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CITY-WIDE WATER FLUSHING TO BEGIN IN MAY

The City of Revere, Water, Sewer & Drain division will be conducting a city-wide water system flushing beginning May 2021

Please carefully read the details below:

- Flushing will occur nightly between the hours of 9pm and 2am, Monday thru Thursday.
- Flushing of the water system requires the use of hydrants in your area.
- Flushing may cause water discoloration. If this occurs, run cold-water from tub or outdoor spigot until water runs clear.
- Flushing will not cause water service disruption.
- Flushing will take approximately eight to twelve weeks to complete city-wide.

As always, we apologize for any inconvenience & appreciate your patience.

If you have any questions, please call the water & sewer office at 781-286-814

5 HUD ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the allocation of more than \$16.9 million to Massachusetts through the nation's Housing Trust Fund (HTF) for affordable housing, this funding is

BAKER VISITS OCEANSIDE EVENTS CENTER CLINIC



Gov. Charlie Baker speaks during a visit to the East Boston Neighborhood Health Centers COVID-19 vaccination site at the Oceanside Events Center in Revere. At right is Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. Inset: Mayor Brian Arrigo and Sen. Joseph Boncore are pictured as the Oceanside Events Center during Governor Baker's visit on April 7. See more photos on Page 10.



PARKING PROTEST

Residents plan Revere Beach rally on Saturday against parking meters

By Cary Shuman

There is a flyer being circulated on social media, and a protest is being planned for Saturday to voice opposition against the DCR's new parking meters that have been installed on Revere Beach Boulevard.

The new metered-parking stations were visible during the weekend on the non-residential side of the entire Boulevard.

The Revere Journal has tried vigorously to contact at least one of the supposed organizers of the protest, but the Journal has been unsuccessful in its efforts.

The city's opposition to the new parking meters, which will cost residents and non-residents \$1.25 per hour, has been vigor-

ous. Many residents have complained that there was no public meeting held inside a Revere venue about the issue, though there was at least one public meeting held remotely.

Nevertheless, city officials and Revere's state legislative delegation are not at all pleased about the DCR's decision to begin metered-parking on May 1 on the Boulevard.

Ward 5 Councilor John Powers has been from the outset of the plan, in his words, "100 percent against the parking meters."

Powers said he will be attending Saturday's protest and will speak during the event "if I am allowed to."

States Rep. Jessica Gi-

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RPS poised for a great fiscal year

By John Lynds

At the Revere Public School Committee Ways and Means meeting last week Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly reported that RPS has kicked off its lengthy budget process and funding for next year looks better than it has in decades.

"This coming school

year we will actually have \$132 million that we could spend just in this next school year on our school department," said Kelly at the meeting. "That's almost a \$30 million, increase over last year, which is absolutely astronomical. It's the kind of funding that we should have had phased in over the last two decades."

Over the next several weeks Kelly in the school committee will begin the process of how to best spend the increase in funding for the next school year that will most likely focus on getting students back to where they need to be post-pandemic.

"What's unique about

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Council considers residential selling of foods

By Cary Shuman

The City Council will further discuss at a subcommittee meeting Councilor-at-Large George Rotondo's proposal to investigate the feasibility of having cottage food operations in Revere.

Rotondo proposed the motion at the April 5

Council meeting. It would basically allow residents to produce food in their own kitchens and sell those items directly to consumers.

Rotondo indicated that cottage food operations are permitted in other Massachusetts communities and in 28 states across the nation.

"I would love to have this for the City of Revere," began Rotondo in his remarks. "It particularly helps a certain group in a community. This is something that is done in Boston. It's done in other communities, in 28 states, and throughout Europe."

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Lampedecchio will not run for council seat

By Cary Shuman

Eric Lampedecchio has spent the last five years attending City Council meetings in person at City Hall and via Zoom from home during the pandemic.

Lampedecchio has been a strong and articulate spokesperson for the residents of the ward, displaying an ability to get to the point quickly and concisely.

ly in his remarks. He also served admirably on the Riverfront Development Advisory Group.

Twice in the 2017 and 2019 municipal elections, Lampedecchio conducted excellent campaigns offering "a fresh perspective on the Council" while challenging incumbent Ward 5 Councilor John Powers for his seat. Lampedecchio fell just short of being elected on both occasions

and many expected the well-known 36-year-old resident to put his hat in the ring again.

But Lampedecchio announced this week that he will not be a candidate in this year's election for Ward 5 councilor.

"Due to some personal obligations, my family really needs to be my priority for the next year or so,"

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Vehicle inspections expected to resume

Staff Report

Motor vehicle inspections at local stations are expected to resume.

Tommy DiGregorio, long-time owner of Broadway Motors, said he

called state officials and they informed him that the state's vehicle inspection computer system would be back online this week.

RMV officials were also slated to visit stations across the state to assist

with the workstation reimagining process.

There had been an outage in the vehicle inspection computer system that is run by the state's private

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TURCO SWORN IN AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE



Gov. Charlie Baker administers the oath of office to Jeffrey Rosario Turco as the new state representative for the 19th Suffolk District that includes a portion of Revere. Also pictured at the inauguration ceremony at the State House is Mr. Turco's wife, Melissa Turco.



Inset: The proud family of State Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco attended his official inauguration ceremony at the State House in Boston. Jeffrey Turco and Melissa Turco are pictured with their six children, (front row) Matteo Turco, Grace Turco, Dominic Turco, and Sonny Turco; (back row) Mary Turco and Joseph Turco.

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April 12 - May 11





Pictured from left to right: Mark from DPW; Joseph Caira, Brookline Bank and Mystic Valley Elder Services Board Member; Steve, DPW; Judy Lonergan, Chairperson of Thursday Fortnightly; volunteers Rosemary Ardagna, Bobbi Johansen, and Tina Caruso all from Thursday Fortnightly; Jenny Vanasse, Development Director and Dan O'Leary, CEO, both of Mystic Valley Elder Services.

MVES' Emergency Closet receives hundreds of donations

Staff report

More than 75 members of The Thursday Fortnightly Club donated hundreds of needed items to Mystic Valley Elder Services' (MVES) Emergency Closet and brought the items to the Brookline Bank in Medford Square. The donations were overwhelming and due to the generosity of The Thursday Fortnightly Club members, Mystic Valley Elder Services will be able to stock their Emergency Closet with the necessary items.

The Mystic Valley Elder Services' Emergency Closet provides its care managers who work with low-income older adults and adults living with disabilities a place to access new towels, new sheets, new blankets, toiletries, and large print puzzle books for their consumers who need them. Having these items in the agency immediately available can make a huge difference in someone's life and they depend solely on donations.

The Thursday Fortnightly Club has been supportive of the mission and making contributions to MVES for decades.

If you are interested in helping, you can contact the Mystic Valley Elder

Services Development office at development@mves.org.

Celebrating 100 years of service to the Medford Community, The Thursday Fortnightly Club is a philanthropic group whose mission is to provide philanthropic help to charities within our community. The women normally gather at five events during the year, with two of these events being their major fundraisers. The women of the Thursday Fortnightly Club have been gathering and raising money since 1920. If you would like more information on the Thursday Fortnightly Club of Medford, you can visit their website at: www.thursdayfortnightly.org.



Judy Lonergan, Chairperson of the Thursday Fortnightly Club of Medford gives Dan O'Leary, CEO of Mystic Valley Elder Services, the checks and gift cards also collected from their St. Patrick's Day fundraiser.

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part of \$689,565,492.92 being allocated nationally. The Housing Trust Fund was launched in 2008 as an affordable housing production program that complements existing federal, state, and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for low- and extremely low-income households, including families experiencing homelessness.

"This past year has reminded us just how important it is to have access to safe and stable housing. But too many Americans are struggling to keep or find an affordable home," said Secretary Marcia L. Fudge "We are excited to announce this historic funding allocation, which will enable states to expand and preserve affordable housing for our neighbors who need our support the most."

The Housing Trust Fund is capitalized through the contributions made by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. This year's allocation is a significant increase in funding from last year's allocation of \$322,564,267.66. This program is specifically focused on housing for some of our most vulnerable populations. HUD annually allocates HTF funds by formula. A state must use at least 80 percent of each annual grant for rental housing; up to 10 percent for homeownership; and up to 10 percent for the grantee's reasonable administrative and planning costs. HTF funds may be used for the production or preservation of affordable housing through the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, and/or rehabilitation of non-luxury housing with suitable amenities. All HTF-assisted units will be required to have a minimum affordability period of 30 years. The Housing Trust Fund has supported the construction or rehabilitation of 775 rental units nationally since the first were allocated in 2017. There are currently 480 additional projects under construction. This year's funding is expected to produce more than 5,400 additional affordable units.

NATIONAL GRID REMINDS CUSTOMERS TO CALL 8-1-1 BEFORE DIGGING

April is designated as National Safe Digging Month, and National Grid urges anyone who is planning on digging to call 811 to prevent serious personal injury, property damage and service interruptions caused by accidentally digging into electric, gas, telephone, water, sewer or cable facilities.

Nationally every nine minutes, an underground utility line is damaged because someone didn't contact 811 before digging. Knowing where underground utility lines are buried before you dig will help protect you and your family from injury. With more people staying home and relying on their utilities to work and communicate, inconvenient outages are important to avoid.

"This year, it's critically important to call 811 before you start digging to ensure all utility lines are marked. Even when digging only a few inches or taking on a small outdoor project, the risk of striking an underground utility is high," said Mark Prewitt, VP Gas Pipeline Safety and Compliance. "This is a big responsibility that we all need to take a small part in. By spreading the word to call 811 we can decrease damages, service interruptions, and injury—or even save a life."

Striking a single underground utility line can cause injury, repair costs, fines, and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants contacting 811. Whether you're planting a tree or shrub, or installing a deck or pool, every job requires a call to 811 to know what's below before digging.

The depth of utility lines can vary for several reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. Utility lines need to be properly marked because even when digging only a few inches or digging in a location that's previously been marked, the risk of striking an underground utility line still exists. A call to 811 is the best safeguard and the first line of defense to preventing strikes on underground utility lines.

A quick phone call to 811 several days before digging connects callers to their local one call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators then arrive at the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both. The service is easy to use and free of charge.

State laws mandate that 811 must be contacted a few days in advance of beginning projects that require excavation. Failure to call 811 may be punishable by fines, which in some states can be as high as \$1,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for subsequent offenses.

National Grid works closely with local fire and police departments and, with their strong support, people are calling before

NEW STAMP CELEBRATES AMERICANS LOVE OF COFFEE



The U.S. Postal Service celebrates America's love of coffee this month with the issuance of four new stamps. Whether milky, dark as night, sweetened, flavored or highly concentrated, many coffee drinks have one thing in common — they begin with espresso.

This booklet of 20 stamps features four unique designs illustrating popular espresso drinks — espresso, cappuccino, caffe latte and caffe mocha. It may be purchased at usps.com.

Capturing the inviting atmosphere of an early 20th-century café, artist Terry Allen created each digital illustration with the style of 1920s and 1930s advertising posters in mind.

The names of the espresso drinks appear in art deco-inspired lettering above or below each enticing cup.

Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with original artwork by Allen.

Espresso drinking in the United States is at an all-time high. With the growing popularity of artisanal coffee shops, extensive research on the roasting and brewing process, and continued innovation in machinery to make the perfect cup, specialty coffee is better than it has ever been.

When it comes to espresso, most Americans rely on a barista working at a coffeehouse to carefully craft their specialty drink, but at-home espresso machines are also growing in popularity. Whether a routine part of getting going in the morning or a reason to gather socially at a local café, drinking beverages made with espresso has become increasingly trendy.

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the Postal Store at usps.com/shopstamps, by calling 844-737-7826, by mail through USA Philatelic, or at Post Office locations nationwide.

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

they dig. Calling 811 can potentially avoid an incident that requires police and fire response.

PRESSLEY, WARREN APPLAUD COMMITMENT

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Sen. Elizabeth Warren released a statement last week applauding the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) commitment to address centuries of structural racism and discrimination in the U.S. public health system.

In February, the lawmakers reintroduced the Anti-Racism in Public Health Act, a bicameral bill to declare structural racism a public health crisis and confront its public health impacts by creating a National Center for Anti-Racism and a Law Enforcement Violence Prevention Program within the CDC.

"The COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to over 500,000 deaths and tens of millions infected,

has made it impossible to ignore the legacy of structural racism and how it has created deep disparities in health outcomes for Black, Brown, AAPI, and Indigenous communities. Black and Brown people are nearly three times more likely than white people to contract COVID-19 and one to two times more likely to die from the disease.

"As the sponsors of the Anti-Racism in Public Health Act, we welcome the actions by the CDC to acknowledge racism as a serious public health threat and to invest in health equity measures to combat these challenges. In addition to the threat of COVID-19, people of color are also disproportionately affected by chronic health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, hepatitis, and hypertension; infant mortality; maternal mortality and morbidity; and police brutality—not to mention the lasting im-

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SPOTLIGHT

Last week was full of city government meetings that can currently be viewed as they replay on RevereTV. These meetings include Public Safety, Zoning, and Appointments sub-committees, Revere City Council, Revere Board of Health, and a Riverfront Master Planning meeting. All city meetings are played live on Comcast channel 9, RCN channels 13 and 613, on RTV's Facebook page, and on YouTube. If you missed a meeting and would like to watch it, meetings can be found and replayed at any time on YouTube. Meetings replay on cable access television for a few weeks after the initial air date.

Governor Baker visited Revere's vaccination location set up by East Boston Neighborhood Health Center at the Oceanside Ballroom site by Wonderland. Although this press conference is accessible on the state's usual platforms as all of Baker's messages are, RevereTV was present to cover his visit to the city. RTV's coverage is what has been playing on the channel, and also what was uploaded to social media. Revere has been one of the hardest hit communities by COVID-19 in the state since the start of the pandemic, and Governor Baker was hoping to emphasize the efficacy and importance of vaccines to Revere residents. Mayor Arrigo reiterated this message as he spoke at the press conference as well. The mayor thanked Lauren Buck, Revere's Board of Health Director, for her work done for vaccination outreach and pop-up clinics, and Manny Lopes of EBNHC for making vaccines more accessible to Revere with this site. To book an appointment at the EBNHC Wonderland site, go to ebnhc.org or call 617-568-4870.

There were a few new community member program episodes last week. "En la Cocina de Rafa," is a cooking show that plays at 11am on Saturday and 7pm on Tuesday. "Latin X Charlando con la Comunidad," is an informational interview show that focuses on current issues and events around the community. You can watch the latest episode on Saturday at 9am and Tuesday at 6pm. Soon, the replays of the Revere High School basketball seasons on RTV will end as volleyball and football are going to start. RevereTV will be covering a few home games for each season. All past game coverage can be found on RTV YouTube.

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pacts racism has on mental health for Black and Brown communities.

“We will continue pushing in Congress to pass this important legislation, and look forward to working with the CDC to tackle these challenges and ensure health equity across this nation. This is a great step in the right direction, but we must now fight to confront these forces head on so that Black and Brown communities no longer disproportionate-

ly suffer from systemic racism and inequality in our health system and beyond.”

RED CROSS AIMING TO MAKE MORE THAN 600 HOMES SAFER

The American Red Cross of Massachusetts is on a mission to make more than 600 homes across the state safer between now and May 8.

Volunteers will meet

with residents by appointment – either virtually or socially-distanced outside their homes – to share crucial fire safety information, help create an escape plan, and practice a two-minute drill. This information is free and available to anyone who makes an appointment. In some communities, the Red Cross is working with partner fire departments to offer free smoke alarm installations when it becomes safe to do so.

“Home fires remain the most frequent disaster during COVID-19, yet most of us don’t realize we have just two minutes to safely escape,” said Holly Grant, CEO of the Red Cross of Massachusetts. “We’re still spending more time than ever inside during the pandemic, so it’s critical that we help our neighbors protect themselves from these everyday disasters.”

This effort comes as part of a larger national push to educate 100,000 people about home fire safety in high-risk communities. Here in Massachusetts, focus cities include Worcester, Brockton and Quincy, although individuals in any city or town (owner or renter) may participate.

To sign up for free home fire safety education, please visit SoundTheAlarm.org/Massachusetts. The Red Cross is also looking for additional volunteers to train as home fire safety educators and offer this training in their own community.

The Red Cross of Massachusetts is grateful for

SENIOR BOCCEE COURT COMING TO SBA FIELD



Workers from the City’s DPW, Don Ciarmella (left) and Joe Lake, with volunteer Mike Chiesa (center), give the thumbs up during the groundbreaking of the new Senior Bocce Court at Susan B. Anthony.

FATOU DRAMMEH RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



In a nice gesture, Mayor Brian Arrigo offered his personal congratulations to Fatou Drammeh (left) on her being the recipient of a Certification of Appreciation from the Revere City Council in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the Revere community. Ms. Drammeh is the coordinator of Revere Community School and has more than 30 years of experience working in the fields of social justice, economic development, and adult education programs. She holds a Master’s Degree from Brandeis University, a prestigious college located in Waltham.

the support of our sponsors, National Grid and Harvard Pilgrim. This effort would not be possible without the support of the focus cities, with special thanks to Mayor Joseph Petty of Worcester, Mayor Robert Sullivan of Brockton and the Quincy, Worcester and Brockton fire departments and emergency management teams.

PRESSLEY AND CLARK SECURE COBRA SUBSIDIES

Massachusetts Congresswomen Ayanna Pressley and Katherine Clark, and some of their colleagues, applauded the U.S. Department of Labor’s recently-released guidance confirming that striking workers are eligible for COBRA subsidies under the American Rescue Plan, a victory for striking workers nationwide. The expanded guidance, which marks a major reversal from the 2009 American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act, comes after Pressley, Courtney McGovern and Clark sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig, and Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, requesting that any guidance issued to implement the American Rescue Plan clarify that workers exercising their right to strike under the National Labor Relations Act are covered by the COBRA subsidies.

The American Rescue Plan does not explicitly address the issue of striking workers, but the letter requested that any guidance issued regarding eligibility of workers to receive subsidized COBRA coverage explicitly clarify that these workers are eligible in order to ensure that striking workers are not unintentionally harmed. This decision will prevent striking workers from having to pay the extremely high cost of COBRA out of pocket, lose their providers, or become disconnected from

their providers during expensive and complicated treatments in the middle of a pandemic.

“I’m glad we were able to secure these subsidies for workers in Massachusetts and across the country exercising their right to organize and collectively bargain,” Rep. Pressley said. “Health care is a human right. And when workers choose to withhold their labor to demand and secure safer working conditions, better wages or better benefits, that choice shouldn’t come at the expense of their health care.”

“This is an important victory for workers,” said Rep. Clark. “This guidance ensures that workers exercising their legal right to organize can receive the COBRA subsidies they need to maintain their health care coverage during the global pandemic. I applaud the Biden Administration for this important step to protect our workers’ rights.”

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NUMB TO THE NUMBERS

With just about all of the states now reopening their economies, the conventional wisdom among most Americans is that the worst days of the coronavirus are behind us.

Yet the reality is that hundreds of Americans continue to die and tens of thousands more are contracting the disease each and every day.

This past Monday, April 12, for example, the New York Times -- which gets its data from Johns Hopkins University -- reported that 476 Americans died from the virus and that there were 72,286 new cases on that day.

Admittedly, these numbers pale in comparison to the 3000 Americans who were dying and the 300,000 new cases that were being reported each day at the pandemic's height this past winter.

But even these lower daily figures still are huge, rivaling the numbers that were in evidence last spring and summer.

Yet despite the ongoing tragedies of friends and family members across the country who are succumbing to the pandemic, there has been a complacency developing among most Americans about the virus.

To be sure, all of us are suffering from virus fatigue, attributable to the quarantining, restrictions, and omnipresent fear of catching the disease.

In addition, with the vaccine rollout proceeding ahead of projections, most of us believe that the worst is behind us.

And while that may be true, we still have a rough road ahead. With the announcement earlier this week that the one-and-done Johnson & Johnson vaccine is linked to serious side-effects in a tiny number of recipients, the national vaccination program will be facing a slowdown.

More ominously, the so-called United Kingdom variant of the virus now is the dominant case-type in the U.S. -- and that variant has been shown to be 60% more contagious AND 67 percent more deadly.

Even more worrisome, the variants that have been attributable to Brazil and South Africa are thought to be more resistant to vaccine-efficacy AND have been shown to reinfect persons who previously had caught the disease.

The arithmetic is this: More Americans still are dying each and every week from the coronavirus than were killed on 9/11. Let that sink in for a moment.

For those of us who like to compare the fight against COVID-19 to a war, the proper analogy to WWII is this: We may have won the war in Europe (V-E Day was on May 8), but American troops still were fighting and dying in the Pacific in epic battles on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, we are not at the end of this pandemic and, in view of the huge numbers we are seeing nationwide, we may not even be at the beginning of the end.

Although we may be at the end of the beginning, it is premature to let our guard (which is to say, our masks) down.

The reality that we all must acknowledge is this: We still have a long way to go before we can declare victory over COVID-19.

LETTER TO COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY

Dear Commissioner Montgomery,

I am writing in reference to the parking meters being installed on Revere Beach Boulevard on both the east and west sides of the street.

While I understand you heard testimony back in October, I have been to enough of these meetings to recognize that many of the decisions to do things such as fare and rate hikes, street reconfigurations, and other projects that impact the public are foregone conclusions prior to the public input phase; this appears to be another one of those situations.

Revere Beach is America's first public beach and a National Historic Landmark. It has been the source of passive recreation for Revere residents, and for people and families across the Commonwealth for more than a century. In fact, one of the key factors that lead many people to invest and choose to live in Revere is our oceanfront. We are proud of our beach and its history. We are proud to have provided generations of children and their parents with an affordable way to get together and enjoy a day in the sun.

However, as is the case with so many other things, the state has chosen to help balance their increasing budget on the backs of the people who are just trying to make ends meet, particularly in this recent time of crisis. It is discouraging to say the least.

As a homeowner and businessowner in the city of Revere, a few things tied to this proposal are disturbing. First, I am dismayed as to why no provision has been made for Revere residents who are already paying significantly higher rates for water & sewer, tolls, and auto insurance due to our city's growing density and proximity to Boston, that would allow them to continue to park for free with a resident sticker. I am also confused as to why the revenue derived from these meters is not going directly into a separate fund that would be

used to clean and maintain Revere Beach exclusively. And lastly, how was it determined that Revere Beach would be outfitted with meters while other surrounding beaches have been exempted. I believe Revere residents have done more than their fair share over the years in helping to balance the budget for the state of Massachusetts. It is time that we get some consideration.

In the interest of fairness, I ask that you please consider these modifications

Dan Rizzo

MAYORS URGE BAKER TO GIVE ALL ADULTS VACCINE IN 20 HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES

Dear Editor,
We, the undersigned mayors and municipal managers, respectfully urge Governor Baker immediately to allow all distributors of COVID-19 vaccines in the 20 most vulnerable communities in Massachusetts to offer them to all residents over 18 years of age -- or 16 in the case of Pfizer -- without any other restrictions related to age or medical condition.

Another strategy would be to make all household members immediately eligible for vaccination when any single member of that household is eligible.

Despite initial challenges, the system set up by the Commonwealth has helped us to achieve one of the highest rates of vaccination in the country. We also appreciate that the Administration has specifically designated 20 cities and towns as being at higher risk of COVID, and deserving of additional resources, communication efforts, and vaccines.

Even with these efforts, we still face challenges achieving an equitable distribution of vaccines. Current estimates indicate 39% of white residents in the Commonwealth have received at least one dose per capita, while only 25% of Black and 18% of Latinx residents have done so.[1]

First dose vaccination rates in the 20 communities designated by the Baker Administration as most

vulnerable are running, on average, 15% (for Black residents) and 24% points (for Latinx residents) behind the statewide average for white residents. Of course, we expect that similar trends exist in among low-income populations and populations of color in many of the other cities and towns in the Commonwealth, even beyond the 20 communities designated by the Administration.

Public health data indicates we may be headed into another surge, with higher case rates among younger people (16-39 years old), most of whom are not now eligible for vaccination under state guidelines and who represent a larger percentage of residents in the 20 municipalities. While younger people have been less likely to suffer serious complications or die from COVID, they are still at risk of serious illness and longer-term consequences. And they can transmit the disease to unvaccinated individuals.

Once again -- as in all previous surges -- infection rates are higher in vulnerable urban communities, where residents are poorer, receive lower pay, frequently face more exposure to conditions that lead to illness, and are more likely to be front line workers who are unable to work from home.

One way to counteract these trends would be to press for a faster and higher rate of vaccination in the 20 most vulnerable communities by making all residents immediately eligible for vaccinations if they are over 18 years of age (or 16 for Pfizer).

Since these communities also contain many inter-generational households and still face relatively high infection rates, another strategy would be to make all household members eligible for vaccination if any single member of the household qualifies. Getting as many people as possible vaccinated as soon as possible is imperative to protect our residents.

We recognize that all age groups are expected to be eligible on April 19. However, we also recognize that on that date, millions of residents from throughout the Commonwealth will become eligible, forcing the more

vulnerable residents of high-impact communities to compete for a limited number of appointments even as the supply of vaccines grows. Giving the lower-income and more vulnerable residents of these 20 cities and towns a head start would help to ensure earlier access and a faster rate of vaccine uptake in communities that have already suffered an unconscionable rate of illness and loss. Even after April 19, it will be important to focus efforts on vaccinating groups at higher risk of infection, including lower-income populations and people of color, not only in the 20 communities, but broadly throughout the Commonwealth.

Already more than 40 states across America have expanded vaccine eligibility to all residents over the age of 16 or those in specific locations. Our neighboring state of Rhode Island, which continues to implement age restrictions in most of the state, eliminated age restrictions in more vulnerable postal codes weeks ago. Massachusetts should do the same in the 20 cities and towns the Administration has already designed as the most severely at risk. We feel this would help to accomplish a key Administration goal, which we all share: to ensure that all residents of the Commonwealth, regardless of race, income, or resources, have an equal opportunity to get vaccinated at the soonest possible time.

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By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Like most everyone else, I'm tired of wearing a mask.

Every time I go to the grocery, a restaurant, church, or work I have to put on a mask. Not long ago, if we wore a mask into a bank or convenience store, the attendants would be alarmed and call 911. Today if we don't wear one, we are in trouble and not welcomed.

A lot of people have died from Covid-19 and thus I understand masks are important in this pandemic era. I don't want a disease. I have had two Pfizer shots and I wear a mask most every place I go.

Is it our American, God given right to take off our masks? While we are free to take off our masks, oth-

ers are free to ask us to put them on. The business owner has the freedom to require a mask. The airlines have the freedom to require masks. The religious assembly has the freedom to require you to wear a mask. People with whom you socialize may ask that you wear a mask. Of course, you are free to not patronize those businesses, forsake religious assembly and not hang out with certain people.

You are free to go maskless if you want to. However, you aren't free to be in someone else's face without a mask if they don't want you there without one. There are many places where you aren't allowed to smoke. There are some businesses that will not allow your pet. They have the freedom to refuse you service and you have the freedom to

go somewhere else. This is America.

We've all been to the funeral home around sick people. A dear friend of mine eulogized a funeral in late November. Two people were in attendance who had Covid-19. He caught the virus and was dead by mid-December. He spent his last two weeks of life isolated in intensive care. He meant well in trying to help out a family in their time of grief. It cost him his life. He had been very active and healthy.

I've spoken in churches and to groups where people would come up and shake my hand and then say, "Well, I've been sick, but I came anyway." They acted like they should have received a trophy for coming and contaminating everyone. In reality, their actions were inconsiderate

of everyone else's health.

State governments may remove mask mandates. However, keep in mind that business owners still have the right to require masks. Churches still have the right to require masks. You don't have to let anyone in your home without a mask if you choose.

We have freedom in America to make choices - all of us.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

MAN, UNITED

Baris Berk's local real estate firm was No. 1 sales in Revere in 2020

By Cary Shuman

Baris Berk, owner and president of United Brokers, guided his firm to the top of the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) in sales in Revere during 2020, a historic year when the COVID-19 pandemic dramatically affected businesses everywhere.

Berk said his real estate agents maintained a positive outlook and stayed true to the firm's philosophy of having a strong work ethic amidst the health crisis that struck hard against the Revere community.

"We worked hard. We never stopped. We approached our clients through Zoom, online, and by phones and we conducted virtual tours of the homes," said Berk. "And we were able to market the homes and attract some buyers with the CDC guidelines and able

to sell. We were very bold in our decisions, but we took safety measures for us and our clients." Berk oversees a staff of 50 agents that work out of the company's spacious offices at 283 Cushman Ave. Last winter, his firm was holding comprehensive training sessions before the pandemic hit.

"In the third week of our nine-week training program, we transferred the entire program to Zoom," recalled Berk. "We continued to have staff meetings every week on the Zoom platform. We kept our agents motivated instead of focusing on the negative impacts of the pandemic."

Berk said his firm's high number of home sales are a reflection that Revere is a much sought-after community in which people want to live and enroll their children in an outstanding school district. He credited Mayor Brian Arrigo for his stellar leadership of the city.

"Revere is an awesome, beautiful city that is close to Boston and the airport," said Berk. "Mayor Arrigo has encouraged a lot of new development and the feeling in this region is that Revere is booming and it's attracting professionals who are moving here from downtown Boston. Thanks to our mayor, Revere is a vibrant city with a bright future."

"The city offers a lot more to people. Revere Beach is here. The (MBTA) trains are here. And the schools (led by Supt. Dr. Dianne Kelly) have a much-deserved reputation for being excellent at all levels," concluded Berk.

United Brokers' main focus is on single-family home sales with some work on commercial and rental properties. Berk, who grew up in Turkey and emigrated to the United States in 1998, is in his 20th year in the field of real estate. He is proud of his firm's growth and the warmth in which Revere residents have welcomed its presence in the city.

"I never take things for granted," said Berk. "Our firm has to better today than yesterday. I never look back. If we do make any mistakes, we learn from them. And I don't compete with anybody but myself."

Berk hopes that his work ethic and his realization of the American Dream inspires others. He intends to be a part



Baris Berk, owner and president of United Brokers, is pictured in front of the firm's "Core Values" message inside the offices on Cushman Avenue.

of the Revere business community for many years to come. "Buying this location (on Cushman Avenue) is one of my milestones," said Berk, who lives in Revere with his wife, Diana Ochoa-Berk and their son, Sebastian, a high school student.

Berk added that people seeking careers in real estate are welcomed to contact him at his offices. "We are looking for people who believe in our core values and have the integrity, work ethic, and self-confidence," said Berk. "We hire people not for who they are, but who they can become."

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Real Estate Agent Alberio Lopera (left) and Owner and President Baris Berk are pictured at the United Brokers offices in Revere.

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annino and Jeffrey Turco also voiced their opposition to the new parking meters.

"I want to make it very clear that as Revere's State Representative now, and as a City Councillor in October, 2020, I advocated against and was strongly opposed to placing parking meters on Revere Beach," said Rep. Giannino. "I am working on this issue at the state level, and am looking for a solution for our residents. This is America's First Public Beach, and it should be open and equitable for all. I thank Mayor Arrigo, Senator Boncore and Representative Turco for their support, and rest assured, as Revere's State Delegation, we are on the same page and are trying to seek relief for Revere residents."



One of the DCR's new parking meter stations is pictured above on Revere Beach Boulevard across the street from the Beach House Apartments.



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said Lampedecchio. "A lot of things weighed into my decision. It's tough because over the past five years, I've literally spent every other Monday at City Council meetings. It's going to be a change for sure."

The 36-year-old Tapley Avenue resident said along the way he built "so many great relationships with so many people."

"I think we made some real positive change in the city and I just hope that continues," said Lampedecchio.

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Shown from left to right Monique Nguyen, Abdulkader Hayani, Niall Lennon.

Monique Nguyen honored as Immigrant Hero

Special to the Journal

Revere resident Monique Nguyen along with Massachusetts residents Abdulkader Hayani and Niall Lennon were honored last night, Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at The Immigrant Learning Center Immigrant Heroes Award Benefit. The event paid tribute to the tremendous achievements of three honorees and to the 1.2 million immigrant essential workers in Massachusetts without whom the COVID-19 pandemic would have been much worse. Honorees were given their awards at a socially distanced ceremony held at the Royal Sonesta Boston in Cambridge and broadcast online to a nationwide audience.

Mayor Brian M. Arrigo was unable to attend due to COVID precautions, but sent a pre-recorded message saying, "On behalf of our entire city, I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to all the immigrant hero essential workers that have kept the region running and kept us safe throughout the pandemic." Senator Edward J. Markey also sent a video message to tell immigrant essential workers everywhere, "You have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic and done the critical but often very difficult work that had to be done, whether that was in a hospital saving lives, in virtual classrooms teaching our children, or in a grocery store keeping food on the shelves." Senator Elizabeth Warren agreed in her pre-recorded message, saying, "They teach in our schools, work in our restaurants and hospitals, discover groundbreaking

cures. Immigrants make our country stronger, and our communities are better and brighter because of the invaluable contributions of immigrants."

Monique Nguyen was born in Canada to parents from Vietnam and moved with her family to the United States as a child. As the executive director of the Matahari Women Workers' Center in Boston, Nguyen created the MassUndocuFund last year with Mass Jobs with Justice and One Fair Wage to assist undocumented immigrants who lost employment or wages due to the pandemic. According to the organization, there are an estimated 250,000 undocumented immigrants who live and work in Massachusetts and contribute about \$184.6 million in state and local taxes. Because of their immigration status, none of these residents are eligible for federal stimulus funds or state unemployment benefits. MassUndocuFund has raised \$1.5 million and distributed grants to workers in the restaurant industry, agriculture, construction, domestic workers and more in all 14 counties in Massachusetts.

Abdulkader Hayani, a refugee from Syria, was honored for providing masks when they were urgently needed. When the pandemic hit in early 2020, he was laid off from his job as a tailor and turned his full attention to making and donating masks. In conjunction with the Shapiro Foundation, he was able to produce and distribute more than 2,000 masks in 22 states early in the pandemic when masks were in limited supply. A humble man, this accomplishment is some-

thing Hayani calls, "just something very small to help the American people."

A native of Ireland, Niall Lennon is a senior director at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard and a critical member of the team that, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, has made more than 15 million COVID-19 tests possible and counting. Starting with the first test in March 2020 through the current processing of 120,000 tests each day, Lennon has spearheaded clinical validation and been a primary liaison with the Food and Drug Administration as well as partners such as the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke. Residents in COVID hotspots, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, hospitals, homeless shelters, and low-income housing complexes, as well as students in 140 public and private colleges and universities throughout the Northeast and K-12 schools across Massachusetts, have benefited from these efforts.

A recording of the award ceremony as well as resources about immigrant essential workers in Massachusetts and the United States can be found on The Immigrant Learning Center's website at www.ilctr.org.

Other elected officials who contributed messages of thanks and congratulations included Congresswoman Katherine Clark, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey, Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy, Massachusetts Senator Jason Lewis and Revere Mayor Brian M. Arrigo. Business and community leaders also showed their support through pre-recorded messages, including Massachusetts Competitive Partnership President and CEO Jay Ash, Boston Business Journal Executive Editor Doug Banks, Deshpande Foundation Founder Desh Deshpande, and New England Patriots Foundation President Josh Kraft.

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. of Malden, MA, is a not-for-profit organization that gives immigrants a voice in three ways. The English Language Program provides free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston to help them become successful workers, parents and community members. The Public Education Institute informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society, and the Institute for Immigration Research, a joint venture with George Mason University, conducts research on the economic contributions of immigrants. For more information, visit the website <http://www.ilctr.org>. The ILC can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube and Pinterest.

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vendor, Applus Technologies, since March 30. The state extended the deadline for motorists (whose inspection stickers expired on March 31) to a new date of April 30.

"The RMV shares the frustrations and disappointment with the tremendous inconvenience Applus's outage is causing and recognizes the significant impacts on customers and business owners across the Commonwealth," said Acting Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "The RMV remains committed to its efforts to ensure Applus makes



Broadway Motors mechanic Paul Florio and owner Tom DiGregorio inside the the garage at Broadway Motors.

Massachusetts a priority in quickly and safely returning the inspection program to operation."

RMV implementing grace period for certain expired inspection stickers

Staff report

Due to the nationwide system outage of motor vehicle inspection services by its vendor Applus Technologies (Applus) impacting inspection stations and motor vehicle owners, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is allowing a grace period for specific motor vehicle inspection requirements outlined below. The RMV is working in close partnership with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA), the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) and other stakeholders to mitigate the impacts of the outage.

The RMV continues to urge Applus to safely and swiftly restore services and provide additional information on the extent of the outage's impact, which began on Tuesday, March 30. The three-phase process required to return the MA Vehicle Check program to full service that is secure and safe has been in progress. These phases are 1) Remediation (completed), 2) Restoration and System Testing (current phase), and 3) Go-Live and Post-Go-Live Support. The restoration phase, which is the current

phase, involves a deliberate and methodical resetting of Applus Technologies' IT environment and will take some time to restore the safety and emissions stations to testing capabilities fully. Based on recent conversations, inspections were not performed Monday, April 5, Tuesday, April 6, Wednesday, April 7, Thursday, April 8, or Friday, April 9.

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The RMV is allowing a grace period for certain expired motor vehicle inspections. The RMV has advised law enforcement that compliance with the safety/emissions inspection requirement has not been possible since March 30, in light of the outage caused by the malware attack against Applus.

Motor vehicles with expired inspection stickers from March 2021 ("3" sticker on windshield) should be granted until April 30, 2021, to obtain an inspection.

Vehicles newly purchased or registered on or after Tuesday, March 23, 2021, should be granted until April 30, 2021, to obtain an inspection. Newly purchased vehicles must typically be inspected within seven (7) days of registration.

Customers who recently had an inspection rejection and are in the 60-day free retest window will be afforded one extra day for each day Applus's system remains unavailable but should plan to facilitate their inspection as soon as possible once the system is restored and stations are online.

The RMV is taking these and other steps to mitigate the impacts of Applus's outage. Additionally, the RMV, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection, has formally notified Applus that it is in breach of its contract and is exploring all possible remedial measures pursuant to the terms of the contract as Applus works to restore service as expeditiously as possible.

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Michael Wells appointed city's Director of Municipal Inspections

By Cary Shuman

Michael Wells is the new director of municipal inspections after being appointed by Mayor Brian Arrigo and receiving the wholehearted support of the City Council.

At the sub-committee on his appointment, Chair Arthur Guinasso asked Wells, who has worked in the department for five years, to explain the nature of his responsibilities and his intentions in his vital position in city government.

"Our mission and goal for the department under building, health inspections, and weights and measures is to offer first-class service to our residents and our contractors and to ensure that we're living up to the standards in building code and safety and helping out anybody that we possibly can to get them to do what they need to do," said Wells.

Councilor-at-Large Jessica Giannino spoke enthusiastically about Wells' promotion.

"I think this is a wonderful appointment and I want to thank Michael for being so responsive," said Giannino.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna said Wells was her student at Revere High School. "I've known the Wells family for almost 40 years," said McKenna. "He's been a hard worker for the city. He's doing a wonderful job. It's an excellent appointment."

Council President Anthony Zambuto congratulated Wells on his appointment and "for his hard work" especially during the year-long COVID-19 pandemic. "He stepped up to the plate and I'm happy that the mayor is rewarding that."

Councilor-at-Large Gerry Visconti said that Wells always conducts himself "professionally, politely – and one of the biggest attributes that you have is the fact that you're approachable to the residents, contractors, and businesses."

Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe noted Wells' past experience in

the restaurant industry. "You're a hard-working person and I know you've been in this role for some time on an interim basis and this is well deserved," said Keefe.

Councillor-at-Large Steve Morabito said Wells has raised his family in Revere and that he frequents local establishments. "I like that aspect that he's rooted in Revere," said Morabito. "He knows our businesses and he wants to make sure they stay within code."

Guinasso, who has known Wells since his childhood, said, "The position [director of municipal inspections] you're coming into is so well-deserved. The manner in which you present yourself and the response you give to councilors and residents is so genuine, so truthful, so factual, and so informative. I know you had good vision back then and I know you'll do a great job for our city."

A Revere High School and Johnson and Wales graduate

Michael Wells is a 1989



Michael Wells is the new director of municipal inspections for the City of Revere.

graduate of Revere High School. He went on to attend one of the nation's foremost culinary arts colleges, Johnson and Wales in Providence. He has an Associate's degree in Culinary Arts and a Bachelor's degree in Food Service Management.

Wells, 46, started his career at Spirit of Boston, the Boston Harbor cruise ship, and was a general manager at 99 Restaurant for 13 years.

In 2016, Wells began his work in the city department he will now lead.

Wells said he will be able to build on the professional relationships he has had with local business owners as a result of his previous work in his position of food inspector.

He noted that all restaurants in the city are currently operating at 100 capacity with a six-foot distance in between tables.

Wells' offices will be located in the American Legion Building. He will administer the 18-member Municipal Inspections Department.

Wells expressed his gratitude to Mayor Brian Arrigo for the appointment.

"I'm very grateful to Mayor Arrigo for his confidence in me to lead one of the biggest departments in City Hall," said Wells.

Michael is the son of retired Revere firefighter Stanley Wells and Mary Ellen Wells, a popular waitress at Maggio's for 37 years.

Michael and his wife, Joan Wells, have four children, Mackenzie, who

works at East Boston Savings Bank, Jenna, a former three-sport standout and class president at Revere High School who is a sophomore at Salem State University, Michael, a senior at Northeast Regional specializing in the electrical program, and Jonathan, an eighth grader at Garfield Middle School.

Michael is also the younger brother of Jen Wells, one of the greatest Revere High softball pitchers in history. It was Jen who engineered the biggest upset in the program's history in the 1989 season, a win over Bishop Fenwick in the Division 1 sectional at Hill Park.

"I knew she was great since the day she started pitching," said Michael.

Jen's masterful pitching performance preceded Bishop Fenwick's streak of seven consecutive Division 1 state championships. It likely would have been eight in a row if not for the day Jen Wells and Revere High stunned the Massachusetts high school softball community.

Gubernatorial candidate Ben Downing outlines his climate plan

By John Lynds

With recent state legislation passed that will once and for all set criteria of what defines environmental justice communities like Revere --Gubernatorial Candidate, former State Senator and Eastie resident Ben Downing outlined his climate plan that he'd make a priority if elected to the state's corner office in 2022.

In his plan, the Pittsfield native who now lives in Orient Heights with his wife and two sons, said he wants to achieve 100 percent clean electricity in the Commonwealth by 2030

and 100 percent clean energy by 2040.

Downing, who became a clean energy business leader at a leading renewable energy company after leaving the Senate in 2017, unveiled his plan via his newly launched BEN TV (<https://tinyurl.com/DowningClimate>).

Downing said the first part of his campaign's policy agenda would be to focus on climate action.

"The Downing Climate Plan" is focused on urgency, equity, innovation, justice and jobs.

Aside from reaching 100 percent clean ener-

gy Downing said he's also committed to requiring 50 percent of climate spending to directly benefit environmental justice communities; undertake "Restructuring 3.0" to reform utilities and modernize the grid; create a climate impact mandate across state government; and maximize the economic benefit of a clean energy economy in Massachusetts

"For years, the Massachusetts state government has approached climate change with sluggishness and delay," said Downing during the launch of

his climate agenda. "So barely two weeks after we finally saw a major climate bill signed into law, we still find ourselves behind. It's past time we had a Governor who understands the fierce urgency of our changing climate, the disparate impact of our failures on disenfranchised communities, and the reality that if there is one resource we are flat out of, it is time. In the years ahead there is no greater priority for our state than undertaking an aggressive, all-hands-on-deck campaign to bring emissions down, reform

our energy sector, maximize green jobs, build up climate resilience, and fortify communities shouldering environmental injustice."

Downing said his climate policy plan is the first of many in his campaign.

"It's critical to me that voters understand my vision and priorities from the start," said Downing. "Our campaign's policy agenda will be a living, breathing effort, and we're looking forward to sharing ideas in the months ahead, getting feedback, listening to concerns, and building out a collective vision for

a fairer, stronger Massachusetts."

Downing was a leading voice for climate action during his 10 years in the state senate. He served as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy where he passed transformative legislation to improve energy efficiency, jumpstart renewable development, and help the state meet its carbon reduction goals.

He later served as Vice President at Nexamp and also served on the board of the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

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this year is that our funding is different than it's been in decades," said Kelly. "We have been thinking a lot about how we can improve the district and ways to leverage this additional funding to really influence the outcomes for our students. What really impacted some of the decisions are the vast amount of input that we got from our community meetings just over a year ago, when

we thought we were going to have some funding for Fiscal Year 2021. However, this funding was not realized because the pandemic caused the state to pull back the funding we anticipated from the Student Opportunity Act (SOA). So what we are hoping to do is to set an overarching vision for this funding."

Kelly said the additional funding that RPS has

on top of SOA funding are other grants like the American Recovery Act that are forthcoming.

"These are sizable amounts (of funding) as well," said Kelly.

After expenses last year, the School Committee agreed to reserve about \$878,000 in the fall left over from the 2019/2020 school year.

"We agreed that we should leave that funding

unspent because we were not sure at the time what our fiscal status would be for next school year," said Kelly. "So when all of that was said and done we had \$99 million to operate the school department. Then we received some additional funding because of COVID."

Throughout the pandemic Kelly said RPS received one grant for \$2.2 million and an addition-

al \$320,000 in Remote Learning Technology grants, which RPS used to buy the Chromebooks that went to students.

"We also had at one point almost \$1.7 million in Coronavirus Relief funding," said Kelly. "Most of that was targeted for the purchase of PPE and other things that we needed to ensure that our schools were safe. So our grand total we had to spend for the school year was \$103 million."

Kelly said now with

SOA funding hopefully coming through finally to the tune of \$11 million for RPS the schools will be in real good shape fiscally.

"This year we had \$108.7 million to spend on the school district," said Kelly. "Again that's a sizable jump over last year's budget of \$103 million and we anticipate with grants and SOA funding that we'll have \$132 million to spend on our schools--an increase of nearly \$30 million."

Food // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

We have so much to offer. We have a very, very diverse community. Why not give families the opportunity that cannot rent commercial space to start a business in their homes and hopefully get a co-sharing facility?"

Rotondo said the city has a wide variety of restaurants on Shirley Avenue, stating that "you can experience the world there."

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso spoke in opposition to Rotondo's motion.

"I think that's the exact reason why I would have reservations about this – because we have established places called restaurants, places where you can pick up food.

"But the most important thing is that the buyer is being protected by oversight responsibility by Inspectional Services checking the kitchen to make sure it's clean and sanitized. This is a process that's being done in places where there are remote

areas. We have beautiful businesses on Broadway. You can get any kind of food you want."

Guinasso said such food businesses operating out of homes could hurt the bottom line of established restaurants and bakeries.

Guinasso added, "If someone's making 400 bucks selling lasagna out the back door, that's wrong. I would be so against this [proposal]. I can't imagine buying food from someone else's house. And I don't think other people should do the same because there's no protection for them."

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito spoke in favor of the proposal.

"The last time I checked, this is the land of hope and opportunity," said Morabito. "Having residential kitchens will give the average person the opportunity of creating a business without the overhead start-up costs of running a business. It's the same thing as having a festival where Italians

use to sell rice balls at the corner of Shirley Avenue. It just gives the food entrepreneur the opportunity to create and sell homemade foods."

Dimple Rana, director of Revere On The Move, made an informative presentation on behalf of Rotondo's motion, stating that it would be of great benefit to Revere residents and its food economy.

Rana said the proposal would allow residents to start their own small businesses without all the overhead and capital expenses. Residentials would be required to apply for a state or local permit and comply with local ordinances.

Rana verbally provided the councilors with a list of foods that residential kitchens would be allowed to produce and sell "under cottage laws."

"They could sell baked goods, a loaf of bread, pastries, cookies, cakes, fruit pies, candies, pop corn, cotton candy, jams and jellies and preserves, dried

fruits, dried herbs, seasonings and mixtures, cereals, granola, fruited or unfruited nuts, and vinegar and flavored vinegars without any oil," said Rana.

Rana ended her remarks by stating that "this is a great motion that our city and our residents can benefit from."

City Council President Anthony Zambuto invited Rana to provide information at the Council's sub-committee meeting.

"In order to get people on board, we're going to have to educate people as to the safety of this," said Zambuto.

Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino concluded the discussion, stating that he initially had concerns about the proposal, but after listening to Rana's presentation about the safety precautions that would be implemented, "I look forward to learning more about this in sub-committee, and I think it's a great idea and that we should allow it."

OBITUARIES

James Ackerman

He will be remembered for his kindness, humor and intelligence

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on April 12 in the Immaculate Conception Church for James A. "Jimmy" Ackerman, 68, who died peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, April 7 at his Revere residence.

Jimmy was born in Chelsea and raised and educated in Revere. He was a proud graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1971. He furthered his education at North Shore Community College, where he earned an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts.

Jimmy will be remembered for his kindness, humor, and intelligence. He was a self-taught linguist who spoke several languages fluently, among them: Greek, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and French.

He had a natural ear for languages and was able to learn simply by listening and speaking with native speakers. Most recently he had been learning Arabic. He had a vast knowledge of cultures and history and an insatiable curiosity that endeared him to many non-English speakers, as he took the time to learn how to communicate with them.

He was able to use his linguistic abilities when he worked as a concierge at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, greeting and assisting people visiting the hospital in their own language.

Jimmy was an avid gardener and landscaper and for many years, along with his mother, he grew a sumptuous vegetable garden. His love of culture and organic farming spread to his cooking where he prepared wonderful meals and freshly baked cookies for his family and he was the keeper of his mother's many



Greek recipes.

Jimmy loved being outdoors and could be frequently seen along Revere Beach, either running or walking, from Elliot Circle to the Point of Pines.

Although he had many personal struggles, Jimmy was always quick to help others displaying deep compassion and empathy. Jimmy found solace in his strong faith and his friendship with Bill W.

The devoted son of the late Thomas E. Ackerman and Mary P. (Theophiles) Ackerman, he was the cherished brother of Mary Lauriat and her husband, Philip of Wakefield, Patricia "Patti" Ackerman-Felt of Saugus, Janis DelGaizo and her husband, John of Lynnfield, Thomas F. Ackerman and his wife, Cindy of Lynnfield, Margaret "Peggy" Ackerman of Nahant, Michael Ackerman and his wife, Judy of Melrose, the late Stephen M. Ackerman and Jimmy's partner of 30 years, Ricky Adams. He is also lovingly survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins and his dear friend, John Catino.

Remembrances may be made to Fenway Health 118 Pembroke St., Boston, MA 02118. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Rosemarie Drinan

Stop & Shop retiree

Family and Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Visitation on Saturday, April 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Route 107) Revere for Rosemarie (Mastascusa) Drinan, 73, who passed away at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers on April 10 following a battle of overwhelming illness.

A Funeral Service will be conducted in the funeral home at 5:15 p.m. immediately following the visitation. Interment will be held privately.

Face masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be maintained in the funeral home. All attendees are required to provide their name and phone number for contact tracing and temperatures will be checked prior to entering the funeral home. Only 25 people are allowed in the Funeral Home at one time.

Guests are asked to visit briefly and to exit the funeral home to allow others to enter.

Rosemarie was born and raised in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School. She soon married David J. Drinan and the couple resided in Everett where they began their family.

They later settled in Chelsea, where they remained for many years until taking residence in Saugus where they made their home for over 30 years. They shared nearly 54 years of marriage together.

Rosemarie was a devoted wife and mother and



she also worked outside of the home to help support her family. She worked for several years in Boston's Logan Airport at the duty-free shop and then began working for Stop & Shop Supermarket. Her career there as a clerk spanned 25 years until her retirement.

Rosemarie enjoyed spending time with her family and always held St. Anthony of Padua Church very dear to her heart.

The beloved wife of 54 years to David J. Drinan, Sr. of Saugus, she was the devoted mother of David J. Drinan, Jr. and his wife, Joyce of Revere, Denise M. Grassa and her husband, Nicholas and Diana M. LaVertue and her husband, George, all of Saugus; cherished grandmother of Sabrina, Justin, Katie and Isabella; dear sister of Joyce D. DiNuccio and her husband, Thomas L., Sr. of Revere and cherished aunt of Thomas L. DiNuccio, Jr. and his wife, Stacey of Winthrop. She was the daughter of the late John A. and Jennie G. (Caggiano) Mastascusa.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

To send online condolences or for more information, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

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Norma Davis

She had an unbreakable faith and devotion to God and her life purpose was giving back to those in need

Norma (Sasso) Davis, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away surrounded by her loving family on April 10 at the age of 89.

Born in Revere on November 8, 1931 to the late Peter and Sophie (DeMatteis), she was the beloved wife of the late Richard Davis, devoted mother of Elaine Moschella of Revere, Stephen Davis and his wife, Denise of Ohio and Nancy Maniscalco and her husband, John of Revere. She was the cherished grandmother of nine, adored great grandmother of four, dear sister of Robert Sasso, Edward Sasso and Elaine Marino, all of Revere, and was preceded in death by Lucy Savastano, Thelma Manz and Jean Sasso. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Norma had a passion for cooking since a very young age and was her happiest when serving her famous recipes to family and friends. In addition to cooking, some of Norma's pleasures included traveling, playing scrabble and cards with friends, watching Jeopardy, volunteering at the historical society, and playing in a bocce league. Norma took pride in making everyone feel welcome in her home. She adored caring for not only her own grandchildren, but many of their friends who adopted her as their grandmother as well. Norma had an unbreakable faith and devotion to



God. Giving back to those in need was Norma's life purpose. Her generosity is well known by anyone who has met her and she held a special place in her heart for the many foundations she contributed to.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St., Revere today, Wednesday, April 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. We ask that you make your visit brief to allow others to pay their respects. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere on Thursday at 10 a.m. (Everyone meet directly at church). Masks and social distancing are required at church and the funeral home. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Norma's name to the Reid Landry Garrant Foundation, RLG Foundation in care of Paula Garrant, 20 Berry St, Unit 2110, North Andover, MA 01845 or at reidsrebels.com. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

John Franovich

Raytheon retiree



John J. Franovich of Revere, loving father, grandfather,

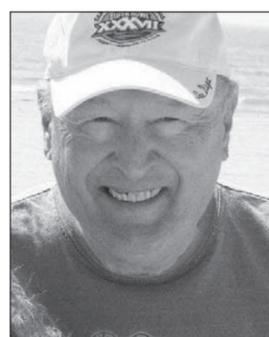
and devoted husband of 57 years of Regina (Roach) passed away on Saturday, April 10.

Born in Cambridge, the son of the late Leo and Rose Franovich and brother of Elizabeth (Betty) Caruso of Peabody and Leo Jr. of Somerville, John was a graduate of Somerville High School where he played football and basketball before serving his country in the Air Force during the Berlin crisis. He worked as a buyer for Raytheon for over 25 years.

He is also survived by his daughter, Robin M. Hartnett and her husband, Mark S. Hartnett of Revere, his son John A. Franovich and his wife, Lisa (Chase) of Rockland, formerly of Revere, David D. Franovich and his wife, Bridget of Maryland, formerly of Revere and 11 grandchildren.

He loved basketball, the Red Sox and taking pictures, but his true love was his family.

A visitation will be



held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere on Thursday, April 15 from 4 to 8 p.m. Due to current capacity limits, we ask that you keep your visit brief to allow others to enter. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday at the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach Street, Revere at 10 a.m. (Everyone to meet directly at church). Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Masks and social distancing are required at the church and funeral home. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Project Bread 145, Border Street, Boston, MA 02128 or at projectbread.org. For guest-book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

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great-grandchildren xo

Katherine J. Bright
April 16, 1931

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OBITUARIES

Alice DeMattia

Former Manager for Chelsea Savings Bank and the epitome of a lady of grace



Alice was born and raised in Revere and was a proud graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1947. As a young girl, Alice's first and greatest love was Revere Beach. Alice loved being at the beach throughout the summers or simply walking along the beach taking in the ocean air and the beautiful serenity it bestowed. Many of Alice's fondest and dearest memories were there. Alice and her family later moved to Lynn, where she remained most of her life, until moving to Melrose in the middle 1990's.

Alice worked in banking for most of her working career and was a Bank Manager at Chelsea Savings Bank. Alice had a great talent for playing the piano and would always entertain her family on holidays and events by playing. She was also an avid reader and loved to learn new things about people, history and places around the world. She was a devotee of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Lynnfield and was also a member of Our Lady's choir.

Alice had a great devotion and affection to her family and all her nieces and nephews. She was the epitome of a lady of grace, her elegant presence and warm friendly smile was always how she presented herself.

She was a former member of the Revere Women's Club and a family club, "The Cousins Club." The beloved wife of the late Stanley J. DeMattia, she was the dear sister of the late Fedele C. Perotti and her late husband, Peter C. Perotti, Dr. Ralph Zolla, M.D. and his late wife, Ida, Dr. Vito Zolla, D.D.M. and his late wife, Helen, Dr. Henry "Hank" Zolla, D.D.M., Pilgrim Zolla and his late wife, Fran, Joseph Zolla and his late wife, Gina, Victor Zolla and Eleanor M. Nazzaro and her late husband, Frank A. Nazzaro. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Jennie Zolla of Bedford; cherished aunt of Frank J. Nazzaro and his wife, Marianne of Danvers, Paul J. Nazzaro of Jupiter, FL, Paula M. Nazzaro of Plano, TX, Diane M. Zolla - Hager and her husband, Kevin of Bedford, Henry Zolla

and his wife, Tina of Osipee, N. H., Stephen J. Zolla and his wife, Kathy of Bedford, Dr. Laurence P. Perotti and his wife, Carolina of San Antonio, TX, Roberta A. Garrett of Katy, TX, Christine D. (Zolla) Ralton of Marshfield, Arlene A. Zolla of Walpole, J. David Zolla of Plainville, Anne C. (Zolla) Spitaleri of Winthrop and by many loving grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rt. 107) Revere for Alice M. (Zolla) DeMattia, 92, who died on Sunday, April 11 at the Chestnut Woods Rehabilitation Center in Saugus following a brief illness. A Funeral Service will follow the Visitation in the Funeral Home at 1:15 p.m. followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Face masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be maintained in the funeral home. All attendees are required to provide their name and phone number for contact tracing and temperatures will be checked prior to entering the funeral home. Only 25 people are allowed in the Funeral Home at one time. Guests are asked to visit briefly and to exit the funeral home to allow others to enter. A Memorial Mass will be announced at a later time by Alice's family.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioand-smith.com.

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10 years ago April 14, 2011

The ball is officially rolling on the new McKinley School, as the state School Building Authority (MSBA) approved the project for its capital pipeline last week. Getting the new school built has been a fight that has lasted for several generations, with disappointments stretching back to the 1970s for parents and city officials who have hoped to replace the 110-year-old school. Mayor Tom Ambrosino was the driving force behind the approval, as was Superintendent Paul Dakin, and both said this week that not only did they get the ball rolling on the school, but they will probably get a much bigger school than anticipated.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents arrested a Revere police officer yesterday morning at his Revere home for lying to FBI agents - specifically about an incident where he allegedly accepted \$200 in cash from a cooperating witness (CW) in exchange for the officer's assistance with a criminal case pending in Chelsea District Court against a friend of the CW. The FBI alleges

the officer, who is 40 years old, made false statements and representations regarding an ongoing public corruption investigation.

As part of the Wonderland Transit Oriented Development, a new pedestrian bridge that will traverse Wonderland Station to the Beach over Ocean Avenue will be designed by Miguel Rosales of Boston's Rosales & Partners, who was the lead architect of the now-iconic Zakim Bridge in Boston.

Hanna, Soul Surfer, and Scream 4 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago April 18, 2001

The City Council is debating the merits of filling the seat left vacant by the recent death of long-time councilor Joseph Del Grosso. Councilor-at-Large Dan Rizzo has suggested that Fred Sannella, the runner-up in the last election, should fill the spot.

City officials say they are facing a \$2 million increase in health insurance costs for city employees, which will have a devastating effect on the budget. Chaotic Wrestling, an

independent wrestling organization, is developing a following in Revere, where 300 fans recently saw matches at the Skyline Club at Wonderland Ballroom.

Revere will receive an extra \$513,944 in state lottery funds after State Rep. Bob DeLeo dug deep into the lottery's revenues.

Pokemon 3: The Movie, Bridget Jones's Diary, and Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago April 17, 1991

Abutters of the former Grover Manor Hospital property are pleased with the decision by the Planning Board to reject a proposal for a 32-unit housing subdivision by the present owners of the property. The owners had sought to build the homes on 6600 sq. ft. lots, which is less than the 10,000 sq. ft. now required under the city's zoning laws.

The School Committee approved a School Dept. budget for FY 1992 of \$22,235,353, which is predicated on the voters approving a Prop. 2 and 1/2 override of \$2.09 million.

The MWRA has approved a budget that will increase Revere's assessment by \$1.2 million, which will further burden local homeowners who already pay an average of \$442 annually to the MWRA in water bills.

School Supt. Dr. Rocco Malfitano has announced plans to consolidate all seventh and eighth graders to the Beachmont and Garfield Schools for the coming year.

New Jack City, The Silence of the Lambs, and Dances With Wolves are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago April 15, 1981

The School Committee voted 4-3 to approve a \$12,204,286 budget for the Revere schools for next fiscal year, a reduction of \$1,917,000 from this year's budget. The five-hour meeting was punctuated with outbursts between members. The new budget means that numerous layoffs will be required, including teachers, school librarians, substitutes, cafeteria workers, administrators, and custodians.

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Revere Police awarded grant to increase distracted driving patrols

Special to the Journal

Mayor Brian Arrigo and Chief of Police David Callahan announced that the Revere Police Department has been awarded a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) to increase the number of distracted driving patrols during April's Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Revere Police will join other departments across the state, along with the Massachusetts Department of State Police in the national Distracted Driving enforcement campaign.

"Distracted drivers put everyone at risk, especially pedestrians and cyclists," said Chief Callahan of the Revere Police Department. "These funds will increase our traffic enforcement presence. The Massachusetts Hands-Free law is an important tool to keeping roads safe for everyone."

"We are constantly distracted by electronic devices and communications in our everyday lives. These distractions are most dangerous when we're behind the wheel," said Kevin Stanton, Executive Director of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's OGR. "We urge drivers to place their cell phones out of reach so that they can focus on safe driving."

"Just drive," said Jeff Larason, Division Director of the OGR's Highway Safety Division. "The time you spend behind the wheel is, for most people, the most dangerous thing you're likely to do today. Adding distractions, like your cell phone, is irresponsible and dangerous."

Although the following trends show a decline, traffic safety experts believe driver inattention is a contributing factor to these incidents:

- The five-year average of traffic fatalities in Massachusetts for 2016 - 2020 was 353, down from 354 reported from 2015 - 2019.

- From 2016 - 2020, 168 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver in Massachusetts.

This is a 23% decline from the 217 deaths reported from 2015-2019.

- Fatalities in a crash involving a distracted driver from 2016 - 2020 were 9.5% of all traffic fatalities reported during the same period. This is a significant decline from the 12.3% reported for 2015 - 2019.

- The five-year average of crashes involving a distracted driver in Massachusetts has declined nearly 2% from 11,098 for 2015 - 2019 to 10,885 for 2016 - 2020.

- From 2016 - 2020, serious injuries were reported in 1.8% of all crashes involving a distracted driver. Minor injuries were reported in 13.4% of all crashes involving a distracted driver.

- The five-year average of crashes involving a distracted driver using an electronic device (operating or talking) dropped 5.5% from 3,413 for 2015 - 2019 to 3,226 for 2016 - 2020.

- From 2016 - 2020, serious injuries were reported in 1.6% of crashes involving a distracted driver using an electronic device. Minor injuries were reported in 13.1% of crashes during the same period.

- From 2016 - 2020, nearly 70% of all distracted driving-involved fatalities occurred between 9 am and 9 pm. The period from 12 pm - 2:59 pm was the most dangerous, with 35 of the 168 deaths accounting for 20.8% of fatalities.

- From 2016 - 2020, pe-

destrians accounted for 49 of the distracted driver-involved crash fatalities. This is an 18.3% decline from the 60 pedestrian fatalities reported from 2015 - 2019.

- Of the 49 pedestrians killed in a distracted driver-involved crash from 2016 - 2020, 24 were age 65 or older. There were only four pedestrian deaths under age 15.

COMPLYING WITH THE HANDS-FREE LAW:

Vehicles without built-in GPS, Apple Car Play, or Android Audio must be equipped with a phone mount on the dash or windshield for GPS navigation.

To properly equip your vehicle, here are the options (most are powered by vehicle cigarette lighter port):

- Standalone hands-free device with built-in Bluetooth, speaker, and microphone.

- Bluetooth adapter with FM transmitter to use car speakers for audio. Some come with a microphone; others rely on the phone's microphone.

- Single-ear earpiece with Bluetooth to pair with a phone for calls.

- Replacement head unit (if available) that includes either Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, or Bluetooth. Must be professionally installed.

Vehicles with An Aux port, but without Bluetooth - Bluetooth adapter

that plugs into the cigarette lighter and includes a cable for connecting to aux port for phone audio. Some include microphones and a dash-mountable button to answer calls. Others rely on the phone's microphone.

Vehicles Equipped with Bluetooth - A phone mount is all you need for GPS navigation. All phone communication can be routed through the Bluetooth connection.

To fully comply with the law, using a voice assistant on the phone or through the car's infotainment system is required. Both Apple's Siri and Google Assistant must be enabled and used to issue commands to place calls, listen to text messages and respond to text messages.

The OGR offers these additional tips for motorists not using hands-free technology:

- Before driving, please turn your phone off and put it out of reach.

- Set your iPhone to "Do Not Disturb While Driving" mode.

- Let your friends and family know that you'll be driving and can't take their calls or texts.

- If you have to make a call or send a text, pull over.

- Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists - especially at night.

- Remember to buckle up! Seat belts are your best defense against a distracted driver.

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Mayor Brian Arrigo (right) joins Gov. Baker, state officials, and medical personnel on a tour of the COVID-19 vaccination site at the Oceanside Events Center.



East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President and CEO Manny Lopes, Gov. Charlie Baker, and Mayor Brian Arrigo tour the vaccination site at Oceanside Events Center.



State Sec. of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders is pictured with Revere City Council President Anthony Zambuto and State Rep. Jeffrey Turco during a tour of the vaccination site at Oceanside Events Center.



Members of the United States military listen as Gov. Charlie Baker provides an update on the Commonwealth's COVID-19 vaccination distribution process.

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Dedication ceremonies for the new Joseph A. Rossetti Senior Center at 363 Revere St. will be held Monday afternoon.

Mayor George V. Colella has filed legislation, approved by the City Council, that will seek to use \$120,000 realized from tax lien foreclosure sales to prevent the layoffs of seven public safety employees in the police and fire departments.

Students at the Immaculate Conception School held their annual art exhibit recently.

Lily Tomlin stars in The Incredible Shrinking Woman at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

50 years ago April 15, 1971

After a month's delay, the School Committee unanimously approved Mrs. Eletta DiBattista Graceffa as the new principal of the Henry Waitt elementary school in North Revere.

The School Committee has demanded a meeting with the City Council to discuss the council's action in slicing \$282,509 from the School Department budget.

Sgt. Paul Bellofatto has earned his second Bronze Star within four years for distinguished service in Vietnam. Sgt. Bellofatto is a member of the Army's Special Forces, known as the Green Berets. Sgt. Bellofatto led a platoon deep inside enemy territory on a mission to determine the enemy's strength. Bellofatto rescued one of his comrades who had been wounded in the face of enemy fire and called in an air strike against the enemy just 25 meters from his platoon's position.

Four youths ages 18-20 were arrested after going on a rampage Monday night with an air gun and blowing out numerous car windows in the Mountain Ave. area.

MDC Commissioner John Sears was the guest speaker at a recent joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

George C. Scott stars in Patton at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago April 20, 1961

Congressman Thomas Lane has announced that the federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has approved the city's application for \$61,622 in federal funds, representing reimbursement for students in the local schools who are the children of parents working for federal government agencies.

A pair of two-alarm fires within 12 hours of each other Saturday at 54-56 Bellingham St. and 580 Beach St. has left 21 per-

sons homeless.

A Census Bureau report reveals that 1364 of the city's 12,854 dwelling units are substandard. A total of 6363 of the city's dwelling units are owner-occupied, 5485 are rented, and 1006 are vacant. Almost one half of the vacant units are in the substandard category. A total of 19 housing units in Revere are occupied by non-whites.

Carl W. O'Neil is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Lodge of Elks.

Fred Mastracci is the new Commander of the Leon Mottola VFW Post.

Disney's 101 Dalmatians is playing at the Revere Theatre. Jerry Lewis stars in The

Geisha Boy at the Revere Drive In.

70 years ago April 19, 1951

Members of the School Committee, clearly angered by the attitude of the Revere school teachers who have been demanding that their pay raises be retroactive to January 1, fired back at the teachers and voted to make the raises retroactive to April 1.

Police Lieut. James F. Dooley, who served as Acting Chief at various times, has retired after 25 years of service with the local police force and will take a disability pension.

Two hold-up men made off with \$96 cash and took the car of one of the owners of the Gulf Service Station on Broadway. The car later was recovered on Malden St.

The dispute between President Harry S. Truman and Gen. Douglas MacArthur over the course of the war in Korea has captured local attention.

The city's Youth Commission basketball leagues closed out their best season ever Saturday, with many new champions crowned.

Van Johnson and Kathryn Grayson star in Grounds for Marriage at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

80 years ago April 17, 1941

A score of local boys, members of the Columbian Squires of the Knights of Columbus, took over the various offices of city government for the day Tuesday.

The Revere Visiting Nurse Association is conducting its annual fundraising campaign.

The Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 171 boys and girls of Our Lady of Lourdes Church yesterday afternoon.

Rita Hayworth stars in Strawberry Blonde at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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Sports

RHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

RHS HOCKEY TEAM WRAPS UP SEASON

The Revere High hockey team wrapped-up its pandemic-shortened season this past week.

The so-called Winter II season already had been reduced to an eight-game schedule with playoffs, but a COVID-19 quarantine resulted in the Patriots playing only four regular-season contests and then one playoff game for the Greater Boston League Cup.

The Patriots' final regular-season contest came on Senior Night two weeks ago with a 2-1 loss to Somerville. After falling behind 2-0 in the first half (the teams played two halves of 22:30 instead of the usual three periods of 15 minutes each), Patriot senior captain James Marini found the back of the Highlander net to make it a 2-1 affair.

However, Revere was unable to notch the equalizer before the final horn. Goalie Nick Fabrizio played well in net for the Pats.

The Patriots then were scheduled to play four more games over eight days against their GBL rivals, but a positive COVID-19 test among one of the team members necessitated a quarantine.

Revere was unable to play or practice for almost

two weeks and did not return to action until a contest with first-place Medford in the semifinal round of the GBL Cup playoffs this past week.

The Patriots grabbed 1-0 lead thanks to a goal by sophomore Chris Ceca and maintained their advantage heading into the final 10 minutes behind some superb goaltending by Cam Wickens.

However, a penalty gave the Mustangs a power play and then matching-minors left the Patriots shorthanded on defense (both of the penalties were called on Revere's starting defensemen).

Medford took full advantage of the opportunity, scoring two goals, and then adding a third for the 3-1 finale.

"It was unfortunate that we were forced to take a layoff, because we hadn't skated for two weeks when we had to play Medford," said RHS head coach Joe Ciccarello.

Still, Ciccarello and his team were grateful for the opportunity to get on the ice at all during the pandemic.

"This was a great group of kids and a great group of seniors in particular," said Ciccarello. "We faced a lot of adversity from the beginning, but the team met the challenges and made the most of the season."

DO YOU REMEMBER THE REVERE BOMBERS?



The year was 1982 and the Revere "Bombers" girls Basketball team managed to take home the runner-up position in a local basketball tournament. In the first row, left to right, Janet D'Allesandro, Stacey Dipisa, DeAnne Mantia and Rosey Guarino. In the back row, Coach Jeff D'Agostino, Kim Stuppia, Kelly Coleman, Allison Jewel, Michele Missina and Karen McLaughlin.

To All Our Customers

As many of you know, the Winthrop Marketplace has been closed since April 3. The floors that we installed two years ago were defective and had to be replaced. When we went ahead with installing the new flooring, we decided to make some changes with the checkout lanes as well. The original checkout lanes were designed for plastic bags and, due to the plastic bag ban, they were no longer effective for our store. Therefore, we sought out a local professional that could personalize our checkout lanes to fit our store environment while also allowing an efficient checkout process.

Since starting this project we have run into some major problems, which pushed us back. What was supposed to be a four day project has gone on almost two weeks. We knew that the building was an older building and has unique characteristics, but we didn't foresee some of the issues that have arisen. After facing these delays and changing companies, our new flooring company has been moving along well and we can't thank them enough for getting in here under such short notice.

On another note, we want to thank all our employees and our customers for your ongoing support. The phone calls, the e-mails, and the text messages have really helped us get through this long and frustrating project. It has been made even harder because we have not been able to give concrete answers to when we will be open. We want nothing more than to open our doors again to all of you and can't wait to welcome everyone back.

The Winthrop Marketplace plans on being in this community for a long time and continue to be big part of the town of Winthrop now and in the future.

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# Flawed COVID-19 study may be putting school workers and students at risk

Staff Report

On April 2, members of the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health's (MassCOSH) Health Technical Committee had a letter to the editor published in the *Clinical Infectious Diseases* journal that rebutted findings of a study published by the journal that played a role in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) changing its social distancing guidelines in public schools from 6 feet to 3 feet. The guidelines

are being adopted by districts nationwide.

The letter questions the methods conducted in the journal article, *Effectiveness of three versus six feet of physical distancing for controlling spread of COVID-19 among primary and secondary students and staff: A retrospective, state-wide cohort study*. Authors of that article only looked at the written plans for distancing, not the actual implementation of those plans. They excluded all schools that were remote during the study period, which were

most of the major cities in Massachusetts. They did include schools that were open just 5 percent of the time, which may have been much more influential on COVID-19 risk than their written distancing plans.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Massachusetts (DESE) has used this flawed study to require that schools open for full, in-person learning across the Commonwealth. The result is classrooms filled to a much higher capacity than what may be safe.

Last week, even before students returned to the classroom at higher numbers, Massachusetts saw the most COVID-19 cases in schools yet, a combined 1,045 infections between students and staff.

"It is critical that decisions about the return to in-person learning be based in science," said Jodi Sugerman-Brozan, MassCOSH Executive Director. "Unfortunately, a problematic study riddled with flaws, conducted right here in Massachusetts, has led to what is likely a dangerously high

number of students returning to classrooms across the country at a time when cases are on the rise."

The return to full-in-person learning in the Commonwealth comes shortly on the heels of a DESE decision to remove all capacity limits on school buses in Massachusetts. To justify this decision, DESE claims that two things make social distancing unnecessary: the effectiveness of masks and the high ventilation rates on a school bus. Neither the CDC nor any other leading public or occupa-

tional health experts support DESE's position that masks or ventilation make social distancing unnecessary. Bus drivers have already been hit hard by the pandemic. In Boston, two active school bus drivers and a bus manager died of COVID-19 in April 2020. A recent study of COVID-19 deaths among Massachusetts workers found that, from March to July of last year, transportation workers lost their lives to COVID-19 at twice the rate of the average worker.

# MBTA extends Five-day Flex Pass on mTicket, other fare changes

Staff report

The MBTA this week announced updates to current fare pilots that include an extension of the Five-day Flex Pass on mTicket, as well as upcoming fare change proposals that include improvements to the Youth Pass and converting all Outer Express Bus Routes to Inner Express Bus fares. These changes help to improve reduced fare programs and simplify complex fares for both customers and operations.

"We're pleased to temporarily extend the availability of the Five-day Flex Pass, which has been a popular fare option for our Commuter Rail riders as travel patterns have adjusted and evolved during the pandemic,"

said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We're also excited about our upcoming fare proposals that make improvements to the Youth Pass and Express Bus Route fares. If approved by the FMCB next month, these proposals – converting all Outer Express Bus Routes to the lower Inner Express Bus fare, and providing Youth Pass users with reduced fares on Commuter Rail, Express Bus, and ferries – will allow the MBTA to continue to meet the needs of riders through incremental fare improvements that matter now more than ever as we enter the 'new normal'."

### Fare Pilot Updates

MBTA staff announced that the Five-day Flex

Pass will be extended, the Lynn Zone 1A Fare Pilot will end on June 30, as previously planned, and Quincy Center Station's Zone 1A fare designation will end June 30:

- Five-day Flex Pass: An attractive option for riders with in-person work schedules limited by the pandemic, the Five-day Flex Pass has continued to serve Commuter Rail riders with over 5,600 passes sold through March 2021. The Five-day Flex Pass will continue to be available on mTicket for 90 days following the end of the Commonwealth's state of emergency.

- Lynn Zone 1A Fare Pilot: Zone 1A fares were piloted in Lynn to relieve crowding on nearby buses and improve social dis-

tancing and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on ridership data and surveys of Lynn riders, it was found that the Lynn Zone 1A Fare Pilot has not reduced crowding on nearby bus routes. As a result, this fare pilot will end June 30, as previously announced with Lynn Station returning to a Zone 2 fare beginning July 1.

- Quincy Center Zone 1A mitigation: Zone 1A fares were temporarily accepted at Quincy Center Station in order to mitigate Red Line service impacts during both the closure of Wollaston Station and North Quincy Garage Development construction. Wollaston was reopened in August 2019, surface parking currently provides sufficient access to North Quincy, and the North Quincy Garage is anticipated to open later in 2021. As a result, Quincy Center Station's Zone 1A fare designation will end June 30, 2021, with Quincy Center returning to a Zone 1 fare beginning July 1.

mation staff presented two fare change proposals to be voted on by the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) on May 10, 2021, that aim to benefit nearly 2,200 current Youth Pass participants (about 4,600 pre-pandemic) and to simplify Express Bus fares:

- The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low incomes roughly 50-percent reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses on the bus and subway. MBTA staff have proposed that the Youth Pass also be valid for reduced fares on Commuter Rail, Express Bus, and ferries. Youth Pass holders are already able to purchase half-price Commuter Rail tickets through a reduced fare pilot that ends on June 30. This proposed fare change, if approved by the FMCB, would make the Youth Pass Commuter Rail pilot a permanent policy and also provide reduced Express Bus and ferry fares effective July 1, 2021.

posed converting all Outer Express Bus Routes (\$5.25 per trip) to Inner Bus fares (\$4.25 per trip) effective July 1. Maintaining a separate fare for a small number of Outer Express Bus Routes has become unnecessarily complicated for riders and bus operators. Due to service changes as a result of the pandemic, the MBTA is currently operating only a single Outer Express route (352/354), which is most recently serving about 100 Outer Express rides per day. The route also serves an Inner Express stop and requires a complicated procedure to avoid overcharging customers. As a result, if approved by the FMCB in May, the MBTA has proposed converting fares for Express Route 352/354 as well as any future Express Bus Routes to the Inner Express fare of \$4.25 beginning July 1.

The public is able to comment on these proposed changes at [mbta.com/2021FareChanges](http://mbta.com/2021FareChanges). The Title VI analysis will be shared with FMCB and posted to [mbta.com](http://mbta.com) by April 26.

### Proposed Fare Changes

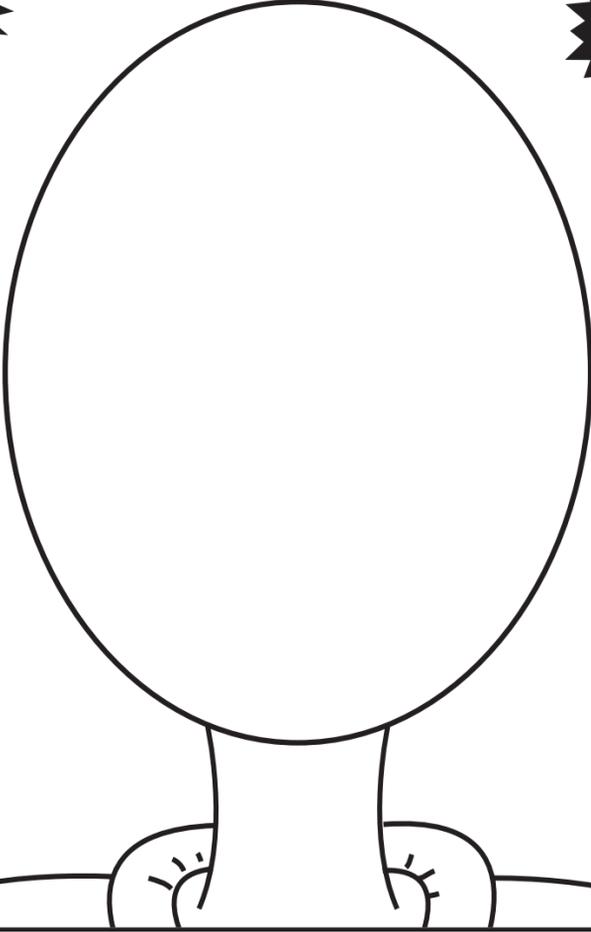
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# Dr. William Heineman Selected as Northshore Community College's fifth President

Staff report

Dr. William Heineman, Provost at Northern Essex Community College, is the unanimous choice of the North Shore Community College Board of Trustees to become the college's fifth President.

The Board's recommendation of Dr. Heineman is pending affirmation by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. Given that approval, it is anticipated Dr. Heineman will take office July 1.

Dr. Heineman is deeply

familiar with Massachusetts' public higher education system and its participants having amassed a decades-long record of successive leadership and service as a faculty member, administrator in academic affairs and student affairs, and much more at NECC.

He holds an Ed.D from the University of Massachusetts Boston, an MPP from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a BA History, Graduated magna cum laude with

Distinction from the University of Rochester, NY. In addition, Dr. Heineman participated in the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Leadership, the American Association of Community Colleges Future Leaders Institute, and the Massachusetts Community College Leadership Academy.

NSCC Board of Trustees Chair Dr. J.D. LaRock said, "Dr. Heineman is already known as one of the finest academic leaders in the Massachusetts

public higher education system. But his analytical and business acumen impressed us as well. He understands that American higher education is facing immense pressures, and that to thrive, all colleges – including NSCC – will need to innovate."

Dr. Heineman noted, "I am honored by the support of the Trustees and the constituent groups of North Shore Community College. What I saw during the interview process is a strong institution with a deep commitment

to its students and its community. What I heard was a passionate desire to meet the challenges facing North Shore together, collaboratively and that is what we will do. The challenges that our rapidly changing world pose to North Shore and its community are significant enough that only a team effort can meet them and I am fully committed to leading that team."

"I look forward to the remaining steps in the presidential appointment process and getting to



Dr. William Heineman

know North Shore Community College and its community better in the months ahead," he added.

## MBTA to hold public hearing on fare evasion

Staff report

The MBTA will conduct a virtual public hearing on April 15 to hear feedback from riders and stakeholders regarding proposed Fare Evasion Regulations 703 CMR 5.00 to decrease fine levels associated with fare evasion on the MBTA.

As a part of the Fare Transformation project, the MBTA is moving to all-door boarding to make bus, Green Line, and Mat-tapan Line trolley services faster and more reliable. A key component of this move to all-door boarding is a shift to a fare verification system in which riders carry and present proof that they have paid to use the system. The Transportation Bond Bill, adopted in January 2021, gave the MBTA the authority to build a team to verify fares and issue fare evasion citations. The Bill also called

for the MBTA to set fare citation fine levels through a regulatory, rather than statutory, process. The MBTA has proposed decreasing fine levels from their current minimum of \$100 for a first offense to \$50. Riders and community members can review the proposed regulations (703 CMR 5.00) on the MBTA website.

As a part of the regulatory process, the MBTA will hold a virtual public hearing on April 15 at 6 PM to hear feedback from riders and stakeholders on the proposed regulations. Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing or in writing. While the MBTA encourages all interested parties to submit testimony in advance of the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 5 PM on Friday, April 30. Written comments must be submitted by email or postal mail to the

following address. Email is strongly preferred.

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Public Hearing Details:  
Thursday, April 15, at 6 PM

For help registering for these virtual public meetings, please call the MBTA Community Engagement team at 857-366-1871.

Any questions can be emailed to [fareregulations@mbta.com](mailto:fareregulations@mbta.com). The public can learn more about getting involved in the Fare Transformation project by visiting [www.mbta.com/fares/fare-transformation/get-involved](http://www.mbta.com/fares/fare-transformation/get-involved).



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Joseph Lewis as Eze Nri (2018), Stephen Hamilton. © Stephen Hamilton.

## 'New Light: Encounters and Connections' highlights Museum of Fine Art's collection

Staff report

Spanning cultures and geographies, and sometimes millennia too, "New Light: Encounters and Connections" presents more than 50 works of art from across the MFA's collection, many of which are on view for the first time. The exhibition is organized into 21 conversations—

in each, a contemporary piece that has recently joined the collection is juxtaposed with one or two objects acquired earlier in the Museum's history.

The contemporary pieces include work by emerging as well as local or Boston-born artists—among them Dana C. Chandler,

Jr., Eben Haines, Stephen Hamilton, Tomashi Jackson, Lavaughan Jenkins and Alison Croney Moses. The objects in conversation with these recent additions range from a carving of a princess from ancient Egypt to experimental miniature vases made by French ceramicist Auguste Delaherche. Placed in dialogue, these objects old and new invite visitors to explore an array of subjects. A portrait by Stephen Hamilton featuring weaving and dyeing techniques learned in Nigeria engages 20th-century textiles from southwestern Nigeria and Gee's Bend, Alabama in a meditation on ancestral heritage, while encounters elsewhere address childcare, queer communities and Native resistance, among other topics. Together, these conversations reveal the potential of every addition to the collection to spark unexpected connections and new narratives.

"New Light: Encounters and Connections" is generously supported by the Callaghan Family Fund for Contemporary Exhibitions. Additional support from the Barbara Jane Anderson Fund, The Bruce and Laura Monrad Fund for Exhibitions, and the Diane Krane Family and Jonathan and Gina Krane Family Fund.

## FRESH & LOCAL

### Rest is Best!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Have you ever noticed that the stew you made over the weekend tastes much better as a Monday leftover? That may be, in part, because you didn't have to cook after a busy day, but it is also because a stew, in our opinion, is one of those dishes that is at its best after it has had a rest.

For us, the same is true of chili, braised meat, and some soups. This recommendation, like so many in the food world, has its friends and foes. After extensive testing, The Serious Eats Food Lab concluded that with these foods, it really doesn't make a difference and told readers to do whatever they wanted, rest or don't rest.

The popular no-knead bread dough recipes call on long, slow, cool fermentation to improve the flavor, texture, and some say the bread's digestibility. It also allows the baker more flexibility about when they want to bake a loaf.

**A Must for Chowder**  
In his book, "50 Chow-

ders One Pot Meals, Clam, Corn & Beyond," Boston Chef Jasper White recommends the step of letting a chowder rest or "cure," as New Englanders call it. He writes, "Do not underestimate the importance of this process. It is during the resting and cooling-off period that chowder undergoes a metamorphosis, emerging with a deeper flavor and richer texture."

We find this is also true of other soups. We make a variety of soups that are combinations of vegetables with a sausage. After a day in the refrigerator, a sausage like kielbasa or chorizo will have shared its seasoning with the rest of the soup to a greater degree than when first cooked.

#### Short Naps

Rest time may be short or long. If you've grilled a steak, you may have learned to cover it with foil and let it rest for five to ten minutes to allow the heat in the meat to finish cooking and for the juices to redistribute. That time will extend to 20 to 30 minutes for a large roast.

When we make quick pickles, salad dressings,

or herb and yogurt sauces like riata or tzatziki, we'll make those first as we begin to cook, so they have some time for the herbs and seasonings to infuse into the liquids.

In baking, the rest times are often for totally different reasons. Cookie and pastry dough call for a time out in the refrigerator to allow the flour to be completely hydrated by the wet ingredients and let the fat, be it butter or lard, reharden for a tender or flaky result.

#### Food Safety First

While telling you to let your chowder cure, Chef White, a long-time restaurateur, addresses the food safety aspect of allowing food to rest. He says, "A 1-hour resting will improve your chowder immensely, and refrigerating overnight or longer is even better! If you decide to refrigerate your chowder, let it cool at room temperature for 30 minutes, then place it in the refrigerator uncovered. Covering can prolong the cooling process, resulting in a warm center that is ideal for bacterial growth. Bacteria ruins the flavor and shortens the shelf life of food. Cover the chowder only after it has chilled completely."

We would add that you should always use a food thermometer to ensure that your resting food stays out of the danger zone of 40°F to 140°F, where bacteria proliferate.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.



This Rhode Island clam chowder is a dish that benefits from a rest or, as Jasper White calls it, "time to cure."

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## WEEKLY CRIME Report

The following incidents are among the calls to which the Revere police responded on the listed dates:

### FRIDAY, APRIL 2

0757: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at No. Shore Rd. and Mills Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0843: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Campbell Ave. and arrested the operator, Angel Rivera Ortolaza, 41, of 19 Walnut Place, on three outstanding warrants and for the criminal offenses of operating a MV after his right to operate had been revoked, resisting arrest, using a MV without authority, and two counts of carrying a dangerous weapon.

0846: Domestic disturbance on Pomona St. The officer restored the peace.

0936: Unwanted person on Ocean Ave. The officer filed a report.

0938: Motor vehicle accident on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1018: Motor vehicle accident on Salem St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1046: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) at Copeland Circle. The officer provided assistance.

1200: A MV that had been reported as stolen was recovered on Broadway.

1213: Parking complaint on Beachland Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1236: Suspicious activity on Lantern Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1248: Parking complaint at Folsom Ave. and Broadway. The officer provided assistance.

1250: Motor vehicle accident on Furlong Drive. The officer provided assistance.

1305: Suspicious activity on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.

1325: MVA on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer provided assistance.

1515: Disturbance on Nerious Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1616: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Ocean Ave.

1620: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked in a handicapped spot on Eastern Ave.

1641: Motor vehicle accident on VFW Parkway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1725: Parking complaint at Rand and Oxford Sts. The officer provided assistance.

1751: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Beach St. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1753: Motor vehicle accident at Washington Ave. and Carmen Lane. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1928: Officers responding to a report of a disturbance on Beachland Ave. arrested Kebin L. Osorio-Portillo, 36, of East Boston, for the criminal offense of violating a domestic abuse prevention restraining order pursuant

to c. 209A.

1936: Shoplifting on Squire Rd. The officer filed a report.

1955: Unwanted person on Squire Rd. Officers arrested a 20 year-old Lowell man on an outstanding warrant.

2022: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Walnut Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2038: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

2115: Parking complaint on Cooledge St. The officer provided assistance.

2127: Disabled MV at Mills Ave. and No. Shore Rd. The officer provided assistance.

2128: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Broadway.

2137: Parking complaint on Pines Rd. The officer issued a parking ticket.

2219: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2225: A MV was reported stolen on Park Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2229: Suspicious activity at Orr. Sq. The officer provided assistance.

2258: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

2312: Harassing phone calls on Reservoir Ave. The officer filed a report.

2326: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Mountain Ave. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

2334: Noise disturbance on Sigourney St. The officer provided assistance.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 3

0014: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

0015: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Squire Rd. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

0101: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Mahoney Circle for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

0144: Noise disturbance on Pines Rd. The officer provided assistance.

0201: Noise disturbance on State Rd. The officer provided assistance.

0215: Blocked driveway on Pines Rd. The MV was moved.

0231: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Brown Circle. The officer issued a citation to a 30 year-old Lynn man for the criminal offense of negligent operation of a MV.

0703: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Arcadia St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

0927: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Ocean Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1009: An officer stopped a motor vehi-

cle (MV) on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1049: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1114: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Beach St. The officer issued a citation to a 33 year-old Lynn man for the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

1116: Harassing phone calls on Thornton St. The officer filed a report.

1139: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Squire Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1146: An officer stopped a MV on Hichborn St. and ordered the MV to be towed.

1152: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Mahoney Circle. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1322: Domestic disturbance on Oak Tree Lane. The officer restored the peace.

1509: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1559: An officer provided public safety services on Walnut Ave.

1604: Fraud on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer filed a report.

1714: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Broadway.

1714: Suspicious activity on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1724: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley Ave. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1726: Disturbance on VFW Parkway. Officers issued summonses for a court hearing to two persons, a 58 year-old Revere woman for the criminal offense of assault by means of a dangerous weapon and a 20 year-old Chelsea woman for the criminal offense of assault & battery.

1751: Noise disturbance on Broadsound Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1757: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Ward St. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1839: Motor vehicle accident on Mountain Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1902: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley Ave. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1913: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1915: Parking complaint on Fenley St. The officer provided assistance.

1916: Motor vehicle accident at Broadway and Prince St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1925: Disturbance on Fenley St. The officer filed a report.

1931: Shoplifting on Furlong Drive. The officer

provided assistance.

1934: Motor vehicle accident on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1939: Abandoned MV on Burnett Rd. The officer issued a parking ticket.

1953: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Butler Circle for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

2113: Parking complaint on Hichborn St. The officer provided assistance.

2145: Domestic disturbance on Rose St. The officer restored the peace.

2201: Domestic disturbance on Dolphin Ave. The officer filed a report.

2239: suspicious activity on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.

2240: Suspicious activity on Furlong Dr. The officer spoke to the party.

2306: Noise disturbance on Butler St. The officer restored the peace.

2306: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2308: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2309: The trespass tow of a motor vehicle (MV) was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2320: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on VFW Parkway for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

2324: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at the Revere Beach Parkway and No. Shore Rd. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

2331: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at E. Mountain Ave. and Oliver Terr. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2336: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Bennington St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2358: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Wadleigh Ave.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 4

0013: Noise disturbance on Mountain Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0047: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Squire Rd.

0347: Noise disturbance on Orris Rd. The officer restored the peace.

0810: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0821: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Mills Ave. and No. Shore Rd. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0849: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Lantern Rd. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1009: An officer responded to a dispute involving a civil matter on the Revere Beach Parkway and filed a report.

1025: Disabled MV on No. Shore Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1224: Hit-and-run motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Sigourney St. The officer provided assistance.

1316: MVA at Brown Circle. The officer will file

a report.

1345: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on American Legion Highway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1354: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1450: Noise disturbance on Revere St. The officer provided assistance.

1546: Disturbance on Neponset St. The officer filed a report.

1616: Citizen complaint on Ambrose St. The officer restored the peace.

1616: Disturbance on Belle Isle Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1647: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1653: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Malden St. and Milano Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1931: Hit-and-run MVA on Bennington St. The officer will file a report.

2007: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Proctor Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2100: Domestic disturbance on Ocean Ave. Officers arrested Joseph P. Venuti, 49, of Ocean Ave., for the criminal offense of assault.

2129: Disturbance on Lantern Rd. The officer restored the peace.

2225: Disturbance on Bennington St. The officer restored the peace.

2235: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Terrace.

### MONDAY, APRIL 5

0021: Noise disturbance at Augustus and Malden Sts. The officer restored the peace.

0037: A repossession company reported the repo of a MV on Furness St.

0106: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

0107: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Winthrop Ave. Officers arrested Josue A. Moran Benavides, 31, of Everett, for the criminal offenses of operating a MV while under the influence of liquor and reckless operation of a MV. He also was cited for the civil infraction of having an open container of an alcoholic beverage while operating a MV.

0733: Disturbance on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer restored the peace.

0831: MVA on Newell St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

0934: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0958: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Washington Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1027: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St., for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1035: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1058: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Newhall St.

1105: An officer

stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1117: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Salem St.

1128: Shoplifting on VFW Parkway. The owner gave a No Trespass notice to the suspect.

1142: MVA at Brown Circle. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1143: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Central Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1156: Domestic disturbance on Mountain Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1200: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1213: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Central Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1219: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1230: MVA at Squire Rd. and McCoba St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1241: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1253: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1459: Suspicious activity on Dashwood St. The officer provided assistance.

1548: MVA on Squire Rd. The MV was towed.

1645: Citizen complaint on Warren St. The officer provided assistance.

1853: Vandalism on Patriot Parkway. The officer filed a report.

2032: Threats to kill on Ambrose St. The officer filed a report.

2120: A MV was reported stolen on Broadway.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 6

0010: Domestic disturbance on Hillside Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0223: Disturbance on Parkside Place. The officer provided assistance.

0321: Abandoned MV on No. Shore Rd. The officer provided assistance.

0624: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer restored the peace.

0740: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Fenno St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0759: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Fenno St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0809: Larceny on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer filed a report.

0903: Abandoned MV on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

0936: An officer served a 209A restraining order upon a Howard St. resident.

0937: MCA on VFW Parkway. The officer will file a report.

0949: Breaking & entering into a building on

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# Revere woman arrested, arraigned for trafficking multiple victims for sex at 'day spa' in Revere

Special to the Journal

A Revere woman has been arrested and arraigned for trafficking multiple victims for sex through Crystal's Day Spa in Revere, which she was allegedly operating as a front for human trafficking, Attorney General Maura Healey announced today.

Geralda De Matos Garland, age 57, of Revere, was arrested on Friday without incident in Revere by Massachusetts State Police assigned to the AG's Office, the Revere Police Department, and Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Garland was

charged with Trafficking of Persons for Sexual Servitude, Deriving Support from Prostitution, Money Laundering and Conspiracy.

At her arraignment in Chelsea District Court on Monday, Garland pleaded not guilty to the charges and bail was set at \$50,000 cash with the conditions of release that she be monitored by GPS, surrender her passport, stay away from and have no contact with victims, and be prohibited from leaving the state. A probable cause hearing is scheduled for May 11 in Chelsea District Court.

These charges are the result of an investigation

by Massachusetts State Police assigned to the AG's Office, with assistance from the Revere Police Department, the Division of Professional Licensure, and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

During the course of the investigation, authorities developed evidence indicating that Garland allegedly ran a profitable and organized criminal enterprise through Crystal's Day Spa, which she owned and set up as a front for human trafficking.

The AG's Office alleges that Garland knowingly facilitated commercial sexual activity by recruiting victims and offering

sexual activity between victims and buyers in exchange for a fee. The AG's Office alleges that Garland also posted online advertisements offering commercial sex, arranged commercial sex appointments with sex buyers, collected money from sex buyers, and profited from this commercial sexual activity.

AG Healey's Victim Services Division is working with victim service organizations to ensure victims have the assistance and services they need.

The investigation remains ongoing. These charges are allegations, and all defendants are presumed innocent until

proven guilty.

AG Healey has a dedicated Human Trafficking Division that focuses on policy, prevention and prosecution and includes a team of specialized prosecutors, victim advocates and Massachusetts State Police troopers who handle high impact, multi-jurisdictional human trafficking investigations and prosecutions across the state. Through the Human Trafficking Division, the AG's Office has charged more than 60 individuals in connection with human trafficking since the law was passed.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Nancy Roth-

stein of the AG's Human Trafficking Division, with assistance from Deputy Chief of the AG's Victim Services Division Rebecca Quigley, Financial Investigators Jill Petruzzello and Patrick Cooney, and the AG's Digital Evidence Lab. The investigation was handled by the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the AG's Office, with assistance from the Revere Police Department, the Division of Professional Licensure, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, and Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

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Shirley Ave. The officer filed a report.

0950: A MV that had been abandoned on Bates St. was ordered to be towed.

0958: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Fenley St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1002: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on No. Shore Rd.

1013: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Constitution Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1018: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Broadway.

1021: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Everard St.

1025: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Adams St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1032: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1036: An officer provided assistance to another agency on American Legion Highway.

1041: Disturbance on Dix St. The officer restored the peace.

1056: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1101: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1123: MVA at Brown Circle. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1125: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Adams St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1135: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Fenno St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1143: Parking complaint on Hillside Ave. The officer spoke to the party.

1157: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Adams St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1203: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Adams St. and issued a citation to the operator, a 37 year-old Revere man, for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.

1240: Disturbance on Beach St. The officer restored the peace.

1303: MVA on Proctor Ave. The officer assisted

the parties with the exchange of papers.

1404: Assault at Ellerton and York Sts. The officer provided assistance.

1436: Unwanted person on American Legion Highway. The officer restored the peace.

1455: Threats on Howard St. The officer restored the peace.

1513: Animal complaint on Oakwood St. The officer provided assistance.

1520: An officer served a 209A restraining order upon a Malden St. resident.

1533: Citizen complaint on Newhall St. The officer provided assistance.

1621: Larceny on Salem St. The officer filed a report.

1712: Noise disturbance on Dix St. The officer restored the peace.

1753: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Furlong Drive with property damage. The officer issued a citation to a 63 year-old Revere man for the criminal offenses of operating a MV with a suspended license (subsequent offense) and leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage.

1800: Parking complaint on Sprague St. The officer issued a parking ticket.

1806: Parking complaint at Sagamore and Shawmut Sts. The officer ordered the MV to be towed.

1917: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2124: Domestic disturbance on Mountain Ave. Officers arrested a 23 year-old Chelsea man on an outstanding warrant.

2154: A repossession company reported the repo of a MV on Eastern Ave.

2228: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

0933: Damage to property on Central Ave. The officer provided assistance.

0943: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1015: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Adams St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1017: Unwanted person on Florence Ave. The officer spoke to the party.

1050: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Constitution Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1110: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Revere Beach Blvd.

1113: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Mountain Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1125: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Squire Rd. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1128: Suspicious activity on Walnut Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1142: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1149: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Broadsound Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1212: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Cushman Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1220: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Adams St. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1238: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Constitution Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1244: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Cushman Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1248: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Cushman Ave. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1306: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on No. Shore Rd. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1306: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Squire Rd. The officer issued a citation to a 88 year-old Revere woman for the criminal offense of negligent operation of a MV.

1311: Suspicious activity on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer spoke to the party.

1313: Vandalism on Sagamore Ave. The officer filed a report.

1332: Harassment on Ambrose St. The officer filed a report.

1341: Landlord-tenant disturbance on Salem St. The officer spoke to the party.

1428: A MV was reported stolen on American Legion Highway. The officer filed a report.

1434: MVA at Shirley Ave. and No. Shore Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1709: Citizen complaint

on Furlong Drive. The officer provided assistance.

1716: Unwanted person on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer restored the peace.

1752: Suspicious activity on Vinal St. The officer provided assistance.

1759: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Squire Rd.

1853: Animal complaint on Atwood St. The officer provided assistance.

1914: Domestic disturbance on Overlook Ridge Terrace. The officer provided assistance.

2040: MVA with fire and injuries on Washington. Ambulance transport was refused. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

2058: Parking complaint on Fenno St. The officer issued a parking ticket.

2112: Domestic disturbance on Campbell Ave. The officer filed a report.

2242: Noise disturbance on Shirley Ave. The officer restored the peace.

2313: Larceny on Overlook Ridge Terrace. The officer provided assistance.

2331: Parking complaint on Kimball Ave. The officer ordered the MV to be towed.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

0113: Noise disturbance on Shirley Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0151: An officer provided assistance to another agency on No. Shore Rd.

0613: Violation of a 209A restraining order on

Hichborn St. Officers arrested Antwon Trinh, 38, of Hichborn St., for the criminal offense of violating a 209A restraining order.

0638: MVA on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

0720: Parking in a handicapped spot on Alice St. The officer provided assistance.

0820: Suspicious activity on Rumney Rd. The officer provided assistance.

0822: Vandalism on Morris St. The officer provided assistance and filed a report.

0841: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Orvis Rd. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0912: Suspicious activity on Nell Rd. The officer spoke to the party.

0936: Traffic control on Yeamans St. The officer ordered a MV to be towed.

0959: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Tuckerman St.

1035: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Park Ave.

1040: Parking complaint at Steeple St. and Rumney Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1126: Landlord-tenant disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.

1140: MVA on Shirley Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1241: Vandalism on Prince St. The officer filed

a report.

1250: Unwanted person on Broadway. The officer restored the peace.

1251: Vandalism on Witherbee Ave. The officer filed a report.

1343: Disturbance on Campbell Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1344: Parking complaint on Crescent Ave. The officer filed a report.

1517: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Standish Rd.

1518: Disturbance on Dix St. The officer provided assistance.

1520: Fraud on Hutchnson St. The officer provided assistance.

1624: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on VFW Parkway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1656: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Winthrop Ave. and issued a citation to a 26 year-old Revere woman for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.

1704: Domestic disturbance on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.

1729: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1737: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Revere Beach Blvd.

1743: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Squire Rd. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

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#### STUDENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

CHelsea - Little Rebecca Guerra Ulloa pressed her face to the school bus as it rounded the corner and pulled into the parking lot of the Mary C. Burke Complex last week just around 8:30 a.m.

Anxious teachers - many of whom had not been back to their classrooms for more than a year since school shutdown for COVID-19 in 2020 - waited for their students coming off the bus.

Ulloa had never actually been to a Chelsea school - having transferred in last year after COVID closed the schools. Though she had about a year of Chelsea schooling under her belt, she had never been in a Chelsea school.

She had never met her teacher, either, except on Zoom.

And so as the bus stopped, the first grader recognized her teacher and when the doors opened, she sprinted as fast as she could to give her teacher a fist bump and revel in the excitement of really meeting and really going to school.

Monday signified the first day that students in special education classes or sub-separate classrooms, who amounted to the first students to return to the schools since last year, came back to school.

They will be going five days a week, with all the protocols and testing procedures in place.

Barring any major setbacks, on April 12, in-person learning will expand to Grades 1-4 at the ELC, Berkowitz, Hooks, Kelly and Sokolowski Schools - plus the grades 5-6 Caminos a the Kelly. It amount to the rollout of a re-opening plan that no one thought would ever happen this year, even as recently as late January.

Last week, the School Committee approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Teacher's Union and the Superintendent.

Supt. Almi Abeyta was at the Berkowitz School Monday morning, and welcomed back students and teachers coming in for their first day.

"Welcome back to in-person teaching to many of our educators," she wrote in a letter later in the day. "It has been

just over a year since we have delivered instruction in-person to our students in the Chelsea Public Schools. It was so nice to see so many teachers and students face-to-face this morning. We saw many smiles underneath the masks, toe bumps, and beautiful teacher-student first moments in-person."

#### GOVERNOR TOURS VACCINATION SITE

CHelsea - Gov. Charlie Baker was the most recent elected official to tour the La Colaborativa/ East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EB-NHC) vaccination site recently, where he held his COVID press briefing and announced a mobile vaccination program for Chelsea.

Gov. Baker toured the 6th Street Food Pantry with Health Secretary Marylou Sudders and other elected officials before coming to the vaccination site on Broadway to see the operations and give the weekly press briefing.

There, he announced that due to the partnership with the federal FEMA program at the Hynes Convention Center mass vaccination site - announced last week - they would be able to stand up mobile units that would come to Chelsea, Revere, Boston, Fall River and New Bedford.

"Our collaboration with the feds gives us the chance to create a hub and spoke model which means a portion of the vaccine we get from that central hub can be distributed to mobile vaccination units in nearby communities and pop-up clinics with a focus on vaccine equity," he said. "Starting next week we'll be working with local communities to launch mobile vaccination clinics in Chelsea, Revere, Boston, Fall River and New Bedford...These cities were selected based on the CDC's special mobility index and their proximity to the Hynes. The effort will ramp up but we'll be able to do 500 vaccines per day in these communities."

As part of that program, which began this week in Chelsea, the mobile units would pick up the vaccine at the Hynes and then come to Chelsea and set up in a park or parking lot for easy access.

That program is ex-

pected to last about eight weeks.

Sec. Sudders announced that Chelsea would get \$150,000 as part of the BEST Value grant program that is awarding \$4.7 million statewide. That money will be used however Chelsea deems it necessary, though it must be used for programming that would further the vaccination efforts.

Meanwhile, she also announced that the 20 COVID equity communities - including Chelsea - will see more than 200 grass-roots organizers hitting the streets to spread awareness and information about vaccination.

"Starting next week more than 200 bi-lingual, locally-hired community organizers will hold 83 outreach events in all 20 of out equity communities," said Sudders. "There will be door-to-door outreach and business walks. It's like a political campaign that's vaccine canvassing. We'll also support phone banking efforts to help with vaccine registrations."

EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes indicated that the Chelsea vaccination site would now be able to open seven days a week, and some of the sites operated by EBNHC would also be open 12 hours a day - all furthering the mission of helping people on their vaccine journey.

"Today I'm happy to announce we will expand our efforts at this Chelsea location and at all our locations," he said. "We will begin operating seven days a week and at some locations 12 hours a day. Although we're acting as fast as we can, I'd like to take this opportunity to preach patience. Everyone has their own vaccine journey. For some, it will take time and especially in communities like Chelsea where distrust is widespread. Vaccinations in Chelsea isn't just about 'yes' and 'no,' it's about facts, feelings, frustration, family, finances and of course, about fair. Addressing these barriers is what we have in front of us."

La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega used the opportunity to call for young people in Chelsea and the Latino community to get vaccinated and protect loved ones.

"I ask those between the

#### U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN PRESSLEY PITCHES IN AT THE EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN



Above, Soup Kitchen volunteers were busy bagging meals for distribution last Tuesday during U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's visit.

Shown Right, U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley volunteered at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen. Pressley was on hand to see how the newly adopted American Rescue Plan is helping on a local level.



ages of 20 and 35 to please make a decision on vaccinating," she said. "We've been doing door knocking and that's been our biggest challenge - convincing individuals that are 35 and under. They don't believe in the vaccination, but they believe in parties and having gatherings. I urge you to make that choice and if you're not able to make that choice, make it for the grandmother that wants to give you a hug. Do it for the sake of others. This is not a joke. You've seen the numbers. You've seen how many families have lost loved ones...Don't be afraid of the vaccination; be afraid of COVID-19 that has taken so many lives away from us."

#### •CHELSEA GETTING SHORTED BY THE FEDS

Gov. Baker and others also touched on the news over the last three weeks with Chelsea getting much less than expected in the federal Rescue Plan last month - much less than more affluent communities, in fact.

He thanked Sen. Sal DiDomenico for his advocacy on the matter, and reiterated they had directed

\$100 million to Chelsea and three other communities to try to make up for the shortfall that got past the federal delegation.

"Just this month we worked with local leaders to make sure Chelsea got the funds it deserved from the federal relief package," said the governor. "As many know, the federal bill passed had restrictions that severely limited dollars that would have gone to some communities hardest hit by COVID, including Chelsea and Everett - both of which are in Sen. Sal DiDomenico's district."

"So it probably shouldn't come as a surprise that the first person I heard from at the state level after having conversations with folks at the federal level was Sen. DiDomenico," he continued. "We very much appreciate the relationship and also the head's up on that issue."

Vega said the governor visiting was a dream come true, and thanked him for his quick action on the federal shorting of the City.

"It's a dream come true to have the governor here; it's incredible we have his whole team here," she said. "It's also incredible he responded to the call for funding. For me I was extremely appalled we didn't get much funding two weeks ago and when we called the governor's office and organized - he responded to our call...People kept saying we wouldn't hear from the governor's office for about a month, but you responded in days...It's an incredible day for Chelsea. It's hopeful because we now have resources to work with."

#### TAKING A STAND AGAINST HATE CRIMES

EVERETT - When long-time Everett High Principal Erik Naumann walked to the podium at Wehner Park with his elderly mother - the popular and light-hearted educator was nearly moved to tears and the hate crimes inflicted on Asian Americans all over the country in the last month were clearly weighing on him.

He held his mother,

Iko's, hand tightly, and said for the first time in his life - he is worried about what might happen to her.

"I'm proud to say I'm from Everett and lived in Everett most of my life - 37 years as a student, educator and administrator in the Everett Public Schools," he said. "I never thought I would have to worry about my mother walking down the street. This is my mother; her name is Iko and she's from Okinawa. Am I concerned? Yes, a lot. My mother is my hero. She's a human, a person and a mom. Get to know your neighbors and the people around you... Even if it's not easy, we need to stand for all marginalized populations and step up against hate."

#### MANY FAVOR TRANSPORTATION PLANS

EVERETT - A new survey unveiled this week by the Reimagine Broadway effort shows that a majority of those surveyed - those that use the bus and those that don't - approve of the idea of having a one-seat ride from Glendale Square to downtown Boston.

In that survey, 442 people in Everett were surveyed online and on the street, and 277 used the bus primarily and 165 did not. However, 341 of them wanted to see the bus continue from Everett Square to downtown Boston in a dedicated lane. Another 312 wanted to see the dedicated bus lane continue from Everett Square to Glendale Square. New dedicated bus lanes on Sweetser Circle and during the afternoon hours northbound on Broadway were key provisions in the Reimagine Broadway initiative launched early last fall.

The survey paves the way for the potential of a new extension of the Silver Line using dedicated bus lanes in Everett to take residents on a quick trip into jobs and amenities and unlocking the potential for more housing development along the Broadway corridor.

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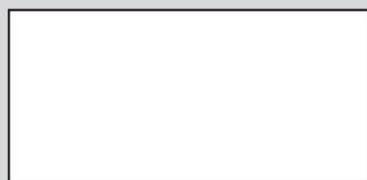
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Everett to downtown Boston on a one-seat ride would be a game-changer,” said Julia Wallerice, a program manager for the Institute for Transportation & Development Policy (ITDP). “There is a value for sacrifice and not having parking on the curb. The more you recognize what you get back for that, the more you are willing to make that sacrifice. Everett will most likely be included in that (Silver Line) corridor. Everett is a great partner and is willing to build out infrastructure. Everett is on track to continue to be a leader in access and mobility...Everett is doing everything the right way.”

Reimagine Broadway is a partnership between a number of organizations like ITDP, Ad Hoc Industries, the City and the state – among others. It has become a precursor for the Silver Line Extension study that is underway right now, and that has a public meeting scheduled on April 27. For Everett, enhancing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) facets has been a major priority for Mayor Carlo DeMaria since his Administration introduced the region’s first dedicated bus lane southbound on Broadway many years ago.

The Reimagine effort has included adding the northbound afternoon lane to Everett Square, adding a spur on Main Street off Sweetser Circle, and adding the permanent lane on Sweetser Circle. Other measures have been branding pieces that include new color schemes for bus facilities and COVID-19 safety kits/markings (called the ‘Distance of Care’).

There’s also a part of it that includes a little fun and enjoyment for riders – all courtesy of Adrien Gill of Ad Hoc Industries, who has been intimately involved in the planning of Reimagine and previously coordinated BRT oddities such as the Flower Bomb on Everett Square bus stops two years ago.

“When you’re looking at transit, we’re also looking at overall experience to maximize the engagement we have with people,” he said. “We want to make sure BRT is accessible not just in transit circles, but also for the broader community...A lot of times people focus on getting on and getting to where they want to go quickly. The place they experience the pain is during the wait. So we focus on the wait and acknowledge it is a pain point.”

Another pain point is crowded buses, a major issue during COVID-19. However, the survey showed that after Reimagine Broadway, respondents that use the bus reported the buses were less crowded.

“They said that before they were hesitant to get on because the buses were too crowded,” said Wallerice. “They felt that after the bus lanes were in, the buses were less crowded. That’s probably because without the buses being stuck in traffic, they could run more buses up and down the corridor and reduce crowding.”

In the survey, some 42 percent reported having refused to get on a bus in Everett because it was too crowded. However, they also said they felt the buses were now less crowded with the new bus lanes. Some 231 out of those surveyed agreed buses were less crowded, and only 26

said a definant ‘no.’ Many (139) were not sure.

As for safer bus stops in COVID due to the ‘Distance of Care’ campaign and markings at the stops, 178 said they felt safer and that it had produced less crowding and more direction for people waiting for the bus and those walking past the stop.

The overall survey of the Reimagine Broadway measures showed 259 were satisfied, 66 were somewhat satisfied, 61 were neutral, 13 were somewhat dissatisfied, 24 were dissatisfied and 19 did not respond.

One part that gave mixed results was the Shared Street initiative.

Gill said part of the overall effort was to also make feeder routes for pedestrians getting to bus stops more safe. That included slowing down vehicles and using temporary measures like parklets to change driver behaviors.

“The Shared Streets effort was mixed and some of that might have been how it was rolled out,” said Wallerice.

While people surveyed agreed with the concept of slowing down traffic on major bus stop feeder roads, they didn’t like how it was simply plopped down one day last year without a lot of notice.

Of those surveyed, in cooperation with local community groups like the Everett Haitian Community Center, the majority of those asked responded in Haitian Creole (193), with the second largest language being English (180). There were 50 that responded in Spanish and 19 in Portuguese. Some 256 responses were collected online, and 186 on the street.

The key takeaway for Wallerice and Gill was the fact that so many wanted to see an extension of the dedicated bus lanes and the potential of making the Broadway corridor a major transit corridor for quick mobility to Boston and Cambridge without a car. Some 70 percent wanted to see it extended to Glendale Square, and 77 percent wanted to see it extended to Sullivan Station or downtown Boston.

“No matter how people use the corridor, even if they don’t use the bus, the survey shows us they see the importance of the bus lane and know transit is key to this corridor in Everett,” said Wallerice. “It sets up Everett as a priority community to transit...The more that is publicly recognized and there is buy-in of what might seem like a sacrifice... it supports the vision of a sustainable and equitable future for Everett.”

## PRESSLEY VOLUNTEERS AT FOOD BANK

EAST BOSTON - As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as many as 25 million adults and 10 million children may not always have access to nutritious food.

The newly adopted “American Rescue Plan” is providing millions of dollars nationwide to food distribution sites that have been on the front lines combating hunger throughout the pandemic.

One of these sites, the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen (EBCSK), was forced to shift gears, and reinvent itself in the age of COVID and social distancing.

Since the start of the pandemic, EBCSK stopped serving in-person meals on Tuesdays at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church and became a busy food distribution site for the homeless and those in need of a hot meal on Mondays and Tuesdays.

With generous support through community donations, Boston Resiliency Fund grants and now aid from the American Rescue Plan, EBCSK has been able to continue its mission in Eastie.

Last Tuesday afternoon U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley visited EBCSK to talk to volunteers and see first hand the impact the American Rescue Plan is having on a local level.

Pressley spent the afternoon not only talking with volunteers but being a volunteer herself. Pressley rolled up her sleeves and got to work helping EBCSK package meals for distribution as well as loading prepared meals that would be deprived around Eastie.

“It was great to spend time in East Boston and see firsthand how the community has stepped up to meet the needs of the community during this challenging time,” said Pressley. “Pastor John (Searles), Sandra (Nijjar), and all the staff and volunteers at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen have been doing incredible work to address hunger and food insecurity across Eastie, and I’m glad the American Rescue Plan will support their work by providing critical resources to help the one in six Massachusetts households—including one in three Black and Latinx households with children—who are struggling to afford food.”

“Monday and Tuesday were such fulfilling days,” said EBCSK Sandra Nijjar. “On Tuesday we had our Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley visit us and she helped distribute bags of groceries. This is how our Eastie’s community comes together in difficult times to support each other and to do all it takes to help our neighbors. Words cannot describe the immense gratitude we, our Soup Kitchen’s board of directors and our leadership team members.”

Nijjar said during Pressley’s visit EBCSK delivered bags of groceries, reserved bags of groceries for pick up, and distributed bags of groceries and boxes of food and distributed meal vouchers to folks who don’t have a place to cook.

“We are incredibly grateful to be able to help our neighbors,” said Nijjar. “Once again we had a bountiful day filled with such an amazing outpouring of food donations. We are out of words to describe our immense gratitude for so much goodness, kindness and generosity directed to us. Thank you so much for all you do to keep our Soup Kitchen alive and thriving.”

## CITY OFFERS INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYEES

EAST BOSTON - The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed many inequities in our society. From the virus predominately affecting people of color to essential workers not having the luxury of working from home -- thus jeopardizing their health and safety.

Many essential work-

ers who have been on the frontlines throughout the pandemic have relied heavily on public transportation.

Now a new pilot program in East Boston and other neighborhoods heavily impacted by the COVID-19 crisis will make public transportation more equitable for essential workers.

Acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey announced that the City of Boston is piloting a new program to offer up to a \$60 credit for MBTA and Bluebikes passes for 1,000 employees who work in Eastie’s Main Streets District, as well as employees in four other Main Streets Districts.

City officials have begun registering employees in Main Streets Districts in Eastie, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, Nubian Square, and Fields Corner for the pilot program. The registration will end on April 19.

These five Main Street districts are all served by MBTA subway and Bluebikes stations.

“Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, many essential workers have continued to utilize public transportation because they have been unable to work from home,” said Janey. “I’m proud to launch this pilot program with the MBTA and Bluebikes to learn more about the impacts on commuter patterns when the cost of public transit is covered. And as more workers begin in return to workplaces, making transit more accessible is critical to our equitable recovery from the pandemic.”

Janey said the goal of the program is to incentivize employees returning to work and workers who currently drive to work to use public transit. With an expected increase in post-COVID-19 traffic, the City of Boston is piloting this incentive program to help alleviate small business districts of congestion and free up curb space for local neighborhood customers. The pilot program also seeks to lessen vehicular traffic to help reduce its environmental impact.

“We are excited to partner with our local Main Street Districts to pilot free public transit options for those working in Boston’s neighborhoods,” said Transportation Commissioner Greg Rooney. “Creating incentives to use public transit or bike to work options helps our economy, our environment and our local businesses. As more workers plan on restarting their commute, the Boston Transportation Department is committed to exploring creative ways to reduce traffic, carbon emissions and support Boston’s workers.”

The city managed pilot program is aimed at measuring how financial incentives for public transit impact commuting behavior and will be phased over the next two months.

Of the 1,000 qualified workers, some individuals will be randomly selected to get an MBTA pass with the full \$60 credit loaded, and the remainder of the individuals will receive smaller stipends over time, which will end up totaling \$60.

Bluebikes pass-holders will be able to take unlimited trips during the two-month period. Bluebikes trips must be completed within 45 minutes to avoid usage charges. There is no obligation to continue

paying for the Bluebikes pass once the two months are over.

Data from the pilot program will be used to supplement the city’s long-term transportation demand management strategy.

To learn more about the pilot or to sign up for the program, please visit: [boston.gov/FREEride](http://boston.gov/FREEride) or text FREEride to 866-396-0122.

## GRAND OPENING RECENTLY HELD

LYNN - During this pandemic era a new business model has emerged. Since many people work at home, some may soon need additional space. The INC. UBATE COWORKING facility inside the Flatiron building on Washington Street in Lynn now offers flexible workspaces with amenities, such as High-Speed WiFi, Technology Platform, 24/7 access, and much more.

CEO Michael Lucerto expanded his Workbar business recently into Lynn as he said, “There is a need for shared office space, since people are working remotely from home much more. The city of Lynn is in a unique situation with a dynamic workforce of local entrepreneurs; the downtown development area is attracting new business people into the city. I am hoping for this space to be a melting pot within this community.”

INC.UBATE COWORKING offers memberships to freelancers, business owners, and remote workers. The Workbar concept is convenient and affordable for anyone in need of a private office, a place to meet clients or a conference rooms for meetings.

Daily and monthly flexible membership plans are available. Other Workbar facilities are located in Winthrop and soon to be in Hamilton. For more information call 617-455-8674 or email – [michael@incubatecoworking.com](mailto:michael@incubatecoworking.com).

## COUNCIL HEARS RATE STUDY, COVID UPDATES

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met remotely on Tuesday, April 6, where it heard a water study proposal and updates on the pandemic. Around 25 members of the public attended.

Council President Phil Boncore opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Michael DeGregorio, a Winthrop resident who passed away this past week after a battle with Parkinson’s Disease.

Pres. Boncore congratulated resident Jeff Turco for his victory in the election for State Representative. He also issued a special citation to Winthrop’s own Jillian Dempsey, the Captain of the Boston Pride in the National Women’s Hockey League, calling her an inspiration to “athletes of all ages and genders.”

### Water Loss Study

The Town is working with the Abrahams Group and with Environmental Partners to realize a study of the town’s water loss and water rate. The aim of the study is to answer the community’s questions about the recent water/sewer rate increases.

The study is already underway and a full report should be delivered in

early June in time for the FY22 budget. The full presentation will be available on the town’s website. A comprehensive overview will also be featured in next week’s publication.

### COVID-19

Winthrop is currently in the Yellow Zone with a 2.75 percent positive rate, slightly higher than two weeks ago. The town has had 2,155 cases with 35 deceased and 48 in isolation.

To date, 7,282 Winthrop residents have received at least one dose of the Moderna vaccine, or almost 40 percent of residents over the age of 18. Starting April 19, all members of the public age 16 and older will be able to get vaccinated.

The schools welcomed children back for in-person learning on April 5, in what Council Pres. Boncore called “a successful day.”

“Kids were fantastic and flexible,” he reported. “All the kids were happy to be back in school and see their friends and teachers.”

Students can now be tested for COVID on-site using rapid testing technology.

Winthrop was allocated \$1.83 million in COVID relief funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. An additional amount was granted to Suffolk county, bringing Winthrop’s total to \$5.4 million, paid out in two installments. The funds must be used by the end of the 2022 calendar year. Rather than treating this as “found money”, Town Manager Austin Faison intends to “plug the gaps” leftover from 2020, and to boost the sustainability of ongoing health projects.

The town manager still plans to open Town Hall to the public beginning on May 1. In-person business will take place Monday through Thursday from 9am to 12pm by appointment only. Sanitization and mask-wearing will be compulsory.

Faison is also working with technology experts to prepare the Harvey Room for in-person meetings for boards and committees. To date, it has been unable to accommodate both remote attendance via Zoom and live streaming by WCAT.

### General Updates

The Council for Appointments, Commissions and Committees has finished its reviews of town employees. A vote to accept the reviews will be held at the next council meeting.

The Town will be installing four additional fully-accessible bus shelters on town sidewalks in the hopes of increasing bus ridership.

Work continues as scheduled in the Center Business District, with all utility due to be completed in the coming weeks.

The School Department approved a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year in the amount of \$23.5 million.

There are immediate openings on the Airport Hazards Committee, the Board of Appeals, the Planning Board and the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee.

The juveniles responsible for the fire at Ingleside Playground earlier this year are being given the option to repay their debt to the community through a program that helps non-violent youth offenders avoid the criminal justice system.

# Donations sought for area child in need of life-saving transplant

Staff report

With the cost of a life-saving transplant often exceeding \$800,000, most transplant families are unable to shoulder that financial burden. The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a national 501(c)3 charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-related expenses.

In Newburyport, volunteers are raising funds for COTA in honor of transplant patients like local child, Heeth Atanasoff.

Heeth is the son of Molly and Todd Atanasoff. Born in 2012, Heeth was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. The transplant team at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, recommends a life-saving bone marrow transplant. Newburyport volunteers

are raising \$100,000 for COTA to assist with transplant-related expenses.

Volunteers are needed for this COTA community campaign. Individuals and groups interested in more information should contact Community Coordinator Kerry Marshall at 978.609.0866 or kerry-marshall48@gmail.com.

COTA helps transplant families avoid financial devastation. Transplant

procedure costs range from \$100,000 to more than \$800,000. Once the transplant is complete, families face significant transplant-related expenses, including medication; transportation to and from the transplant center; lodging; and expenses while parents are out of work and often living with the hospitalized child far from home. These out-of-pocket expenses add up to tens

of thousands of dollars annually for transplant families with lifetime totals often exceeding \$1,000,000. In cases where a shortfall exists, COTA helps bridge the financial gap.

Heeth's family has asked for assistance from the Children's Organ Transplant Association. One hundred percent of all funds raised for COTA in honor of patients assist with transplant-related

penses.

Contributions may be sent to the Children's Organ Transplant Association, 2501 West COTA Drive, Bloomington, Indiana, 47403. Checks should be made payable to COTA, with "In Honor of Heeth's Hope" written on the memo line. Secure credit card gifts are accepted online at [www.COTAforHeethsHope.com](http://www.COTAforHeethsHope.com).

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

A-21-16  
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 public hearing via Zoom on Wednesday evening, April 28, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. on the application of Eastern Equity Partners, LLC, 1040-1048 North Shore Rd., Unit 2B, Revere, MA 02151 requesting the following variances of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere to enable the appellant to raze the existing structures and construct a new building comprising of forty-five residential units at 60-66 Shirley A, Revere, MA 02151:

1. Section 17.24.010, minimum lot area requirement of 10,000 s.f. within the GB District;  
2. Section 17.24.010, minimum frontage requirement of 100 feet within the GB District;  
3. Section 17.24.010, maximum Far of 1.5 within the GB District;  
4. Section 17.24.010(q), minimum side yard requirement of 15 feet for residential uses within the GB District;  
5. Section 17.24.010(q), minimum front yard setback requirement of 20 feet for residential use within the GB District;  
6. Section 17.28.020, minimum parking requirement for apartment use;

7. Section 17.28.050, minimum two way driveway width of 22 feet within the GB District;  
8. Section 17.32.050 with respect to minimum screening area of 6 feet between multi-family parking and residential uses.  
Please use the link below to join the hearing: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86827456704>  
Telephone: US: +1 301 715 8592  
Webinar ID: 868 2745 6704

A copy of the aforementioned proposed plan and application (A-21-16) is on file and available for public inspection, by appointment only, 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 Zoning Board of Appeals agenda at least 48 hours in advance of the public hearing, not including weekends or holidays at [www.revere.org/calendar](http://www.revere.org/calendar). Alternatively, commentary on this public hearing may be submitted in writing to [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org) or by mail to Office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.

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1. Section 17.24.010, minimum lot area of 10,000 s.f. in the GB District;  
2. Section 17.24.010, minimum frontage of 100 feet within the GB District;  
3. Section 17.24.010, maximum FAR of 1.5 within the GB District;  
4. Section 17.24.010(q), minimum front yard setback of 20 feet for residential use within the GB District.;

5. Section 17.24.010(q), minimum side yard setback requirement of 15 feet for residential use within the GB District;  
6. Section 17.24.010(q), minimum rear yard setback of 20 feet for residential use within the GB District;  
7. Section 17.28.020, minimum parking requirements for apartment use;

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C-21-08

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Section 17.40.030 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, April 26, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. on the application of Robert Inello, 727 Revere Beach Parkway, Revere, MA 02151 seeking permission from the Revere City Council for the reconstruction and modification of the preexisting nonconforming structure and use, which will be a two-story building utilized as two commercial units, with the first unit being used for electrical contracting companies or similar businesses with professional offices, including indoor parking and indoor storage of equipment and supplies and the second unit being used for self-storage units at 727 Revere Beach Parkway, Revere, MA 02151.

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ALAMEDA COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT24405

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SUPERIOR COURT

OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

PETITION FOR  
DISSOLUTION

(DIVORCE)  
OF MARRIAGE

Case Number:  
HF20082820

Petitioner:  
Nicholas Carrick

Respondent: Hermes  
Ivan Roque Salazar

1. LEGAL RELATIONSHIP  
We are married

2. RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS  
Petitioner has been a resident of this state for at least six months and of this county for at least three months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition.

3. STATISTICAL FACTS  
Date of marriage 10-22-2019

Date of separation  
8-22-2020

4. MINOR CHILDREN  
There are no minor children

5. LEGAL GROUNDS  
(Family Code sections) 2200-2210, 2310-2312)

Divorce - Irreconcilable differences

8. SPOUSAL OR DOMESTIC PARTNER SUPPORT  
Terminate the court's ability to award support to Petitioner/Respondent.

9. SEPARATE PROPERTY  
Confirm as separate property the assets and debts in Property Declaration (form FL-160).

10. COMMUNITY AND QUASI-COMMUNITY PROPERTY  
Determine rights to community and quasi-community assets and debts. All such assets and debts are listed in Property Declaration (form FL-160).

12. I HAVE READ THE RESTRAINING ORDERS ON THE BACK OF THE SUMMONS, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY APPLY TO ME WHEN THIS PETITION IS FILED.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:  
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Hassan Chbani and Maria Delvecchio Chbani

a/k/a Maria Delvecchio-Chbani

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

CT Gibbs Financial, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in 72 South Ave, Revere, MA given by Hassan Chbani and Maria Delvecchio Chbani to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan dated December 21, 2006, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 41020, Page 144 has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 5/24/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court 4/6/2021

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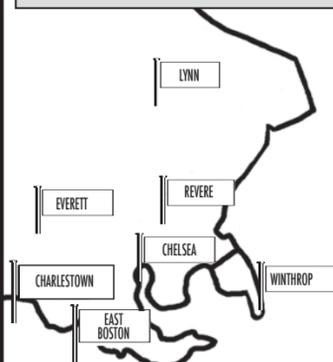
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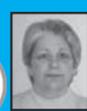
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# Northeast Voke automotive students give car a second chance with new owner

Staff report

A vehicle repaired by Northeast Metro Tech's Auto Body and Automotive Technology programs will now be driven by a local veteran, thanks to a partnership between the District and Second Chance Cars.

The car was presented to Maria Roca, of Haverhill, a 19 year National Guard veteran and single mother of three children, on Tuesday, April 6 at Northeast Metro Tech.

Those in attendance included Roca and her children, administrators, teachers, students, Second Chance Cars Director Dan Holin, Massachusetts National Guard Coordinator Gregory Sacca, students, and Wally Johnston and Jane Hotchkiss of Concord, who donated the vehicle to Second Chance Cars.

"Taking care of three young kids in a small

apartment during COVID has been incredibly hard. Then my car stopped working and everything just became a lot harder," Roca said. "When my support team from the VA and National Guard introduced me to Second Chance Cars I was excited but not sure if it was real. I'm relieved to say that we got a car—my kids are super excited and I can now go shop and get to my medical appointments."

During the last few months, a small group of students worked with instructors to repair a Ford C-Max hybrid car for Second Chance, an innovative local nonprofit that awards affordable donated cars to working people.

"I couldn't be happier to be working with Second Chance Cars," said Instructor Paul Murphy, who oversaw administrative aspects of the project. "It gives us great satisfaction to know that our stu-



Maria Roca, administrators, teachers, students, and representatives from Second Chance Cars, the Massachusetts National Guard, Metro Credit Union gathered on Tuesday as Roca received a car from Second Chance, repaired by Northeast Metro Tech.

dents are sharpening their automotive service skills while also contributing to a great cause."

"It's always an exciting opportunity for our students to work on a project that gives back to the community, and this has been no exception. We're thrilled to have had this

chance to support Second Chance Cars' work and for the hands-on and remote learning experience it gave our students," Superintendent David DiBarri said.

Northeast Metro Tech had begun conversations before the pandemic with Second Chance Cars to have students repair a vehicle during vocational classes.

However, student participation was temporarily delayed because Northeast Metro Tech began the year with a fully remote learning model due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Robert MacGregor, the Department Head of Collision Repair and Refinishing, instead began repairing the Ford C-Max, which had been rear-ended, creating remote lessons and demonstrations for 16 sophomore students last fall.

"This partnership was particularly special, because not only is this car

going to a well-deserving local veteran, but it also helped students learn remotely during the pandemic," Second Chance Cars Director Holin said. "This has been an incredible collaboration, and we're thankful to Wally and Jane for their kind donation, Northeast Metro Tech for their partnership in repairing the vehicle, Metro Credit Union for the car loan and LKQ, who donated a replacement rear door as well."

MacGregor began working on the vehicle in October and finished this December, just before the district began its hybrid learning model, allowing students to provide hands-on help for the final steps of the work.

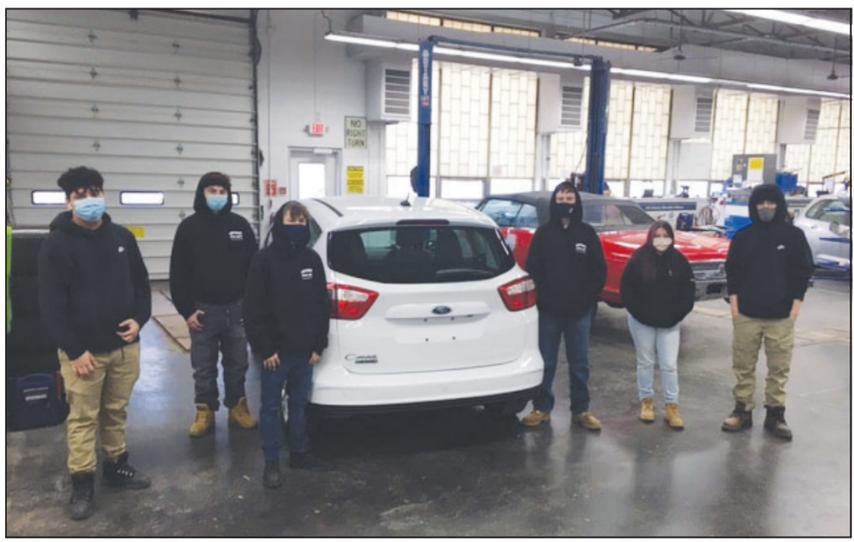
"The live demonstrations of the repairs I watched helped me to learn and understand the repair process by seeing how it gets done rather than just reading about it," said Andrea Hart, a sopho-

more from Revere. "I was able to get a visual of what happens when repairing a car."

After body repairs were finished, the car was taken to the district's Auto Technology Department for mechanical repairs. Automotive Technology Instructor Clune and three senior students then began making those repairs to the car. They finished their work on Jan. 22.

"I'm happy to work with Second Chance Cars and repair the Ford C-Max," said Cristofer Davis Romero, a senior, from Chelsea. "I learned how to repair a parking brake line. Also get to help to make sure the vehicle is safe."

Second Chance Cars is able to operate thanks to the donations of gently used vehicles from the public. To learn more about the nonprofit and the vehicle donation process, visit [www.secondchancecars.org](http://www.secondchancecars.org).



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From left: Sophomore students William Sagastume Gonzalez of Chelsea, Jaiden Diaz of Chelsea, Curtis Belliveau of Winthrop, Matthew McCarthy of Woburn, Andrea Hart of Revere and Nathaniel Oteri of Wakefield.

# MAPC, artists team up to better reach communities with COVID communications

Staff Report

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) will work with artists to reach underserved communities with

COVID-related public health messages, including the importance of getting vaccinated.

Over the next few months, nine artists and artist teams will create

posters, videos, postcards, public art, comic strips and other accessible artworks that can be used by health agencies, municipalities and community groups to spread the word about COVID-related public health advice.

As vaccination eligibility expands, communities will face new challenges related to the equitable deployment of effective, simple and evidence-based information. To meet this need, in February, MAPC invited artists, designers and creatives to pitch concepts to inspire safe and healthy behaviors.

Over 30 artists and artist teams applied for grants. Of these, MAPC and an

advisory committee of local public health, public art and community representatives chose nine to distribute \$45,000 in grant funding among. Priority was given to projects that engage diverse ethnic, cultural and BIPOC communities, and many of the completed projects will be available in multiple languages.

Once completed, MAPC will make the artworks available for digital download and sharing.

"Readily-available vaccine communication resources are not always resonating with communities of color that have been treated unjustly by medical systems," said MAPC Arts and Culture

Director Jennifer Sien Erickson. "Many materials also aren't designed to reach communities speaking languages other than English. We are excited to partner with this diverse team of local artists to promote equity in community access to the vaccines."

For more information, visit [www.mapc.org/covid19-art](http://www.mapc.org/covid19-art). Reach out the MAPC Digital Communications Specialist Elise Harmon at [eharmon@mapc.org](mailto:eharmon@mapc.org) for more information or to arrange interviews.

Selected local artists and artist teams were:

•The Greater Boston Artist Collective, an arts organization whose mission is to uplift voiceless

artists and to provide a platform for all communities and cultures to share their stories. The Collective includes Gisell Builes, Karen Elisa Garcia, Jennifer Medrano and Samantha Valletta. Learn more: [www.greaterbostonartistcollective.com](http://www.greaterbostonartistcollective.com)

"Art has always had the power to help heal, especially during these trying times," said Valletta. "Using the power of film and multimedia, GBAC looks forward to creating a piece dedicated to the communities hit hardest by the virus. Our goal is to encourage everyone to come together for this last push, allowing us all to come out on the other side safer, refreshed and renewed."

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