have more jobs to create by putting solar on roofs, building energy storage, doing energy retrofits of homes, building offshore wind--there's a lot of jobs there."

Since 2017 Downing has served in a leadership role at Nexamp, a leading renewable energy company. In that role, Downing led efforts to improve accessibility within the green economy, expand to new markets outside of the northeast, and deploy cutting-edge energy storage solutions here at home. He serves on the board of the Environmental League of Massachusetts and is a leading advocate for climate action in the Commonwealth.

"I've come away from Nexamp more optimistic," said Downing. "The naysayers will say, 'Oh it's big pie in the sky stuff' and it's not going to really do anything with the economy. I think the most exciting thing for me is to see the solutions that we have to climate change that are



Ben Downing on the campaign trail.

at our fingertips--whether that's solar energy efficiency, battery storage, offshore wind--they're there to be tapped. What's been missing is leadership that's ready to tap into that potential and set a higher standard for all of us. All too often you see Governor Baker echo talking points from the real estate lobby and others who say these will cost too much and slow down development. We've heard those concerns every step along the way when it comes to the climate change debate in Massachusetts. But every step along the way those talking points have been proven wrong. Yes, there are costs but the benefits far outweigh the costs. We've seen that time and time again and the great thing about these

jobs is they will be done in Massachusetts, the work has to be done here, and they're good blue collar jobs that can be done in every corner of the state."

Another focus said Downing will be to invest in transportation that can help cut down on carbon emissions.

"A big part of addressing climate change issues is making transit more reliable and you look at governor Baker's record; it's a record of cutting the budget at the MBTA," said Downing. "We need to increase ridership and make it more reliable but we need to do the same with the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) because the BRT just isn't relevant but we need it to be. We need people to see that as a viable option that gets

them out of their cars. It is a significant undertaking but it's that much tougher to do without leadership from the corner office."

As a state Senator, Downing represented the largest district in the state, comprising 52 cities and towns. Over a decade in office he led legislative efforts to accelerate our clean energy development and respond to climate change, rebuild our urban and rural economies, reduce poverty and hunger strengthen our state ethics laws, and expand protections for transgender individuals.

"I'm running for Governor to build a fairer, stronger Massachusetts," said Downing. "I believe there is no limit to what we can accomplish here. But the leadership needed to unlock this potential is sorely lacking. As we recover and reimagine our future in the months and years to come, we need a Governor who sees, feels and understands the gravity of this moment and how we got here; who is not content with accumulating power but who is ready to use that power to respond boldly to the dire impacts of the pandemic, rising racial inequality, and the urgency of climate change."

Study reveals which Mass. jobs pose greatest COVID-19 threat for workers

Staff report

A recently published study on COVID-19 deaths by occupation in Massachusetts from March 1 to July 31, 2020, is one of the first to demonstrate that certain jobs in the state are at higher risk of death due to COVID-19.

Conceived and conducted by MCPHS University Public Health Instructor Devan Hawkins, the study examined death certificate data from a total of 555 individuals aged 16-64 who died of COVID-19 and certificate listed occupation. Eleven occupational groups had mortality rates higher than the average worker. Those occupations in order of risk include health-care support; transportation and material moving; food preparation and serving; building and grounds cleaning and maintenance; production; construction and extraction; installation, maintenance, and repair; protective service; personal care and service; arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media; and community and social service. The study also confirmed well-documented racial and ethnic disparities in COVID-19 deaths. Hispanic and Black workers had mortality rates more than four times white workers. The study found this true even within the same occupation group. For instance, Hispanic food preparation and serving workers had a mortality rate eight times that of white workers in the same occupation.

Many of the occupations with elevated death rates are jobs that cannot be done from home and therefore have an elevated risk of exposure. However, the study suggests

that other factors may also be contributing to higher death rates like lack of access to health-care. Seven of the eleven occupations with higher COVID-19 death rates have a higher percentage of workers without health insurance. Workers in high-risk jobs may also be more likely to have underlying comorbidities that increase the risk of dying. As other studies have noted, male workers had almost twice the mortality rate as female workers, with the difference being particularly devastating for Hispanic, Black, and workers of other races and ethnicities.

The study further demonstrates the need for the comprehensive workplace COVID protections that the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH) has been advocating for since the start of the pandemic, especially for low-wage workers, immigrant workers, and workers of color. While the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) received thousands of COVID-19 related complaints during the study period, the agency failed to issue and enforce strong workplace health and safety protections. In Massachusetts, decisions about how to reopen the state economy were made without the input of occupational health and safety experts on how to protect workers from exposure to this deadly virus. In May, MassCOSH condemned Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker's CEO-heavy 17-member reopening advisory board for not having a single member representing workers or even one expert in occupa-

tional health. As a result, the workplace health and safety regulations created by the board failed to protect workers, and enforcement was punted to local boards of health who were under-trained and under-resourced to effectively handle the emergency.

To better protect workers in dangerous occupations, increased resources are needed for health and safety trainings that are proven to save lives. Elected officials must create and pass policies that assure that ensure workers can take time off with pay to quarantine or when they are sick to prevent workplace spread. The study clearly demonstrates the need for occupational presumption legislation that would ensure workers who work outside the home have access to no-cost medical care and workers' compensation benefits when they become sick, and benefits for their families in the tragic event they die from workplace exposure to COVID-19. MassCOSH is also demanding that workers in the 11 occupations listed in the study be given priority access to the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves, their coworkers, and families from the deadly virus.

"We can no longer ignore the systematic inequalities that have contributed to such painful and preventable loss of life," said MassCOSH executive director Jodi Sugerman-Brozan. "We owe it to the workers we lost and those still putting their health every time they report to work by renewing our promise as a society that earning a living will not require you to risk your life no matter who you are."

New data shows FTC received 34,028 fraud reports from Mass. consumers in 2020

Staff report

The Federal Trade Commission received 34,028 fraud reports from consumers in Massachusetts in 2020, according to newly released data.

Massachusetts consumers reported losing a total of \$40,944,783 to fraud, with a median loss of \$275.

The FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network is a database that receives reports directly from consumers, as well as from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, the Better Business Bureau, industry members, and non-profit organizations. This year, the FTC welcomed the data contributions of the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection. Twenty-five states now contribute to Sentinel. Reports from around the country about consumer protection issues—including identity theft, fraud, and other categories—are a key resource for FTC investigations that stop illegal activities and, when possible, provide refunds to consumers.

Across all types of reports, the FTC received a total of 53,111 reports from consumers in Massachusetts in 2020.

The top category of reports received from consumers in Massachusetts was Identity Theft, followed by Imposter Scams; Online Shopping and Negative Reviews; Credit Bureaus, Information Furnishers and Report Users; and Banks and Lenders.

•Fraud Losses Up Nationwide

Nationally, consumers reported losing more than \$3.3 billion to fraud in 2020, up from \$1.8 billion in 2019. Nearly \$1.2 billion of losses reported last year were due to imposter scams, while online shopping accounted for about \$246 million in reported losses from consumers.

The FTC received 2.2 million fraud reports from consumers in 2020, with imposter scams remaining the most common type of fraud reported to the agency. Online shopping was the second-most common fraud category reported by consumers, elevated by a surge of reports in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Internet services; prizes, sweepstakes, and lot-

teries; and telephone and mobile services rounded out the top five fraud categories nationally.

Sentinel received more than 4.7 million reports overall in 2020. Of these, nearly 1.4 million were identity theft reports received through the FTC's IdentityTheft.gov website.

In 2020, the FTC introduced ReportFraud.ftc.gov, an updated platform for filing reports with the agency. The FTC uses the reports it receives through the Sentinel network as the starting point for many of its law enforcement investigations, and the agency also shares these reports with more than 2,800 law enforcement users around the country. While the FTC does not intervene in individual complaints, Sentinel reports are a vital part of the agency's law enforcement mission.

A full breakdown of reports received in 2020 is now available on the FTC's data analysis site at <https://ftc.gov/explore-data>. The data dashboards there breakdown the reports across a numbers of categories, including by state and metropolitan area, as well as exploring a number of subcategories of fraud reports.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

O'FLAHERTY RETURNS TO CHELSEA

CHELSEA - When his friend and colleague in the House of Representatives, Martin Walsh, the newly elected mayor of Boston, asked him to be corporation counsel for the city of Boston, then-State Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty accepted the new job and the considerable challenge of the position.

And now after seven years of commendable and widely acclaimed service in the key role in the Walsh Administration, O'Flaherty is leaving and will be returning to Chelsea.

"It was an incredible opportunity to serve the City of Boston and to continue my public service," said O'Flaherty. "When I got there, it felt like an overwhelming task. We have to manage over 60 attorneys, paralegals, and staff. It's a very diverse law practice, with many qualified attorneys working on schools, on the Boston Police and Boston Fire, and all the different departments and commissions, as well as the Boston City Council," said O'Flaherty.

If it sounds like a gargantuan operation, it is. All of the legal representation for New England's largest city was under O'Flaherty's jurisdiction, including more than 1,200 litigation cases per year.

There are close to 20,000 employees working for the city "so it was a very large law practice difficult to manage, but I quickly, with the help of some very public servants, figured out what the role of the job was," said O'Flaherty.

"Being with the Mayor, my legislative colleague and friend, throughout all

of that, it was a great honor working to fulfill a lot of what he wanted to accomplish as Mayor," said O'Flaherty. "I've been by his side almost since Day 1, and we'll be leaving around the same time."

Walsh has been nominated by President Joe Biden for the Cabinet position of U.S. Labor Secretary. O'Flaherty was asked by the Mayor to serve with him in Washington, D.C. in the Office of the Secretary of Labor.

"Maybe if I were 20 years younger, I would have taken advantage of that opportunity, but at this point in my life, it will be too disruptive to both myself, my wife (Patricia), and my in-laws," said O'Flaherty.

"While I was very honored to be asked to serve in the Office of the Secretary of Labor and continue working with Mayor Walsh in his new role, I had to very emotionally decline the offer.

"I'm very proud of what he has accomplished as Mayor and now to be in President Biden's Cabinet - but it would be too disruptive personally to me, my family, my friends, and our network that we have here, to leave here and go down to Washington," said O'Flaherty.

Chelsea's former state representative

Gene O'Flaherty was elected state representative for Chelsea and Charlestown in November, 1996, and took office in January, 1997. O'Flaherty and Walsh, who represented Dorchester, both started together as freshman legislators.

"Both of our districts had Boston, so we had mutual legislative interests at first and we quickly became friends because, like

me, both his parents were from Ireland and both my parents were both from Ireland as well, so we had a lot in common and we hit it off," said O'Flaherty.

They served in the House of Representatives together for 17 years. When Walsh was elected Mayor of Boston in 2013 and took office in 2014, he met for dinner with O'Flaherty and asked him to join his administration as corporation counsel.

O'Flaherty accepted the offer. He stepped down from his state representative seat and gave up his private law practice.

Many accomplishments that bettered the city

Over the course of Walsh and O'Flaherty's seven years together in Boston city government, there were many accomplishments.

Until COVID-19 arrived, the economy for the City of Boston was booming. The innovative Seaport District, now a national model, was developed during the administration.

New fire stations, police stations, and libraries were built in the city. There was new infrastructure and huge economic growth.

Returning to law practice

A graduate of Suffolk University and the Massachusetts School of Law, Gene O'Flaherty will be returning to private law practice, including government relations. He has been practicing law since 1994.

As he comes back to the city where residents overwhelmingly supported him in elections, O'Flaherty says he's excited to back in Chelsea.

"It's good to be home," he said.

Said Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, "It's great to have Gene returning to our city and being a big part of our community. He was an excellent, hard-working state representative who did so much for our city when he served in that position. I know he was also a tremendous asset to the Walsh Administration in an important role. I look forward to seeing Gene at Chelsea events and I wish him well in his law practice."

FUNDING FOR CAMP FIRE NORTH SHORE



Camp Fire North Shore received a donation from Camp Lions and the Lynn Lions Club for \$50,000.00 for capital improvements. Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation also donated \$25,000.00 as well as the Gerondelis Foundation who will donate a \$100,000.00 over a three year period. This total donation amounts to \$175,000.00 for the initial improvements. Camp Fire Executive Director Laurie Hamill was so excited to begin the overdue renovations to the camp located on Cain Road. She continued to explain, "Thank you to these amazing benefactors; we can move forward on the first phase of the project to allow us to serve more North Shore youth and allows us to offer year round programs." The future improvement program will provide a safe and inclusive curriculum helping young people to become "caring and confident leaders". Pictured, the \$50,000 check presented to Camp Fire North Shore - (L-R) Richard Alfonsi, John Baker, Sean Crowley, Camp Fire Executive Director Laurie Hamill and Camp Fire Board Members Steve Antonakes, Lynn Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, and Matthew Lamothe.

SCHOOLS' OUTREACH PROGRAM THRIVES

CHELSEA - On one day last summer, Supt. Almi Abeyta, members of the School Committee and her staff hit a pivot point.

After emergency schooling had wrapped up, video graduation had transpired, racial issues in the district had surfaced and many were simply coming up from survival mode after months treading water - it was time to think about school again.

The first thing to figure out was how in the world would the Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) engage with parents and students in a pandemic. With engagement historically challenging in Chelsea, adding a pandemic to the mix made seem insurmountable.

But incrementally, and with building a foundation, the district not only figured out how to engage, but also ended up launching a long-term plan for co-design of the district with parents, students, community members and business leaders.

Last Thursday, The Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy highlighted the district for one of three key pillars of success in state school districts - that being shared voices and shared leader-

ship.

"The one silver lining in all of COVID, it's the family and community engagement we've been able to do during this time," said Supt. Almi Abeyta during a panel discussion last Thursday.

Center Director Chad d'Entremont said they are pushing the idea of shared leadership in school districts, going a step beyond just collaborating. He said it could come with elevating student voices, having student-led conferences, School Committee seats for students with full voting privileges, or changing other formal structures.

He said the Harvard School of Education's Design Lab has innovated in creating Children's Cabinets, which Chelsea Public Schools has adopted this year in the midst of its ambitious co-design plan. The Cabinets create a table for those working with youth - including departments, agencies, businesses, civic leaders and non-profits.

"They come together to develop a collective vision and system of supports for youth development and growth," he said. "CPS has taken such an approach to this. Along with establishing the Children's Cabinet, they have also launched the co-design pilot to include families in

every step of the district's plan to improve learning."

In doing so, they've established nine teams to look at everything from discipline practices to remote learning to improving School Site Councils to changing the demographics of the teaching staff.

"Chelsea is a largely immigrant with a high LatinX population and a predominately white teaching staff," he said. "One goal is to shift racial power dynamics in the community."

In the panel discussion, Abeyta said you have to lay a foundation before attempting such a move. As a new superintendent last year, her entry plan called for new and better engagement with families.

"That kind of led me to say one pillar will be family and community engagement as I start a new superintendency," she said. "Building on that, the community and the teachers were so hungry to engage families. We hadn't made the effort because we were so busy with everything else."

Then COVID presented this silver lining and you can't let the crisis go to waste. We were thinking that we were in remote learning and we didn't know how long we would be there. We had to engage our families somehow. They aren't coming to the schools and we have to engage students and make sure attendance rates are good."

That's when they decided to do trust visits last summer.

Though simple, they were effective in creating a personal bond. Teachers and administrators scoured the community and had visits or conferences on sidewalks and porches of the homes around the city. Some parents actually came to the school for the upper grades and talked with teachers in large tents outside.

That activity was built into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Chelsea Teachers Association. The understanding was in the 10 days of professional development training, some of those days would be reserved for outreach and trust visits.

"We thought about having parent/teacher conferences out front, but we don't really call those parent/teacher conferences," she said. "Instead we called them trust visits. The trust visits happened on the sidewalk. We also

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SPOTLIGHT

The State of the City Address by Mayor Arrigo will be airing live on RevereTV and all RTV outlets tomorrow night at 6pm. The RevereTV staff has been working with the mayor and his team to facilitate this production which is taking place in the studio. This year's address is different because it is totally virtual. Members of the community are participating with pre-recorded video clips, but others will be present via Zoom. Tune in tomorrow at 6pm to see Mayor Arrigo's State of the City Address on RevereTV.

All RevereTV channels have been loaded with repeats of the Revere COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall. This Town Hall included information for residents 75 and older about how to get access to the vaccine, along with answers to questions about the vaccine from Revere residents. Along with this informational program, much shorter PSAs have been playing with information that directly reaches out to seniors. The PSA gives those who may not have the means to book an appointment other ways to get help to do so.

Last week, the kitchen studio was put to great use! In partnership with the Revere Office of Elder Affairs and the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center, RevereTV is producing instructional cooking programs for seniors. The latest of this series is a continuation of "Cooking with the Keefes," featuring Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe and his wife Jennifer. The duo shows you how to tailgate at home with recipes in the spirit of Sunday's "big game." These recipes included slow braised pork with cheddar cornbread and chipotle barbecue sauce, and banh mi with vinegar slaw and sriracha aioli. This episode has been airing all week on the RevereTV community channel, but can also be watched on YouTube. There will be more cooking shows to come!

Keep an eye out for more original shows in the months ahead. RevereTV has been trying to create programming targeted to seniors, most often working with city entities for content. If you'd like to watch RevereTV, you can find the channel on 8, 9 and 1072 on Comcast, and 3, 13, 613, and 614 on RCN. All city government meetings and RevereTV productions can be viewed on the RTV YouTube channel at any time.

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bought big tents and put them outside so teachers could meet with families before school and have a physical connection even with masks and social distancing.”

After having the visits and giving away books, art supplies, discussing wi-fi issues and providing hot spots if necessary, students, families and teachers felt ready for school – and empowered to reach out to school leaders if there were issues.

That ended up being the foundation and pre-cursor for the evolution of co-design, which was a long-term goal for the district that many didn’t think would happen in the midst of COVID. However, it did and it has accelerated.

“We set the foundation and there was just this eagerness and thirst,” said Abeyta. “Then we started to co-design. It evolved. That’s what I love about this is it evolved and there is so much ownership across the district. The educators doing this with our families have created such a beautiful partnership.”

COVID-19 CASES DECLINING

EVERETT - The numbers of COVID-19 cases in Everett backed off again last week from a major surge coming after the holidays, going down from the 600 range two weeks ago to the 200 range this week and last week.

The percent positive rate is also on the decline this week, at just over 10 percent.

The numbers of COVID-19 cases has dropped steadily over the last three weeks, signaling that the holiday surge of cases has come and gone now. There were 272 cases reported last week, and that has now dropped to 225 this week.

The most recent numbers are as follows:

- Tuesday, Feb. 2 - 23
- Monday, Feb. 1 - 20
- Sunday, Jan. 31 - 31
- Saturday, Jan. 30 - 49
- Friday, Jan. 29 - 16
- Thursday, Jan. 28 - 33
- Wednesday, Jan. 27 - 40
- Tuesday, Jan. 26 - 13

On Monday, Jan. 4, Everett moved its testing full-time indoors at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center on Elm Street. Testing is done Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday and Saturdays, testing is done noon to 6 p.m.

RAGUCCI RETIRES AFTER 38 YEARS

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria and a small group of City leaders joined former mayor – and retiring Assistant City Clerk – David Ragucci for last-day ceremony on Jan. 28 in the Council Chambers.

“The moment was bittersweet as I was honored to wish former Mayor David Ragucci a happy retirement after 38-plus years of public service,” said Mayor DeMaria. “David is a true son of Everett and his love for this city knows no bounds.”

Ragucci has had many titles besides being the former Mayor of Everett. He was also an Everett Alderman, City Councilor, Assistant Clerk of Everett, Member of the Everett Redevelopment Authority, State Investigator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and he was the Stoneham Town Manager.

“That is an amazing list

of accomplishments and titles but I must say the title I am most proud to address him as is friend,” said DeMaria. “I wish him the best of everything as he takes time to enjoy life after such a dedicated career in public service.”

NEW DEVELOPMENT PITCHED FOR MAVERICK STREET

EAST BOSTON - Zoning Attorney Jeff Drago pitched his client’s plans for 28 units of housing on Maverick Street along the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.

At a Friends of the Mary Ellen Greenway Council meeting last Thursday, Drago said his client, City Realty, has purchased the parcels at 167-169 Maverick St. that once housed the Saints and Angels Ceramic Store and wants to renovate the existing three-story brick structure and erect a five-story addition for a total of 28 housing units with 11 parking spaces at the ground level.

“Those of you who are familiar with those parcels know it was the former Saints and Angels Ceramic Store and the adjacent three unit brick building to the left,” said Drago. “So we’re proposing to combine those parcels and raze the small one story commercial structure because it really is not in the best of shape.”

Drago said his client wanted to meet with the Greenway Council because of the project’s close proximity to the park.

“We’ve met Gove Street Citizens Association members for an initial meeting and now the Greenway Council,” said Drago. “This is going to go through the Article 80 Small Project Review process just because of the size of the proposal and we will also have to meet with the Parks Department because we’re abutting the Greenway as well. This is really the early stages of the project and we wanted to talk to folks early on. We have had a pre-file meeting with the city, but we have not officially filed anything with the BPDA yet.”

During his presentation Drago pointed to the recently city-approved project at 173-177 Maverick St., which he said has a similar height as City Realty’s proposal.

With flooding a continuing problem on the Greenway due to rain runoff Drago said City Realty has come up with a plan to eliminate rain runoff from the proposed building onto the Greenway. “All of the rainwater and all of the rain runoff from the building will be stored in a holding tank,” said Drago. “Rain water would be collected from the building, go into this holding tank that is under the surface parking in the rear of the proposed building, and then the excess rainwater will be slowly distributed and re-introduced into the storm water system. Right now there isn’t anything like this so all of the rainwater goes down downspouts and eventually makes its way down into the Greenway adding to the existing flooding problems. But as part of this project we’ll be harvesting and mitigating all of our rainwater.”

Due to the projects close proximity to the Greenway City Realty, a shadow study was conducted and concluded the worst time for shadowing is the win-

ter with the building casting little shadow impact onto the Greenway during the other three seasons.

Greenway Council member Karen Maddalena said her major concern was having only 11 proposed parking spaces

“If you could consider having more parking spaces that would be great,” she said.

Drago said the project hopes to take advantage of the city’s Compact Living Program so the proposal is limited on how many off-street parking spaces can be included.

“If you are part of this compact living program you are limited to how much parking you can actually have,” said Drago. In order to qualify a project for this program, Drago said the proposal has to be walking distance to a train station.

“It is designed to encourage those folks moving here to use other modes of transportation,” said Drago. “The developer has to make space available for bike parking-space would otherwise be used for off-street parking. So if you are going to take part in the compact living program you actually are prohibited from having more parking. Now, this is something we wanted to see what people’s thoughts were. Obviously, this could evolve over time but if we were to add more parking we would have to remove this project from the compact living program.”

SUMP PUMPS FAIL, CAUSING GREENWAY FLOODING

EAST BOSTON - Members of the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch (MEW) Greenway reported that two sump pumps that were installed years ago to curb flooding on a section of the Greenway have failed. The failure of the pumps has caused recent flooding on the stretch of the MEW Greenway between the Maverick Street Bridge and Marginal Street after heavy rain.

“Both of them failed,” said MEW Greenway member Karen Maddalena.

Reading from a letter city officials sent to the group, Maddalena said the Parks Department has ordered the new pumps and is working to fix the problem. Maddalena added the work should take about four to six weeks.

The sump pump failures came after the Walsh Administration appropriated \$400,000 in the city’s budget last year to protect the MEW Greenway from sea level rise. A few years back the city purchased a deployable flood wall that can be used to keep storm surge waters from the Harbor from entering the low-lying greenway.

However, MEW Greenway member Patricia D’Amore said the latest flooding is not related to sea level rise concerns.

“This flooding has nothing to do with sea level rise...it’s the rain,” said D’Amore. “Sea level rise is going to be a problem but this other flooding problem is much more immediate. Every time we have a heavy rainstorm we have flooding.”

D’Amore said years ago the city identified silted drain pipes as the culprit for rain water flooding. The city corrected the issue and added the sump pumps as an added level of

protection but D’Amore expressed her frustration.

“It’s one thing after another with the city,” she said. “As far as this flooding is concerned, we just can’t seem to get it resolved. Every single rainstorm is a problem.”

ST. PIUS DOING WELL

LYNN - When it looked like the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic last spring would affect the current school year, St. Pius School Principal Paul Maestranzi and his staff immediately went to work on a comprehensive plan.

“We’re doing great,” said Maestranzi, a highly acclaimed educator and the school principal since 2000. “We started planning for our September opening last April because it looked pretty imminent that we were not going to be able to do the regular school procedure.”

Parents have responded with their support and gratitude for the professional, caring delivery of education by the St. Pius teachers and the meticulous approach to public safety that the school has demonstrated since it opened on Sept. 14. School enrollment is up 10 percent to 280 students (pre-K through grade 8) and that number would be greater if space allowed. The school has intentionally limited its enrollment in some classes due to social distancing guidelines. There have been minimal issues related to COVID-19 positive cases.

Maestranzi said the school initially looked at a two-platoon model (half of the students in morning classes and half of the students in afternoon classes) and modified its plan around that approach.

“The students have half a day of academics with their teachers and the other half of the day they have an academic assistant for classes in physical education, music and art,” said Maestranzi.

Students in groups of no more than 15 remain in their classrooms for academic instruction from individual teachers who rotate to the classrooms.

“The students do go out and enjoy a lot of fresh-air-time,” related Maestranzi. “The windows are open all the time so there’s fresh air coming in and out of the room. Everyone wears a mask. And there are sanitizing protocols that they are following.”

St. Pius did institute a 14-day closure (Jan. 4-Jan. 18) following the Christmas holiday vacation as a health precaution. “We went completely remote and we do have 30 students who are offered a half day of virtual learning,” said Maestranzi. “But all other students get a full day at the school (from 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.)”

Maestranzi can see the joy in the faces of the students who are happy to be learning and interacting (from a minimum of six feet away) with their friends for the entire school day.

“When we opened in September, the kids were so happy to be here even though it’s hard for them – they don’t get to move around a lot,” said Maestranzi.

Maestranzi began his career at St. Pius as a teacher in 1982. His wife, Cherie, is a kindergarten schoolteacher at St. Pius.

In fact, the esteemed husband-and-wife Maestranzi duo was the subject of some heartfelt praise from St. Pius’ successful alumna Michelle Roach (who holds a graduate degree from Harvard) in a recent feature story in the Lynn Journal. Her brother,

Stephen Roach, also one of Mr. Maestranzi’s former students at St. Pius, became the class valedictorian at St. Mary’s High School and is a Boston College graduate.

The future is bright for students at St. Pius. The school is adding an after-school bell choir and a knitting club. There are also remote, after-school STEM and robotics programs and a new diversity and sensitivity training program advancing an “everybody is special” philosophy.

Maestranzi said overall the students are in great spirits - and the path of an excellent, well-rounded, Catholic school education at St. Pius is being navigated as smoothly as possible during these unprecedented times in the nation’s history.

TOWN SEES DIP IN COVID-19 CASES

WINTHROP - The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified Town officials of thirteen (81) additional confirmed positive cases of the virus in Winthrop since our last reporting on January 28. This is down from 113 the previous week. These additional cases bring the total case count in Town up to 1,835, with 34 deceased, 118 in isolation and 1,683 recovered.

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EAST BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER HOLDS COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC AT NEIGHBORHOOD PACE LOCATION

Courtesy photos

Last Thursday area residents took advantage of the vaccination clinic hosted by EBNHC at the Revere PACE site on Garo-

falo Street. Residents who meet the state criteria can currently be vaccinated.

All are encouraged to make appointments, come down and receive a vaccine.



Rita Krassnoff receives her first dose of the vaccine.



Volunteers administering were (left to right) John Benecchi, DMD, Adrienne Maguire RN and School Nurse in Revere, Lauren Buck, Health Director for City of Revere, and Revere resident Kathy Savage, NP for Element Care SCO program.



Revere's Louis Krassnoff receives his vaccine.



Revere's Paul Saintil receives the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.



Alice Haskell, Chair of the Winthrop Senior Center moments before receiving her vaccine.



Gloria Torre, 93, gets ready to receive her first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine



Revere School Committee member Michael Ferrante was on hand during the event.



Mariela Cardona receives her first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine with her son.

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Revere firefighters battle two blazes Saturday night

By Cary Shuman

The Revere Fire Department battled two blazes in the city at homes on Mountain Avenue and Revere Beach Parkway within a span of three hours Saturday night.

Fire Chief Christopher Bright said the cold, wintry weather and icy surfaces made firefighting operations challenging. No residents were injured in either fire. Residents were evacuated safely from both fires.

The second of the two fires was a three-alarm blaze at a six-unit, triple-decker at 242-244 Mountain Avenue.

The first calls came in around midnight.

On arrival, firefighters saw that the structure was fully involved in flames. The fast-moving fire moved into the roofing area, making it inaccessible. The rear of the building sustained heavy damage.

"It was a long fire-



Fire Chief Chris Bright makes a call over the radio as he and residents look towards the raging flames.

fight that went to three alarms pretty quickly," said Bright. "The primary search was to get everyone out of the house. It was one of those fires where we had to wait it out, not get anyone hurt, and just contain it as best we could. We had a fire detail there through the morning hours."

Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Giampietro was in charge at the scene, with the company called into action for the second fire within a few hours.

Fourteen residents, in-

cluding three children, were displaced by the fire.

Bright said Boston Sparks provided assistance at the blaze, putting down hundreds of pounds of rock salt to lessen the slippery conditions.

The Revere Fire Department received mutual aid from Chelsea, Winthrop, Malden, Boston, Lynn, and Massport.

In the first fire at 6 p.m. at a home on Revere Beach Parkway, firefighters, under the direction of Deputy Chief Giampietro, were able to evacuate the



The aftermath of the overnight blaze at a home on Mountain Avenue.

residents safely and get to the origin of the fire quickly.

"They found the fire burning in the attic between a couple of channels," said Bright. "It was a great stop that they could get in there, pull it down, find it, and extinguish it

before the fire took the whole roof off the house. They did great work of aggressive, interior-attacking, and were able to keep the damage minimized."

It was a very busy and challenging night, part of the unpredictable nature of firefighting which can

test a department in a minute's notice. Fortunately, the Revere firefighters worked together to evacuate residents safely, bring a stableness to what can be a threatening scene for neighbors, and contain the structural damage to the original buildings.

Arrigo activates Fire Relief Fund to support victims of fires on Mountain Ave and Revere Beach Parkway

Special to the Journal

The Office of Mayor Brian Arrigo has begun collecting donations to the Mayor's Fire Relief Fund to benefit the victims of last weekend's tragic fires at 242-244 Mountain Ave and 386 Revere Beach Parkway. The fire left several families without stable housing in the middle of a snowy winter, rendering them especially vulnerable amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Losing almost everything in such a precarious time, many have relied on the support of their friends, and Mayor Arrigo hopes the community will continue to be

generous in helping them land on their feet.

"Our neighbors face the hardship of losing their homes after an incredibly challenging year for Revere's families, and it is my hope that the Fire Relief Fund will allow our community the opportunity to securely offer a hand. Picking up the pieces after tragedies of this caliber is never easy, and the impact of the pandemic makes it that much harder for these families to reach the level of stability they need. I would like to thank our partner community organizations and first responders for having been the front line of support

for these residents. Our community has and will continue to support these families as they head towards better times."

Impacted families have received monetary support from Red Cross Massachusetts and will continue to receive support from the City's community partners.

Donations may be made online via PayPal by visiting www.revere.org/relief. Donations may also be received via a check made out to "City of Revere, Mayor's Office Fire Relief Fund" and mailed to the Mayor's Office or deposited at People's United Bank on Broadway.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF REVERE FIRE PHOTOGRAPHER PETER ALOISI

A firefighter makes their way up Ladder 1 towards the blaze coming from the roof of the house as smoke and water fill the air.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chelsea Curves construction look-ahead through Feb. 20

Staff report

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

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

•ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND: Approaching the Chelsea Curves from

the North Shore, the work zone is in the median. As of Wednesday, 12/23 all 3 travel lanes are open during the daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.).

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•There are no local street closures scheduled for this look-ahead period.

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur

during daytime working hours (7 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: Installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea

Curves.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND: Completion of new bridge deck and placement of Bridge Barrier will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

For more information about the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project, please visit the project website: mass.gov/tobin-bridgechelsea-curves-rehabilitation-project.

COMPLETED WORK

•All remaining work is within the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the job. Work has begun on the reconstruction of parking lots underneath the Chelsea Viaduct.

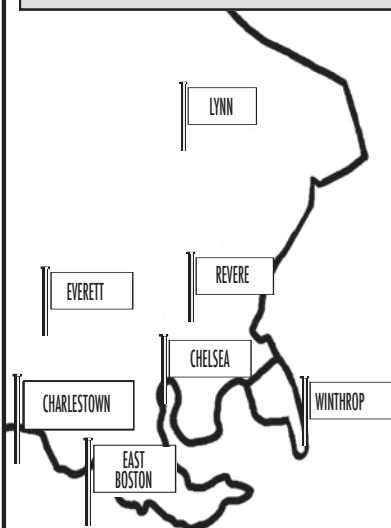
TRAVEL TIPS

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.

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Revere Housing Authority Resident Services Director

Position Purpose: Develop, coordinate, implement and evaluate all program functions of the Revere Housing Authority (RHA)

Reports to: Executive Director

Positions Supervised: Mixed Population Coordinator; Interns/Volunteers

Salary: \$55,000-\$60,000

Primary Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement a year-round program schedule to include scheduling of programs for all residents at the RHA State and Federal Properties
- Develop and implement comprehensive program activities in the areas of technology, ESL, education, employment, academic achievement, social/recreational, health, arts/culture, leadership development, substance abuse education and prevention, civic engagement, and economic development for the continuum of ages that utilize the center.
- Plan and carry out social opportunities to connect with neighbors in and outside the development.
- Plan and implement activities year-round, including school vacation weeks, summer, holidays, etc.
- Work to market all programs via newsletter, newspaper, flyers, and cable as needed.
- Help identify, develop and coordinate implementation of programs at the RHA through community partnerships with area schools, colleges, area organizations such as the YMCA, YWCA, Metro-Housing Boston (MHP) local banks and area businesses and other community organizations which can enhance quality of life for RHA residents and program participants.
- Identify individual, family and community service needs of residents and offer appropriate referrals
- Developing strategies to link residents with needed programs, including assisting them to overcome various barriers that might impede access to those services
- Building community participation and involvement in service programs offered.
- Actively work with the RSM in setting and accomplishing the goals of the center
- Identifying additional resource and funding opportunities to respond to emerging needs and interests of residents
- Coordinate and supervise all functions of the drop-in program, including school vacation activities.
- Work closely with local colleges and local organizations to recruit program volunteers and interns
- Build and Maintain working relationships with service provider partners, contractors and providers to develop an integrated system of education and technology, workforce, employment and economic development, youth recreation and diversion, and family support services to support the continued and long-term success of families residing in the development.
- Manage all aspects of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program including home-ownership program and completion of annual application and grant renewal process
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of resident needs and issues (conduct needs assessments, community meetings, etc.) offer residents the opportunity to assist their community and guide them towards appropriate services and resources.
- Develop and maintain a comprehensive list of resources (employment, education, social service agencies etc.) available in the community for residents' benefit.
- Collect information and document incidents for potential follow-up by property staff and/or residents involved.
- Perform other duties related to the Resident Service Program as directed by supervisors.

Administrative

- Maintain accurate records and contact information for all participants, including children and adults.
- Prepare and submit monthly (program, events, demographics) reports to the Center Director.
- Work closely with the Executive Director on seeking out and responding to grant/funding opportunities.
- Work closely with the Executive Director on the development and dissemination of a consistent program schedule.
- Train and supervise program staff, volunteers and college interns.
- Attend and participate in networking opportunities that will enhance and further the mission and purpose of the RHA.
- Maintain all grant related files and documentation in preparation for reporting and evaluation.
- Maintain vendor files for recreation programming, such as bus companies, entertainers, caterers, field trip sites, etc.
- Work towards the production of the monthly newsletter, including

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Effective communicator with ability to engage a range of stakeholders in writing and verbally.
- Ability to plan, organize and facilitate the scheduling of multiple programs and providers.
- Ability to produce documents and reports that meet specified standards and time frames.
- Experience writing grants and seeking grant funding opportunities.
- Self-directed with the ability to prioritize and multi-task.
- Ability to maintain positive relationships with a wide variety of program participants, providers, stakeholders and staff.
- Must demonstrate a commitment to recognizing residents' knowledge and experience as a valuable resource.
- Able to motivate individuals and groups to actively participate and take leadership in efforts to increase self-determination.
- Able to accurately identify/assess resident assets and needs in order

Education and Experience:

- Ideal candidate will have at a minimum a B.A. in management, (Master's Preferred) social work, education or related fields. Relevant experience can be substituted for education.
- Experience working in community partnerships and organizations on projects that require multi-agency coordination.

- submitting articles and coordinating the participation of the youth. Maintain file on all newsletters.
- Maintain inventory of equipment, supplies and other necessary materials; submit purchase orders to Executive Director for approval in a timely manner.
- Inform the Center Director, Center Coordinator and maintenance of potential safety hazards or actual incidents.
- Inform the Center Director of any required intervention between residents and RHA.
- Work to prepare activity room for events, to include table set-up, hosting, food preparation, clean up before and after the event.
- Submit expense requests to the Center Director, submit all receipts in a timely manner to the Center Director for monthly reconciliation.
- Positively promote the RHA in the community and within the complex.

- to connect them effectively to resources and help them set personal goals.
- Able to effectively facilitate meetings and community gatherings.
- Must demonstrate a high level of verbal, writing and listening skills.
- Literate with technology and software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.) website development and social media.
- Ability to represent the Revere Housing Authority at various community events and task forces.
- Ability to identify resources, including funding opportunities to support the work of the Revere Housing Authority.
- Accurate and timely record keeping.
- Common sense, flexibility and a sense of humor.
- Passion and personal interest in working with people and providing assistance.

- Knowledge of the Boston/ Suffolk County area community a plus.
- Knowledge and experience working with organizations serving the following populations: youth, families, seniors, immigrants, unemployed, people with substance use, mental health related issues, physical and learning disabilities.

Contact Information: Please submit a cover letter and resume to Carlos Lopez, Executive Director, Revere Housing Authority, 70 Cooledge Street, Revere, MA 02151. RHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmation Action Employer



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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17, Chapter 17.12, Section 17.12.010-17.12.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing via remote participation on Monday evening, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. and the Revere Planning Board will conduct a public hearing via remote participation on Thursday evening, February 25, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. on the application of the City of Revere, Massachusetts requesting an amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere as follows:

Be it ordained by the City of Revere:

AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REVERE RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REVERE RIVERFRONT OVERLAY DISTRICT.

Section 1. Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by adding Chapter 17.26, entitled "Revere Riverfront Overlay District", which includes the following Sections: 17.27.000 Purpose. The Revere Riverfront Overlay District ("RROD") is herein established as an overlay district. The purpose of the RROD is to reposition the waterfront as a public use asset for City of Revere residents and to encourage residential and economic development by promoting a mix of public and private uses through a balanced strategy on this waterfront as outlined in the Revere Riverfront Master Plan. All proposed development within the RROD requesting to apply the provisions of this Chapter shall be in conformance with the guidelines and objectives set forth in the Revere Riverfront Master Plan, which include:

- a. new and/or improved recreational facilities for public use
- b. new and/or improved public access to the riverfront
- c. preservation and restoration of natural features along the riverfront
- d. preservation of open spaces
- e. creation and enhancement of pedestrian and bicycle connections to the riverfront
- f. new multi-family housing and certain commercial uses conducive to the purpose of the RROD

17.27.010 District Boundaries. The RROD is within the GB and LI Zoning Districts. The boundary of the RROD includes the following parcels: 14-1925-1, 14-1925-2, 14-1925-3, 14-192P2-1, 14-192P1-1A, and 14-192P1-UNK. 17.27.020 Applicability and Effect. A. "Developer" shall mean any person or entity that proposes to develop or re-develop land within the RROD and requests that the provisions of this Chapter apply to its proposed project. B. Where the provisions of this Chapter do not differ from those governing the underlying Zoning Districts, the provisions governing the underlying Zoning District shall apply to land within the RROD. To the extent there is any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Chapter and those governing the underlying Zoning Districts, the provisions of this Chapter shall govern. C. The provisions of this Chapter shall be effective immediately after: (1) the Developer submits the Site Plan Review application required by Section 17.17.060 of the Revised Revere Zoning Ordinance to the Site Plan Review Committee requesting that the provisions of this Chapter apply to its proposed project, which application shall be supplemented with information sufficient to demonstrate that the proposed development is consistent with the standards and criteria set forth herein and in Chapter 17.17; and (2) the Site Plan Review Committee approves the Site Plan submitted by the Developer under the standards established by Section 17.17.070 of the Revised Revere Zoning Ordinance. 17.27.030 Prohibited uses. Any person or entity who proposes a development within the RROD shall not use, construct, erect, place, alter, or convert, in whole or in part, any building, structure, or land for any use listed below.

A. Adult bookstore. B. Adult club. C. Adult motion picture theater. D. Automotive maintenance, except as accessory to another permitted use. E. Batching plant. J. Body art establishment. K. Funeral home. L. Mobile Home. M. Manufacturing and repair. N. Motor vehicle repair shop. O. Self storage, except as accessory to another permitted use. P. Store principally for the sale of automotive parts. Q. Medical marijuana treatment center or other location for the sale of marijuana for medical or non-medical use unless associated with the direct distribution of goods to retail customers. R. Warehouse. S. Wholesale and distribution. T. Lodging or rooming house. U. Standing Sign (Billboards) and digital signs other than digital signs used for civic, community or transportation purposes or events. V. Commercial parking lot/structure. W. Commercial auto storage/parking. X. Automotive/truck rental office and storage that is not principally for residents, employees and visitors in the RROD. Y. Special Garage (i.e., garage for auto body or paint shop). Z. Automobile sales Class I, II or III. AA. Car wash. BB. Flea market, except as part of a community open market event. CC. Fast food/take out restaurant that has drive-thru service. DD. Building construction and contracting storage yard. EE. Towing operations and storage. FF. Recycling center/operations/drop off unless accessory to a permitted use. GG. Substance abuse treatment center. HH. Commercial garage. 17.27.040 Allowed uses. Any person or entity who proposes a development within the RROD shall not use, construct, erect, place, alter, or convert, in whole or in part, any building, structure, or land for any purpose other than for one or more of the uses listed below, which, except where a special permit from the city council is required, are to be permitted by right in place of any limitations in the underlying zoning district. Any use not specifically listed below as an allowed use, either as of right or by special permit, shall be prohibited. As used herein, retail sales and similar uses such as grocery store uses shall include e-commerce pick-up. A. Sports and athletic facilities; health club, and other active or passive recreational uses, including Recreation, gainful business. B. General office use or

building. C. Medical or dental office, clinic, or other facility for emergency or out-patient medical or dental care. D. Professional office. E. Hotels. F. Restaurants, cafeteria, café, bar, tavern or other place for the service or sale of food or drink for on-site or off-site consumption, including fast food and take out service that does not have drive-thru service. G. Theater, meeting hall, concert venue, dance hall or other place for entertainment. H. Grocery store or supermarket of any size. I. General retail sales and service up to 25,000 gsf. J. General retail sales and service more than 25,000 gsf and up to 50,000 gsf if approved by a Special Permit. K. Neighborhood retail sales and service. L. Health club. M. Marina. N. Bank and financial institution. O. Dwelling, condominium/apartment. P. Dwelling, townhouse. Q. Religious facility; public or private lodge or club; day nursery or elderly care center; family day care home; nursing or convalescent home; public, private or nonprofit school; community or adult education center; and other similar uses and facilities. R. Independent elderly housing; congregate care elderly housing. S. Training school for profit or other educational uses. T. Kennel, provided the same does not provide for outdoor overnight boarding of animals. U. Telephone exchange, transformer station, substation, gas regulator station; microwave and telephone communications facilities; central plant facilities serving more than one building for heating and cooling or other building services; small wind energy facilities, standing accessory sign, standing accessory multi-use sign, in each case for uses, businesses or establishments located within the RROD. V. Parking lot; parking structure; private parking lot structure; including rental car agency principally for residents, employees and visitors in the RROD; ride sharing services principally for residents, employees and visitors in the RROD, and vehicle cleaning services. W. All accessory uses customary and incidental to any of the above. X. Brewery/distillery or winery including on-site consumption.

Y. Farmers' market or community open market events. Z. Community garden. II. Mixed use.[1] JJ. Research and Development facilities including Life Science Manufacturing. Footnotes: [1] "Mixed Use" as used in this Chapter 17.26 shall mean uses within a single building or parcel that consist of two or more allowed uses. 17.27.050 Dimensional Regulations. I. Specific Dimensional Regulations Applicable in the RROD. The dimensional regulations set forth below shall apply to any proposed project within the RROD and the other dimensional regulations applicable in the underlying zoning districts as set forth in Chapter 17.24 of this title shall not apply in the RROD. Maximum Height: 75 ft. Maximum Stories: 6 Minimum Lot Area: 15,000 s.f. Minimum Lot Frontage: 100 ft. Minimum Front Yard Setback: 30 ft. Minimum Side Yard Setback: 20 ft. Minimum Rear Yard Setback: 30 ft. Maximum Floor Area Ratio: 1.75 Minimum Usable Open Space: 10%. Usable open space shall refer to the part or parts of land or structure within the RROD which are reserved for permanent active or passive recreation use. This space shall exclude parking areas but include required setbacks, waterways, walkways, and be open and unobstructed to the sky. Trees, plantings, arbors, flagpoles, sculpture, fountains, swimming pools, atriums, open-air recreational facilities and similar objects shall not be considered "obstruction." Lots and Internal Lot Lines: For the purposes of the RROD, contiguous lots under common ownership or control shall be considered a single lot for the purpose of applying dimensional requirements and internal lot lines shall be disregarded. Setbacks: Setbacks shall not apply with respect to setbacks from boundary lines with any adjacent lot through which the property holds easement rights. 17.27.060 Parking. A. Within the RROD, (i) not less than 1 off-street parking space shall be required per residential dwelling unit; and (ii) not less than 1 parking space per 1,200 gross square feet of general

or neighborhood retail sales and service or general and professional office use shall be required. All other uses allowed within the RROD shall be governed by the parking requirements of Section 17.28.020. B. Tandem parking is allowed with no more than two vehicles to be parked back to back in tandem. Mechanical parking systems are allowed subject to Section 17.08.502 and Section 17.28.035. Automated parking systems are allowed, subject to review and approval through Site Plan Review. All parking spaces available through such tandem parking and other systems shall be considered available off-street parking spaces for the purpose of determining compliance within the RROD. C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the parking and loading requirements for any project within the RROD may be satisfied (i) using shared parking spaces that serve different uses having parking demand at different times upon a finding by the SPRC that any such parking or loading adequately serves the needs of the proposed development in the RROD, and (ii) by parking spaces located on any lot within 200 feet of the lot on which the building will be located. 17.27.070 General Regulations for the RROD. A. Multiple buildings on a lot shall be allowed in the RROD, provided that the building separation requirements of service and fire protection vehicles, as determined and approved through the site plan review process are met. B. Within the RROD, retaining walls shall be allowed subject to site plan review by the Site Plan Review Committee. C. Within the RROD, accessory signs (standing and attached) shall be allowed in accordance with Section 17.16.25 and Section 17.36.060 of this Title and subject to approval by the Site Plan Review Committee. D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, after the issuance of site plan review letter and any building permits based thereon, the owner of the property on which the development is proposed may divide or subdivide the property and convey the property or portions thereof to related or unrelated entities, as necessary to complete the development plans, and this subdivision or conveyance shall

be deemed to be in compliance with this section and shall not render the resulting properties in violation of this ordinance. 17.27.080 Contribution to Community Improvement Trust Fund. All proposed projects within the RROD shall make a contribution to the Community Improvement Trust Fund in an amount equal to 1 percent of the total hard construction costs of such proposed project. Notwithstanding Section 17.47.030 or other provisions of the Revised Revere Zoning Ordinance to the contrary, all moneys contributed to the Community Improvement Trust Fund by proposed projects within the RROD shall be expended only for purposes related to the development and implementation of the Revere Riverfront Master Plan, as determined by the Site Plan Review Committee. The first installment shall be made at the time of the granting of a building permit, and shall be a prerequisite condition to the issuance of a building permit; the second installment shall be made upon receipt of a temporary or permanent occupancy permit for any or all portions of the project and shall be a prerequisite. The applicant at any time may make a lump sum payment of the entire required contribution, if he or she so desires. The hard construction costs shall be determined by the Site Plan Review Committee. In determining the hard construction costs, the Site Plan Review Committee shall use the median square foot hard construction costs of an appropriate building category as noted in the most current Means Construction Cost Guide published by the Means Company of Kingston, Massachusetts. In accordance with an Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020 by Governor Baker, the public hearing as advertised will be held remotely. Remote meeting participation information will be provided at least 48 hours in advance of the public hearing, not including weekends or holidays. Alternatively, written commentary may be submitted to amelnik@revere.org or by mail to Office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application (CZ-21-01) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M.

to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk Attest: Louis Ciarlone Planning Board, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE

A-21-07
Public Hearing
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a virtual public hearing via Zoom on Wednesday evening, February 24, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. on the application of Arthur C. Croce, 11 Montfern Ave., Revere, MA 02151 seeking a variance of Section 17.24.030(D) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere with respect to the requirement that a qualified buildable lot within the RB District must have at least 40' of frontage on a public way to enable Lot 174 Orchard Street, Revere, MA to qualify as a buildable lot. Please use the link below to join the hearing: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85224035952> Telephone: US: +1 301 715 8592 Webinar ID: 852 2403 5952
A copy of the aforementioned proposed plan and application (A-21-07) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere
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LEGAL NOTICE

A-21-08
Public Hearing
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a virtual public hearing via Zoom on Wednesday evening, February 24, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. on the application of Sada Perez, 95 Prospect Ave., Revere, MA 02151 seeking a variance of Sections 17.16.260(F)

(1) minimum side yard setback for accessory structures, 17.16.260(F) (1) no more than 10% of the rear yard shall be occupied by an accessory structure, and 17.24.010(a) minimum side yard setbacks for decks of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere to enable the appellant to construct an addition and deck attached to an existing garage on Lot 4 at 95 Prospect Ave., Revere, MA 02151. Please use the link below to join the hearing: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85224035952> Telephone: US: +1 301 715 8592 Webinar ID: 852 2403 5952
A copy of the aforementioned proposed plan and application (A-21-08) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere
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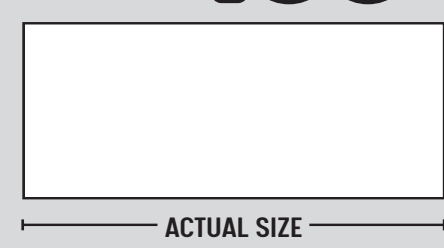
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CITY OF REVERE INVITATION TO BID BOILER ROOM RENOVATIONS

AT REVERE CITY HALL BID NO: MUN-2021-1003 The City of Revere, the Awarding Authority, Massachusetts, will receive sealed bids for BOILER ROOM RENOVATION AT REVERE CITY HALL CONTRACT# MUN-2021-1003, 281 BROADWAY, Revere, Massachusetts, in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by BLW Engineers, Inc., P.O. Box 1551 - 311 Great Road, Littleton, MA 01460.

The estimated cost of the project is: \$150,000. Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 44A through Section 44I, inclusive, and State Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39F, G, K, N, O, P, Q, R.

General Bids will only be considered from bidders holding a Certificate of Eligibility from the Division of Capital Asset Management in the category of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and in a single project amount higher than the amount of the Bid. General Bids must be accompanied by a copy of the Contractor's Certificate of Eligibility, an Update Statement, Certification of Payment of Taxes, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Certificate of Authority, Certification of Good Faith.

Sealed bids for the General Contract will be received at Revere City Hall- Purchasing Department, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151, prior to 1:00 P.M. on February 24, 2021

after which time all bids will be opened and read aloud. Revere City Hall is currently accessible through appointments only. If hand delivering bids, please coordinate drop off by calling the Purchasing Department at 781-286-8157 or you can go the City of Revere website, www.revere.org and schedule an appointment with the Purchasing Department to drop off your bid. Respondents will be required to wear masks while in the building and shall practice social distancing protocols. The bid opening will be held remotely via Zoom. Invitations will be sent to the plan holders. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, or cash, or certified check on, or treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the City of Revere, Revere Massachusetts, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amount. Bid Bonds shall be T-Listed; Surety company(ies) shall be listed in the U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570, most recent edition, as amended. Plans and Specifications will be available on February 10, 2021. Plans may be obtained electronically by emailing Revere City Hall - Purchasing Department at mpiccardi@revere.org. Copies of the FORM FOR GENERAL BID are available at no cost. A Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at the Revere City Hall on February 17, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at which time the job site shall be made available for inspection. Revere City Hall is currently only accessible through appointments only. Please meet in the rear parking lot in the rear of

the building. Respondents will be required to wear masks and gloves while in the building and shall practice social distancing protocols. A representative from the City of Revere and BLW will be there to walk you through the site. The documents, including the General Bid, Bid Deposit, Certificate of Eligibility, an Update Statement, Certification of Payment of Taxes, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Certificate of Authority, Certification of Good Faith shall be enclosed in envelopes (outer and inner) both of which shall be sealed and clearly labeled with the words "BOILER ROOM RENOVATION AT REVERE CITY HALL CONTRACT# MUN-2021-1003, REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS 02151 (Date Submitted)", in order to guard against premature opening of the Bid. The successful General Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond, and also a labor and materials payment bond as set forth in the specifications; each bond executed in the full amount of the Contract Price. Performance and labor and materials payment bonds shall be T-Listed; Surety Company(ies) shall be listed in the U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570, most recent edition, as amended. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it be in the public interest to do so. All bids will remain subject to acceptance for thirty days after the day of the Bid opening, but the Awarding Authority may, in its sole discretion, release any bid and return any Bid Security before that date.

Minimum wages to be paid on the work of the project are established by a Schedule issued by the Commissioner of Labor and Industries, a copy of which is contained in the Contract Documents, and will be made a part of the Contract. Additional copies of the schedule are available from the Awarding Authority upon request. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after receipt of award, without written consent by the Awarding Authority. City of Revere is exempt from sales tax, for which reason, bidders should not include sales tax in figuring or in reference to any bid. Michael Piccardi Purchasing Agent 2/10/21 R

available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. In accordance with an Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020 by Governor Baker, the public hearing as advertised will be held remotely. Remote meeting participation information will be published on the City Council agenda at least 48 hours in advance of the public hearing, not including weekends or holidays at www.revere.org/calendar. Alternatively, commentary on this public hearing may be submitted in writing to amelink@revere.org or by mail to Office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk 02/03/2021 02/10/2021 R

and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jacquelyn Aulino of Las Vegas, NV requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Erica Aulino of Revere, MA and Jacquelyn Aulino of Las Vegas, NV be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/10/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in

any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 29, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 2/10/2021 R

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF REVERE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT FOR TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES PROPOSAL NO: DPCD-2021-1001

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Agent at his office, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts. Proposals must be submitted prior to 1:00 PM on Monday, February 22, 2021. The City of Revere proposes to contract with a qualified person or firm for consulting services for transit oriented development in strategic planning areas of Revere, according to specifications. Request for Proposal packets may be obtained beginning Wednesday, February 4, 2021 electronically from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi at mpiccardi@revere.org. Revere City Hall office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 8:15AM to 5:00 PM and Friday, 8:15AM to 12:15PM. Revere City Hall will be closed Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day. The City of Revere, as the awarding authority, re-

serves the right to accept any proposal or portion of a proposal, waive any informality in a proposal, investigate the ability of the vendors to honor a proposal, reject any and all proposals, and award all contracts as shall be considered in the best interest of the City of Revere. The City of Revere reserves the right to negotiate and amend the scope of services. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of minority business enterprises in all activities administered by this agency. No candidate may withdraw his/her proposal within thirty (30) business days after the actual date of the opening thereof. This request for proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Michael A. Piccardi Purchasing Agent 2/10/21 R

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No. SU10P0780GD In the interests of: Donald V. Herbin of: Dorchester, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Vero Health and Rehabilitation of Revere, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a

Guardian. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/22/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 11, 2021 Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate 2/10/21 R

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COMING SOON!
EAST BOSTON - Two family home with one unit vacant for new owner with 3 bedrooms. Second unit is two floors with a total of 7 rooms and 3 bedrooms. Asking \$675K

REVERE - New Listing! 2 family home featuring 11 total rooms, 6 bedrooms and 2 full baths. 1st fl. 2 good size bed, brand new hardwood floors. 2nd unit has 2 floor with 7 rooms, 4 bedrooms. Off street parking. Asking \$790K

EAST BOSTON - Guttered 2 condos, featuring 2 beds, 2 full baths. Everything totally new. High end finishes, high end stainless appliances, hardwood flooring thru out. Storage in basement for both units. Starting at 499k - 529K

Another city banner marks major victory for Revere BLM supporters

Special to the Journal

In the early hours of January 18, Revere residents gathered in honor of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to commemorate the Civil Rights activist. They hung back up the city's Black Lives Matter (BLM) banner, stuck social justice posters

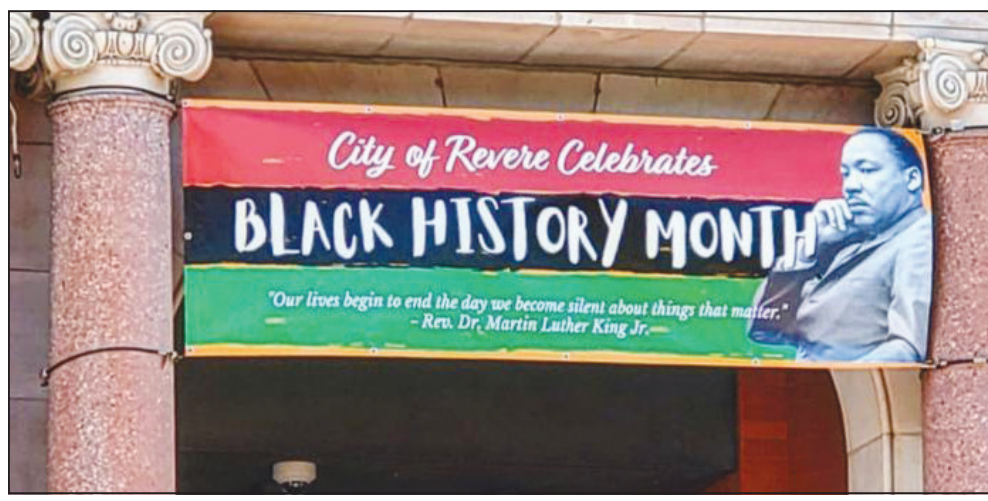
between the railings, and left behind two messages in chalk.

The first chalk message was a quote by Dr. King, written out above the steps, stating simply, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." The second, written below the steps, read, "Revere has

been silent for far TOO LONG! BLACK LIVES MATTER."

Less than 48 hours later, the chalk was washed away and the posters and banner were removed. Their message, however, continued to echo in the minds of local electeds.

At a recent City Council meeting, Councilor Anthony Zambuto presented a motion to request a banner commission "in honor of and depicting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to be displayed on the front of City Hall during the month of February in recognition of Black History Month." The motion passed unanimously. The banner was soon commissioned by Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo and put up at the front of Revere City Hall on Saturday, February 6th. The Black History Month banner displayed the pan-african colors (red, black and green) and



The banner on display at City Hall through the month of February in celebration of Black History Month.



Chalk was used to write messages on the pavement outside City Hall during the ceremony held by Revere residents on Jan. 18

a black-and-white photo of Dr. King.

In recognition of the BLM supporters who fought for this historic win by putting up the city's other banner on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the exact same Dr. King quote spelled out in chalk was placed on the bottom of the new Black History Month banner. The new banner, despite being put

up almost a week into Black History Month, is still expected to be taken down after the Feb. 28. No promises have been made regarding whether it will be used again next February. Local politicians have also not announced any related policy-change to coincide with this symbolic banner.

"I'm really proud to see Revere residents fight hard

for human rights and actually win," shared Chaimaa Hossaini, Vice-Chair of the Revere Human Rights Commission. "I just hope to see this support by local politicians become a regular thing: a yearly commemoration of Black History Month, unwavering support for BLM, and real policy change."

City honors Liz McBride on her 100th birthday at Lighthouse Nursing Care Center

By Cary Shuman

Mayor Brian Arrigo knew exactly what the

guests at Elizabeth "Liz" McBride's 100th birthday celebration had to do to commemorate the happy

occasion.

"We have to sing, 'Happy Birthday,' right?" said Arrigo, prompting

Liz's family and friends to break into the famous birthday song.

That gesture brought an immediate smile to the face of Mrs. McBride on the special day a century after her birth on Feb. 6, 1921.

Arrigo had declared last Thursday, "Elizabeth McBride Day" in the city, honoring the popular resident of the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center where the special outdoor celebration was held.

"Liz," as she is known lovingly throughout Chelsea, was a long-time member of the Chelsea School Committee. She was the first female member of the Kiwanis Club in Massachusetts. She is graduate of the Chelsea High School Class of 1939, a group of alumni who came to be known as the "Thirty-Niners."

Mrs. McBride has eight children, 16 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She and her husband, the late John McBride, shared 68 years of marriage.

Mayor Arrigo and the great staff at Lighthouse rolled out the red carpet for Liz McBride. Fire Chief Christopher Bright and Police Chief David Callahan brought the best wishes of their departments. Police Officers Kenny Bruker and Jose Osorio also offered birth-

day wishes to the guest of honor.

"This is a wonderful day for my mother and my family thanks the Mayor and all the people who organized her party," said daughter Ann McBride Tolley. "My mother is really enjoying this day."

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Elizabeth McBride was born to John and Nellie Sullivan on February 6, 1921 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, one of six children, and moved to Revere as a child and later Chelsea, Massachusetts, where she met her husband and;

Whereas, Elizabeth would become a cheerleader and track star at Chelsea High School and;

Whereas she met her husband, John McBride, at Chelsea High School and they were married on July 3, 1943 and shared 68 years of marriage and welcomed 8 children, 16 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren and;

Whereas, Elizabeth raised her family and worked actively in Chelsea politics. There, she led a Bluebird Troop, President of the PTA, and head of the School Committee, and was a strong advocate for teachers and education and;

Whereas, Elizabeth was

a delegate of the Democratic Party and the first female member of Kiwanis in Massachusetts. She received the NEA Lifetime Achievement Award and;

Whereas, Elizabeth resides at the Lighthouse in Revere, Massachusetts, and;

Whereas, on February 6, 2021, Elizabeth will reach the impressive age of 100 years.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Mayor and the City of Revere, on behalf of the citizens of Revere express our sincerest congratulations on the occasion of your 100th birthday.

Be it further resolved that in recognition of your 100th birthday and your love for your family that February 6th be celebrated as:

Elizabeth McBride Day
Further, that the City of Revere extends to Elizabeth McBride and her family our best wishes for continued good health and happiness for all the days to come.

This proclamation is issued in the Executive Chamber of the City of Revere this eighteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord two-thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two-hundred and forty-fifth.



Celebrating her 100th Birthday in grand style, is Elizabeth McBride, shown with Mayor Brian Arrigo and her family, Susan McBride, Kevin and John McBride, Liz Backstrom, Anne McBride Tolley, Kathy McBride, David Herlihy, and Jonathan Backstrom.



2021 WATER & SEWER SENIOR DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Covid-19 message:

In an effort to keep our seniors safe, we are making changes to our 2021 Water & Sewer Senior Discount Program.

The period to apply for your 2021 discount will begin on Friday April 30th through September 30th.

Throughout the application process, the 2021 forms will be available online at Revere.org or you can call the water office at 781-286-8145 to request a form be mailed to you. All forms that are received MUST be accompanied by a copy of Massachusetts state driver's license or picture ID.

There will also be several opportunities to apply in a safe outside area of City Hall on several dates and times. Dates & times TBA.

To qualify:

- Applicant must be owner of the record/occupy the property and Water bill & Tax Bill must be in his or her name.
- Applicant or spouse must turn age 65 during the calendar year to which the discount will be applied.
- The discount applies only to the owner of one, two and three family dwellings.
- Applicant must provide a valid Massachusetts state driver's license or picture ID that shows the date of birth and property address.
****Additional documentation may be required****
- The applicant must complete and return the application form no later than September 30th of the calendar year the discount is in effect.
- Discount is only applied to one billing period annually.

Please call 781-286-8145 with any further questions.



Celebrating a 100th birthday is no small matter, Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo was on hand to issue a city proclamation to Liz McBride, joined by Revere Fire Chief Chris Bright and Revere Police Officers, Jose Osorio and Ken Bruker.