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**BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFERS FREE BLUEBIKES RIDES TO COVID-19 VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS**

To boost access to COVID-19 vaccines and support transportation needs as more Massachusetts residents become eligible, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross") continues to sponsor free Bluebikes rides to and from vaccination sites located within the Bluebikes system. Providing equitable access to vaccines is a critical priority for Blue Cross, which recently made a \$1 million commitment toward transportation to and from vaccination sites in underserved communities across the state, in partnership with Lyft and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. Residents are eligible for two complimentary Bluebikes Adventure Pass rides, available across the system's 10 municipalities: Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Newton, Revere, Somerville and Watertown. Blue Cross is

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The Patriot Captains for the 2021 Season; John Tran, Adetayo Atitebi, Calvin Boudreau and Ryan Doucette.

## KICKOFF TIME RHS football opens season Friday

By Cary Shuman

Nearly a year and a half after the Revere High School football program completed a historic season, the Patriots will return to the field Friday (6 p.m.) against Lynn Classical at Manning Field in Lynn.

Coach Lou Cicatelli's 2019 contingent finished 10-1 with a fourth straight

victory against rival Winthrop on Thanksgiving after advancing to the North sectional final and falling just one win shy of a Super Bowl berth.

But due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the football season was postponed last fall and the Greater Boston League athletic directors, including Revere's Frank Shea,

decided to move football to the spring.

Cicatelli is just happy to have his team together again on the practice field and preparing for some real football games.

"I just want to play football," said Cicatelli. "I'm just so happy we're playing. I never thought we

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## RPS officials to hold visioning workshop for new high school next week

By John Lynds

On Tuesday, April 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Revere Public Schools (RPS) will host a "Virtual Community Visioning Workshop" that will focus on setting educational and architectural priorities for the new Revere High School project.

According to RPS Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly, the two-hour workshop is designed to "cap-

ture community members' thinking about their priorities, aspirations and concerns with regard to the design of a renovated and/or new High School facility and campus."

Kelly said the workshop will take place on Zoom and is designed to be highly participatory, engaging, and informative.

To participate in the meeting next Tuesday attendees should visit <https://tinyurl.com/29ced58w>.

RPS recently selected an architect to design the new Revere High School.

Perkins Eastman has begun the process of picking a location for the new high school.

Perkins Eastman beat out three other firms for the chance to design the new Revere High School and was one of the highest ranked design firms RPS interviewed.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EVELYN MORRIS!



Lifelong Revere resident and former Revere educator, Evelyn Morris recently celebrated a special birthday at her niece's home. "Auntie Evy" was honored with lunch, cake and a skit by her grand nieces and grand nephews. Pictured with Evelyn from left to right are Jack, Billy, Teddy, Sophie, Alice and Emma.

## AGREEMENT REACHED

City officials, DCR come together on altered plan

Special to the Journal

Mayor Brian Arrigo and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Jim Montgomery announced that Revere and Commonwealth of Massachusetts officials have reached an agreement to alter existing plans for a parking meter program at Revere Beach. DCR's initial plans for the program included metered parking along Revere Beach Boulevard from Eliot Circle to Carey Circle. Under the agreement reached today, no meters will be installed on the west side of Revere Beach Boule-

vard from Revere Street to Carey Circle, and instead nearly 200, 24/7 resident only parking spaces will be created. Additionally, all of Ocean Avenue will be designated as 24/7 resident only parking to deter park visitors seeking to avoid meter parking. The City of Revere will also make changes to its existing City-run resident parking program and will implement seasonal 24/7 resident parking in neighborhoods abutting Revere Beach. "Our top priority in collaborating with Commissioner Montgomery and DCR was to

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## Beach parking protest rescheduled for Saturday

Staff report

The protest of the DCR's Revere Beach parking meter program scheduled for last Saturday at the William G. Reinstein Bandstand on Revere Beach was postponed due to the inclem-

ent weather.

Organizers have rescheduled the protest for this Saturday (April 24) at 10 a.m. at the Bandstand.

Mayor Brian Arrigo and DCR Commissioner Jim Montgomery announced

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## Residents 16 and older now eligible for vaccine

Staff report

All Revere residents 16 years of age and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

The City of Revere is urging residents to pre-register in person at sign-up sessions on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday (April 21-23) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cataldo Ambulance outdoor tent in Beachmont Square.

The vaccine distribution clinic will be held at the same location Sunday in

Beachmont Square. Residents who pre-register will have assigned times in which to arrive at the clinic for their vaccination.

Individuals ages 16 and 17 should only receive the Pfizer vaccine, according to information on the Mass.gov website offered by the Mass. Department of Health.

The City is collaborating with FEMA, Cataldo Ambulance, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the vaccination distribution clinic.

## Powers wants National Grid to clean up its property on Arcadia Street

By Cary Shuman

Last Thursday Ward 5 Councilor John Powers visited a property owned by National Grid on Arcadia Street and he did not like at all what he saw.

"The property (which is located behind a home on Arcadia Street in the Oak Island neighborhood) used to be the Narrow Gauge Railroad and then somehow it became the property of National Grid," related Powers.

Powers pointed to the debris scattered throughout the property and proceeded to lower the boom on National Grid, demanding a response from the utility company.

"The point is National Grid has done nothing to clean the property or secure the property," said Powers. "As a result of that, they need to clean it up. They bear the same responsibility that any other

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For the latest news in Revere that you need to know, check [reverejournal.com](http://reverejournal.com)

# Cambridge Savings Bank Charitable Foundation donates \$5K to MVES Meals on Wheels program

Staff report

Cambridge Savings Bank Charitable Foundation recently gave a grant of \$5,000 to Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) for its Meals on Wheels Program and has provided a total of \$15,000 in food assistance grants since the beginning of the pandemic. These grants ensure that MVES' program participants are have access to carefully prepared meals delivered on a daily basis by a person who knows and cares about them. Most participants are low

to moderate income individuals and the program helps to ensure that food insecurity is being met.

Across the communities MVES serves of Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, Meals on Wheels delivers an average of 3,200 meals daily making sure that MVES consumers will receive a nutritious meal.

The Meals on Wheels Program provides hot and cold nutritional meals on a daily basis to individuals



Cambridge Savings Bank AVP, Small Business Development Officer Olritch Donnat presents a \$5,000 check to Mystic Valley Elder Services Nutrition Director Angie Fitzgerald and Nutrition Program Manager Linda Crowe. The grant will go towards Mystic Valley Elder Services' Meals on Wheels Program.

as some may struggle to prepare meals for themselves due to physical or cognitive limitations and/or financial difficulties.

"We are very grateful to the Cambridge Savings Bank Charitable Foundation for their grants, especially during these challenging times that COVID-19 has brought," says Daniel O'Leary, CEO of Mystic Valley Elder Services. "Yet, despite the pandemic, our Nutrition team has continued to serve home delivered meals to consumers, and the number of those need-

ing meals delivered has increased. The Foundation's donations will certainly help us take care of the increase in meals required."

"It's important for CSB to support organizations like Mystic Valley Elder Services – particularly in these challenging times when access to nutritious meals is so critical," says Wayne Patenaude, President & CEO of Cambridge Savings Bank. "We are a proud supporter of MVES and glad that our donations will help deliver meals to more individuals who need them."

## News Briefs //

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the title sponsor of Bluebikes, which is owned by the municipalities and operated by Lyft.

"Bluebikes is an important part of our public transportation system in Boston, particularly during the pandemic," said Boston Mayor Kim Janey. "We're grateful for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts' support in encouraging every Bostonian to get vaccinated."

Riders can take advantage of this offer by downloading and opening the Bluebikes app on a mobile device and using the vaccination codes "BLUEVAX1" and "BLUEVAX2," providing residents who require two vaccine doses with complimentary Bluebikes trips for both appointments. Each code will unlock one free Adventure Pass beginning April 19, and includes free unlimited two-hour rides for a 24-hour period, giving riders the flexibility to travel to and from a vaccination site (for information and to find a vaccination location, please visit [mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine](https://mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine)). In addition, complimentary bike valets will be avail-

able at Bluebikes stations nearest two mass vaccination sites, the Hynes Convention Center (Newbury St. and Hereford St.) and the Reggie Lewis Center (Roxbury Crossing), beginning April 26, courtesy of Blue Cross and Lyft. Bluebikes associates will offer expanded docking and bike availability to make coming and going easier.

"We're committed to supporting our communities and removing barriers to this critical vaccine, especially in underserved areas," said Kathy Klingler, chief consumer experience and marketing officer at Blue Cross. "As appointments become available to the majority of Massachusetts residents beginning Monday, we encourage residents to get vaccinated and to take advantage of safe and free transportation options."

Blue Cross is in the fourth year of a six-year Bluebikes title sponsorship, which launched in May 2018. Through its partnership with the municipal owners of Bluebikes, Blue Cross continues to support system growth and accessibility,

including station expansions, upgrades and additional bikes.

Bluebikes is public transportation by bike. Owned and jointly governed by the municipalities of Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, and Somerville and now serving Arlington, Newton, Revere and Waverly, Bluebikes is a fast, fun, and affordable transportation option. Since launching in 2011, more than 12 million trips have been taken on Bluebikes, including more than 2 million trips in 2020.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ([bluecrossma.org](https://bluecrossma.org)) is a community-focused, tax-paying, not-for-profit health plan headquartered in Boston. We are committed to the relentless pursuit of quality, affordable health care with an unparalleled consumer experience. Consistent with our promise to always put our members first, we are ranked among the nation's best health plans for member satisfaction and quality. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

rulemaking to update the REAL ID Act implementing regulation to accommodate mobile driver's licenses.

Mobile driver's licenses are digital representations of physical driver's licenses, and are typically accessed via an app installed on a smartphone. Conceptually, mobile driver's licenses are similar to digital representations of physical credit cards that are accessed via apps installed on smartphones. DHS and TSA are interested in mobile driver's licenses because, compared to physical driver's licenses, mobile driver's licenses could provide greater security to TSA and all federal agencies verifying an individual's identity, stronger privacy protections to individuals, and health and safety benefits to all users by enabling touchless identity verification.

"The TSA workforce comprises teams of security-focused innovators who look for opportunities to improve security and the traveler experience across the nation's transportation network," said Darby LaJoye, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the TSA Administrator. "The mobile driver's license is one emerging technology example, and TSA is interested in exploring its incorporation into our identity verification processes."

The Request for Information, solicits comments and input regarding technical approaches, applicable industry standards and best practices to ensure that mobile driver's licenses can be issued and authenticated with features that ensure security, privacy and identity fraud detection. Comments may be submitted until June

## TSA SEEKS INPUT ON MOBILE DRIVERS' LICENSES TO INFORM REAL ID RULEMAKING

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) published a request for information in the Federal Register seeking information about security standards and technologies concerning mobile driver's licenses. Responses to the request for information will support future DHS/TSA

## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Anthony Cogliandro, candidate for Ward 3 City Council, (center) hit the streets this past weekend with a pair of supporters to begin visiting constituents and getting his message out there.

18, 2021.

The REAL ID Act applies to mobile and digital driver's licenses and identification cards. To enable federal agency acceptance of mobile driver's licenses for "official purposes," which the REAL ID Act defines as including access to federal facilities, nuclear power plants, and boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft, the REAL ID Act implementing regulation requires an update to accommodate mobile driver's licenses. This request for information will inform potential updates to the regulation.

For more information on REAL ID, please visit [tsa.gov](https://tsa.gov).

## MVES RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO LEND A HELPING HAND

The theme for National Volunteer Week is Celebrate Service, an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve. Volunteerism empowers individuals to find their purpose, to take their passion and turn it into meaningful change. When each of us, in our own way, answers the call to make a difference, we make progress in solving our most persistent problems, and cre-

ate stronger communities and a more just society.

National Volunteer Week — started on April 18 and ends April 24 — is an opportunity to recognize and thank Mystic Valley Elder Services' 400+ volunteers who lend their use their time, talent, voice and resources to meet the critical needs of our communities.

"Our volunteers' stories serve to inspire others to take action, to realize their power to make a difference, and be a force that transforms the world. This Week is a time to celebrate the impact of volunteer service has on our communities," says Leah Mulrenan, MVES Volunteer Program Manager. National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. It is an opportunity to honor the impact of all those who do good in our communities, and inspire others to make a difference and improve the world.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering for MVES, please contact Leah Mulrenan at (781) 388-2375 or [lmulrenan@mves.org](mailto:lmulrenan@mves.org), or visit [www.mves.org](https://www.mves.org).



## SPOTLIGHT

"What's Cooking, Revere?" That is the name of RevereTV's new partnership program with the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center. Although the senior center is not involved in production, this program was created for new specific content for our avid senior viewers. However, this show is great for the whole family. "What's Cooking, Revere?" is an instructional cooking show recorded in the new kitchen studio that features members of our community and the various food cultures they bring to the table, literally! There are two new episodes this week with more on the way. Watch the community channel to learn how to make carne asada with Selene from Selene's Kitchen, and Mother's Day Brunch with local chef, Kelly Armetta. You can also watch full episodes on YouTube at any time.

There was quite a bit of action in the kitchen studio last week. The cooking programs continued with "Cooking with the Keefes." This program was created by Ward 4 Councillor, professional chef, and RTV community member, Patrick Keefe, and includes his wife Jennifer Keefe. In the latest episode playing now on RevereTV, Jennifer bakes bread, a different take on the traditional brownie dessert treat. She hopes that the rest of the Keefe family will be coming to the kitchen in future episodes. "Cooking with the Keefes" can be watched on the RTV community channel and YouTube page.

Revere High School sports are ramping up again. The RHS Volleyball season began this week and RevereTV covered a few home games. Sports games covered by RTV stream live on the community channel, Facebook, and YouTube. Games can be viewed in full after they happen at any time on YouTube and as they replay at various times on the community channel. RevereTV will soon be at all home games and some away games of the RHS Football team. Tune in to Comcast channels 8 and 1072 or RCN channels 3 and 614 for all RevereTV live community coverage.

As the city tries to boost confidence in and accessibility of the COVID-19 vaccine, you will soon see some familiar faces sharing their vaccine stories in between programming on RevereTV. These PSAs are meant to provide personal takes on what it means to be vaccinated and their experience with the safety of the vaccination process. RevereTV also still includes weekly PSAs produced through a program with the city and state aimed at providing the public with resources and information regarding the pandemic in Revere. All of these short informational videos are posted to RevereTV's Facebook and YouTube pages.

## Parking meters //

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minimize the impact this program will have on our residents," Mayor Arrigo said. "I want to thank Secretary Theoharides, Commissioner Montgomery and their teams for working with us to identify solutions that make sense for our community. I also want to thank Senator Boncore, Representatives Giannino and Turco, as well as our City Councilors for their continued advocacy on behalf of our residents."

"I want to thank Mayor Arrigo, Senator Boncore, Representative Giannino, and Representative Turco for their willingness to collaborate on creative solutions to improve the Curbside Parking Meter Project in Revere, which will help us provide state park visitors with high-quality services and recreational opportunities," said DCR Commissioner Montgomery. "DCR is proud

of our historic partnership with the City of Revere, and looks forward to continuing to work with the City to enhance America's First Public Beach." "The resolution announced today will ensure continued access to America's first public beach for both Revere residents and visitors alike," said Senator Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). "I appreciate the collaboration with Mayor Arrigo, the Revere State House delegation, and the City Council in meeting our shared goal to improve outcomes for our community." "I am proud of the agreement reached today between the DCR and the City of Revere. I believe that this is a fair and reasonable balance that protects Revere residents and keeps our beach accessible to the people of Revere. By creating resident only parking along the residential/

business side of Revere Beach Boulevard, as well as on Ocean Avenue, Revere residents who live on the beach will be able to continue parking in front of their homes while also allowing any Revere resident who wishes to utilize the beach the opportunity to continue to park for free in designated areas," said Representative Jessica A. Giannino. "I thank the DCR for their reconsideration and for revamping their parking program in

response to the concerns raised by local elected officials and the people of our great city." "I applaud the changes to the DCR's parking program. These changes will provide a significant amount of no-cost parking to the people of Revere," said Representative Jeff Turco. "That said, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Legislature to make sure that monies raised on Revere Beach stay on Revere Beach."

## Protest //

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an agreement that no meters will be installed on the west side (residential side) of Revere Beach Boulevard from Revere Street to Carey Circle and nearly 200, 24/7 resident-only parking spaces will be created.

Leaders of the group or-

ganizing the protest want a measure that would allow Revere residents to park their vehicles free of charge at meters along the entire length of Revere Beach Boulevard. They are also requesting a meeting with DCR officials.



The 2021 RHS Varsity Football Team and coaching staff.



RHS Patriots Seniors: front row: Alaa Atoui, Marco Cerbone, Rich DiMarzo, Mark Galvez, Capt. John Tran, Billy Byrne-Ginepra, Willy Arriga, Cameron Ventura, Esteban Del Aguilla Villar, Dillon Day. Second row: Josimar Martinez, Kevin Willet, Chris Fortin, Jarrod Natola, Capt. Calvin Boudreau, Capt. Ryan Doucette, Capt. Adetaya Atitebi, Elijah Nater, Dominic Reed, Yophee Ek, Zachary Bowden and Head Coach Lou Cicatelli.

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were going to get there.” In addition to Classical this week, the Patriots will play Lynn English (on Senior Night at Della Russo Stadium) and at powerful Everett before finishing the four-game slate against Medford.

### The captains will lead the way

The captains of the Revere High football team are quarterback Calvin Boudreau, running back/linebacker Adetayo Attebbi, defensive end/offensive guard, Ryan Doucette, and running back/

linebacker John Tran. Boudreau, who was an All-Star for the 2019 team and just wrapped up his basketball season, has very capable pass receivers in Marco Cerbone, Jared Natola running back Billy Ginepra, and tight end Dillan Day, a returning All-Star.

### Patriots' defense looks strong

According to Cicatelli, the defense will be a strong point for his team. Alaa Attoui has emerged an All-Star-caliber talent

at defensive tackle and offensive guard. Captains Tran and Attebbi will anchor the defensive unit at linebacker alongside Mark Galvez. Junior Augusto Goncalves and senior Ryan Doucette will be the starting defensive ends while Ginepra will double up as an outside linebacker and strong safety.

The versatile Ginepra will also serve as the team's long snapper on punts, field goals, and PATs. Galvez is Revere's placekicker.

### RHS coaching staff is ready

Lou Cicatelli's staff of assistant coaches includes offensive and defensive line coach Vin Gregorio, offensive coordinator Paul Norton, defensive coordinator Scott Wlasuk, special teams coach Rob Sasso, running backs and defensive backs coach Jose Escobar, and kicking coach Danny DeCristoforo.

### No game with Winthrop

Revere High football fans will have to wait until Thanksgiving in November for the traditional game against Winthrop High.

Winthrop, who plays in the Northeastern Conference, is playing its football season right now and wraps up Saturday against Masconomet.

“We wanted to play Winthrop but obviously their season's over this



Patriot Coaches: Scott Wlausk, Head Coach Lou Cicatelli, Paul Norton and Dan DeChristoforo. Missing is Vin Gregorio and Jose Escobar.

week and we're just beginning so there's no way it could have happened,” said Cicatelli. “We tried. I wanted to play Winthrop. The kids wanted to play Winthrop. But we couldn't pull it off. We would have loved to play them. It's a great rivalry.”

### Llanos plans his return to the field

Joe Llanos, the

All-Scholastic running back on the 2019 team, has been taking classes this semester and is considering Framingham State and Endicott College.

Llanos certainly earned his spot among Revere's all-time great running backs - Joe Festa, Mike Mucci, Marc Silvestri, Jose Escobar, and Trae Weathers, to name a few.



## 2021 WATER & SEWER SENIOR DISCOUNT PROGRAM

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# Forum

## AT LAST, SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring officially may have arrived on March 21, but the past month has been anything but spring-like.

For those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline, this is nothing new of course. The prevailing, on-shore sea breezes at this time of year transport air from the ocean that still is in the low 40s. So on days when the temperature may be in the 60s in central Mass., we're at least 10 degrees cooler, with a wind-chill factor that makes it feel 10 degrees cooler than that.

In other words, the 60s elsewhere feel like the 40s for us.

But this week finally brought a measure of spring, not only because of the warmth, but because of the daffodils, forsythia, and flowering trees that signal the end of winter and the promise of nicer days ahead.

With the coronavirus pandemic hopefully coming to an end, the arrival of spring is coming none too soon.

## LETTER to the Editor

### UNHEEDED TRUTH

Dear Editor:

is it narrow minded or bigoted when: One must take a certain plane flight to get from point A to point B? Traffic on highways requires drivers on the right to flow in the same direction? The "X" and "Y" chromosome determine biological gender? The Sun rises from East and sets West? Mathematically  $2+3=5$ ?

The Earth's gravity keeps us on the ground? Mass times acceleration equals force? Water seeks its own level? A compass needle always points north?

There are a lot of "one-way" rules in Nature, and even in orderly travel! Man-made laws and health requirements have "set rules" to keep people safe!

Why is it that when Almighty God determines the only way to Him is

through His Beloved Son, it is labeled narrow minded and bigoted? Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father in Heaven except through Me". John 14:6 "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. The Father did not send His Son to condemn the world, but that the world

through Him would be saved." John 3:16-17.

Jesus died for our sins, then rose from the dead. More than 500 witnesses saw Him alive! Jesus has authority to forgive sins and to give Eternal Life! It is not bigoted or narrowminded to believe this. Sadly, it's an unheeded Truth by those who refuse God's authority.

Lucia Hunter

## GUEST OP-ED

### Don't let pandemic delay advance care planning

By Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN

*Note: This article is published in observance of National Healthcare Decisions Day that was held on April 16.*

Times of our lives may be forever defined as what happened "before the COVID-19 pandemic" and everything after that.

One thing that hasn't changed is the importance of having conversations with your family and health care professionals about your preferences for medical care if you were unable to speak for yourself.

In fact, the pandemic has only highlighted why it's so important. Patients and family members who had advance care planning discussions prior to the pandemic are prepared when faced with a serious illness or medical crisis.

They're comfortable sharing these discussions with healthcare professionals, as in, "IF mom gets COVID-19, and IF it is severe, she would/would not want X, Y, or Z."

Unfortunately, few families are that well prepared. Only one-third of U.S. adults have discussed or completed advance directive documents such as a health care proxy, power of attorney, or living will that help guide family members and health care professionals as to what kind of medical treatments you would or would not like to receive if you were unable to speak for yourself.

•Don't wait for a crisis

One of the biggest challenges I've seen during the pandemic is working with families who have not had any in-depth advance care planning discussions. Whether due to

COVID-19 or some other illness, their loved one's health suddenly was declining, and they had not been able to spend much time together because of the pandemic. Perhaps the patient lived in a facility with visitor restrictions or the patient limited visits out of infection concerns. The patient's decline SEEMED sudden to the family, who was not seeing it happen as they normally would over days, weeks, and months. It was hard for them to believe, and thus hard to think in that moment about the crucial need for advance care planning conversations.

Many older adults have vision, hearing, or cognitive deficits and in-depth conversations over the phone or video are difficult. And video chats are not the same as in-person discussions. The conver-

sation flow is different and there often are technical issues to overcome.

It is never too early to start thinking and talking about your wishes for care if your health status were to change. Choose a health care agent wisely who will be your voice when you cannot speak for yourself and have those important discussions about health care preferences before a crisis occurs.

The COVID-19 pandemic opened a lot of eyes about advance care planning. Giving guidance to your family and friends will help you get the care that you want. Your loved ones can feel confident they are voicing YOUR wishes, not their guesses!

Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN, is a palliative care nurse practitioner at Care Dimensions.

## MASS SHOOTINGS ARE OUR NEW EPIDEMIC

Mass shootings with high-powered weapons are nothing new in America. The recent tragedies in Atlanta and Indianapolis are just two more of a long string of the slaughter of innocent Americans who simply were going about their everyday lives at work, in school, or at a shopping mall.

But as horrific as these well-publicized incidents have been, they are just the proverbial tip of the iceberg when it comes to mass shootings all across the country, which have been occurring at ever-increasing rates.

In the past 30 days since the Atlanta massacre, there have been 45 mass shootings -- defined as incidents where four or more people have been shot -- across the U.S.

The vast majority of these shootings never make it into the national headlines to the extent of the Atlanta and Indianapolis incidents, but they are real. For example, on April 8 in Bryan, Texas, a gunman (who apparently was a disgruntled former employee) shot six persons at a cabinet-making company. One was killed and five were wounded, four critically.

We could go on and on, but the bottom line is that America is the only place in the world where mass shootings are a daily part of life. And the reason is very simple: America is the only country where there are more guns than people and a large percentage of those weapons are high-capacity, semi-automatic firearms.

Ardent supporters of gun ownership make the time-worn argument that if there are restrictions on gun ownership, then only criminals will have guns.

But the reality is that the perpetrators of mass shooting incidents are not criminals -- they're typically the guy next door who has some sort of mental health or anger issue, but who has been able to buy a high-capacity weapon on a whim and go on a shooting rampage a short time later.

The shooter in Atlanta, for example, had purchased his gun just a day before he went on his murderous spree.

Other nations -- principally narco-terrorist states such as Mexico and Honduras -- may have higher homicide rates, but mass shootings by, and of, ordinary civilians are a uniquely American phenomenon.

Countries with broad gun-ownership, such as Australia and New Zealand, have instituted common-sense laws that have eliminated mass-shootings. Australia did so after a school massacre in 1996 -- and there have been no similar incidents since then.

What will it take for America to reach the tipping point that will persuade Congress to implement common-sense gun legislation?

We're obviously not there yet. Our guess is it will occur only when Americans will be fearful of gathering such that it will affect travel and business. After all, who wants to travel to a state where people are allowed to openly carry high-capacity weaponry?

But in the meantime, America tragically will remain among the most randomly-violent places on the planet.

## MEFA holds zoom session for college financial aid

Staff Report

The pandemic created financial and social hardships for Massachusetts families, including lost employment and isolation from loved ones. For high school seniors, the disrupted academic year left many unable to focus on life after graduation.

As vaccination rates increase, in-person classes resume, and hope emerges, a statewide effort is underway to reach undecided high school students and parents with an encouraging message: there are still many choices for college in the fall and opportunities to receive federal and state financial aid. A coalition of state and

non-profit organizations across the Commonwealth is promoting that message in a campaign called "Worth It," urging high school seniors and parents to apply for college financial aid as an important step in realizing their college dreams. The campaign also includes ways students and parents can seek free, expert help in pursuing higher education.

For example, Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA), will host a free, online workshop to help students and parents complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is

the key to unlocking college financial aid from federal, state, and institutional sources.

Filling out the FAFSA helps keep college an option for the fall but does not commit a student to enrolling. Yet, fewer high school seniors have filled out the FAFSA this year than in the previous two years. This has financial aid experts concerned that a generation of low-income and minority students will miss out on a college education.

MEFA's FAFSA Festival is open for Massachusetts residents to drop in on Saturday, April 24, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Visit [mefa.org/events/fafsa-festival](https://mefa.org/events/fafsa-festival) for information. In advance of the event, MEFA recommends students begin filling out the FAFSA and to then bring their questions to the FAFSA Festival. Families can start the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) and find other helpful resources at [mass.gov/financialaid](https://mass.gov/financialaid).

"The pandemic has created many challenges for families, and we just want them to know that they don't have to defer their dream of a college education. We have a team of experts volunteering to help high school seniors achieve their goals by accessing financial aid opportunities," said Thomas Graf, Executive Director of MEFA.

In addition to the FAF-

SA Festival, MEFA will host Opportunities for After High School, a virtual panel discussion with four higher education leaders from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, Dean College, and Worcester State University, detailing colleges and programs offering enrollment for Fall 2021 the available federal and state financial aid to help pay for a two-year and four-year college or university, and resources to help students complete the FAFSA. The panel discussion will be Thursday, April 29th, at 6:30 p.m. To attend, visit [mefa.org/events/opportunities-for-after-high-school](https://mefa.org/events/opportunities-for-after-high-school).

MEFA is a not-for-profit state authority, not reliant on state or federal appropriations, established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15C. MEFA's mission, since its founding in 1982, has been to help Massachusetts students and families access and afford higher education and reach financial goals through education programs, tax-advantaged savings plans, low-cost loans, and expert guidance. All of MEFA's work aligns with the ever-present goal to support the independence, growth, and success of Massachusetts students and families.

Visit [mefa.org](https://mefa.org) to learn more or follow MEFA on Twitter @mefatweets and on Facebook at [mefaMA](https://mefaMA)

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# Cataldo Ambulance pop up vaccination sites support Vax Access

Staff Report

In addition to staffing the Hynes Convention Center, a mass vaccination site now vaccinating more than 7,000 people daily, Cataldo Ambulance is operating additional pop up sites, expanding staffing in an effort to reach even more Massachusetts residents.

Through a program that brings vaccinations directly into communities, smaller scale vaccination pop up clinics are reaching residents unable to get to more centralized sites like the Hynes Convention Center. The support extends into Boston neighborhoods such as Jamaica Plain, Dorchester, and Roslindale.

In addition to Boston neighborhoods, Cataldo is

actively staging pop ups in Revere, Chelsea, New Bedford and Fall River with great success.

As part of their partnership with MGB and CIC Health, Cataldo has been turning churches, schools, and community centers into vaccination sites.

“We know that not everyone has access to technology or internet to schedule appointments

for a site like the Hynes. Transportation may be an issue as well, and for some community members there might be fear of going to a site outside of their community,” says Cataldo COO Kevin Turner. “Our teams are bringing the vaccine into these heavily immigrant communities, ensuring that the communities hit hardest by the virus have access to

the vaccine.” Cataldo Ambulance Service currently provides 911 responses for 20 municipalities, hospitals and numerous private contracts from 23 base locations throughout Massachusetts, covering Greater Boston and the North Shore. The organization has continually distinguished itself as a leader in EMS, providing routine

and emergency medical transportation services, offering clinical education, and introducing the first mobile integrated health service line in Massachusetts. As the needs of the community and patients change, Cataldo continues to develop innovative programs designed to ensure the highest level of care is available throughout its service areas.

# Officials encourage residents and property owners to apply for COVID-19 housing assistance

Staff report

Revere officials are encouraging residents and property owners in need of rental, utility or mortgage assistance to take advantage of federal funding recently made available to Massachusetts residents. Residents and property owners can apply for assistance through the Residential Assistance for Families in Transi-

tion (RAFT) program, the Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) program, and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Earlier this month, the Baker-Polito Administration announced \$400 million in new federal funding is available to increase emergency assistance.

“It has been an incredibly hard year for our residents,” said Mayor Brian

Arrigo. “Our rental and mortgage assistance programs were some of our most utilized programs during COVID, and as the pandemic continues we understand the importance of prioritizing housing assistance.”

Revere residents and property owners should visit [Revere.org/housing](http://Revere.org/housing) for additional resources from the City’s Office of Housing Stability, and to

begin the application process. Residents in need of additional support should dial 3-1-1.

The City has also contracted with Chelsea Legal Services (CLS) to provide free legal representation and case management for residents at risk of eviction due to the pandemic. CLS will support landlord-tenant mediations and other housing legal issues for Revere residents.

Services are available in English and Spanish, and other languages may be available as well. Residents can call CLS at 617-466-3037 for assistance.

In the coming weeks, City staff and COVID-19 Ambassadors, led by the Office of Housing Stability, will undertake a public outreach campaign to ensure residents and property owners are aware of the resources available to

them. Outreach will stress the importance of continuing to take advantage of rental assistance programs despite the statewide eviction moratorium remaining in effect until June.

In 2020, the City of Revere, through federal CARES funding, provided \$1 million in rental and mortgage assistance to nearly 250 residents experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.

# New AARP analysis shows Massachusetts COVID cases and deaths declining in nursing homes

Staff report

The latest release of AARP’s Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard shows that both cases and deaths in nursing homes declined in the four weeks ending March 21. Although these rates are improving, chronic problems in nursing homes—revealed during the COVID-19 pandemic—continue. In Massachusetts, during the four weeks ending March 21, 2021, .49 percent of nursing homes reported a shortage of nurses or aides, down from 2.4 percent from the previous re-

porting period.

Deaths of nursing home residents in Massachusetts have significantly decreased from the previous period, dropping from a rate of .79 to .10 per 100 residents. New infections among residents and staff also declined to less than half of previous levels. Resident cases fell from 2.4 to .34 per 100 residents, and new staff cases declined from 2.4 to .49 per 100 residents.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light the chronic, ongoing problems that have plagued the nursing home industry for decades, including

staffing shortages, poor infection control, transparency, and accountability, said Mike Festa, AARP Massachusetts State Director. “Following the COVID-related deaths of more than 9,000 nursing home residents and staff in Massachusetts, now is the time to eradicate these failings that jeopardize the health and safety of nursing home residents.”

AARP continues to urge elected officials to act immediately, focusing this year on:

- Enacting or making permanent the components of AARP’s five-point plan

for residents through adequate staffing, oversight, and access to in-person formal advocates, called long-term care Ombudsmen.

- Prioritizing regular and ongoing testing and adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) for residents and staff—as well as inspectors and any visitors.
- Improving transparency focused on daily, public reporting of cases and deaths in facilities; communication with families about discharges and transfers; and accountability for state and federal funding that goes to facilities.

- Ensuring access to in-person visitation following federal and state guidelines for safety, and require continued access to virtual visitation for all residents.
- Ensuring quality care

for residents through adequate staffing, oversight, and access to in-person formal advocates, called long-term care Ombudsmen.

- Rejecting immunity for long-term care facilities related to COVID-19.
- Establishing minimum nursing staffing standards
- Ensuring progress is made so that in-person visitation can safely occur and facilitating virtual visitation
- Creating a pathway for single occupancy rooms in nursing homes

The AARP Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard analyzes federally reported data in four-week periods going back to June 1, 2020. Using this data,

the AARP Public Policy Institute, in collaboration with the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Ohio, created the dashboard to provide snapshots of the virus’ infiltration into nursing homes and impact on nursing home residents and staff, to identify specific areas of concern at the national and state levels in a timely manner.

The complete Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard is available at [www.aarp.org/nursinghomedashboard](http://www.aarp.org/nursinghomedashboard). For more information on how COVID is impacting nursing homes and AARP’s advocacy on this issue, visit [www.aarp.org/nursinghomes](http://www.aarp.org/nursinghomes).

# Pressley unveils legislation to support pregnant people during COVID pandemic

Staff report

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, a founding member of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, introduced the COVID-19 Safe Birthing Act, bold legislation to provide critical protections and access to care for pregnant people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The legislation, which comes during Black Maternal Health Week, would help address the harmful impact of the pandemic on pregnant people, particularly pregnant people of color, and continues Congresswoman Pressley’s longstanding advocacy for maternal health justice.

“This pandemic has had a devastating impact on our most vulnerable communities in Massachusetts and across the country, including and especially pregnant people,” said Rep. Pressley. “With our nation’s maternal health crisis worsening during the ongoing pandemic, we must use every tool available to provide pregnant people—including Black and brown folks, who face disproportionately high rates of maternal mortality and COVID-19 cases—with the comprehensive care and support necessary to experience a healthy and safe pregnancy during this pandemic and after. This bill would do just that.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has created many severe, compounding challenges for pregnant people, particularly pregnant people of color. In this vulnerable time, no pregnant person should

have to choose between the support of a family member and the support of a doula.

Before the pandemic, our nation was already experiencing a maternal health crisis, with the highest rate of maternal mortality among developed countries, despite spending more money on healthcare than any other.

Pregnant people who contract COVID-19 are at greater risk for severe illness and death and greater risk of pregnancy-related complications. Restrictions put in place by hospitals and health-care facilities because of the pandemic have resulted in people birthing alone and being isolated from their newborns during critical periods of postpartum bonding. Having a trusted advocate present to amplify their voices during medical appointments and during labor could save their lives.

The COVID-19 Safe Birthing Act would provide critical protections and access to care for pregnant people during this public health crisis by:

- Ensuring that hospitals and health care settings allow birthing individuals to be accompanied by a loved one, in addition to a doula or other birthing support professional;
- Expanding access to maternal telehealth services for Medicaid recipients;
- Extending Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program postpartum coverage to a full year; and
- Ensuring that all pregnant persons, regardless of

insurance status or source of insurance, have access to free COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccination during and after the emergency declaration period.

The legislation is supported by the Center for Reproductive Rights, National Birth Equity Collaborative, Black Mamas Matter Alliance, Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (ROOTT), National Birth Equity Collaborative, Shades of Blue Project, Jamila Taylor, Director of Health Care Reform and Senior Fellow for The Century Foundation, Physicians for Reproductive Health Diversity Uplifts, Inc., the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF), Health Care For All – Massachusetts, The 2 Degrees Foundation, and Ipas.

As a founding member of the Black Maternal Health Caucus, Congresswoman Pressley is committed to ending the Black maternal mortality crisis in America and affirming maternal health justice for all. In May 2019, she introduced the Healthy MOMMIES Act, to extend post-partum Medicaid coverage for pregnant people and expand coverage to include culturally competent and community based doula care. In February 2021, she re-introduced the Justice for Incarcerated Moms Act, legislation to improve maternal health care and support for pregnant individuals who are incarcerated. The legislation was initially filed in March 2020.

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# Toys for Tots team up with Good360 to distribute 1 million childrens' items

Staff Report

Toys for Tots has announced the expansion of their year-round efforts to support those less fortunate by distributing 1 million toys, books, and games to families in need now. While Toys for Tots is primarily known as a Christmastime charity, the organization recognizes there is still great need to provide emotional support and doesn't want to wait until the holiday season to deliver hope to children in need.

As a Nation we've all been hopeful that the Coronavirus pandemic would be in our rearview mirrors by now, but the sad reality is that COVID-19 has had a long-term impact on just about every sector of our society. Less fortunate children likely suffered the greatest learning loss by not being able to attend in-person classroom instruction, and in order to help combat that Toys for Tots has decided to distribute one million toys this spring and

summer with a focus on toys that teach providing STEAM-related toys.

We realize the importance of reminding children that there is still joy to be found in simple gifts every day, no matter how difficult things may be right now. That is why we are once again partnering with Good360, the global leader in product philanthropy and purposeful giving, and providing them with one million toys to distribute via their network of nonprofit organizations across the United States to DoGoodNOW.

"Toys for Tots is more than a Christmas charity—that is why we want to DoGoodNOW and expand our partnership with Good360," said Lt. Gen. Jim Laster, USMC (Retired), President and CEO of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. "Without the assistance of Good360 and their vast network of non-profits throughout the country, Toys for Tots would not be able to distribute the one million toys we're

providing to families who are struggling outside of the holiday season."

"With so many families struggling during the pandemic, Good360 is proud to continue the great work of our Marine Toys for Tots partnership," said Matt Connelly, CEO of Good360. "We've seen firsthand how toys, books and games bring joy to children and their loved ones served by our non-profit partners and expanding our efforts will significantly increase the impact of our program."

Toys for Tots and Good360 have complementary strengths, and this partnership will generate greater impact. Together we are more than just the sum of our parts—together we can DoGoodNOW. The two organizations launched their collaboration in April of 2020 and since that time have distributed 1.8 million toys, games, and books.

For additional information, visit [www.Good360.org](http://www.Good360.org) and/or [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).



Ward 5 Councillor John Powers points to the debris scattered throughout the property that is owned by National Grid.

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resident in the city has. If you own the property, you are required to keep it clean."

Powers added that people living in the apartments on nearby Revere Beach Boulevard "shouldn't have to look at all of this debris" on the property.

"It's not a healthy situation," he said.

Powers said he sponsored a motion about the matter at a recent City Council meeting, but he has yet to receive a response from National Grid officials.

"If I don't hear from

them within the next couple of weeks, I'm going to ask our legal department to take whatever action they feel is necessary and required to make National Grid address the problem," said Powers.

## SJC issues new order regarding court operations

Staff Report

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) has issued an updated order regarding the operation of Massachusetts state courts and courthouses during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The new order goes into effect on May 1, and will replace the existing order issued on Feb. 24, 2021.

The new order allows for the resumption of 12-person jury trials in Superior Court criminal and sexually dangerous person cases as part of Phase 3 of the plan for the gradual resumption of jury trials. The Phase 3 recommended by the Jury Management Advisory Committee (JMAC) in its report of July 31, 2020, has been modified in some respects, but in general the new order authorizes the courts to conduct as many

jury trials as possible in as many locations as possible, consistent with the recommended health and safety practices. To maximize the number of jury trials that can be conducted during Phase 3, certain cases that typically would be tried to juries of twelve will continue to be tried to juries of six (i.e., Superior and Housing Court civil cases), while others may continue to be tried to juries of six with the consent of the appropriate parties (i.e., Superior Court criminal and sexually dangerous person cases). In addition, certain jury trials will be subject to limitations on the number of peremptory challenges. The cases that will be tried during Phase 3, as well as the locations, are subject to the approval of the Chief Justice of the applicable Trial Court Department. Priority will continue to be given to conducting jury trials in cases where a party is in custody.

Phase 3 will continue until the SJC issues further direction regarding the resumption of jury trials. As throughout the pandemic, all plans and expectations may be adjusted at any time in the ongoing effort to balance the safety of everyone who enters a court-

house with the fundamental constitutional right to a trial by jury.

"We are ready to increase the number and locations of jury trials," said Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Kimberly Budd, "but our courts will need to follow recommended health and safety practices, including mask-wearing, frequent hand washing, physical distancing, and courtroom and courthouse occupancy limitations, for some time to come."

Otherwise, courts will continue to conduct business virtually and in-person and courthouses will continue to be physically open to the public. Judges will continue to schedule and conduct bench trials and other hearings either virtually or in-person. Each Trial Court department will continue to post notices to the court system's COVID-19 webpage identifying how (virtually or in-person) it is addressing various categories of matters.

Clerks', registers', and recorder's offices will continue to be physically open to the public, while still endeavoring to conduct business virtually as much as possible.

## High School // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In April 2020 the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) voted to authorize inviting the City of Revere to collaborate with the MSBA in conducting a Feasibility Study to build a new high school in the city.

Revere was one of five school districts chosen by the MSBA with the others being the Town of Brookline, the City of Haverhill, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, and the Town of Webster.

The vote by the MSBA came on the heels of a vote

by the Revere City Council to approve a \$2 million appropriation to begin the Feasibility Study to build a new high school in the city back in February 2020. In 2018 Revere Public Schools cleared a major hurdle during a MSBA board meeting. At that meeting the MSBA board voted to invite Revere and ten other school districts that filed Statements of Interest (SOI) to take part in the eligibility process that could ultimately lead to grant money to build a new high school in the city.

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# Baker files legislation for ride-sharing bill building on safety and enforcement laws

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration last filed legislation to build on the Commonwealth's comprehensive oversight of Transportation Network Companies (TNC) by improving public safety requirements and obtaining additional ride data to assist with transportation planning, congestion management, and vehicle emissions tracking.

Additionally, *An Act Relative to Transportation Network Companies* would provide needed flexibility for the ban on surge pricing during a State of Emergency, and expand the types of companies subject to state TNC laws and regulations. "The safety of Massachusetts residents and visitors is our top priority and this legislation will institute additional public safety measures for pas-

sengers and law enforcement, provide important information to transportation planners and reduce administrative burdens for cities and towns," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "The Commonwealth was a national leader in providing background checks and a regulatory framework for the rideshare industry, and as the industry evolves into an important element of our transportation system, we are pleased to file this bill ensuring that the Commonwealth's transportation network can continue to grow in a safe and responsible manner."

The Administration previously filed *An Act Relative to Public Safety and Transparency by Transportation Network Companies* in 2019, but today's legislation includes a newly filed provision that gives the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) exclusive authority to reg-

ulate large livery companies operating throughout the state on a digital network. This provision will ensure that livery companies operating on a digital network with over 100 drivers will be subject to the statewide TNC laws and regulations. Smaller livery companies will remain regulated at the municipal level, regardless of whether they operate on a digital network.

The proposal would build on Massachusetts's TNC safety and enforcement laws, some of the most stringent and comprehensive in the country, by:

- Increasing fines and penalties, up to two and half years in a House of Correction, for the practice of "account renting," or allowing another individual to utilize a TNC driver's account or identity, to provide TNC services.

- Making it a criminal offense for a driver to exploit the personal information of a rider to stalk, harass or defraud a rider.

Implementing tougher penalties for drivers who:

- \*Fail to maintain a driver certificate or a background check clearance certificate

- \*Fail to display TNC vehicle decals

- \*Fail to maintain adequate insurance, or carry proof of a TNC vehicle inspection

This legislation also allows for new transportation data to be collected from TNCs and eases the administrative burden on small towns. Specifically, the bill will:

- Authorize the DPU to obtain more detailed trip data from TNCs on a monthly basis that can then be shared in an anonymous and confidential manner with state agencies, municipalities and local organizations for planning purposes.

- \*The more detailed data called for in this legislation includes total miles and minutes when drivers are en route to pick up riders and when they are providing rides; whether riders were successfully

matched for shared rides; and additional data on accidents and reasonable accommodations.

- Allow better emissions data to be collected by requiring TNCs to report the total miles and minutes that each vehicle is on the road, together with vehicle make, model and year information.

- Reduce the reporting requirements for communities that receive \$25,000 or less annually from TNCs and allow those communities to make spending decisions on those relatively small funds without going through their local appropriation process.

The additional data will help transportation planners analyze how rides impact transportation infrastructure and the environment, and allow them to make more informed decisions about the location of dedicated bus lanes, specific investments in infrastructure, and overall impacts from vehicle emissions.

The legislation also gives the DPU the authority to determine whether it is appropriate to permit transportation network companies to utilize surge

pricing during a State of Emergency. Enabling surge pricing under certain circumstances and with appropriate limitations could increase the supply of drivers, which reduces wait times and ensures reliable transportation options.

Since January 2017, the Department of Public Utilities' Transportation Network Company Division has implemented the most comprehensive state background checks for TNC drivers in the country, and has approved over 240,000 individuals to operate as TNC drivers, though not all are currently active drivers. Drivers engaged in providing transportation services on behalf of Transportation Network Companies undergo a full state driving record and Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) background check. Additionally, drivers are subjected to a bi-annual national commercial background check conducted by the TNC companies. TNC rides that started in the Commonwealth increased from 64.8 million in 2017 to 91.1 million in 2019.

## Arrigo, Revere Board of Health launch campaign to reach 70% vaccination by July 4

Staff report

Mayor Brian Arrigo and the Revere Board of Health announced the launch of its campaign to reach a goal of 70 percent of residents vaccinated by July 4, a key milestone toward reaching herd immunity and ending the pandemic. The campaign, "Let's Do This, Revere," features residents and community leaders in a multilingual print and digital campaign, as well as a citywide thermometer tracking system that will provide weekly updates for residents.

"The vaccine rollout is our path forward in returning to normalcy after an incredibly challenging year," said Mayor Brian Arrigo. "The 'Let's Do This, Revere' campaign aims to create excitement around the possibilities of a fully vaccinated Revere. The more residents vaccinated, the closer we are to going back to the activities we loved prior to the pandemic."

As of Thursday, April 15, 23.6 percent of Revere residents had been fully vaccinated. Yesterday, April 19, the statewide

vaccine phasing program opened eligibility to all adults 18 and older.

The campaign features:

- 7 thermometers positioned around the city, which will be updated weekly to provide the community with progress updates and motivation

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- Billboards and flyers featuring community leaders and driving residents toward vaccination resources

- Downloadable Facebook frames for residents and community leaders to use to share their vac-

ination story in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Portuguese.

Outreach continues with the Revere COVID ambassadors, who routinely distribute multilingual clinic flyers to businesses, employees, houses of worship, and neighborhoods. The COVID ambassadors provide multi-lingual support at the Revere Board of Health vaccine clinics and help answer questions at the Revere Vaccine Hotline (781-286-8182).

Currently, Revere can receive their vaccination at a number of different clinics and pharmacies. Residents are urged to sign up for Revere Board of Health updates at [www.revere.org/vaccine-signup](http://www.revere.org/vaccine-signup) to stay in the loop with vaccination clinics hosted by the City. Sign up with the State to be notified when they have an appointment available for you at a MassVax site or call 2-1-1. East Boston Neighborhood Health Center continues to vaccinate at the Wonderland Ballroom - please call 617-568-4870 or visit [www.ebnhc.org](http://www.ebnhc.org) to sign up for an appointment.

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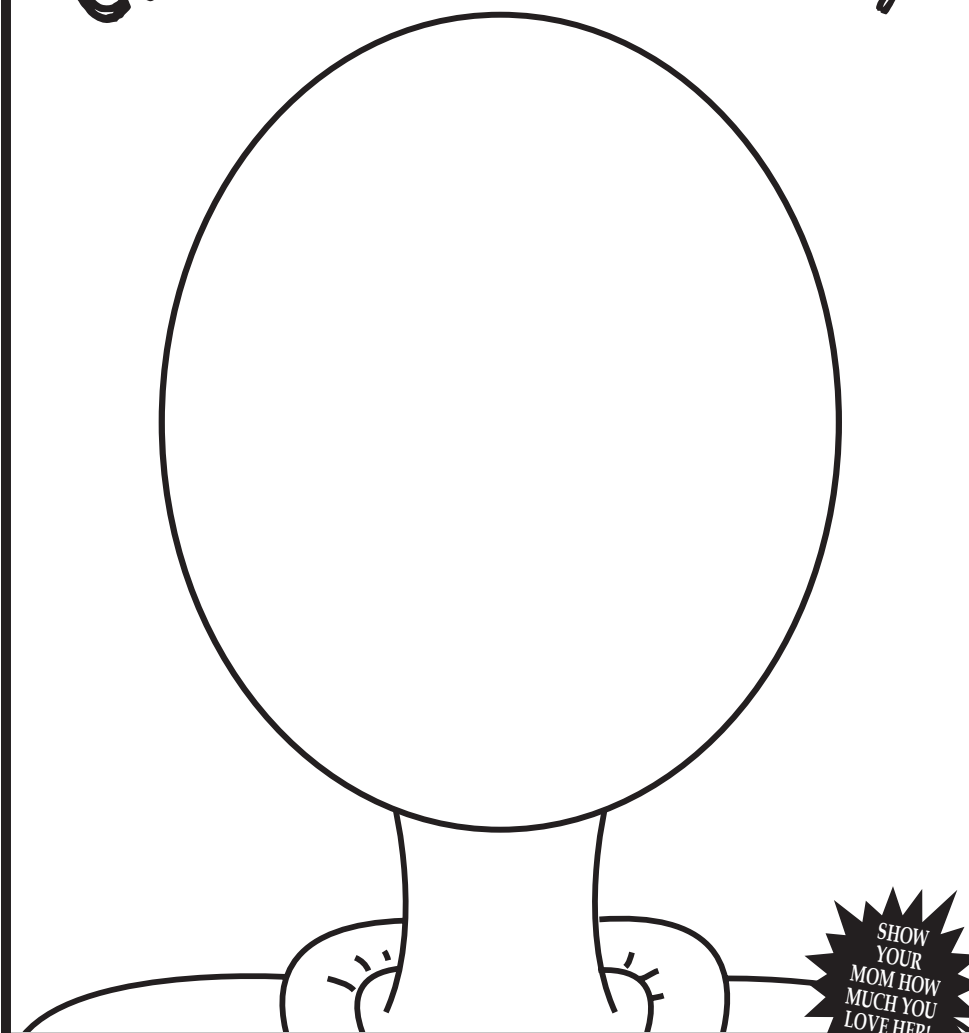
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# OBITUARIES

## 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.



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 "Pat" 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, grand-nephews, 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](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

## Claire Helfer

She thoroughly enjoyed the closeness of family and the fun of sharing time with them

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, April 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere for Claire N. (Mathison) Helfer who passed peacefully on Saturday, April 17 in the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center of Revere following a long illness. Following the visitation, a Funeral Service will be conducted in the Funeral Home at 7:15 p.m. Interment is private. 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.



Born and raised in East Boston, Claire was a graduate of Girls' Trade School, Boston, Class of 1959. She and her family left East Boston in 1998, moving to Revere, where they remained. Early in her working career, she worked for the former Boston Acoustics of East Boston and the Ames Department Store.

Claire was a woman who thoroughly enjoyed the closeness of family and the fun of sharing time with them. She was the very proud grandmother to Brendon T. and Jamie M. Helfer, who made their home with her; the beloved wife of 52 years to Robert L. Helfer and the cherished mother to Robert M. Helfer and his wife, Teresa and the proud grandmother to Brendon T. and Jamie M. Helfer, all of Revere; the dear sister of Gary Mathison and his wife, Audrey of East Boston and the late Joyce White and Donald L. Mathison, Sr. and his late wife, Gloria. She is also the loving sister-in-law to Charles White of Peabody. Several nieces and nephews also survive her.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to MSPCA (Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130-9923. To send online condolences or for more information, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com).

## 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](http://reidsrebels.com). For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Paul Joseph Arsenault

Retired Revere Police Officer and friend to everyone he met

Paul Joseph Arsenault of Wingham, NH, formerly of Revere, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away on April 13 at the age of 74.



He was born in Revere to parents, Joe and Ruth. After high school, he joined the US Marines and later served in the 126th Signal Battalion of the Army National Guard. He was a Revere police officer for over 20 years before retiring in 2000.

Paul was a friend to everyone he met. He enjoyed striking up conversations with people wherever he went. He was good natured, laughed easily and never took himself too seriously.

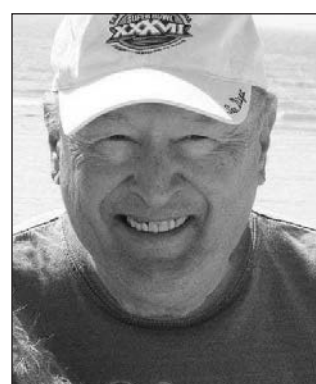
He struggled mightily with technology and some of his texts are legendary. He was always up for any adventure and was known to drop everything to help family or friends in need. He loved being outdoors, fishing, grilling and snappy hotdogs.

More than anything, Paul loved his family. He was a devoted husband

## 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](http://projectbread.org). For guest-book, please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

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## Josephine Amara

Family matriarch who will be wholeheartedly missed for her presence, her love, her stubbornness and her spunk

Josephine (Piazza) Amara of Revere, formerly of the West End, passed away on Friday, April 16 at the age of 99.

Josephine was the sole proprietor of Josephine's Cleansers, a dry cleaning and tailoring shop in Woodlawn, Everett.

She loved spending time with her family, playing bingo, baking cookies, and making pasta. Her unwavering desire for independence kept her driving and taking the bus into Boston well into her late 80's. She also lived on her own until three years ago. As the matriarch of the Amara Family, she will be wholeheartedly missed - her presence, her love, her stubbornness, and her spunk.

She was the devoted wife of the late Frank Amara, the loving mother of Dominic and his wife, Virginia of Revere and Anthony (Tony) and his wife, Kathleen of Lynn. She leaves behind her grandchildren: Stacy Amara and her partner, Roderick Redman of Clarksville, MD, Nikki Amara Myers and her husband, Richard of Needham, Ryan Amara and his wife, Jenna of Tewksbury and Renee Carvalho and her husband, Dennis of Cary, NC, and five great-grandchildren. She was the beloved daughter of the late Antonio and Josephine Piazza,



and the eldest sister of Mary Kessler and her husband, Joseph of Braintree along with the late Helen, Paul and Sebastiano "Jimmy" Piazza.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, April 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere followed by a prayer service at 12:30 p.m. We ask that you keep your visit brief to allow others to enter the funeral home. Masks are required when entering the funeral home. Services will conclude with Interment at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Family and friends are kindly invited. Rest in Eternal Peace. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Brigham and Women's Hospital Division of Renal (Kidney) Medicine in Boston or Chelsea Jewish Lifecare -165 Captains Row, Chelsea, MA 02150 - Attn: Joanne Thomas. For guestbook please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

## Edward Bushee

Musician who loved the arts and listening to jazz music

Edward J. Bushee of Chelmsford, formerly of Revere, died on April 14 at the age of 80.

Edward proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a member of the National Guard 26 YD Yankee Division Band. He played several instruments. Edward loved the arts and listening to jazz music.

The beloved husband of the late Rosemary (Hayes), he is survived by his daughters, Heidi Ricker and her husband, Jonathan of Tewksbury and Suzanne Silvestri and her husband, Nicholas of Danvers; dear brother of the late Frederick Bushee Jr, and Mary Murphy and



cherished grandfather of Haley and Delilah Ricker and Nico and Luca Silvestri. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A Visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere on Friday, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by a private prayer service. Due to capacity limits, we ask that you keep your visit brief to allow others to enter. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Masks and social distancing are required at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For guestbook, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

# St. Mary's and Our Lady of Grace becoming a new parish

By Stephen W. Fielding

A seamless and natural transition to become a new parish is currently taking place between St. Mary of the Assumption Church of Revere and Our Lady of Grace Church serving Chelsea and Everett that includes a beautiful, spiritual Haitian community and a growing Vietnamese community. The newly-formed parish will be named with suggestions from Fr. John Sheridan, Pastor, the staff of both churches, and the parishioners of each church. Final approval for a new parish name will be made by Cardinal Sean O'Malley who received three final proposals last week. To be clear: Each church will retain its current name and unique history.

Both churches have shared one pastor and have been working together for ten years, the last three as a collaborative. Fr. Jim Barry was initially the pastor for seven years for both churches. Fr. John Sheridan began his tenure as pastor three years ago this coming June when the collaborative was officially formed. Being a builder of parishes, relationships, and collaboratives, he has brought a special spirituality and deep-rooted faith, joyful exuberance, and a very down-to-earth personality that is contagious and appreciated by the congregation of both churches. Through his motivation, the designation Morning Star Catholic Collaborative and the collaborative logo was created with participation by all. As a side note: Morning Star is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus. Since both churches are named after her, albeit with different titles, it is hoped that the new parish name will reflect the collaborative's current name or one attributed to her.

Fr. John recently posted a letter to all parishioners on www.morningstarcatholic.org, the Morning Star Catholic Collaborative Facebook page, presented this news at all recent masses, and spoke to parishioners on his weekly Monday video to parishioners called "A Word From Our Sponsor". He stated, "Most of what we need to do we've been doing for years, and in many ways, there will be no noticeable difference in the daily life of our families.

This will not affect our particular churches - St. Mary's church and Our Lady of Grace church, our buildings and facilities and programs will remain as they are - we will have one parish. This merger will simply allow us to streamline what we do and make it easier and better. Both have so much to give- Our Lady of Grace's history and dedication to social action, Generations of Faith, a strong and vital Haitian community and a strong Prattville community; St. Mary of the Assumption's energy, social interaction and Faith Formation program- and our united commitment to St. Joseph Parish in L'Asile, Haiti - both parishes serve as homes to groups and organizations; we share staff members, musicians and clergy."

Fr. John continued, "Folks from both parishes have been meeting for months to build a Pastoral Council. The next step for our two parish families is to strengthen our bonds for a strong future for our faith communities. We will also embrace a new name for our parish. Both parish families are dedicated to Mary - and that identity is important to us. I trust that we can, inspired by the Blessed Mother, find the right name. I hope that we will be able to keep the Morning Star in the new name, to be able to keep and share the beautiful image of our Blessed Mother. Please keep in mind that our church names will remain Our Lady of Grace and St. Mary's - it is our combined parish name that we are developing. I sincerely believe that this is in the best interests of our families, each of us and all of us. There have already been 16 parish mergers since last March throughout the Archdiocese, in towns like Medford, Lynn and Lynnfield, so this is far from new. Through it all, I ask your prayers and support. We have been aligning our parish families for quite a while, and we already share so much - it makes sense that at this point, particularly in this rather difficult time, we would share even more. Parishioner's generosity has been a blessing. The fact remains that financially, neither parish can exist on their respective collections, even pre-pandemic, an essential element of a parish's viability. I'm happy to report that we have



Fr. John Sheridan, Pastor (right) and Linda DeCristoforo, Pastoral Associate (left) are ready to lead St. Mary of the Assumption, Revere and Our Lady of Grace, Chelsea/ Everett through the process to become one parish with a new name. Each church will retain their individual names and identities.

a business manager, Linda McElwaney, to help us look ahead. Yet I am concerned that with low attendance in both churches (even before this pandemic), the weekly collections will not be able to cover the basics without going through the funds we have, but combined, we can build on each other's strengths. The loss of Bingo, the Women's Club's Christmas calendar, the Christmas Bazaar, the preschool program at St. Mary's, the Flea Market and the several fundraisers held throughout the year have taken a significant toll on us. Even with a return to these activities, which I look forward to in the near future, it will take a long time to get back to pre-pandemic interest and numbers."

Linda DeCristoforo has been Pastoral Associate for both churches for many years and has been a vital part of both staffs. Linda holds Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Emmanuel College and earned a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry from the Institute for Pastoral Ministry for Religious Education with a concentration in Liturgy and Worship at Boston College. Her steady, unwavering faith and self-assuring spirituality solidifies her inner strength that is very evident when she speaks to you. Her leadership role in faith formation, various parish ministries and services, and liturgy and worship are quite respected and appreciated by all parishioners. She and Fr. John are truly remarkable people with

complementary personalities that certainly radiates positiveness and togetherness for both church communities. Linda expressed excitement with the new merger and offered, "All faith formation programs, confirmations, communions, religious education programs, all ministers (lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.) together, will present new opportunities and not a real change."

Fr. John is clearly excited for both churches and the parishioners of the newly formed parish whose name is expected to be approved in the next several months. "This good, great for the future. It will certainly help us. Now we have great hope, joy, and expectations, and can focus on families and children, and brining everyone together in fully filled church soon! We have bog plans. As I say we should look up and look ahead."

He emphasized, "During this pandemic we have so many volunteers to ensure protocols were kept- from temperature takers, contact tracers. People sanitizing the churches, cleaners, so many, many people who gave their time and put themselves at risk. I am humbled and grateful."

So, now is definitely a time to look up and look ahead as St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Revere and Our Lady of Grace Church, Chelsea/ Everett await approval of their new parish name while keeping their current church names in a seamless and natural transition.

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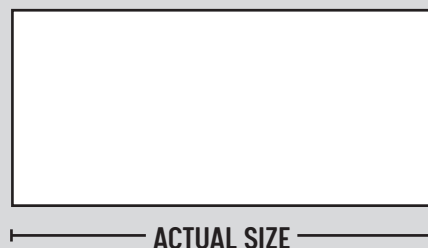
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# Revere's Enciso Torres establishes La Colaborativa Club at Malden Catholic

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many local families have been grappling with food insecurity and relocation, among a multitude of adversities. Remote classrooms are challenging to navigate; and Malden Catholic High School (MCHS) sophomore, Alondra Enciso Torres of Revere, aspires to aid other students and their families in accessing vital resources.

"A tremendous number of families are struggling during this global pandemic, so it is important that we help these families," asserted 15-year-old Alondra. "I cannot imagine how hard it has been for children who are younger and just getting started with school to experience virtual learning without the necessary technology."

Alondra established La Colaborativa Club at

MCHS on April 8 to serve families in need and discuss means of helping the increasing number of families experiencing homelessness due to the pandemic. The group has quickly become one of the largest clubs at MCHS, with 45 members, and on April 15-16, La Colaborativa Club hosted Dress Down Days to benefit families in the community.

Malden Catholic students are taught to live by the five Xaverian core values of humility, simplicity, compassion, trust, and zeal. Through La Colaborativa Club, members are inspired by these virtues, and are working together to make a difference.

"This pandemic has made it difficult for families to provide basic needs for their children, and in some cases, it has forced evictions, which can be from four to six cases a day," explained Alondra. "I wanted to create a club



Revere resident, Alondra Enciso Torres, Malden Catholic High School sophomore and founder of La Colaborativa Club.

that could support these families by fundraising and donating goods."

When the pandemic began, Alondra's parents lost their jobs; and through social media, her mother, Cinthya Torres, learned about the Chelsea organization, La Colaborativa, an immigrant-friendly

program that provides essential items to residents in Chelsea, East Boston, Lynn, Malden, and surrounding neighborhoods.

Initially, La Colaborativa Executive Director, Gladys Vega, was distributing boxes of food from her home. In March, during the peak of the pandemic, Alondra and Cinthya -- along with others -- joined Ms. Vega in her mission to compassionately care for the people of Chelsea; and now La Colaborativa volunteers operate out of Pan Y Café, a coffee shop in Cary Square, Chelsea.

"When I volunteered, I felt a sense of connection and purpose. There is nothing more powerful than helping those around you," Alondra expressed. "I now go to the organization regularly, helping tenants facing eviction and distributing food and diaper distribution." Vega, who is astonished



Malden Catholic High School sophomore, Alondra Enciso Torres, collecting donations for La Colaborativa during an April 15 Dress Down Day fundraiser to benefit families effected by homelessness during the pandemic

by the amount of students involved in La Colaborativa Club, feels blessed and grateful for Alondra and Cinthya's focus, determination, and nurturing compassion. The ladies make critical deliveries to homebound individuals, many of whom are unable to pay rent.

"I was extremely happy and impressed by the number of students in the club," said Vega, who recalled when Alondra and Cinthya noticed an elderly woman who had exhausted her savings, and was shoeless, waiting in line at the food bank. "They're sensitive with the most fragile members of the community, and are able to identify other needs that families may not be requesting."

Vega is touched by Alondra's initiative and ability to encourage other students to join her efforts in helping those most vulnerable. She also commended MCHS administrators for their support of the club.

"When Alondra outlined her goals in a meeting for La Colaborativa Club," explained Vega. "The leaders at Malden Catholic immediately accepted Alondra's proposal. It's been an amazing

project ever since."

Alondra is a member of the MCHS cross country and track teams, Students in Action, and Make-A-Wish Club, and is also a Latin ballroom dancer. She hopes to continue expanding La Colaborativa Club, and is looking forward to safely volunteering with her classmates in person at La Colaborativa.

La Colaborativa Club is planning a toiletry drive later this month to collect feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash, soap, and shampoo.

"As a daughter of immigrants, it warms my heart to help people gain access to the resources they need," said Alondra. "We are a nation of immigrants. In these hard times, we are called to work together -- all races, genders, and religions -- to help each other. I founded this club so that we can directly interact with families in need on a personal level, and provide them with as much support as possible."

Learn more about La Colaborativa at <https://www.la-colaborativa.org/> and visit <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/la-colaborativa> to make donations.



La Colaborativa Club members: Maggie White, freshman, of Medford; Annasstegiah Berard, sophomore, of Malden; Ashley Reardon, sophomore, of Saugus; Alondra Enciso Torres, sophomore, of Revere; Grace Damico, sophomore, of Malden; Niamh MacCumascaigh, sophomore; and Aine MacCumascaigh, of Somerville

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## Basquiat and the Hip-Hop Generation exhibit extended at Museum of Fine Arts

Special to the Journal

Due to popular demand, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), has extended the exhibition "Writing the Future: Basquiat and the Hip-Hop Generation" through July 25.

Timed-entry exhibition tickets, which include general Museum admission, remain required in advance for all visitors—members and nonmembers alike—due to limited capacity. May tickets for the exhibition, originally

scheduled to close on May 16, are now on sale for members and April 21 for nonmembers.

"Writing the Future" brings together more than 120 works by Jean-Michel Basquiat and 11 of his peers—A-One, ERO, Fab 5 Freddy, Futura, Keith Haring, Koolhaas, LA2, Lady Pink, Lee Quinones, Rammellzee and Toxic—all artists whose techniques share a conceptual approach rooted in early hip-hop practices. Their subversive abstractions generated a new style all their own, giving rise to the insurgent "post-graffiti" movement in American art and catalyzing the rise of hip-hop and street art as globally dominant phenomena. The exhibition illuminates this unprecedented fusion of creative energies and its defiance of longstanding class and racial divisions in 1980s New York City as these artists demanded—and commanded—the attention not only of the art establishment, but of the world at large.

During this year's April Vacation Week (April 21-24), the MFA is partnering with Boston Public Schools (BPS) to offer

160 free tickets for students, parents and educators from over 15 high schools to see "Writing the Future."

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Museum is also hosting a Sound Bites: Nancy Lee Clark Concert Series that explores how different generations expand on and redefine early hip-hop, carving out a space for unique contributions to this global cultural movement. The concerts—filmed inside the exhibition and available for rent on the Museum's recently launched on-demand video platform, MFA Selects—continue with Edo G and Brady Watt, premiering on April 29, and Slick Vick with Cake Swagg and Bernadine, premiering on June 3.

"Writing the Future: Basquiat and the Hip-Hop Generation" is sponsored by Bank of America. Additional support is provided by the Robert and Jane Burke Fund for Exhibitions, the Darwin Cordoba Fund, the Amy and Jonathan Poorvu Fund for the Exhibition of Contemporary Art and Sculpture, and the Museum Council Special Exhibition Fund.

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## Sports

REVERE PATRIOTS SOCCER DEFEAT EVERETT 6-0



**SQUAT THRUST:** Revere's Erik Alves de Souza (#8) tries to finesse a pass between Everett's #9 and #22



**NIFTY FOOTWORK:** Revere's David Paiva (#2) controls the ball off his back foot as he escapes Everett's #5 and #12.

See more photos on next page.

### DeSantis' commitment to youth hockey keeps programs thriving

By Melissa Moore Randall

If you stop by the Cronin Rink in Revere, you will be greeted by a familiar face. Joe DeSantis, President of the East Coast Junior Patriots (ECJP) Hockey League, who has been a fixture with the local hockey and skating program for more than 25 years.

DeSantis became part of the program when his older son, Joey, started playing hockey. Joey, 35, along with his younger son, Jackie, 33, and daughter, Jenae, 30, all were part of the Revere Youth Hockey Program.

Joey and Jackie went on to play hockey at Revere High School, while Jenae played at Marblehead High School for their girls' program.

Despite his children being grown, Joe still continues his work with the program. Originally called Revere Youth Hockey, the program was renamed in recent years to the East Coast Junior Patriots Hockey League after merging with several surrounding cities and towns including Everett, Malden, and East Boston.

Today, despite the struggles with the high costs of the sport, DeSantis said that East Coast Junior Patriots Hockey League is the most diverse program in the state. "Presently, ECJP runs the Learn to Skate and Youth Hockey programs. Learn to Skate starts in August and runs until April. A stepping stone for hockey, it teaches kids as young as two years old, skating skills and techniques. The sessions run on Tuesdays in Revere and Saturdays in Everett for 10 weeks costing \$100. All equipment is donated and free to skaters. The hockey program runs from September to April. This season it had 150 boys and girls participating. Players and teams



East Coast Junior Patriots Hockey League President Joe DeSantis and Squirt player Joseph Visconti.

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### RHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### FALL II SPORTS SPRING INTO ACTION FOR RHS ATHLETES

With the shortened winter athletic season having recently concluded, the Revere High fall sports teams swung into action this past week along with their Greater Boston League counterparts for the so-called Fall II athletic season.

Coach Lianne Mimmo and her RHS volleyball team opened their 2021 campaign on a successful note with a 3-0 win over Everett on Monday by scores of 25-13, 25-12, and 25-10.

The 2021 Patriots are led by a quartet of senior captains, Lynzie Anderson, Alexis Iacoviello, Tracy Gutierrez, and Isabella Martinez. Other members of the team are: seniors Mikaela Almeida, Sydney Ciano, Isabel-

la Cuartas, Alana Nelson, and Jesse So; juniors Gianna Mahoney and Astrid Noriega; and sophomores Tassya Dacosta, Sabrina Indorato, Fiona Musaraj, and Ayra Vanic.

The RHS golf team opened its Fall II competition with a pair of victories over GBL rivals Malden and Everett in a tri-match last Monday. Coach Brandon Pezzuto's Patriots triumphed by scores of 63-9 over Everett and 49-23 over Malden.

Members of the 2021 squad are: seniors Joseph Dimino, Kyle Gove, Steven Leone, and Joseph Polidoro; junior Alexio Trichillo; sophomores Ryan Willett and Austin Annunziata; and freshmen Iago Da Silva, Cristian Lynch, Harris Rua, Andrew Leone, Ollie Svendsen, and Cameron Correia.

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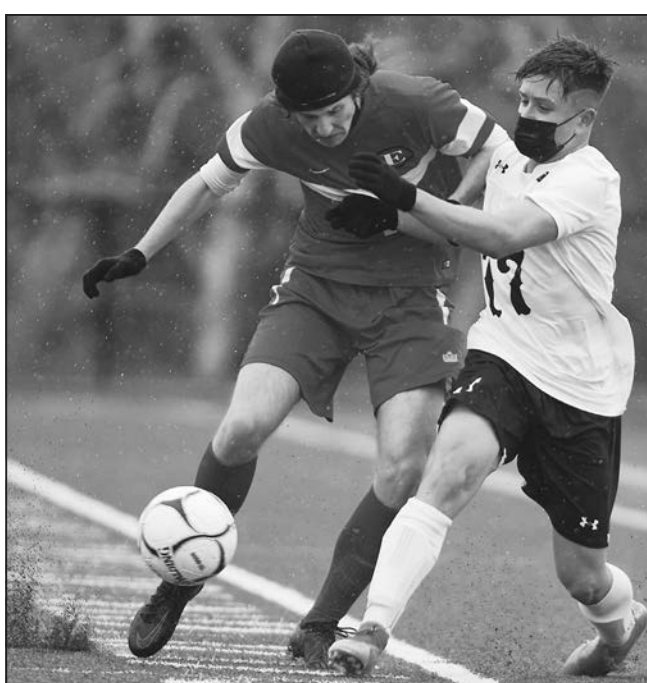


## RHS BOYS SOCCER VS. EVERETT

On Saturday, April 17 when the boys Revere High Soccer team took to the turf in Everett for their season opener and a 6 - 0 victory over the Tide.



**HIGH STEPPIN':** Revere's Estiven Vasco (#9) and Everett's #14 battle for a ball during Revere's 6-0 win at Everett Saturday in the "Fall II" season opener for both schools.



**SOCCER BALLET:** Shown above, Revere's Octavio Buenrostro (#14) dances around the defensive effort of Everett's #22.

**SIDELINE SCUFFLE:** Shown left, Everett's #12 and Revere's David Marquez (#17) mix it up as they fight for control of the ball.

**SPLIT THE DEFENSE:** Shown to the right, David Marquez (#17) fights his way between Everett's #24 and #4 during Revere's 6-0 win at Everett Saturday as the Greater Boston League began "Fall II" season, long delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic.



**IN FULL STRIDE:** Everett's #5 and Revere's Michael Maldonado (#7) track down a loose ball.



**POWER DRIVE:** Revere's (#6) puts his full force into a shot as he is defended by Everett's (14).



**FULL EFFORT:** Everett's #9 and Revere's Octavio Buenrostro (#14) keep each other away from the ball.



**WATCH IT:** Everett's #22 has Revere's Michael Maldonado (#7) looking over his shoulder as they both track down a bouncing ball.

## RHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

### 10 years ago April 21, 2011

Although the Revere High baseball team dropped three games during the past week, the Patriots showed some encouraging signs of possible good things to come. In a 6-3 loss to Salem on Saturday, Frank Colleran went 2-for-4 with an RBI and John DiVenuti had two hits, including a double and an RBI. Freshman Tom Portrait turned in a fine job on the mound in his first varsity start as he went four innings and allowed just five hits while fanning four Salem hitters. Monday's battle with Beverly on the holiday morning saw Revere spot the Panthers a 10-2 lead, only to battle back before falling short by an 11-10 decision. Colleran enjoyed another fine day at the plate with two hits, including a double and RBI. DiVenuti also had two hits with an RBI. R.J. Tiorano went 2-for-4 with a double and drove home two teammates. Brandon Mandell socked a solo homer in the final inning that made it 11-10, but the Pats were unable to make it all the way back. Jim Ortiz pitched for four and two-thirds innings and Chris Palladino finished up. However, some Revere fielding miscues

proved costly and allowed unearned Beverly runs to cross the plate that ultimately proved to be the difference.

The Revere High boys tennis team earned its first win of the season with a 3-2 victory over Lynn English last week. Leading the way for Coach Mike Flynn's squad was senior captain and first singles player Malak Mossadek, who disposed of his English rival in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1. Also posting triumphs over their English counterparts were sophomore Mladen Pepic at third singles, 6-3, 6-1, and the second doubles tandem of juniors Nick Tran and Sou Lee, who provided the winning match in a dramatic, come-from-behind tiebreaker, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 7-6 (7-2).

The Revere High softball team dropped both of its contests this past week, falling to Lynn Classical, 12-0, last Friday and then to Beverly, 11-5, on the holiday. Some fielding miscues by the Lady Patriots early in the Beverly contest allowed the Lady Panthers to grab a lead that Revere was unable to overcome. The Lady Patriots' bats came alive late in the game, but it proved too little, too late. Senior Captain Ashley DiFraia turned in a fine day at the

plate, going 4-for-5 with two RBI.

### 20 years ago April 25, 2001

Ed Noseworthy went 3-for-4 and was the winning pitcher to lead the RHS baseball team to its first win of the season, 7-4 over Malden.

Christa Margossian went 3-for-4 with five RBI to lead the RHS softball team to a 21-2 rout of Madison Park.

### 30 years ago April 24, 1991

RHS star pitcher Matt Ferullo has signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Michigan.

The RHS baseball team defeated Everett, Peabody, and Arlington this week to improve to 5-1 on the season. Damien Centrella had a double, triple, and homer with three RBI against Everett. In a 9-2 triumph over GBL favorite Peabody, Matt Ferullo allowed just two hits and had three hits himself, including a three-run homer, to pace the Patriots.

The RHS softball team is undefeated after bombarding Malden, 16-1. Lady Patriot star pitcher Michelle Kilduff has been immense thus far this season for Coach Joe Nichinello's squad.

2021 REVERE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The Revere High girls volleyball team, under the direction of head coach Lianne O'Hara Mimmo, opened its season with a victory over Everett High in a Greater Boston League match.



2021 RHS Volleyball Captains, Isabella Martinez, Tracy Gutierrez, Lynzie Anderson and Alexis Iacoviello



The 2021 Varsity Volleyball Team; Back Row L-R- Sydney Ciano, Lynzie Anderson, Isabella Cuartas, Isabella Martinez, Alexis Iacoviello, Mikaella Almeida, Tracy Gutierrez, and Jesse So. Front Row L-R--Sabrina Indorato, Tassya Dacosta, Ayra Vranic, Gianna Mahoney, Fiona Musaraj and Astrid Noriega.

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Among the top performers for Pezzuto's crew in the tri-match were Joseph Polidoro, Alexio Trichillo, and Steven Leone.

The Patriots have matches scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday) with Lynn English and on Friday with Lynn Classical.

The RHS girls soccer team opened its season last Wednesday with an encounter against non-league rival Winthrop. Although the Patriots came up on the short end of a 3-0 decision, they bounced back on Saturday with a 7-1 triumph over Everett in their GBL opener.

The boys' soccer team got off to a fast start with a 6-0 win over Everett on Saturday.

RHS SWIMMERS CONCLUDE SEASON ON WINNING NOTE

The 2021 season may have been short, but it definitely was sweet for coach Chris Hill and his Revere High swim team.

The Patriots, who swam "virtual" meets against their opponents, concluded their season last week with a win over Medford, 81-78, elevating their final record for 2021 to 4-1.

The Pats' lone setback came early in the year to Malden by a slim two-point margin.

"This was an emotional meet since it was the last time our four seniors would be swimming for Revere High," said Hill. "Alexandra Burke, Reked Caushaj, David Del Rio, and Isabella Veraldi have all been on the varsity swim team for four years and all of them are team captains this season. They have been some of the most dedicated and successful swimmers we have ever had."

The quartet got the meet going on a positive note for Revere by swimming a senior/captain relay and taking second place in the 200 medley relay.

Revere's other team in the event, consisting of freshmen Matt Terrel and



Seniors from Left to Right Isabella Cuartas, Jesse So, Alana Nelson, Tracy Gutierrez, Isabella Martinez, Lynzie Anderson, Alexis Iacoviello, Sydney Ciano and Mikaella Almeida

Alem Cestic and juniors Ashton Hoang and Mohamed Benzerdjeb, took first place.

From there, the Patriots went on to dominate most of the rest of the meet, which was closer than the final score might indicate because the last two events were swum unofficially.

Del Rio took first places in the 200IM and 100 back. Caushaj and Veraldi joined David in the backstroke and took second and third respectively.

Hoang won the 200 free and took second in the 100 fly. Benzerdjeb had a great meet, taking second in the 50 free and first in the 100 free.

Terrell earned a second place in the 100 free and a third in the 200 free.

Cestic easily won the 500 free and grabbed second in the 100 breast.

Junior Miguel Leonarte scored lots of points for the team, taking second in the IM and third in the 100 breast. Veraldi also scored

in the 500 free.

Junior Julian Goglia added points to the Revere cause in the 50 free and the 100 breast.

Daniel Cardona scored points in the 200 IM. Junior Camilo Cuartes scored in the 100 free and sophomore Gavin Rua added to the Revere total in the 100 fly.

Revere also did very well in the 200 free relay. The quartet of Leonarte, G. Rua, Cuartes, and Terrell took second place,

while the foursome of freshmen Harrison Rua and Nate Hill and juniors Cardona and Goglia took third.

In the final event, the 400 free relay, the quartet of Caushaj, Hoang, Del Rio, and Benzerdjeb finished with a winning time of 3:59.50 -- which was 18 seconds faster than their closest opponent.

"It was a great way for our seniors to cap off their amazing RHS careers," said Hill afterwards.

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## WEEKLY CRIME Report

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

1823: Suspicious activity on Cooleage St. The officer provided assistance.

1831: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) at Broadway and Mountain Ave. The MV was towed.

1903: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Broadway and Fiske St. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1905: Disturbance on Shirley Ave. The officer spoke to the party.

1928: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Broadway and Winthrop Ave. for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1943: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1957: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and issued a citation to the operator.

2337: Noise disturbance on Revere St. The officer restored the peace.

(MV) for a civil moving violation at Copeland Circle and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1004: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Broadway and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1016: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at the Revere Beach Parkway and Winthrop Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1043: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1043: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at No. Shore Rd. and Mills Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1109: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on American Legion Highway and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1110: Disturbance on Revere St. the officer filed a report.

1112: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Harris St. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1121: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at Herman St. and Broadway and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1136: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Cushman Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1142: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Squire Rd.

1200: An officer served a 209A order upon a Kimball Ave. resident.

1203: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at Squire Rd. and Sigourney St. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1211: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Broadway and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

1220: An officer served a 209A order upon a Victoria St. resident.

1235: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Washington Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

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

1325: Lost/found property on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1338: MVA on Wave Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1410: Disturbance on Florence Ave. The officer filed a report.

1419: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Squire Rd. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1424: MVA at Avon and Revere Sts. The officer filed a report.

1501: A hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Squire Rd. was referred to another agency.

1551: MVA on Broadway. The officer will file a report.

1557: Blocked driveway on Park Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1613: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Lee Burbank Highway and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1653: Domestic disturbance on Broadway. The officer restored the peace.

1656: An officer served an harassment prevention restraining order pursuant to c. 258E upon an Argyle St. resident.

1716: Domestic disturbance on Olive St. The officer filed a report.

1730: An officer stopped a MV on Park Ave. and ordered the vehicle to be towed.

1739: MVA at Mahoney Circle. The officer will file a report.

1741: Disabled MV on No. Shore Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1811: Shoplifting on VFW Parkway. An officer issued a summons for a court hearing to a 37 year-old Saugus woman for the criminal offenses of shoplifting by concealing merchandise (2nd offense), shoplifting by asportation (2nd offense), and trespassing.

1829: Lost/found property on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer provided assistance.

1835: Harassment on Ocean Ave. The officer filed a report.

1908: A MVA accident with property damage on Lee Burbank Highway was referred to another agency.

1951: Domestic disturbance on Proctor Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1958: MVA on Park Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

2113: Noise disturbance on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer restored the peace.

2141: Parking com-

plaint on Dolphin Ave. The officer issued a parking ticket.

2142: Parking complaint on Pines Rd. The officer restored the peace.

2148: Traffic complaint at Ward St. and Lynn Marsh Rd. The officer provided assistance.

2151: Blocked driveway on Agawam St. The MV was towed.

2238: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Derby Rd. and restored the peace.

2240: Noise disturbance on Seaview Ave. The officer restored the peace.

2251: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Revere Beach Blvd.

2340: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on the Revere Beach Parkway and issued a citation to the operator.

2357: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at Brown Circle and issued a citation to the operator.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

0022: Trespassing on Ward St. The officer provided assistance.

0032: Domestic disturbance on Marble St. The officer restored the peace.

0034: Disturbance on Nahant Ave. Officers arrested Mario U. Fuentes, 45, of Nahant Ave., on an outstanding warrant and for the criminal offenses of assault on a family or household member and assault by means of a dangerous weapon.

0039: Domestic disturbance on Kingman Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0144: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer restored the peace.

0159: Disturbance on Dix St.. The officer restored the peace.

0236: Noise disturbance on Pines Rd. The officer restored the peace.

0320: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer filed a report.

0400: Disturbance on Beach St. The officer issued a summons for a court hearing to a 41 year-old East Boston woman for the criminal offenses of causing malicious destruction of property under \$1200 and making a threat to commit a crime.

0414: Domestic disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.

0805: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway and issued a citation to a 28 year-old Revere man for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.

0832: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on the American Legion Highway and issued a citation to the op-

erator.

0833: An officer arrested a 50 year-old Revere man on two outstanding warrants.

0846: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on the Beach St. and issued a citation to the operator.

0853: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at Mills Ave. and No. Shored Rd. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0900: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Yeamans St. and issued a citation to the operator.

0920: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Malden St. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0941: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Winthrop Ave. and issued a citation to the operator.

0951: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at Eliot Circle and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0952: Domestic disturbance on Campbell Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1008: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Crescent Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1015: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on the Revere Beach Parkway and issued a citation to the operator.

1024: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on No. Shore Rd. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1102: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer provided assistance.

1147: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Squire Rd. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1204: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Highland St.

1259: Disturbance on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer provided assistance.

1307: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at Tuckerman St. and Cushman Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1309: Domestic disturbance on Washington Ave. The officer filed a report.

1318: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Brown Circle. The officer will file a report.

1323: Threats on Cooleage St. The officer

spoke to the party.

1427: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Haith St.

1533: An officer provided assistance to another agency on VFW Parkway.

1540: Disabled MV on American Legion Highway. The MV was towed.

1622: Assault on Broadway. The officer filed a report.

1637: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Lee Burbank Highway.

1644: Noise disturbance on Proctor Ave. The officer spoke to the party.

1645: Domestic disturbance on High St. The officer spoke to the party.

1700: Domestic disturbance on Hopkins St. The officer restored the peace.

1804: Unwanted person on Beach St. The officer spoke to the party.

1834: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Ward St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1845: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Fenno St. The officer provided assistance.

1928: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Burnett St. The officer will file a report.

1951: Noise disturbance on Thornton St. The officer spoke to the party.

1958: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Ocean Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2008: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Squire Rd. The officer will file a report.

2019: Disturbance on Walnut Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2037: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Bellingham Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2042: Citizen complaint on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

2052: Noise disturbance at Fenno and Page Sts. The officer restored the peace.

2105: Noise disturbance on Arlington Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2123: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on No. Shore Rd. The officer will file a report.

2243: Noise disturbance on Broadsound Ave. The officer restored the peace.

2318: A motor vehicle accident (MVA) was reported at No. Shore Rd. and Mills Ave.

2318: Disturbance on Constitution Ave. The officer spoke to the party.

2323: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Squire Rd. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2323: Noise disturbance on Beach St. The officer restored the peace.

2328: An officer

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## Revere Police drug bust leads to arrest and seizure of 1,800 counterfeit pills

Staff report

A 29-year-old Revere man was placed under arrest stemming from an investigation led by the Revere Police Criminal Investigation Unit. Deandre West was placed under arrest for alleged Distribution of Class A (Fentanyl), alleged Trafficking in Fentanyl, and alleged Traf-

ficking in Methamphetamine. West is scheduled to be arraigned in Chelsea by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

The investigation led to the seizure of 266 grams of Methamphetamine and 143 grams of Fentanyl which amounts to over 1800 pills. The pills are counterfeit manufactured to resemble pharmaceu-

tical grade Percocet and Adderall pills but they contain illicit, highly addictive and the potentially fatal narcotic Fentanyl while the Adderall pills contain Methamphetamine.

Revere Detectives also recovered 21 grams of similar blue Fentanyl pills on April 14 in a separate narcotics investigation.

"Lives were saved today," Revere Police David J. Callahan said. "Addiction is a public health crisis which has a law enforcement component. Today, we and our law enforcement partners reinforce our resolve to address the supply side of this issue. We continue to work with our community stakeholders in addressing the demand component in providing outreach and assistance."

The joint investigation was conducted with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, Drug Enforcement Agency and

the Massachusetts State Police. We are grateful for these valuable partnerships and the hard work that investigators put in to conduct these investigations. The dedication and commitment of all law enforcement agencies involved will improve the quality of life for residents in our neighborhoods.

The Revere Police is alerting the public that drug traffickers are capitalizing on the opioid epidemic and prescription drug abuse. Counterfeit pills that contain fentanyl and fentanyl-laced heroin are responsible for thousands

of opioid-related deaths in the United States each year.

We are asking anyone with any information to please contact our drug tip line 781-656-1143.

If you, or someone you know is in need of support, please contact Healthy Innovations at 339-440-5633.

Healthy Innovations is a community based agency that has partnered with the City of Revere's Substance Use Disorder Initiative Office located at 437 Revere St. Revere Ma. 02151. Walk-Ins welcome every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-2pm.



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REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

**10 years ago**  
**April 21, 2011**

Cardinal Sean O'Malley celebrated Mass at Immaculate Conception Church on Beach Street last Sunday, drawing several hundred parishioners for a Spanish-language Mass. O'Malley chooses one parish each year to celebrate Palm Sunday, and this year he chose to come to Revere. IC Pastor George Szal said, "I have never seen the church so full. The people gave a great welcome to the Cardinal. When he drove up at first and saw the crowds he remarked, 'This is how Palm Sunday ought to be.'" After a noon Mass that lasted nearly two hours, Cardinal O'Malley visited with parishioners in the outdoor plaza and in the Parish Hall.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents raided the office of a local attorney in the Citizens Bank Building on Broadway (where the Journal offices are located). Agents arrived in five or more cars around 9 a.m. Thursday, confirming their identity to the Journal, and then proceeded to the fourth floor of the building, where they began searching, taking pictures, and removing records from the attorney's office.

Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo has ordered his leadership to officially begin discussing an expanded gaming bill at the beginning of May. This comes as great news locally, as an expanded gambling bill passed this year would likely lead to a casino at Suffolk Downs - and more importantly - to the creation of thousands of new jobs, the employment of hundreds of tradespeople, the payment to the state of millions of dollars for a casino license, and then the frosting on the cake, the investment of about \$600 million in private capital for a casino and improved horse racing facilities at Suffolk Downs.

It has been a long time since anyone in public office in this city has attempted to organize the city, by ward no less, for a city wide attack on trash. Yet this is exactly what Councillor Dan Rizzo is attempting to do. It is a true grass-roots effort with the main impetus giving many people a chance to get together with one thing in common - a desire to make this city a cleaner place to live. It is a practical idea that could reap big benefits.

A foreclosure auction of prime Revere Beach property ended up where it started last Thursday morning - back in the hands of a national construction financing company. The vacant land at 526 Boulevard - directly across from the Beach - was the former site of the now-defunct Ocean Club project. The former developer of that project still has dreams of bringing back the Ocean Club if times get better, but last week, his former pre-construction lender (Patriot Group LLC) outbid all other interested parties, paying \$1.7 million to retain the property.

Madea's Big Happy Family, Winnie the Pooh, and Rio are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**20 years ago**  
**April 25, 2001**

Four Revere police officers, three women and a male, have filed lawsuits with the MCAD alleging that they have been subjected to discriminatory behavior because of their gender, race, or learning disability handicap by superior officers.

Statistics released by the DPW reveal that Revere achieved only a nine percent recycling rate last year, far below other cities in the state.

The appointment of John Verrengia as a city assessor by Mayor Thomas Ambrosino still is in limbo before the City Council.

The City Council has approved a new ordinance that makes it illegal for a person under 18 to possess cigarettes.

Congressman Edward J. Markey was the guest speaker at the 75th anniversary celebration of the Revere Kiwanis Club.

Along Came a Spider, Blow, and Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago**  
**April 24, 1991**

Mayor George V. Colella, who has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election, has submitted his last budget as mayor for FY 1992 which totals \$59,498,501, but which is \$7.8 million in the red. If the voters do not approve a Prop. 2 and 1/2 override to make up the \$7.8 difference, the city will be forced to lay off at least 173 employees in all departments. The chief culprit in the budget deficit has been the reduction in local aid from the

state, which now is \$4 million less than it was three years ago.

Ward Six City Councillor John Festa formally announced his candidacy for mayor this week.

The School Committee has voted 6-1 to implement School Supt. Rocco Malfitano's plan to integrate all junior high students into the new Beaumont and Garfield schools.

Police Department officials report that crime went down by 12.5 percent last year from 1989, with 3003 incidents reported in 1989 and 2627 in 1990.

The Marrying Man, Defending Your Life, and New Jack City are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago**  
**April 22, 1981**

The Revere Chamber of Commerce Saturday will present Expo '81, a trade show at the RHS fieldhouse featuring a wide range of services and goods offered by local businesses.

The City Council averted a fiscal crisis by changing its vote on the tax cap matter after state officials reported that the city had not taken into account federal revenue sharing funds that will defray the budget deficit.

More than 300 persons were on hand for the fourth annual Easter Bonnet Dinner Party of the Beaumont Senior Citizens Club.

Robert A. Stanziani, well-known criminal defense lawyer, has been confirmed as a judge of the Chelsea District Court.

Revere schools will hold their annual gala Music Festival from May 5-8.

Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton, and Lily Tomlin star in 9 to 5 at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

**50 years ago**  
**April 22, 1971**

Carl Hyman, whose powers as Executive Director of the Revere Housing Authority appeared to have been brushed aside by the State Department of Community Affairs less than a month ago, has found himself very much back in control of the RHA after another terse letter from the state agency effectively restored his authority. Hyman has been at the center of a power struggle among the five members of the RHA Board of Directors.

Mayor George V. Colella told the PTA Council at a recent meeting that he is very optimistic that a

A TIME CAPSULE IN 1996



On hand were officials, from left, Rep. William G. Reinstein, Gov. William Weld and Mayor Bob Hass gathered for the unveiling of the Centennial Park monument on Revere Beach Boulevard marking the time capsule while officials from the MDC look on. This monument, dedicated on July 20, 1996 celebrated the first 100 years of Revere Beach being America's First Public Beach.

new Revere High School will be built. Colella said that because of a drop in interest rates, the cost of the new building would be \$13.5 million instead of the original estimate of \$15 million.

The daughter of former Police Chief and Mrs. Colin A.W. Gillis, Dorothy Irwin, 27, her husband, and their 20 month-old son perished in a blaze in their home in Booth Bay, Maine. The Irwins were in the process of renovating their 18th century home.

The State Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of the blaze that destroyed the old Walnut Ave. School Sunday morning. Various civic groups have been using the building as a meeting place.

Revere vice squad members played a key role in coordinated drug raids in four communities that resulted in the arrests of 12 persons, four from this city, on various drug charges. A police dog sniffed out two pounds of marijuana at the Beau Brummel Boutique, 12 Central Ave. Det. Michael Casoli heads the local vice squad. He was assisted in the local raids by Det. Robert Lear, Det. Elmer Bidder, and Sgt. Adam DiPasquale.

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

**60 years ago**  
**April 27, 1961**

City Manager Edward O'Toole is forecasting a \$5.00 hike in the tax rate after the Mass. House killed the MTA reappointment bill that would have relieved Revere and the 13 other cities and towns in the MTA district of the crushing burden of the annual MTA deficit.

Revere will receive \$144,188 as its share of

the \$25 million received by the state from income and corporation taxes.

Stephen O'Donnell is the new Commander and Mrs. Loretta Ryan is the new Ladies Auxiliary President of the Beaumont Post VFW and Auxiliary.

The fifth annual Women of the Moose Minstrel Show and Roaring Twenties variety show was a big success.

City Manager Edward P. O'Toole reports that pension costs for retired city employees adds almost \$6.00 per year onto the Revere tax rate and will continue to rise in the years ahead.

Marlon Brando and Hope Lange star in The Young Lions at the Revere Drive In. Where the Boys Are, starring Dolores Hart, Connie Francis, and George Hamilton, is playing at the Revere Theatre.

**70 years ago**  
**April 26, 1951**

An enlarged and remodeled Broadway Melody and Appliance Mart, 396-400 Broadway, owned by Leo and Ben Selsnick, reopened its doors this week. It is one of the largest TV and appliance stores in the area.

The School Committee has named the architectural firm of Harold Turiello and Associates to draw up the plans for the repair of the section of the Paul Revere School that was damaged by fire at a fee of 10 percent of construction costs.

Suffolk Superior Court Judge Vincent Brogna has upheld a decision by the Board of Appeals to grant a variance to William J. Killion to operate a funeral home at the former location of the old Hibernian Hall. Abutters on Winthrop Ave. had brought the

court action. Only 14 Revere men are among the 36 men from this district who have been called up by Draft Board 36.

Pfc. Edward Capodilupo, 21, a WWII vet who re-enlisted to fight in Korea, has been wounded in action.

A bill filed by State Senator Andrew P. Quigley to reduce the toll over the Mystic River Bridge from 10 cents to five cents for Chelsea and Revere residents narrowly was defeated by the Senate. Quigley argued that the increased traffic congestion has led to more accidents in those cities, which in turn has increased residents' auto insurance rates.

Burt Lancaster stars in Vengeance Valley at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

**80 years ago**  
**April 24, 1941**

Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, Aux. Bishop of Boston, confirmed 267 boys and girls of Immaculate Conception parish Monday afternoon.

Plans for a testimonial banquet at the Crescent Garden Ballroom for Police Chief Edward J. Tighe, who is approaching his 31st anniversary as a police officer, are progressing nicely.

Mayor Raymond Carey and the Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a two-week Spring Cleanup Campaign across the city beginning May 5.

The Revere General Hospital has announced plans to build a new, 25-bed addition to be divided between private and public wards.

Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda star in The Lady Eve at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation on Constitution Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
 2329: Noise disturbance on Thornton St. The officer restored the peace.  
 2332: Domestic disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer provided assistance.  
 2339: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at Squire Rd and Charger St. and issued a citation to the operator.

plaint on Campbell Ave. The MV was towed.  
 0059: Noise disturbance on Lincoln St. The officer restored the peace.  
 0101: Noise disturbance on Endicott Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
 0126: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil moving violation at Broadway and Winthrop Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
 0129: Noise disturbance on Pines Rd. The officer restored the peace.  
 0202: Noise disturbance on Clark Rd. The officer restored the peace.  
 0205: Suspicious activity on Washington Ave. the officer provided assistance.  
 0226: Noise disturbance on Pines Rd. The officer restored the peace.  
 0257: Domestic distur-

bance on No. Shore Rd. The officer restored the peace.  
 0337: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Ward St.  
 0400: Disturbance on No. Shore Rd. The officer provided assistance.  
 0450: Domestic disturbance on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer restored the peace.  
 0745: Citizen complaint on Prospect Ave. The officer spoke to the party.  
 0912: Parking complaint on Revere St. The officer issued a parking ticket.  
 1016: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
 1042: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on True St. for a

civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
 1043: Domestic disturbance on Dix St. The officer filed a report.  
 1121: Parking complaint on Newbury St. The officer provided assistance.  
 1126: Disabled MV on No. Shore Rd. The officer provided assistance.  
 1209: Unwanted person on Shirley Ave. The property owner issued a No Trespass notice to the other party.  
 1254: Suspicious activity on Beach St. The officer spoke to the party.  
 1351: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Squire Rd. The officer spoke to the party.  
 1411: Missing person on Eastern Ave. The officer filed a report.  
 1417: Unwanted person

on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer spoke to the party.  
 1439: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Sargent St. and Assunta Rd. for a civil moving violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.  
 1528: Unwanted person on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer spoke to the party.  
 1615: Vandalism on No. Shore Rd. The officer filed a report.  
 1806: Hit-and-run MVA on Dehon St. The officer provided assistance.  
 1902: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on No. Shore Rd. The MV was towed.  
 2106: Domestic disturbance at Dolphin and Wave Aves. The officer restored the peace.  
 2131: An officer pro-

vided assistance to a citizen on Eastern Ave.  
 2135: Noise disturbance on Hichborn St. The officer provided assistance.  
 2223: Domestic disturbance on Endicott Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
 2242: Noise disturbance on Beachland Ave. The officer restored the peace.  
 2255: Domestic disturbance on Quincy Ave. The officer filed a report.  
 2335: Breaking and entering (B&E) into a motor vehicle (MV) on Garfield Ave. Officers arrested Brian J. Fitzpatrick, 53, of 418 Revere Beach Parkway, for the criminal offenses of two counts of B&E into a vehicle in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11**

0008: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.  
 0014: Domestic disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.  
 0036: Parking com-

# The Stallions are coming to Revere

## New semi-pro football team will play at Della Russo

By Cary Shuman

The Greater Boston Stallions have arrived in Revere.

The East Coast Football League's newest semi-professional team has begun practices at Harry Della Russo Stadium and will play its first of five home games on June 26 at noon.

If you're a sports fan, for the price of a \$10 ticket (kids free) on a summer day, you'll be able to enjoy a high level of football performed by former college players and professional prospects, some of whom still hold the dream of playing on Sundays.

For example, the Stallions' starting quarterback will be Arron "Skooby" Cobbs, who was a highly recruited prospect while leading his high school team to two Ohio state titles. Among the many Division I schools recruiting Cobbs was The Ohio State University Buckeyes' football program.

"I love playing football," said Cobbs, who is 6-foot-1 and 220 pounds. "I was very happy when

the team owner (Collins) and general manager (Yancey) asked me to come over and play for the Stallions. They're building something new here and I wanted to be a part of it."

Cobbs, who should be a crowd favorite with his dynamic passing skills, said the Stallions have assembled a very talented roster.

"It looks very promising," said Cobbs. "We have a lot of new guys mixed in with some veteran guys, a great coaching staff and I think we're going to do really well this year."

Cobbs came away from very impressed by the facilities at Della Russo Stadium.

"This is my first time being here and the stadium is gorgeous," said Cobbs after the opening night of practice last Wednesday. "I can't wait to fill the stands and get the community out behind us. It's going to be really nice."

### Meet the Stallions team owner

Anthony Collins is

the owner of the Greater Boston Stallions. Collins played football at Hyde Park High School and later played and coached at the semi-professional football level. This is his first year of team ownership.

Collins said that General Manager Brad Yancey suggested Revere as a potential home field for the Stallions.

"We were going to stay in Boston, but we decided to branch out and bring semi-professional football to Revere," said Collins.

The Stallions will wear very stylish uniforms that are already the talk of the league. One of their choices is the alternate uniform of the Boise State University Broncos.

"We're excited and ready to go," said Collins, adding that the team will have a concession stand (if COVID-19 protocols allow) and a merchandise stand at home games.

### Meet the Stallions head coach

Danny Cooksey, 36, who grew up in Chelsea before his family moved to Lynn, is the head coach

of the Stallions. He graduated in 2003 from Lynn English where he played four years of football as a running back and linebacker. He played semi-professional football for the North Shore Generals (Lynn) from 2007 to 2014 and later served as linebacker coach and defensive coordinator the Generals.

"I'm excited to be the first head coach of this organization," said Cooksey. "It's a new journey for everyone. We'll have about 60 players on our team."

Cooksey said he has players on the roster representing several area communities. He couldn't be happier with the team's decision to locate its operations in the city of Revere.

"When the option to get this stadium jumped up, I was all over it - I wanted to be in Revere," said Cooksey. "I just hope everyone in Revere comes out to our games and enjoys the experience. It's going to be fun and a great family environment."



The Stallions "Big Three", GM Brad Yancey, Owner Anthony Collins and Head Coach, Dan Cooksey.



Stallions Offensive coordinator, BK talks over plays with QB Aaron 'Skooby' Cobbs Sr.



The Stallions, Semi-pro Football Team will be calling Della Russo Stadium home this season. With five scheduled home games, with the home opener on June 26, at 12pm. Taking the field for their first practice at Della Russo Stadium, strong safety, Justin "Wood" Vanderhall, Quarterback, Aaron "Skooby" Cobbs Sr. and linebacker, Eyan "Tex" Newton.



Director of operations at Della Russo Stadium Joe Lanza (left) greets Stallions GM Brad "Coach Y" Yancey and owner, Anthony Collins. The Stallions will have 5 home games at Della Russo Stadium this season, beginning on June 26 at noon for home opener.

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run from ages 5-18 and includes five levels including the Mites, Squirts, Pee Wees, Bantams, and Midgets.

DeSantis refers to the program as a "feeder program for high school" that helps hockey players develop every step of the way. In addition, he said hockey offers much more to its players and families. "Hockey provides players with the opportunity to make best

friends for life. The camaraderie among the players and parents is like no other sport. The sport has also become popular with girls.

Our program grew to having 7 girls on the Bantam team alone this season." DeSantis spoke highly of the dedicated parent volunteers who are part of the program and serve as either board members, Learn to Skate instructors, or hockey coaches including Gerry Visconti, Jamie Branzell,



East Coast Junior Patriots Hockey League Squirt team celebrating their divisional championship



East Coast Junior Patriots Hockey League Learn to Skate Instructor Carl Svendsen with proud graduate Abby Patch.



East Coast Junior Patriots Hockey League Bantam player Maeve Hurley with her brother Michael of the Squirts

Carl Svendsen, Jennifer Cochrane, Craig Richards, Joe Hurley, Mark Woods, Joe Hurley Sr., Gina Hurley, Mike Roderick, Justin Sounders, Justin Teal, Walter Cook, and James Caruso.

DeSantis said that despite the many restrictions of COVID-19, the programs thrived this fall and winter. "It was difficult with all of the restrictions but everyone abided by the rules of the program. The programs were outlets for the kids who were unable to go to school this year or socialize. Our programs

gave the kids the opportunity to get some sort of exercise as well."

When asked about his most memorable moments with ECJP over the past 25 years, DeSantis reflected on the many years of being part of the Canadian Exchange with players from Chambly, a tradition that has gone on for 46 years. He also said over the years, he has enjoyed watching so many hockey players grow from Learn to Skate to high school hockey starts to successful young professionals. Many of those players are now giving

back to the city of Revere serving on the Revere Fire and Police Departments including Michael Conley Jr., Gerard Festa, Sean Griffin, Ryan Rizzo, Brenden Bonito, Michael Forte, Jamie Nadworny, Michael Dercolo, Jack Dean, Anthony Delloiacono, Matt Leslie, and Derek Vecchia.

DeSantis looks forward to continuing with the program to keep it thriving for years and generations to come. You can learn more about the East Coast Junior Patriots Hockey League by following them on Facebook.



**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

**Chelsea Curves Construction look-ahead through May 1**

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

**ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND LANE TAKING (04/12-05/07)**

•From Monday, 4/12, through Friday, 5/07 Route 1 Southbound where it passes through the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the combined Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project will experience 24/7 closure of the right lane. The two

other lanes will remain open throughout the closure period during peak travel times.

•The right lane closure will assist in completing work in removing temporary asphalt, waterproofing, milling and paving, and stripping the roadway.

**ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS**

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

•ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone is in the median. 2

of 3 travel lanes are open during the daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.).

•From Monday, 4/19 through Friday, 4/23 Route 1 Southbound where it passes through the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the combined Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project will experience full nighttime closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

\*The detour for these closures will be that southbound traffic will exit Route 1 at Carter Street, travel on Carter Street to Everett Avenue, turn left onto Everett Avenue, and turn right onto the Everett Avenue on-ramp.

**LOCAL STREET CLOSURES**

•There are no street

closures scheduled during this look-ahead period.

**WORK HOURS**

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

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK**

•ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND: Installation of strip seal joints, guardrails, and snow fence, waterproofing roads, and milling and paving of road.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: The installation of fiber optic, rumble strip,

and snow fence, removal of temporary asphalt, waterproofing roads, and milling and paving roads.

•UNDER-VIADCUT & STREET/PARKING LOTS: Installation of Fire Standpipe, excavation for curb and sidewalk installation, and place sidewalk and set curb.

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

**COMPLETED WORK**

All remaining work is within the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the job. Work continues on the reconstruction of parking

lots underneath the Chelsea Viaduct.

**TRAVEL TIPS**

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

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

**Temporary right-lane closure on Route 1 Southbound**

Staff report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced that it will be implementing a 24/7 closure of the right lane on Route 1 southbound in the area where it passes through the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the combined Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project in Chelsea and Boston. The closure began on Monday, April 12, and is scheduled

to continue through Friday, May 7.

The right-lane closure will allow crews to complete construction and paving operations such as removing temporary asphalt and waterproofing, milling and paving, and striping of the roadway. The two other travel lanes on Route 1 southbound will remain open throughout the closure period during peak travel times.

Drivers should take

care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone.

Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

For additional information, please see <https://www.mass.gov/tobin-bridgechelsea-curves-rehabilitation-project>.

**Sumner Tunnel Project expected to disrupt Tobin Bridge**

By Seth Daniel

The MassDOT is already preparing the community for what could be a major disruption to the streets of Chelsea and the Tobin Bridge in early 2022 when the department does a full restoration – with occasional closures – of the inbound Sumner Tunnel.

The Sumner Tunnel takes traffic from Logan Airport and Rt. 1A into Boston, and with the tun-

nel closed occasionally for reconstruction, much of that traffic is expected to be diverted through Chelsea and onto the Tobin Bridge.

“The Sumner Tunnel Centennial Project will create significant impacts to the community and commuters during construction,” read a statement from MassDOT. “During the meetings, MassDOT will review the construction activities and

schedule, tunnel closures, traffic detours, and community impacts. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments.”

MassDOT will hold meetings online this month. The first meeting will be on April 27 at 6 p.m., and the second on April 29, at 6 p.m. Look to the project website (Sumner Tunnel Centennial Project) for the Zoom links to the meetings.

**NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION**

**COUNCIL LOOKS AT EMINENT DOMAIN TAKINGS**

CHELSEA - Council President Roy Avellaneda proposed that the City look at a list of vacant parcels and investigate the ability of taking those properties in order to build more affordable home-ownership opportunities.

Last week, Avellaneda said he knows the Council and the City have done as much as they can, but he feels like they should take the next step in looking at Eminent Domain takings.

“I think we’ve done everything possibly allowed to the City Council,” he said. “I would argue that we can never do enough and one way is we could do like the City did years ago and use Eminent Domain and friendly takings. They did that with One North and Chelsea Clock to create economic development. Maybe we should look at other parts of the City...I don’t want to sit here and be reactionary to what’s going on with private development and don’t want my advocacy to be limited to testifying before the Zoning Board and then letting the market do what it does.”

The idea of Eminent Domain takings is controversial, but it was one used often when Chelsea was climbing out of receivership and beginning to develop thousands of new units in the Everett Avenue area of the city. Now Avellaneda said perhaps bringing that back in the neighborhoods and focusing on vacant lots could be a spark for affordable home ownership opportunities. He said it may or may not be possible, but he would certainly like to investigate the possibility.

That is especially true now due to the program initiated with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, whereby that City Board is looking to build affordable housing on City-owned properties.

“I don’t take the thought

of Eminent Domain takings lightly, but maybe it takes bold, drastic action such as this to create opportunities for our residents,” she said.

Earlier in the meeting, resident and AHTF member Norieliz DeJesus said she supported the idea, and thought it could be a way for her to become a homeowner. While she said her landlord has been wonderful throughout her life in Chelsea, she also would like the stability of being able to own a home in Chelsea – something that is now out of reach for her in the current market.

“I feel like one day as I continue to grow my family, that maybe I won’t be able to stay in Chelsea,” she said. “As we start to see open parcels and properties, those could be opportunities and we should be thinking of our existing Chelsea families as the first to get them. They will have great pride in Chelsea. They won’t be absentee landlords. Let’s keep this pipeline going.”

**•OUTSIDE WAIVERS**

Councillor Leo Robinson introduced a piece Monday night to look at the numbers of City employees now requesting waivers to move out of the City, yet still keep their City jobs. Several such waivers have come up over the last few years, with many people selling in the hot real estate market and moving elsewhere.

“We seem to be cultivating a workforce that is moving out of the City and we have a number of residents looking for employment,” he said. “A lot of people say it’s upward mobility and I’m not against that. But I would also like to see that upward mobility offered to more Chelsea residents. These City jobs and DPW jobs are jobs people got because they lived in Chelsea. I think we need to have a conversation about alternatives to all these waivers.”

Councillor Enio Lopez said he agreed with looking more into the matter.

“A while ago there was

a person who moved to New Hampshire,” he said. “I think we have people in Chelsea looking for jobs. Giving these waivers to people moving away from the City, I’m against that. There are a lot of people that live in Chelsea that want to work.”

**•FIREWORKS CONFERENCE**

City Councillor Todd Taylor requested that the Council quickly move to schedule a Conference Committee to discuss the proposed new fireworks fines and regulations he put forth more than a month ago. Last year, fireworks rocked the City and angered many residents as they went off all night long – a problem that affected many of the urban areas in Greater Boston.

Councillor Enio Lopez said he wanted to get the Conference scheduled soon as the fireworks season usually begins in late May.

“Last year it was crazy,” he said. “If people have the money to buy these fireworks, they can pay a fine. It was a disgrace last year.”

**•CHELSEA EATS**

The City Council voted 8-0 to approve another grant of \$500,000 from the Shah Family Foundation to fund the Chelsea Eats Debit Card. The program began last year and was aided by many who felt it was a pilot for a Universal Basic Income. So it is, much of the program has been funded by private donations, and this was the latest organization.

**BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM ON HOLD**

CHELSEA - The Council voted decidedly against a nearly \$300,000 expenditure that would have funded an extensive Beautification Program concentrated in the downtown areas, noting that there were more critical needs for the money at this time.

The Council voted 2-7

**THE END OF AN ERA FOR BOSTON MARKET TERMINAL, BUT A NEW BEGINNING ACROSS THE STREET IN CHELSEA**



The new Community-Suffolk warehouse will house the former owners of the Boston Market Terminal, but on the Chelsea side of Market Street.



The former Boston Market Terminal (right) was built out in 1967 by Community-Suffolk and the Piazza family. The property sold in 2019 and operations recently ceased there. The Boston Market Terminal has been permitted, with construction starting imminently, with the hopes of attracting a last-mile e-commerce tenant rather than the fruit and vegetable distributors that dominated the area for the last 50 years.

in the defeat, which had been championed for some time by Councillor Naomi Zabot.

“This is something I’m very, very passionate about,” said Zabot. “In terms of the pandemic and the financial situation we’re in, we are getting federal funding to fill in those gaps. According to our City Manager we are in a good place financially and the addition of even one more job in the community is helpful to the community...This money would go back to the community and we’re cleaning up the streets which has become increasingly harder for the DPW to clean up. It’s increasingly hard to keep streets clean and some neighborhoods are spotless and other neighborhoods are full of litter.”

Those voting for the

plan were Zabot and Yamir Rodriguez. Those voting against were Council President Roy Avellaneda and Councillors Giovanni Recupero, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Leo Robinson, Todd Taylor, Enio Lopez and Calvin Brown. Absent from the vote were Councillors Damali Vidot and Judith Garcia.

The plan, which has been discussed through the winter in long meetings and discussion about the priorities of the City right now. The plan would include one supervisor and 25 workers for 19 hours per week. Those workers would come at a cost of \$255,850 in salaries, and \$37,000 for materials. The total cost of the program was \$292,850, which City Manager Tom Ambrosino had requested from the Council Monday night

from the Streets and Sidewalks accounts.

Most of the Council members did come down against the measure, not necessarily because they disagreed with Beautification efforts, but because they felt that the City wasn’t at a point where they could spend money on that when people still needed food.

“It’s just not the right time,” said Brown. “I can’t vote for it...I think we’re opening up a bad can of worms now.”

Avellaneda said he respects the idea, and had championed such measures in the past – including the MadVac effort in the early 2000s. However, he said there are just other priorities now and he





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## Care Dimensions receives grant from People's United Community Foundation of Eastern MA

Special to the journal

Care Dimensions, the largest hospice and palliative care provider in Massachusetts, has received a \$25,000 grant from The People's United Community Foundation of Eastern Massachusetts ("Foundation"), the philanthropic arm of People's United Bank, N.A., to support the expansion of the agency's telemedicine care capabilities.

Telemedicine became a lifeline of care continuity and support during the COVID-19 pandemic when in-person patient visits were often limited or not possible due to safety precautions. In non-pandemic times, the technology also will help Care Dimensions supplement in-person visitation and provide immediate video visits during crises or for continuity of care for future patients, which will improve the patient and family experience.

"While in-person visits are and will always be the hallmark of our care plans, we are eager to incorporate telemedicine care to ensure patients and caregivers can always access real-time nursing support and care whenever it is needed," said President & CEO Patricia Ahern, RN, MBA, FACHE.

Keeping seriously ill patients secure in their homes also helps community hospitals and

health organizations preserve resources for acute and emergency cases and helps them guard against becoming overwhelmed with chronic cases, a function that became paramount during the increased cases and surges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We have been proud to partner with Care Dimensions since 1991, supporting them in carrying out their important work," said Patrick Sullivan, Foundation Board Member, People's United Bank president-Massachusetts and EVP of Commercial Banking. "The COVID-19 pandemic has only further highlighted the important role they are playing in communities - and now in homes - throughout Massachusetts."

Care Dimensions is the largest hospice and palliative care provider to adults and children in Massachusetts. As a nonprofit, community-based leader in advanced illness care, Care Dimensions provides comprehensive hospice, palliative care and grief support in more than 100 communities in Massachusetts. Founded in 1978 as Hospice of the North Shore, Care Dimensions cares for patients wherever they live: in their homes, in skilled nursing facilities and assisted living communities, in hospitals, or at our two inpa-

tient hospice facilities, the Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln and the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. Additionally, Care Dimensions HomeMD program provides in-home primary care to patients over age 65 in select communities on the North Shore and Greater Boston who have difficulty leaving home. The Care Dimensions Learning Institute educates more than 7,000 health care professionals and community members each year on advanced illness and end-of-life topics. Please visit [www.CareDimensions.org](http://www.CareDimensions.org) to learn more about Care Dimensions.

People's United Community Foundation of Eastern Massachusetts, operating independently from People's United Bank, provides grants for



Care Dimensions President and CEO Patricia Ahern, RN, MBA, FACHE, left, receiving a check for \$25,000 from Patrick Sullivan, Foundation Board Member at People's United Bank president - Massachusetts and EVP of Commercial Banking.

programs and services that improve the quality of life for residents in the neighborhoods served by People's United Bank. People's United Bank, N.A. is a subsidiary of People's United Financial,

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