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NEWS BRIEFS

MCKENNA LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL AT REVERE BRIDGE

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna made the motion, got it approved unanimously, and now waits for MassDOT to make it happen.

McKenna requested that the graffiti be removed from the Winthrop Avenue Bridge.

"The graffiti has been there for three months and it's disgusting," said McKenna. "It's getting worse. Every single piece is covered in graffiti. The bridge goes over the railroad tracks where Railroad Avenue is."

McKenna said she first put in the work order locally, but now believes the bridge is under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

KNIGHTS GIFT CARD RAFFLE

The Revere Knights of Columbus is once again having its gift card raffle. For only \$10.00 you will have a chance to win one of two gift card raffles totaling \$250.00 each. The gift cards are from various businesses and include the Marina at the Wharf, The Tides in Nahant, Peter Woos, Market Basket, Luberto's Bakery and others.

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BARK-TOBER-FEST AT THE WHELAN SCHOOL



Bark-tober-Fest was held on Sunday, Oct. 10. Shown above, halloween costume contest winners: Harley, of Winthrop, First place, wearing a sombrero; Koda, second place, dressed as a cowgirl, with her owners, Peter-Joseph DeGiovanni, and Marlon Flores, of Everett; and Archie, as Captain America, third place, with his owner Kayla Jones, of Everett (follow Archie on Instagram @ArchieVenture). See more photos on Page 22.

Conservation Comm. gives okay to Revere Beach, Suffolk projects

Staff Report

The Revere Conservation Commission held its monthly meeting last Wednesday and took action on a number of matters, including giving their approval to the next phases of the massive, mixed-use Suffolk Downs development.

The commission also gave its approval to a 360-unit project at 548-580 Revere Beach Blvd.

The agenda items for the meeting are listed below, along with the board's discussions and votes for

each item:

1) MA DEP File #061-0770 - Abbreviated Notice of Intent (Continuation of public hearing). PJF + Associates representing applicant Russell Vitale – 20 Bryant Street, Revere, MA 02151. Project consists of construction of a garage in a 100-year flood plain.

Discussion and action: A representative from PJF + Associates presented the commissioners with an updated engineering plan that addresses the water runoff that will be created from the construction of the garage. The new

plan includes the installation of stone trenches on both sides of the structure to handle runoff from the roof.

A neighbor appeared before the commission asking if the proposed garage could be constructed on the other side of the property. However, he was informed that the specific siting of a structure was not within the purview of the Conservation Commission.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the project.

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Ballot Positions for Nov. 2 Election released

By Cary Shuman

Election Commission Diane Colella explained that ballot positions for the Nov. 2 final election were

determined alphabetically, with the incumbents listed first on the ballot, followed by the other candidates who are also listed in alphabetical order.

In the case of a ward race where there is no incumbent, such as in Ward 3 where Ward 3 Council-

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CELEBRATING ITALIAN HERITAGE IN REVERE



Shown above, Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio, members of the High School Italian Honor Society led by teacher Antonietta Fierro-Tucker (4th from right), Massachusetts State Reps Jessica Ann Giannino and Jeff Turco, and Revere City Councilor Ira Novoselsky. Shown left, the American and Italian flags wave above City Hall. See more photos on Page 19.

RPS does survey to get feedback on how to best spend ESSER funds

By John Lynds

Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelley said RPS plans to apply for a \$19,477,006 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant but first sent a survey to families to get feedback on how the money should be spent.

In June, the Revere Public School Committee meeting committee voted to approve line items for the School Department's \$102,691,177 budget for

Fiscal Year 22.

However, the money approved FY22 did not include the federal Covid relief money through ESSER grants that will fund a whole host of new positions and upgrades to Revere Schools.

RPS conducted the survey during the last week of September and was open online for families to fill out for a week. Results of the survey should be presented at the next week's School Committee

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RESIDENTS RUN THE BOSTON MARATHON



THIRD TIMES A CHARM! Brenda lafrate running her third Boston Marathon to raise funds for the Bill Belichick Foundation.



Revere's Aliza Anderson completed her first Boston Marathon this year during the 125th Boston Marathon on Monday, Oct. 11.

Board of Health rejects smoking lounge amendment

Staff Report

The Revere Board of Health voted 2-1 against an amendment to its regulations that would have permitted the establishment of no more than three smoking lounges in the city.

All three members of the board, chairperson Dr. Nathalee Kong, Dr. Craig Costanza, and Nezha Louaddi, were on hand at their monthly meeting last Tuesday to tackle the proposed amendment that was part of a full agenda before a near-capacity crowd in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The specific regulation at issue, known as the Smoke Free Workplace Regulation, was enacted by the Board of Health in 2004 and prohibits smoking "in all workplaces, all public places, and all public transportation vehicles."

The impetus for a change to the regulation was forwarded by well-known and highly-respected local businessman Saber Abougala, who is seeking to open a hookah lounge in Revere similar to those that exist in other communities.

The meeting drew a large crowd of supporters of the amendment, all of whom testified that hookah has been a long-established part of Near Eastern and Middle Eastern cultures for centuries, originating in India and then spreading west to Turkey and the Middle East.

"This is predominantly for cultural reasons," said attorney Christopher Cridler of the law firm of D'Ambrosio Brown LLP, who was representing the petitioner, Mr. Abougala. "The Asian, No. Afri-

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Human Rights Comm. votes to recommend replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day

Suggests to find another day to observe Italian-American heritage

Staff Report

The Revere Human Rights Commission (HRC) voted unanimously at its meeting last Thursday to recommend to the mayor and City Council that the city, "Replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day and at the same time find another day during the month of October to celebrate Italian heritage day."

Although there was an item on the evening's agenda labeled, "Columbus Day-Indigenous Peoples Day," it gave no inkling that the HRC would be moving forward with a recommendation that the city replace the former with the latter, let alone that the Revere Italian-American community's traditional exercises and parade would need to "find" another day to commemorate Italian-American heritage and culture, a tradition that has been observed on Columbus Day in Revere by six generations of the city's Italian-American community

spanning 80 years.

Even at the start of the discussion on the agenda item, it was not apparent that the members were contemplating making a motion at this time.

Chairperson Janine Grillo Marra told her colleagues, "Instead of us just haphazardly putting something together, we have reached out to get support and guidance from the Native American Indian Center of Boston as to what we can do. We're going to circle back with them in mid-October to do something that is respectful and not tokenizing to the Native American community."

Marra further added that the purpose of the discussion for the board that evening was, "...to give you an opportunity to ask questions and share your thoughts. We want the community to know that we do not want to impose something that is not happening elsewhere."

Dr. Lourenco Garcia was the second speaker of the nine other commission members to offer his views on the agenda item. After going through the history of the Europe-

an conquest of America, Garcia said, "We need to work to establish an Indigenous Peoples Day. It is long overdue. We need to be brave enough to establish a holiday to celebrate the roots of the people who were native to this land. and to celebrate their resistance, their struggle for social justice, and their resilience in the face of their adversity."

However, Lourenco did not make a motion, or even suggest that a motion was appropriate, at this time.

Other members of the commission then offered their viewpoints on the matter, all of whom echoed their support for the idea of creating an Indigenous Peoples Day. Similarly, there was no indication that the members were of a mind at this time to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

"This is something we need to speak of more in depth and maybe involve others in the city and have more of a deep discussion," said Police Chief David Callahan.

"I think a greater discussion is necessary and we

should have city officials involved," said member Lynn Alexis. "A deeper level of education must be brought before the city. It needs to be a compassionate conversation."

The microphone then came to Revere Fire Chief Christopher Bright, "Thank you for your comments," said Bright. "I agree that this issue is long overdue to be addressed and long-overdue to be righted."

Bright then abruptly said that he would be in favor of the board making a motion now.

Marra pointed out to her colleagues that the HRC cannot make policy, but only can make recommendations. She then said that she would entertain a motion to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

Garcia spoke up and said he too, favored making a motion to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day.

When member Kathi Ann Reinstein pointed out that, for Italian-Americans, Columbus Day "... is not about Christopher Columbus, it's about their culture," Marra queried,

"Do we need to get more public input?"

However, Bright said Marra's suggestion was not appropriate at this time "because there is a motion on the floor."

After some back and forth as to whether there should be two motions -- one to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day and a second motion to find another day for the Italian-American community to celebrate their heritage -- the microphone ultimately went back to Lourenco, who made his motion that included both ideas together.

The motion then passed unanimously.

Another item on the agenda concerned whether the commission should recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of its meeting.

All of the members voiced an opinion on the matter, with all of them acknowledging that the pledge, which references God, might be offensive to some members of the community.

In addition, they stated that the words "with liberty and justice for all," only have been aspirational

throughout American history.

"Whatever we do, we should be responsive to every voice in the community and would like to have more time to have a deeper conversation. I would love to hear from the younger generation," said member Kourou Pich.

At the conclusion of the discussion about the Pledge of Allegiance, Marra said, "This is an important conversation and we'll continue to have it."

However, the board did not take a formal vote on the issue.

In other matters, the members praised the recent Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Training that was attended by the commissioners.

Marra informed her colleagues that the HRC is exploring a collaboration with RevereTV about the possibility of having a monthly show regarding a specific topic. The commissioners gave their ideas about possible topics for the show.

The next meeting of the Human Rights Commission is scheduled for Thursday, November 4.

Revere Human Rights Commission completes diversity and inclusion training workshop

Staff Report

Members of the Revere Human Rights Commission completed a two-day training workshop in diversity and inclusion designed to foster a deeper understanding and awareness of oppression and unconscious bias to promote more virtuous, healthy behaviors and attitudes in the workplace and community interaction.

The training was presented by Courage of Care Coalition over two full-day sessions held at the Revere History Mu-

seum, 108 Beach Street. Commission members engaged in lecture presentation, discussion, and small group activities.

"The training was an important and productive step to help our Commission develop a common and informed perspective of the historical issues that continue to challenge modern society," said Commission Chair Janine Grillo Marra. "This work is really about re-humanization and belonging. Often, antagonism and inequity in human interaction

is a result of assumptions, misunderstanding or misinformation. Education, training, and the willingness to deeply listen are some of the best ways to expand everyone's appreciation and respect for one another."

"It was also a welcome chance for members of our Commission to spend a significant amount of time together," Grillo Marra said. "With the Commission re-established amid Covid restrictions that prevented in-person meetings, it was not a surprise that there was some sense of disconnection among us. The training, in an intensive, thought-provoking, and heartfelt environment, was an invaluable means for our Commission to bond as a group."

Vice Chair Chaimaa M. Hossaini concurred, "After the training, I finally saw a shift in dynamics between the Commission members," she said. "I saw that we were all in sync and that we are at a new level of comfort that we did not have before."

Hossaini added: "I hope that this new level of respect for each other can help members be more open about their opinions and I am excited for how this Commission will go



Members of the Revere Human Rights Commission took a break at the end of their two-day training session for a photo on the steps of the Revere History Museum. Left to right, back row: Chief Dave Callahan, Chief Chris Bright. Middle row: Dr. Lourenço Garcia, Kathi Reinstein, Vice Chair Chaimaa M. Hossaini, Lynn Alexis, Reverend Tim Bogertman. Front row: Chair Janine Grillo Marra, Kourou Pich, Rachid Moukhabir

on in the future. I recommend that members of other committees and the politicians in our city go through the same training to further emphasize the importance of anti-racism and anti-oppression in a city that has a minority-majority population."

Commission member Attorney Lynn Alexis agreed. "This training was necessary and enriching! We dug deep into so many aspects. One of my take-

aways was that it allowed us to see that inclusion, by the numbers, without equity, is a farce."

Alexis continued, "As a country, along with the good and the great, we must be willing to learn how our nation and many others, were developed through some racist and patriarchy ideas. We can't be afraid of those words - we must know them, how they show up, how and who they can affect, consciously and subconsciously - and work hard to understand and dismantle them. So, the result is not just inclusion but equal treatment for all, which starts individually with each of us."

Fire Chief Chris Bright, a Commission member, appreciated the training. "Thanks to Courage of Care Coalition for the resources, and more importantly...inspiring us," he said.

Another Commission member, former State Representative Kathi Reinstein, added "It was an honor to share space with the Courage of Care facilitators and my fellow

Commissioners for two days last week. I look forward to the work we will do together."

The Human Rights Commission, created in 1994 and re-established last year by Mayor Brian Arrigo, is charged to educate and inform the City about the effects of prejudice, intolerance, and bigotry. The Commission, which meets monthly, seeks to improve community life by advocating mutual self-respect, harmonious intergroup relations, and peaceful enjoyment of life, while also working with municipal government to assure compliance with local, state, and federal laws addressing human and civil rights.

The City is currently conducting interviews to hire a Director of Diversity and Inclusion who will work in concert with the Human Rights Commission, leaders of city government, and community groups to establish policies and practices that assure fairness and equity in all aspects of community life.

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SPOTLIGHT

It was a Friday night premiere for "Cooking with the Keefe's!" Ward 4 Councilor and local professional chef, Patrick Keefe and his wife Jennifer Keefe were in the RevereTV Kitchen Studio to whip up a delicious Fall inspired dinner dish. The main course recipe includes a nut-crusted salmon with farro salad, and for dessert, Jennifer makes a cran-apple crisp. This newest episode was first aired on Friday night which is special because most Friday nights are currently taken by a live RHS Football game. See what the Keefe's are cooking in full as they take you through the recipe step-by-step as it replays on the RevereTV Community Channel.

The City of Revere held an Italian Flag Raising Ceremony on the lawn of City Hall last Friday. RevereTV covered the ceremony and it can be viewed on RTV Gov or watched on YouTube at any time. On YouTube, you can also find coverage of past flag raising ceremonies that have recently been put on in recognition of the different cultures of residents of Revere.

Revere High School Football played a Thursday night game last week. RHS took on Malden at Harry Della Russo Stadium and RevereTV was there to cover it. Special thanks to the announcers that provided live commentary during the game, Patrick Keefe and Donny Boudreau. The commentary really helps viewers follow the game and the two always highlight the players on the team as the game goes on. All games air live on the channel, YouTube, and Facebook. Watch replays of RHS Football games this season on the RevereTV Community Channel, but at any time on YouTube in the respective playlist.

Now playing on RTV Gov and social media, you will see video statements of candidates running in this upcoming city election. RevereTV offered five minutes of airtime to all candidates for any position, including both City Council and School Committee. Participating candidates had the option to record their statements at RTV's main studio or to submit a recorded statement of their own. Any candidate not shown in the playlist chose not to participate. Look out for these candidate statements playing throughout the next three weeks on RTV Gov, or find them on YouTube to watch at any time. Election day is Tuesday, November 2nd.

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Serino wants new light configuration at former Showcase site

By Cary Shuman

As is his get-it-done style, Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino quickly brought a constituent's request to the floor for consideration at the Oct. 4 City Council meeting.

Serino requested that the traffic light configuration at the entrance to the former Showcase Cine-

mas complex be altered to reflect the fact that the Cinemas are now closed.

"A resident brought this to my attention, and I thought it was a great idea," said Serino. "With the Showcase Cinemas now closed and beginning to be demolished, there's really no traffic going in and out of that site besides construction vehicles, and

there's no need to have a full traffic light cycle. So at least until Amazon comes in and we reconfigure the traffic pattern for that, for the time being I would hope that MassDOT could make this a blinking red light to stop, instead of just stopping for a light."

The Council unanimously approved Serino's request.

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meeting.

Kelley explained that the survey was a "preliminary step" in applying for the ESSER grant.

"(The survey) gives a little bit more information about the grant itself and how the money can be spent," said Kelley.

The first area identified in the survey is core instruction. Kelley pointed out that if Revere receives the ESSER grant money

could go towards creating an Early Learning Center in Revere for preschoolers.

"We've talked about this for a while," said Kelley. "That's one of the areas in the grant (application) that has language that says we (RPS) should look at creating an increased access to full day early childhood programming for students."

Other parts of the sur-

vey include asking the public if priorities should be made to expand high quality instruction materials.

"We started to implement elementary math, elementary literacy, middle school science and middle and high school civics this year," said Kelly. "So we would like to spend some of this money continuing that work."

Some other examples

CONGRATULATIONS, ALIZA!



Team Aliza was ready and waiting to welcome their teammate Aliza Anderson as she finished her run in the 125th Boston Marathon on Monday, Oct. 11. Aliza ran the Marathon this year as part of a fundraising drive for the Boston Bruins Foundation.

of the survey include asking how the money can be used to find and cultivate talented staff and administrators at RPS.

"Other questions include asking about conditions for student success, including social, emo-

tional, mental health support," said Kelley. "We'll be gathering that data over the next week, and use that to help guide our priorities, which we'll share with the committee once we have that identified. We will then have 30 days

to create our plan and then we'll be back to the committee with more information, survey results, and hopefully have their input to finalize a plan that we can vote on."

Ballot // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

lor Arthur Guinasso is not seeking re-election, the names of the two candidates (Anthony Saverio Cogliandro and Albert J. Terminiello Jr.) appear in alphabetical order.

Following are the ballot positions for the Nov. 2, 2021 election:

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Steven Morabito
George Rotondo
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Anthony Zambuto
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John Kingston
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Manuel Carrero Jr.
Ward 3
Anthony Saverio Cogliandro

Ward 4
Patrick Michael Keefe Jr.
Ward 5
John F. Powers
Al Fiore
Ward 6
Richard Joseph Serino

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can, and Indian cultures see hookah as a communal and social experience....a place to share and relax and enjoy each other's company in a group atmosphere. It's like going out to a bar for those who do not drink in a safe, comfortable, and casual space."

Cridler noted that Abougalala was seeking to open a small hookah lounge on Winthrop Ave. near Broadway in a space adjacent to his well-known restaurant, which is located at the corner of Broadway and Winthrop Ave.

Cridler noted that there

will be no food or alcohol served at the lounge and it will be open only to adults over the age of 21.

"Revere is a very diverse city," said Cridler, "and should allow all members of the community to decide how they want to spend their time together."

City Councillor George Rotondo spoke in favor of the amendment.

"Saber is a man of his word. He will do it correctly," said Rotondo, one of a number of city officials, including some of his fellow councillors and Mayor Brian Arrigo, who reportedly are in fa-

vor of the amendment. "This is culturally-accepted throughout the world. This is something that will add to the city. We all have personal choices whether to drink, smoke marijuana, or smoke cigarettes. Let's allow adults to do what they want."

Another proponent of the amendment was David Riccio, a long-time Revere resident who formerly owned and operated a cigar lounge in the City of Boston for 30 years.

Riccio said he recently sold his business in Boston and would like to open a cigar bar in Revere with his son. "Revere is a

world-class city and the amendment should be approved," said Riccio.

Atty. Gerry D'Ambrosio, speaking in a personal capacity, added that Mr. Abougalala is, "one of the most wonderful people in the city of Revere."

D'Ambrosio also noted that this is a complicated matter because the board "has to strike the balance between health and personal freedom. If you vote not to allow this type of license....you are abdicating the difficulty of what you need to do. This type of license can be allowed with the proper conditions."

A number of private citizens also spoke in favor of the amendment, with members of the Muslim community, who do not partake of the usual social gathering places because they do not drink alcohol, telling the board that a hookah lounge will provide their community with a safe place to gather and socialize.

Those who spoke in opposition to the amendment, who included representatives from area tobacco-control collaboratives, pointed to the negative health consequences of hookah smoking and the challenges of regulating a hookah lounge because of the uniqueness of its type of operation.

The board also received a petition signed by 93 Revere High students, as well as a dozen emails and three voicemails, in opposition to the amendment.

"Allowing a smoking bar creates an environment that promotes the use of tobacco and sends the wrong message to our kids -- enticing and addicting young adults," said the students in their letter. (See adjacent story for the full text of the students' letter and their reaction to the board's decision.)

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the members briefly expressed their views on the matter.

Chairperson Kong said that the issue is not about whether one person is a good applicant, "You have to balance the public health, something I think about every day," said Kong. "I have to take health into consideration and vote, 'No,' taking into

account that there are other nearby hookah bars in other communities."

"Looking at both sides, this is very, very difficult," said Costanza. "What is more dangerous -- giving up freedom or health?" Costanza then voted in favor of the amendment.

Louaddi agreed that the issue was a difficult one because of the competing interests, but stated, "When it comes to health issues, it's very addictive...I did some research. A one-hour hookah session is like smoking the equivalent of two packs of cigarettes."

Louaddi then voted against the amendment, sealing its defeat, 2-1. However, the board did approve two other amendments to the smoking regulations. One amendment establishes a buffer zone of 50 feet within a public building, At the start of the meeting, Lauren Buck, the Revere Director of Public Health, noted that this particularly has been an issue outside of the city's public schools.

The board also voted to include electronic nicotine delivery systems (which did not exist in 2004) within the purview of wherever the use of tobacco-related products presently are prohibited.

Prior to the public hearing on the amendment to the smoking regulations, the board took up some other matters on its agenda, including whether to condemn the home at 843 No. Shore Rd. Two tenants presently occupy the premises, a family of three on the first floor and an individual on the second floor.

Peter Brown from the city's Inspectional Services Dept. presented the board with a litany of violations of numerous city ordinances, including that the home is not legally a two-family residence and that there is no legal second means of egress from the second floor apartment, other than through a hatch door in a closet space.

However, Brown told the board that the immediate threat of a fire because of electrical hazards requires condemnation of the property. Brown noted that these issues had been

brought to the owner's attention in August, but that nothing has been done to remedy the situation at this time.

Brown also noted that the Electrical Inspector already has deemed the property a hazard and has ordered the electric company to shut off power within 48 hours.

The condemnation proceedings would require the tenants to vacate the premises until the problems are resolved.

The tenants adamantly were opposed to the condemnation action. The second floor tenant, a lifelong resident, said that he has lived there for 13 years and never has had a problem. He noted that when his father was sick, former Mayor George V. Colella visited his father at those premises.

The first-floor tenant, who has been there for five years, said there never have been any problems at the premises.

Both tenants said that their apartments are at below-market rents and that they have no financial ability to find new housing if they forcibly are removed.

"Please don't put us out in the street," pleaded the tenant. "We have no money at all," she said, adding that her child has mental health issues that could be exacerbated if the family is removed within 48 hours.

Brown assured them that his department will do what it can to work with social service agencies in order to find the tenants new housing, as it has in the past when other properties have been condemned.

The board then voted unanimously to condemn the property.

In another matter, the board voted to join with other communities in the COVID-19 contact tracing collaborative in signing a letter to request training for a contact tracing program to be operated by the collaborative when the state ends its contact tracing program at the end of this year.

The board also voted to put off action on finalizing and signing the Regulations for the Keeping of Bees until its November meeting.

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For more than 30 years, this newspaper has urged our elected and non-elected officials at all levels of government to enact laws and regulations to minimize the influence of the tobacco industry, especially when it comes to their efforts to hook young people on a lifelong addiction.

Back in the mid-1990s, we won awards in consecutive years from the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Cancer Society for our reporting and editorials pertaining to these issues.

So we take some degree of pride in having been part of a larger movement that has turned the tide against the tobacco industry in the United States over the past 30 years and that ultimately led to communities such as Revere enacting strict regulations that forbid the use of tobacco products in the workplace and public spaces.

However, even staunch anti-tobacco proponents such as ourselves have acknowledged that this is not an all-or-nothing debate and that there are nuances that must be taken into account.

We never proposed that tobacco products should be made illegal or that individuals be penalized for using tobacco products. This is a free country, and as long as smokers do not subject non-smokers unwillingly to their second-hand smoke, using tobacco products is their choice.

We believe that the Revere Board of Health's decision last Tuesday to reject an amendment to the board's "Workplace Smoking Restrictions" regulations that would allow for up to three smoking lounges in the city is fundamentally flawed because it goes far afield from the original intent of the board's own regulation.

The regulation is not intended to protect the health of smokers. Its purpose is to protect all workers in their workplaces and persons in public spaces from the hazards of second-hand smoke which, as we know, is as harmful as smoking itself.

The board members' discussion of the dangers of using hookah products to the users is irrelevant. If someone wants to use a hookah, that's their choice, for better or worse.

In addition, there is nothing in the regulations -- or within the board's general authority -- that infers that the board should use the regulations to "send a message," whether to the community at large or to young people, about the dangers of smoking.

If the board truly believed that it is their job to suppress unhealthy individual behavior or to ensure that such behavior does not "send the wrong message," then the board should ban the sale of all tobacco products, as well as alcohol, fast food, junk food, soft drinks -- you get the point.

The board can suggest healthy behavior and educate members of the community -- but the ultimate decision whether to engage in unhealthy behavior is up to the individual as long as it does not impact others.

To the extent that smoking lounges might send a wrong message to young people, we don't believe it is outweighed by the desire of persons either to engage in their cultural rituals of using a hookah or to enjoy the social benefits of patronizing a cigar lounge.

By no means are we even remotely suggesting that the board's decision was motivated by racist intent (as one person in the audience unfortunately charged at the end of the meeting), but its decision unquestionably has the effect of discriminating against the members of our community for whom partaking in the rituals of a hookah lounge has been a part of their culture for centuries.

We acknowledge that for someone who might take a job in one of these establishments, the second-hand smoke will be significantly unhealthy. Fair enough, but right now there are no smoking lounges in the city and if they were to be allowed, a prospective employee can make that choice. There are lots of other jobs where they won't be exposed to second-hand smoke.

So we urge the Board of Health to re-examine what its mission is and then to rethink its decision regrading smoking lounges.

The bottom line, in our opinion, is that if individuals in our community wish to partake in that type of activity, whether for cultural or personal reasons, the city should respect their culture and personal choices and make a reasonable effort to accommodate them.

HRC DECISION LACKS TRANSPARENCY & SENSITIVITY

The abrupt decision of the Human Rights Committee last week to recommend to the City Council and mayor that the city replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day and that the Revere Italian-American community "find" another day to celebrate its heritage and culture was disappointing on a number of levels.

The committee's agenda did not inform the public that it would be taking such an action. The agenda item for this topic states, "(6) Topics for Discussion...d. Columbus Day-Indigenous Peoples Day."

In our view, this notice falls short of both the letter, and certainly the spirit, of the Open Meeting Law in light of the ultimate action taken by the commission. If the commissioners are going to do more than simply engage in a "discussion" on a particular topic, they should make it clear in their agenda that they will be taking a vote on a motion pertaining to that topic.

We suggest that the commission use the agenda of the City Council as a model for informing the public of the motions and other actions it intends to pursue in order to provide full and clear transparency to all Revere residents.

In addition, the commission's action was totally lacking in sensitivity to all of the stakeholders on this issue. By not hearing from any of the groups or individuals who might be affected by their decision before taking a vote, the commission failed to adhere to its own Mission Statement.

We agree wholeheartedly that the idea of "Columbus Day" should be reviewed and that the idealization of Christopher Columbus -- who personally was responsible for the enslavement and torture of indigenous people -- as an historical figure should be completely re-examined.

But we recognize that there are many different points of views as to how we best can accomplish those goals. In addition, while it is important to take into account the historical implications of what happened 500 years ago, it also is important to recognize how the idea of a national Columbus Day came about (the first Columbus Day came into existence in 1892 in the aftermath of the lynching of 11 Italian-Americans in New Orleans in 1891) and in particular, how Columbus Day has been observed in the Revere community for the past 80 years.

We urge the Human Rights Commission to continue this important and timely discussion, but to do so in a manner that brings together, and listens to, all of the stakeholders who might have an interest in this matter so that the commission can make a recommendation that is both fully-informed and respectful of all points of view.

By Mayor Brian Arrigo

When I published my letter several weeks ago with concerns over the Boston Public Health Commission's plans to relocate unhoused individuals to the Quality Inn, I knew that in breaking the story I was protecting our city's residents from mismanagement, shortsightedness, and catastrophe. The letter came after several weeks of frustrating dead-end conversations with a variety of entities involved in the so-called plan; when I learned that Revere was the only city Boston had identified it became clear there were no regional solutions on the table and instead just ad hoc displacement of these vulnerable people. At that point, enough was enough. To repeat what was made clear in that letter: I as Mayor will not allow the relocation of individuals from the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard to the Quality Inn under Boston's plans.

My administration's response covered all necessary areas of action to ensure that the BPHC's plan did not

go forward. The letter, published in full in the September 22, 2021 edition of the Revere Journal, was only the public portion of our response, and in fact is the only reason our residents and the greater community were made aware of the plan at all. Given the immense public outcry on social media and in the City Council Chambers that following Monday, the letter was a resounding success in organizing opposition to the dangerous plan. The level of discussion taking place at a regional level in response to the crisis on Mass and Cass also marks the strength of the letter in forcing our public officials -- from Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins to Attorney General Maura Healey to Governor Charlie Baker -- to reckon with the coordination necessary to solve one of our region's most pressing issues. My administration is more than willing to be a part of a real regional solution and hope our advocacy will lead to a more comprehensive plan for Revere, Boston, and the Commonwealth.

Of course, public statements don't always cover every detail of the tangible operations of municipalities. My administration also pursued legal action to prevent the BPHC from using the hotel as a homeless transitional shelter. The Quality Inn is licensed to operate as a hotel, a category significantly distinct from that of a homeless transitional shelter, and such a change in operations would not comply with our local regulations. We prepared legal communications to the BPHC, their service providers, and the Quality Inn informing them that a cease and desist would be issued promptly should they attempt to violate City ordinance and operate an unlawful use for which no license may be granted. The BPHC and Quality Inn have no legal way to relocate people from Mass and Cass to the Quality Inn and operate as a homeless transitional shelter, and there has been no further action on their part to attempt to do so.

Thanks to my administration, the leadership in this city, and the organizing efforts of our residents, the

plan has been stopped dead in its tracks.

Unfortunately, this does not stop political opportunists from using the matter as a means to grandstand and spread misinformation in the pages of this journal, sowing fear among our city's families and distrust toward local government. When you haven't been involved in your community for years and have few positive ideas to offer, reacting to the tangible efforts of an administration devoted to protecting the health of safety of our families is one of the few ways to boost your profile ahead of an election. The fact that this opportunism comes at the cost of residents' sense of safety ought to be a deep shame.

Regardless, my administration will continue to deliver positivity, growth, and safety for Revere's residents and ensure we do not face the burden of the City of Boston's mismanagement. Using all of the powers of the Mayor's Office I will continue to push for real solutions to this human crisis.

Brian Arrigo is the Mayor of Revere.

LETTERS to the Editor

COLUMBUS DAY IS A PART OF HISTORY

Dear Editor,

Columbus Day is a holiday with controversy surrounding it. Many people believe it should go because of the mistreatment of the Native Americans. People are missing the point that Columbus Day celebrates a historic moment in America's formation. Even Columbus' expedition included terrible things, it is history and we need to understand it as a whole. Columbus day celebrates the Italians' contribution to America and the western expansion to America. Columbus Day should be here to stay.

Columbus Day is only seen for its worst parts while undermin-

ing its achievements. Columbus Day is one of the Italians greatest achievements as they introduced the rest of the world to the Americas. Changing the day to Indigenous People's Day would disregard, "The fact that it was an Italian who introduced the Americas to the rest of the world." (per Washington Examiner) Christopher Columbus was Italian and is a symbol that represents the Italians contribution to westward expansion to the Americas. The argument of Columbus day being a celebration of a mass murder has no merit as the native americans also committed genocide. Columbus may have led the native americans to near extinction, but what isn't brought up is the "genocide perpe-

trated by Native American tribes from Mexico to Peru." (per The Daily Citizen). In the end there is no "right" side because both parties aren't innocent, so changing the day to indigenous people day would be disrespectful to the Italian americans. With all this said, Columbus should be here to stay, while Christopher Columbus was not perfect, he introduced America to the world,celebrated the Italians' contribution, and is a symbol of exploration and expansion.

Columbus Day should not be changed to indigenous people

day. Columbus Day has a great importance to the history of America. Many atrocities have happened during Christopher Columbus' voyage, but that doesn't mean we should change Columbus day to Indigenous Peoples Day. We celebrate Columbus because he found the "new world", and even if we do change it to Indigenous peoples' day, it's not as if they were perfect either. Columbus was a mass murdered but he shouldn't be remembered as one, he discovered the new world

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You may love movies, theatre and plays and spend years in drama schools and Hollywood and never get a job that pays any money. This story is true for those who dream of making it big in music. I've talked to numbers of singers in Nashville, Tennessee who have spent years singing

for tips and often for free. They pursued their dream relentlessly and some ended up homeless because while they pursued their dream, dollars were not coming in to support them.

Writers have spent their lives trying to write one great book that someone would notice. Painters often paint their entire lives without much fanfare or few sales. Would be entertainers and artsy folks from all walks of life know that the road to success is filled with disappointments, constant rejection, little to no support

and poverty.

I was a weird guy in high school as I aspired to be a full-time minister. Sixteen years old was an odd time in life to start shunning my electric guitar, lose my passion for basketball and aspire to be a minister. It also didn't do a lot for my dating life either. My dad thought I was crazy but never said a whole lot. Once he did say, "Why don't you get a good job and preach on the side?" I thought that was a crazy idea because I knew of too many ministers who had full time careers and

seemed to do okay. Thus, I went to school until I was 29 years old to be a full-time minister. The post college degrees that I attended full-time for seven years were enough time for medical school, Law school or whatever but I pursued my calling and followed my heart.

I don't regret pursuing my dream. I had about 35 years of being an average wage earner as a minister and sometimes did better than average. However, my dad had respectable advice as parent's usually do. Today I give the

same advice. Follow your dream but you need a sawmill on the side for stable cash flow. Church has changed. Many churches are small and can't afford a full-time minister. Sadly, often ministers and congregations can't survive in harmony for more than a couple of years so this makes for a very unstable life.

When I say, "you need a sawmill on the side," mean you need something in your life you can count on. You need a plumber's

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and Columbus Day celebrates that achievement

Best, Kenneth Le, Revere Student

GET RID OF COLUMBUS DAY

Dear Editor, Columbus Day is a holiday in the United States that has been celebrated for as long as we can remember.

Christopher Columbus, the man who discovered America; what an honorable man, right? On the surface, sure, but, if we dig a little deeper, the truth is definitely not something very honorable at all. Christopher Columbus, the mass murderer, rapist, enslaver, and tyrant. We celebrate him because he discovered America and ignore the rest of his actions completely. This holiday is not only problematic but extremely wrong, disrespectful, and inconsiderate. We should be honoring the Native people of this country whose land we stole and continue to abuse every day. We should change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day as they deserve it much more than he does.

The holiday is not dishonoring the culture of Italian-Americans as Jeanne Allen from the Washington Examiner believes. They state, "Celebrating Columbus Day was, and continues to be, a way of saying 'We're proud to be Americans, and equally proud of our Italian heritage and ancestry.'" (3). As an Italian-American myself, I can wholeheartedly say that myself and many of my other Italian friends never once felt as though Columbus honored the Italian heritage and culture. He does not "represent(s) our ancestry" at all; it would be such a shame if this was the case.

It is true that Italians faced discrimination as all immigrants did at one point and it is nice to have a holiday that acknowledges our contribution to American history but we need to shed light on all aspects of this history; not just the discoverance of America as that is not all he did. I understand that Italians want to be recognized for their culture and history in America but it just isn't fair to honor a man that mass murdered an ethnicity that is still here today and oppressed to this day.

Zachary Mettler of The Daily Citizen says "Lastly, I would contend that historical figures should be honored by their great achievements, and not their mistakes or weaknesses." (14). It is true that we should honor our historical figures but the bad should outweigh the good if we have any morals at all. Yes, he "discovered America," which is actually still being argued today if he was even the one that founded it, but he also murdered and terrorized in the process. Many argue this was necessary for the progression of the U.S. but we will really never know. All we do know for sure is that Native Americans were almost driven to extinction by him and their land was stolen by the white man that still oppresses them today. Their voices are constantly being silenced, the least we can do is get rid of a holiday that recognizes a historical figure that harmed them and replace it with one that honors them.

Changing this holiday would change the way Indigenous People are remembered in history and treated today; it would not just be for symbolic purposes. Leila Fadel of NPR writes, "By bringing Indigenous Peoples' Day, we're bringing awareness

that we're not going to allow someone like that to be glorified into a hero, because of the hurt that he caused to Indigenous people of America." (3). Honoring Columbus, as we have been doing for years, is essentially saying that we don't care about the hurt he caused to Native Americans solely because he discovered America. It will take some time but this would be a great step in the direction of making it up to the people our ancestors nearly destroyed. Today we still see them being stepped on and invalidated; unheard and unseen. Christopher Columbus is indeed an important figure in American history and deserves to be remembered but he does not deserve a glorifying holiday every year. Last time I checked, important figures didn't mean good ones.

We still use their culture as sports mascots and halloween costumes; how shameful. Let's do better to respect the people of this country and get rid of Columbus day as he is a painful reminder of the worst parts of their history; not ours. Let's honor the indigenous people of this country for, without them, we most definitely would not be here today. Let's have Indigenous People's Day and honor the first Americans.

Sabrina Indorato, Revere Student

ENDORSES CHAVEZ

Dear Editor, Jacqueline Chavez is the best choice for the Revere School Committee because she's committed to enriching Revere students' experiences, empowering Revere families and supporting Revere educators. Jacqueline, like many of us, is the proud daughter of immigrants who have sacrificed ev-

erything for her to have a chance at the American Dream. Her parents instilled in her the values of humility, resilience, and hard work—values we need represented in education. Experience matters, and as School Committee Member for the City of Salem, I understand the skills, experiences, and values the job requires. I know Jacqueline will prioritize Revere's students, families, and educators—and that's why I'm thrilled to endorse her for the Revere School Committee.

Manny Cruz City of Salem School Committee Member and Advocacy Director for Latinos for Education

ENDORSES NOVOSELSKY

Ward 2 is extremely lucky to have Ira Novoselsky. Being Ward 2 Councillor is Ira's only

job.

Ira is a FULL TIME City Councillor! This is extremely important to highlight, it is a game changer in my opinion. You can have someone who devotes all of their time to you or someone who has to share his time with a full-time job. That's an easy decision for me.

Being Ward 2 Councillor is incredibly challenging and requires a great deal of time being in the Ward, responding to emergencies, attending meetings etc. Trust me, from my experience, having a full-time job while being Ward 2 Councillor is not a mix for success, you just can't effectively serve Ward 2, unless it is your only obligation.

Ward 2 is also very lucky to have Ira Novoselsky, because Ira knows the workings of City and State Government, you have a well-

trained City Councillor, one that knows government as good as anyone in Revere. For this reason is why Ira has had so much success at getting things done.

Now is not the time for on-the-job training!

And finally, Ira has a proven track-record of bringing people together, Councillor Novoselsky has constantly promoted diversity within Ward 2, amongst all groups and cultures.

Ira won't stop, because he cares! He also realizes the importance of all of us working together to make Revere a better place to live.

Please join me in supporting the Re-election campaign for Ira Novoselsky as Ward 2 City Councillor.

John Perez Former Ward 2 Councillor The first Latino City Councillor in Revere

This is a message from your Ward 5 City Councilor John Powers:

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2) MA DEP File #061-0766 - Notice of Intent (Continuation of public hearing). Tim Alexander, MCRT Investments LLC - 548 - 580 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere, MA 02151. Project consists of a 360-unit building with a drive-under parking facility. Applicant is not proposing Coastal Dunes impacts, but portions of the project will take place within the buffer zone of these off-site resources.

Discussion and action: Tim Alexander of Mill Creek Realty Trust appeared before the board and briefly explained the scope of the project.

Rick Salvo, a civil engineer also appearing on behalf of Mill Creek, told the commissioners, some of whom had taken a site walk recently, that everything has been permitted within the city's zoning regulations.

The commissioners posed many question to Salvo pertaining to storm water mitigation and the effect of the construction upon the salt marsh in the rear of property. It was noted that the 100-foot buffer-zone extends into the property by about 35 feet.

Salvo said that drainage was the main issue, but assured the commissioners that large-enough systems will be put into place to handle a 100-year storm.

The commission unanimously gave its approval to the project.

3) Request for Determination of Applicability for storage of docks- Vincent A. Piccinni, Commodore - Point of Pines Yacht Club -28 Rice Avenue.

Discussion and action: Point of Pines Y.C. Commodore Vincent Piccinni came before the board seeking permission to place 19 docks on the eastern side of the yacht club's property to allow the club to work on the docks during the off-season. Piccinni noted that the commission has allowed a similar request for the past three years.

He also noted that placing the docks at that lo-

cation will make it easier for the city to repair the nearby pumping station and that there will be no impact on wetlands.

There was no opposition from neighbors and the motion was allowed by a vote of 5-0.

4) Notice of Intent (NOI) - Suffolk Downs Phase 1-R Roadway and Infrastructure, Thomas O'Brien, The McClellan Highway Development Company, LLC - 220 Revere Beach Parkway. Construction of a roadway network and water, sewer, drainage, and other utility infrastructures.

Discussion and action: Michael Borowski and Jeff Heidelberg appeared on behalf of the development company.

Borowski briefly reviewed the scope of the Suffolk Downs project, which has come before the commission on numerous occasions in recent months as the company proceeds with the project in phases.

Borowski told the commission that the company acquired the Suffolk Downs property in 2017, with 52 acres in Revere and 109 acres in Boston. He said that 16.2 million square feet have been approved overall, of which 5.68 million square feet are in Revere that will consist of 50/50 commercial and residential space.

He noted that the company already has received approval for several buildings from the Revere Conservation Commission. However, the company now was seeking approval for the first life-science buildings to come before the commission.

Heidelberg noted that the existing site conditions had consisted of pavement and horse barns and that the company already had obtained an order of conditions for their removal.

However, he said the soils in that area need to be compressed prior to construction in order to handle the greater weight of the buildings that will stand in the former location of the horse barns.

He told the commission that the Suffolk Downs

project is a four-phase project and will take many years to complete, with an NOI for each phase.

Regarding the matter of a sewer connection, he said the project will be connecting to Revere sewer for the start of project.

He also said that the entire site is being raised out of the flood plain and that the former track itself is the only part of the property that presently is elevated above the flood plain.

In response to questions from commissioners, he said the project will require adding up to five feet of soil. He said there will be an intricate system of catch basins, pipes, drains, and a large storm water retention basin to handle storm runoff before the water goes into Sales Creek.

He said that the developers are going beyond what is required under present regulations to take into account the increasing threats from climate change and major rain events.

There was no opposition and the plan was approved 5-0.

5. NOI - Suffolk Downs Building R-10, 220 Revere Beach Parkway - Thomas O'Brien, The McClellan Highway Development Company, LLC - Construction of a six-story mixed-use commercial building on a ~4.1 acre lot (R-10) on the Revere portion of the Suffolk Downs site.

6. NOI - Suffolk Downs Building R-11, 220 Revere Beach Parkway - Thomas O'Brien, The McClellan Highway Development Company, LLC - Construction of a six-story mixed-use commercial building on a ~4.1 acre lot (R-11) on the Revere portion of the Suffolk Downs site. No opposition. Approved 5-0.

Discussion and action: The commission heard items 5 and 6 together because they essentially overlap.

These items pertain to the proposed lab/life-science buildings in the project.

Heidelberg described access, roadways, loading,

sidewalks, utility connections, and underground parking to the commissioners.

He noted that there are wetlands adjacent along Washburn Ave. and Sales Creek. He informed the commission that landscaping will be part of the project to act as a buffer for residents on Washburn Ave.

He said there will be some retail in the buildings, most likely a restaurant, along with lab and life-sciences uses, plus perhaps some manufacturing.

These buildings will be 132 feet high and the installation of solar panels on the roof is being explored.

The commissioners unanimously gave their approval.

7. Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation - area off Muzzey Street - Hayes Engineering, Inc.

Discussion and action: This item was postponed until next month

because the legal notice did not get published in time for the public hearing.

Commission members conducted a number of site visits in September to 42 Arcadia St., the Amazon site at the former Revere Showcase Cinemas, 90 Endicott Avenue, 20 Bryant Street, Suffolk Downs, and the ANRAD Project off Muzzey/Eustis Street

The commission also received a number of correspondences in the past month:

August 31, 2021 - Fort Point Associates, INC - Notification that Gate Residential Properties, LLC, has submitted a Chapter 91 License Application to construct and maintain a 475-foot-long Boardwalk at the confluence of the Pines and Saugus Rivers;

September 7, 2021 - Lauren Rondon - 42 Arcadia Street - a request for a copy of the OOC issued for 40 Arcadia Street;

September 10, 2021 - Fort Point Associates,

INC on behalf of Gate Residential Properties, LLC - a notification for an application for a 401 Water Quality Certificate for 22 Whittin Ave.;

September 13, 2021 - Epsilon Associates, INC. on behalf of Boston Gas Company - courtesy notification of exploratory and geotechnical borings within existing roadways and that the activity is exempt under 310 CMR 10.02(2)2; and

September 27, 2021 - Inquiry from Evan J. Carignan of Geolnsight, Inc. asking whether hydrostatic testing of Irving oil tanks by taking water from the Chelsea River and then discharging it through the facilities oil water separator only requires a courtesy letter of notification.

The next meeting of the commission is scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 3, at 7:00. The deadline for submitting an item to be included on the agenda is October 21.

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- Financial Analyst, Technology Industry**
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SHIRLEY AVENUE NIGHT MARKET

By Marianne Salza

The City of Revere, Revere on the Move, The Neighborhood Developers, and Revere Cares presented the Shirley Avenue Night Market, the final event of the series, on October 9, in Sandler Square. Little ones decorated pumpkins with pipe cleaner mustaches and pompoms, and ate cotton candy on bales of hay. Vendors were selling natural, organic soaps, jewelry, and grains of rice with visitors' names written on them. A Covid-19 clinic administered vaccines, and Three at Home performed live pop folk music.

"We wanted to take this opportunity to use this space and activate it because it has been previously underutilized," said

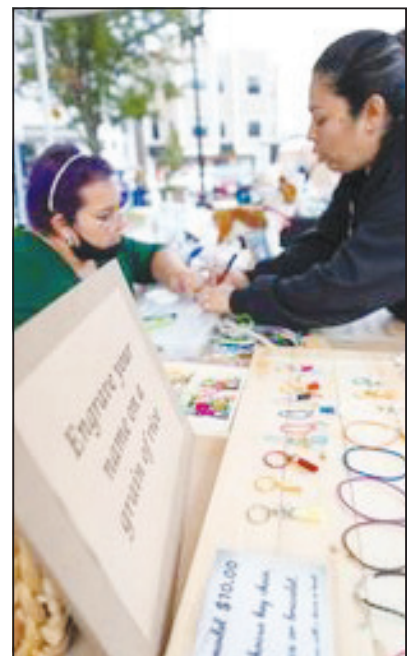


Malak holding her painted pumpkin, shown with her mother, Fatima.

Vanny Huot, Shirley Avenue Night Market Manager. "This summer, we were able to add benches and lighting, so I am excited. The idea behind this is a creative, economic strategy to promote emerging entrepreneurs and local businesses in Shirley Avenue."



Covid ambassador, Taous Boughari, with Marwa, Salma, and Leila Lamane, of the Revere Democratic Committee, and Chaimma Hossaini, Covid ambassador.



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Genesis and Mateo painting pumpkins.



Three at Home performing pop folk music.



Armando and Lucia Iquino with her painted pumpkin.



Manuel Carrero, Candidate for Revere City Council Ward 2, receiving a flu shot from Lauren Buck, Director of Public Health for Revere City Hall

The Wandering Witch/ Solarian Shop, selling scented candles, custom jewelry, and tarot readings.



Covid ambassadors, Britney Sao, Judy Tran, and Joela Goga, with Felipe Noleto.



Lydia Edwards, Democratic Candidate for Senate, greeting Faye Freeman.



Mark and Vickie Matter, of Salty Seadog Pugs, with Santa Mauricio, and Vanny Huot, Shirley Avenue Night Market Manager.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR BIASELLA



Candidate for School Committee Vanessa Biasella is shown with supporters holding signs at the Central Fire Station on Broadway on Thursday Oct. 7. Lots of beeps and waves made it a positive and welcoming event.

Mayor Brian Arrigo endorses Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky

Special to the Journal

Mayor Brian Arrigo announced his endorsement of Ira Novoselsky for re-election as Ward 2 Revere City Councillor.

“Ira Novoselsky has been fighting to improve Ward 2 for decades and I’m proud of the work we have accomplished together over the last six years,” said Mayor Brian Arrigo. “He grew up in Ward 2 and has delivered in a big way for the residents of Ward 2. His record of getting things done – everything from streets being repaved to new parks and playgrounds getting built – is second to none.”

“I am incredibly grateful for the support of Mayor Arrigo,” said Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselsky. “I understand the needs, goals and priorities of the residents of Ward 2. I have demonstrated that time and time again through my many accomplishments. Over the last few years we have been able to get many streets repaved in Ward 2, we’ve worked to renovate Curtis Park, we fought for the repair and replacement of public stairs in Ward 2 and we activated the George V. Colella Community Center at the Garfield School. Yet, there is still more work ahead and I will always fight for Ward 2, and I am proud of the work we have done together.”

Councillor Ira Novoselsky is committed to the constant improvement of quality of life for the residents of Ward 2. For two decades Ira has been relentless in his pursuit to improve Ward 2. He has worked with the small



Mayor Brian Arrigo with Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselsky.

businesses in Ward 2 to establish permit parking in the Shirley Ave. municipal parking lot to help avoid meter and street parking tickets and fought to bring 30 units of Veterans housing to Shirley Ave. Councillor Novoselsky has tak-

en every issue head on and continues to lead for the residents of Ward 2. As your full-time Ward 2 Revere City Councillor, Ira is always available by phone at 781-289-7031 and by email at ira_novoselsky@yahoo.com.

STANDING OUT FOR NOVOSELSKY



Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselsky (third from left) shown with supporters holding signs outside of Peter’s Super Beef on North Shore Road.

State Rep. and At-Large Councilor Giannino endorses Anthony D’Ambrosio for State Senate

Special to the Journal

“We are honored to receive the endorsement of State Representative and At-Large City Councilor Jessica Giannino,” said Anthony D’Ambrosio. “We are grateful for her continued support and partnership as our campaign works toward victo-

ry on December 14th.”

“I have known Anthony since we were kids. I can think of nobody better to serve as our next State Senator than him,” said Jessica Giannino. “His passion, intellect and fresh perspective are exactly what we need in the State Senate. I look forward to

serving with him in the Legislature.”



Candidate for State Senate Anthony D’Ambrosio and State Rep. Jessica Giannino.

CHRISTIAN MAJANO ENDORSES COUNCILLOR JOHN POWERS



Ward 5 City Councillor John Powers has received an endorsement from former opponent in Ward 5, Christian Majano. The following is his statement: “Christian is a neighbor of mine, and has a strong commitment to Ward 5, and the City of Revere. Christian is a family man, someone who understands the importance of being involved in the operation of local government, and speaking out on issues. I am honored and grateful to have his support in the coming election on Nov. 2, 2021”

RIZZO RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT



Dan Rizzo, candidate for City Council at large has received an endorsement from Joann Giannino who said, “I am proud to support my friend, Dan Rizzo”

Councilor Keefe invites you to the Ward 4 Pumpkin Patch and Halloween Celebration!

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OBITUARIES

Ronald Marciello

Longtime member and administrator of Revere Moose Lodge #1272



Graveside Services were held in Woodlawn Cemetery on Tuesday, October 12 for Ronald R. Marciello, 79, who passed away on October 6 following a brief illness.

Born in Boston, he attended local schools and was a graduate of Boston Latin High School. He soon enlisted in the U.S. Army and served honorably during the Vietnam Era.

Ronald then joined the workforce and worked of over 30 years in Finance & Loss Prevention at Filene's in Boston, retiring in 1997. He and his wife of 25 years, Sandra, resided in Revere for many years until moving to Peabody in 2014.

Ronald was a longtime member and administrator of the Revere Moose Lodge #1272.

The beloved husband of 25 years of Sandra L. (McComiskey) Marciello, Ronnie was the very proud surrogate "Dad" to Darlene Dawson and her husband, Stephen of Londonderry, NH, Kristine L. Brescia and her hus-

band, Scott of Everett and Heather E. Norman and her husband, Steven of Redwood City, CA; dear brother of Doreen DeAngelo of Revere and the late Gregory J. Marciello and his surviving wife, Donna M. Marciello of Florida, formerly of Revere; cherished "Papa" to Connor and Sean Dawson, both of Londonderry, NH, Dillon Brescia of Everett and "Sam" Alexander Norman of Redwood City, CA and the devoted uncle to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com

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Marilyn Hess Kucera

Educator and lifelong learner who lived life to the fullest



Marilyn Hess (Klink) Kucera's love, spirituality and wisdom did not come to an end when she left this world on October 5, 2021. Marilyn's legacy lives on through the lessons and love she generously shared with each one of her family members and neighbors.

Born to Alex and Eloise Hess in Buffalo, NY on July 8, 1940, Marilyn went on to become a skillful educator who was a lifelong learner herself. Her career began as a Buffalo Public School Teacher in the early 70's. Shortly after this, she was invited to become the Director of Consumer Sciences for the State Education Department in Albany, NY where she helped develop standards and curriculum. This enabled her to travel both domestically and internationally to research innovative educational models such as Study Circles with Herbert Blid in Sweden. Upon retirement, Marilyn continued as a volunteer literacy tutor in Revere. Additionally, she went on to join The Transition Network, a national non-profit organization of diverse and dynamic women who enjoy trying and learning new things. Over the years until the very last moment, Marilyn shared her passion for learning with countless students, colleagues, friend, and relatives.

Marilyn, fondly known as "Gmar," lived life to the fullest by enjoying the simplest pleasures of life, including people and nature. She reveled in watching the sunrise each morning, comparing each of "God's performances" to the palette of a favorite artist. She was known for her love of poetry and lived by the verse, "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may." Marilyn and her family enjoyed many summers at Saratoga Performing Arts Center watching Jazz Festivals and ballet.

In later years, she and the family enjoyed walks along Revere Beach to admire sand sculptures and trips to Twist 'N Shake for a soft serve ice cream. She was eternally grateful for God's blessings and embarked on a pilgrimage to The Camino de Santiago in Portugal and frequented The Abbey of Gethsemani in Bardstown, Kentucky where Thomas Merton studied (her favorite).

In later years, a spinal cord injury left Marilyn partially immobile, but she bounced back with the help of caring professionals at Spaulding Rehabilitation Center in Charles-

town. She continued to enjoy life to the fullest through the Massachusetts General Hospital Wellness Center in Revere where she met her close friend and partner, Dane Terry.

Marilyn was surrounded by family and friends until the very last moments. Marilyn is preceded in death by her husbands, Joseph Klink and Stan Kucera. She is lovingly survived by her four children and their spouses: Kathleen (Klink) and James Aiello; Joseph and Johanna Klink; Patricia (Klink) Gorham and Leonard Russo; Constance (Klink) and Dan Carman. Marilyn is survived by her grandchildren and their spouses: Lauren (Aiello) Lorraine; Philip Aiello; Jon and Melissa Aiello; Matthew Klink; Bethany Klink; Frank and Alison Gorham; Katherine Gorham; Shauna Gorham; Daniel and Christina Carman; Christian Carman and her great-grandchildren: Caroline and Ben Lorraine; Jolene, Hannah, and Jon Aiello; Brady and Archie Gorham. Additionally, Marilyn is survived by her siblings and their spouses: Kennon and Anne Hess; Kathleen and Al Miller, along with their children.

A visiting hour was held at the First Church of Winthrop, UMC, 217 Winthrop Street, Winthrop on Tuesday, October 12 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 10:30 a.m. Marilyn's final resting place will be in the Chapel at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, NY, on Saturday, October 30 at 12 p.m.

Marilyn would like to express gratitude to Pastor John for serving as an inspiration to love each one of our neighbors.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory can be made to Spaulding Rehabilitation at: <https://spauldingrehab.org/giving> or to First Church of Winthrop, UMC at 217 Winthrop Street, Winthrop, MA.

Funeral arrangements are from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. For guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Theresa "Terry" D'Amore

Retired teacher who made everyone around her feel happy and special



Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours today, Wednesday, October 13 in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere from 9 to 11:30 a.m., for Theresa L. "Terry" D'Amore, 72, who died on Saturday, October 2 at her home in Temecula, CA following a brave and courageous battle with cancer. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church (Corner of Beach St. & Winthrop Ave.) Revere at 12 Noon followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

For the safety of all visitors, please wear a face mask while attending the services.

Terry was born and raised in Revere and worked in Chelsea and Malden the majority of her adult life. Later she moved to Temecula, CA to carry on her honored profession as a school teacher, where she married Paul Cheffi, her soulmate for 42 years. Terry taught for 20 years in Chelsea and Malden and an additional 10 years in Temecula, CA before retiring and settling down in Temecula, where she loved the weather and location and various forms of entertainment.

Terry was a graduate of Immaculate Conception High School in Revere and of Suffolk University where she earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. She was fiercely devoted to her family and husband, made enormous time for and was immensely generous to all her nieces and nephews and all her family and made everyone around her happy and feel special. Always genuinely curious about everyone's comings and goings.

Full of energy, passion and a little adventurous, Terry was game for almost

anything and resolute in her beliefs. Terry's passion for life left a wake of friends and devoted colleagues who would do anything for her, and she for them. Later in life Terry become a great cook and met even more devoted friends in her post-retirement passions.

The beloved wife of 42 years to Paul Cheffi, she was the devoted daughter of Marie Louise D'Amore and the late I. Andrew D'Amore; loving sister of Cheryl Scheeler and husband, Bob Scheeler, David D'Amore, Paul D'Amore and his wife, Deborah Brown and her brother Andrew S. D'Amore and wife, Patrice M. Grant; adored and beloved aunt of Chelsea Scheeler, Christopher D'Amore, Jennifer Broderick, Amanda Piechocki, Joey D'Amore, Danielle D'Amore and Andrew D. D'Amore. Terry is also survived by numerous loving cousins, extended family and loving friends, both in Temecula, CA and Revere as well as grandnieces and grand nephews.

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

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Salvatrice "Sally" Pace

Retiree of Grover Manor Hospital and Viking Seafood



Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Thursday, October 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere for Salvatrice "Sally" Pace of Revere, who passed away on Sunday, October 10 surrounded by her loving family. Her Funeral will be conducted from the Funeral Home on Friday, October 15 at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m. immediately followed with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Sally was born in Pietraperzia Italy on June 11, 1936 and she moved to The United States in 1955. Sally retired after many years of employment at The Grover Manor Hospital and Viking Seafood in 2001.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Her sense of humor and larger than life personality is something that will resonate with all who had the pleasure to know her. Sally spent her time in her yard, at the gym, and in the kitchen with family and friends.

Her presence will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was the loving wife of 36 years to the late Biagio Pace; devoted mother of Vincent J. Pace of Revere and Richard S. Pace and his wife, Terry of Martinez, GA; cherished grandmother of Kayla Pace, Daniele Pace, Karly Pace, Maggie Pace and Kelsie Pace; adored great grandmother of Erin and Merideth; dear sister of Rocca Cilano of Revere, Maria Morello of Peabody, Nancy Penta of Revere and the late Biagio Pace.

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Marie Perrella

Revere School Department retiree



Marie (Frongillo) Perrella of Revere died on October 8 at the age of 92.

Marie worked as a bookkeeper and manager for over 30 years in the School Department for the City of Revere. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Marie was one of 11 children. She was born in Revere on February 10, 1929 to the late Andrew and Jeanette (DeMasse) Frongillo. She was the beloved wife of 69 years to the late John Perrella Sr., devoted mother of Janice Perrella of East Boston, Kenneth Perrella and his wife, Nancy of Revere and the late John Perrella Jr., cherished grandmother of 10 and adored great grand-

mother of 22. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral will be held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, October 13, at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A Visitation will be held today, Wednesday, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. For guestbook, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Happy 89th Birthday in Heaven

Frances D'Arcangelo



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OBITUARIES

Stephen Statuto

Highly educated and highly motivated, he was successful in all of his endeavors



Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Funeral Mass on Tuesday, October 19 at 12 Noon in the Immaculate Conception Church (Corner of Beach St. and Winthrop Ave.) Revere for Stephen A. Statuto, 78, who died on Friday, September 3 at the Dr. P. Philips Hospital in Orlando, Florida, following a brief illness. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

while he was hosting one of his many inner parties. He was an extraordinary cook and he always made people feel special in his company.

The beloved son of the late Aurelio and Elizabeth (DeRosa) Statuto, he was the loving brother of Anthony "Tony" Statuto and his wife, Grace D. of Danvers; cherished uncle of Anthony J. Statuto and his wife, Christine of Roy-alston, MA and Lauren E. Gleason of Ashburnham, MA; adored granduncle of Timothy J. Bailey of Sebring, FL and Christopher T. Bailey and his wife, Christie of Fitchburg, MA. Stephen is also lovingly survived by many cousins and all his many wonderful and loving friends and extended family in and around the Orlando, Florida area.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to The Home for Little Wanderer's, 10 Guest St., Boston, MA 02135.

The Staff at Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals is most honored to have assisted the family in completing arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit www.ver-tuccioandsmith.com.

William "Bill" Jackson

A "Colorful Character" – active in Revere politics

William J. "Bill" Jackson, 79, of Revere passed away in Needham on Thursday, October 7.

Born in Malden, a son of the late Willard A. and Anne C. (Henry) Jackson, he was a graduate of Needham High School. Bill also graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor's degree, received his Master's degree from Temple University and served two years in the Peace Corps in Liberia and Africa.

Bill worked as an assistant principal in Philadelphia, PA and then went on to work as the Director of several Blaine Beauty Schools until he retired. He travelled the world and enjoyed trips to Greece, Ireland, Morocco, Egypt, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Amsterdam and France.

Bill was a colorful character. He was active in politics in the City of Revere including the Revere

Political Journalism Symposium. Bill was involved with the annual Moroccan Festival in Revere, the Zahra magazine and the Boston International Film Festival.

He was the brother of Willard "Bunky" Jackson and his late wife, Anne, Christopher and his wife Pat, Jane Jackson, Delia "Dee Dee" Finneral and her late husband, Henry Thomas and his wife, Sharon and the late Maureen Jackson. Bill is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and his close friends: Tracey Neal and Tracey Neal Jr. of Philadelphia.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to Bill's Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church, 1360 Highland Ave, Needham, on Monday, October 18 at 10 a.m. For obit, directions or to share a memory of Bill, please visit www.eatonfuneralhomes.com.

10 years ago October 12, 2011

Fifteen new firefighters were sworn-in last Thursday in a ceremony that brought out so many people that there was literally nowhere to sit, stand or move in the City Council Chambers. All 15 raised their hands simultaneously and repeated the oath given to them by City Clerk Ashley Melnik, and at the same time Fire Chief Gene Doherty breathed a sigh of relief. The 15 new firefighters – hired mostly on the dime of a federal SAFER Grant – will most likely end the practice of having to close fire stations on a rolling basis, as has been done for the past few years. It will also stop the phenomenal drain of overtime money from the department's coffers this year. Mayor Tom Ambrosino said that the \$250,000 overtime budget was being used up at a rate of \$10,000 per week, which obviously wasn't sustainable.

The expanded gambling bill is expected to pass the State Senate this week where it has been discussed for almost nine days. Every aspect of the bill has been carefully scrutinized by senators all seeking to have some input before voting on the matter. If it passes the Senate, then it is on to the governor's desk for his signature.

The Thing, Puss in Boots, and Footloose are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago October 17, 2001

Gov. Jane Swift has signed legislation that removes the appointment of the Revere police chief from Civil Service. Mayor Thomas Ambrosino said a search committee for a new chief now will be formed.

Local Italian-Americans are observing Italian Heritage Month.

With America on heightened alert for possible terrorist attacks, anthrax is the latest threat being made known to the public.

DPW Supt. Don Goodwin defended the employees in his department against charges and attacks by members of the City Council at Monday's Council meeting.

School officials report that they are committed to reviving the music instruction program in the schools.

The Princess Diaries, Legally Blonde, and The Musketier are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Oct. 16, 1991

Mayoral candidates

REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS



Goldie Broomfield (right) entertains with magic fingers on the piano at the Jack Satter House in October of 1990.

Robert Haas Jr. and John Festa have agreed to a debate to be broadcast from the cable studio of Revere's public TV station KBLE at Revere High.

Congressman Edward Markey has announced a federal grant for a \$50,000 study of the brown algae problem at Lynn Beach that also is threatening to spread to areas along the Revere shoreline.

The Garfield Community Magnet School will be formally dedicated Sunday.

The Citizens for Limited Taxation has announced that Ann Rossi will be the group's coordinator for this senatorial district and Adele Toro will be the coordinator for the state representative district.

Little Man Tate, Cold As Ice, and Other People's Money are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Oct. 14, 1981

With all parties agreeing that the Atlantic Bank will be unable to meet a spring 1982 deadline, Revere officials met with Gov. Edward J. King and his cabinet members to work out a plan to get the development of Revere

Beach back on track.

Stakes races for each of the next three weeks promise a busy October at Wonderland dog track.

The French Lieutenant's Woman, Rich and Famous, and True Confessions are playing at the Sack Theatres at the Assembly Square Mall. William Holden and Julie Andrews star in S.O.B. at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

50 years ago October 14, 1971

Area residents turned up in force at the City Council Chambers to oppose any plans for an extension of I-95 to run through the city. Mayor George V. Colella said that any such plans would have the most significant impact upon Revere of any project in the city's history. Although Gov. Francis W. Sargent has declared a moratorium on new highway construction in the Metro Boston area, the Boston Transportation Planning Review Committee for the North Shore conducted the meeting to gauge local reaction to potential future development plans.

The bill filed by State Senator Joseph J.C. DiCarlo to shut down the

DeMatteo dump in Saugus is seen as paving the way for construction of a trash incinerator for the area.

A 1968 state law has rendered the MDC powerless to fluoridate the municipal water supply because the law allows each community to choose fluoridation for itself.

More than 300 persons attended a testimonial at Caruso's Diplomat for George Bonfiglio, head of the 27th Lancers, under whose direction the Lancers have become World Open Champions in their four years of existence.

There's a Girl in My Soup, starring Goldie Hawn, is playing at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago Oct. 19, 1961

Mayor Raymond Carey easily topped the field in the City Council primary election Tuesday, receiving 5249 votes. Fellow incumbent Thomas U. Kelley was a distant second with 4120 votes. Newcomer Frank Fiore was third, making him the favorite to take the seat being vacated by Carmine DiPietro. A total of 29 candidates ran for the council, with 15 failing to gain a nomination spot for the November final election.

Cohen Florence Levine Estates holds lively Country Western Day

Staff Report

Cohen Florence Levine Estates Assisted Living was recently transformed into a colorful country jamboree. Festivities included popular country music songs, Western style food, creative costumes and fun-filled games.

The Activity Room was the place to be as staff and residents participated in such games as "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" and "Bean Bag" toss. Residents and staff came decked out in cowboy hats, bandanas, cowboy boots, western vests and more. To top the day off, residents enjoyed an outdoor concert, led by beloved Jimmy Honohan, who performed a medley of country music songs such as "Hey Good Looking," "Your Cheating Heart" and "Margaretville." The highlight of the concert: residents were treated to line dancing by the staff. Who knew we had such a talented staff?

"Our Country Western Day was a huge success," said Kristen Donnelly, Executive Director of Cohen Florence Levine Estates. "It was hard to tell who enjoyed the day more – the residents or the staff!"

Let's hope that Country Western Day becomes an annual event at the assisted living.

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, a highly respected leader in senior living, employs over 1500 people and provides care to over

1200 individuals daily, with campuses in Chelsea, Peabody, West Roxbury and Longmeadow MA. Offering a full continuum of services, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare is redefining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The eldercare community includes a wide array of

short-term rehab and long-term care residences, ALS and MS specialized care residences, traditional and specialized assisted living options, memory care, independent living, adult day health, ventilator care, home care and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.



Megin Hemmerling, Senior Director of Assisted Living Services at Chelsea Jewish Lifecare and Jen Fazekas, Director of Marketing, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare.



CFLE Resident Sandra Maddeford at Country Western Day.



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Dan Rizzo formally announces candidacy for Councillor-at-Large

Dan Rizzo has formally announced his intention to run for City Councillor-at-Large. The following is his statement:

I am proud to announce my candidacy for City Councillor-at-Large.

The residents of Revere have given me the opportunity of a lifetime. You have elected me 7 times to the Revere City Council, and in 2012, to serve as Mayor of our city.

There are many things that I am proud of that was achieved during this time, some as a member of the Council; others as Mayor.

I helped establish the city's first ever stabilization fund, which led to an increase in both the city's

bond rating as well as a lower tax rate for every citizen. From 2012-2016 we more than doubled Revere's rainy-day fund from \$2.6M to \$5.8M.

I helped achieve our goal of building, rebuilding, and refurbishing a record number of city parks and playgrounds. As Mayor, I invested in amenities that matter to Revere residents- a new Harry Della Russo Stadium, a new Hill Elementary School, three (3) new Little League Fields at St. Mary's, and a re-energized Northgate Shopping Center with the addition of anchor tenant, Market Basket.

In an effort to revitalize our Central Business

District, I secured nearly \$8M in grants to renovate and revitalize Broadway, and then created a public/private partnership with local business owners to upgrade ten storefronts along its path.

I reduced the number of people working within city hall, while investing in public safety and lowering the crime rate by 20% over a four-year period through an increase in the number of police working to fight crime from 84 to 104 officers.

Our administration delivered on our promise to provide leadership during a time of crisis by guiding our city through our first ever recorded tornado



Dan Rizzo, candidate for Councillor-at-Large.

back in 2014, and then, going on to also help individuals and business owners cover their out of pocket expenses as a result of the storm by raising and distributing over \$250,000 through our Revere Tornado Relief Fund.

I was born in Revere, and have been blessed with a successful career, first in the military and later as a business owner, community activist, and public servant. I am a graduate of Emmanuel College.

I spent six years as a member of the United States Navy and served aboard the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Independence CV-62 participating in Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada as well as responded to crises around the world including the Persian Gulf and Beirut. During that time I earned the Naval Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and

hold the designation of Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.

Then, in 1986, along with my brother and father founded Rizzo Insurance Group where we have been part of Revere's business community since 1986.

I am married to Jane Fitzgerald Rizzo and have two sons, Ryan and Nicholas. We are also proud of our three granddaughters, Aryanna, Elayna, and Evelyn.

I respectfully ask for you to return me to your City Council by giving me one of your 5 votes for Councillor-at-Large on Election Day, Tuesday November 2.

Northeast School Committee member Caggiano meets with local officials about new school project

By Cary Shuman

Revere's Northeast Regional High School Committee representative Anthony Caggiano said after meeting with Mayor Brian Arrigo and Finance Director Richard Viscay, he is hopeful that the City of Revere will support its share of the funding for the new \$317 million school project being built in Wakefield.

"We had a meeting, and we went over the figures, and they were not against it, but they wanted to do more financial forecasting for the future, and they indicated they would get back to me on that," related Caggiano.

Last August, the Massachusetts School Building Authority approved the final design for the school and awarded \$141 million for the construction of the new school. In September, the Northeast Regional School Committee voted

to approve the project and proceed with construction.

While Mayor Arrigo declined to comment on Revere's status regarding the City supporting the Northeast school project at this time, Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino told the Chelsea Record last week that he would urge the Chelsea City Council to oppose the project.

"My objection to the project has nothing to do with its merits, which are unassailable," said Ambrosino. "My opposition is based on the cost and formula by which this cost will be apportioned among the member communities. Simply put, the project results in an annual cost to Chelsea that is unaffordable, and in my opinion, inequitable."

Chelsea's costs for the project would be approximately \$57 million, spread out over a 30-year period. No annual funding figures were released by officials

from Revere, which has a higher student enrollment at Northeast than Chelsea, with 252 Revere students currently attending the vocational school. There are 12 communities in the Northeast Regional School district.

Caggiano called the meeting with Arrigo and Viscay "positive."

"From the conversations, it seems like they're in favor of the new school, but they want to look at the finances from a 10-15-year perspective," said Caggiano.

He said he also met with State Reps. Jessica Giannino and Jeffrey Turco about the new school, and "they're in favor of the new school." Caggiano said he has not met with the Revere City Council.

Reps. Giannino and Turco have worked on state legislation that would allot an additional \$100 million for the Northeast school project through the

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). That funding would lower the annual costs for all 12 communities in the Northeast district, including Revere.

"The funding of increased opportunity for vocational education is critically important," said Turco. "Vocational education allows students in Revere and Winthrop the opportunity to enter the workforce as a skilled and trained practitioner of their craft. At the same time, the municipal cost share of building a new Northeast Regional Vocational School is simply unaffordable to many communities. For this reason, I was pleased to testify in favor of using Federal stimulus (ARPA) monies in the amount of \$300 million to subsidize the municipal portion of building three new vocational schools around the Commonwealth. Vocational schools represent

opportunity, and the use of this one-time Federal money is an appropriate use of this money."

Giannino expressed her support for building a new vocational school, and like Turco, she noted that communities might not be able to afford the additional debt they would incur from the construction costs.

"The students of the Sixteenth Suffolk District deserve the best opportunities and educational experiences that the Commonwealth have to offer," said Giannino. "With the current vocational schools reaching capacity, many qualified students are being put on waiting lists or not being accepted at all; this is hindering the opportunity of pursuing fruitful careers in the trades for less fortunate students. For this reason, building the new vocational school is important, however the taxpayers of Gateway City

communities like Revere and Chelsea, cannot afford the additional debt that is required to fund the new school.

"ARPA funding is a great opportunity to fill this gap and support a shovel-ready project like the new vocational school to ensure that the students of Revere, Saugus and Chelsea continue to receive a first-class education."

Caggiano said if any one of the 12 communities in the district decides to not support the new school project, there would be a vote in all 12 communities (in a special election).

"If the popular vote passes, we would go forward, but the project would be delayed, and that could affect our funding from the state - but it will affect our building costs," said Caggiano.

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rengia at 385 Main Street, Wakefield, Ma. 01880 or email John Verengia at amvjiv@verizon.net

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EIGHTH HUMAN CASE OF WNV IN MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts

Department of Public Health (DPH) last week announced the eighth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. The individual is a male in his 50s who was exposed to WNV in Middlesex County.

Twenty-seven communities in Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties are at high risk

and 71 communities are at moderate risk. There are no additional risk level changes associated with this new case.

"The risk from WNV is starting to decline but some risk will remain until the first hard frost," said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. "Although people over the age of 50

are at greater risk from West Nile virus, all ages can be affected. People should remember to take steps to prevent mosquito bites anytime they are outdoors."

In 2020, there were 11 human cases of WNV infection identified in Massachusetts. WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-menthane 3, 8-diol (PMD)], or IR3535 according to the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Con-

sider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

- Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

- Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools - especially after heavy rains. Water troughs should be flushed out to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and Eastern Equine Encephalitis

(EEE). If an animal is diagnosed with WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources' (MDAR) Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795 and to the DPH by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at www.mass.gov/MosquitoesandTick or by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.

D'AMBROSIO RESPONDS TO BOSTON'S CHANGE TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio has issued the following statement on Boston Mayor Kim Janey to change the name of the Columbus Day Holiday to Indigenous People's Day:

"Mayor Janey's actions have caused more division and anger in Boston and throughout Massachusetts. I am proud of my Italian immigrant roots. No insider politician's decision will change that.

This could have been done in a way that recognizes the plight of Indigenous people while not offending many Italian Americans.

When will political insiders learn? True leaders unite people not divide them."

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COUNCILLOR VISCONTI HOLDS RE-ELECTION RALLY



Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti and John Kingston, candidate for Revere School Committee.



Mayor Brian Arrigo and Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti.

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti hosted a campaign re-election rally at the Dryft. A capacity crowd of residents and colleagues in city government packed the establishment at 500 Ocean Ave. in support of Councillor Visconti's bid for re-election. Also in attendance was Councillor Visconti's family, including his

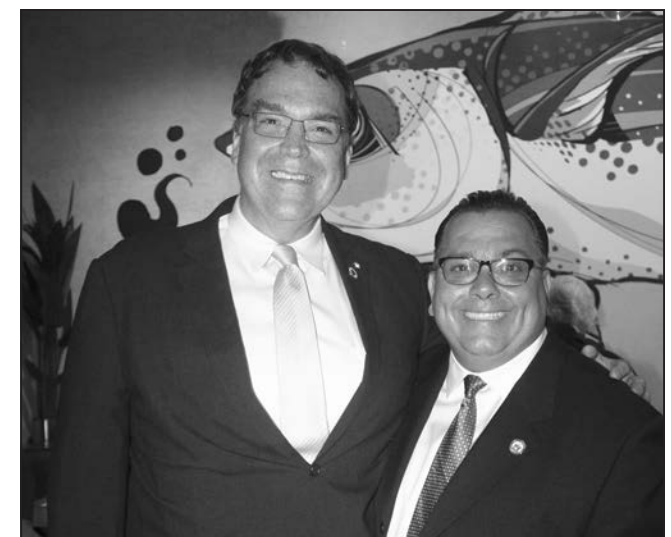
wife, Danielle Rose Visconti, and their children, Gerry, Sofia, Joseph, and Sabrina, who is a nationally ranked gymnast and Olympic Games hopeful. A first-term councillor-at-large, Visconti has been a very productive city official and garnered praise from his colleagues, who elected him as vice president of the Council for 2021.



School Committee member and State Senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio and Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti.



Ward 3 City Councillor candidate Al Terminiello Jr., Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti, and Jimmy Nigro.



State Rep. Jeffrey Turco and Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti.



Kevin O'Hara (right), president of Revere Firefighters Local 926, announced that the Firefighters Union has endorsed Gerry Visconti in his bid for re-election to the Revere City Council.



Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti and Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe.



Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti and retiring Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso.



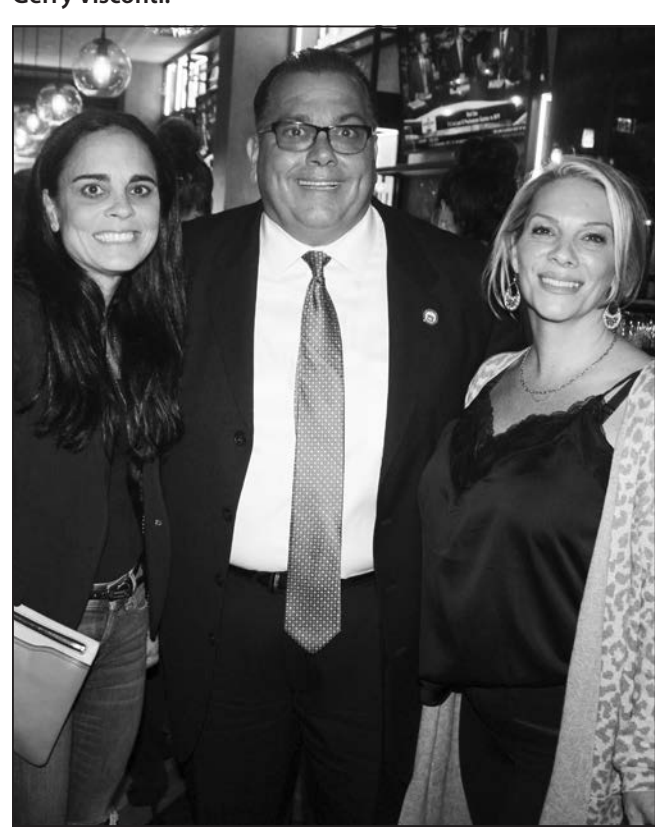
John Zuccaro and Cathy Zuccaro with Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti.



Mayor Brian Arrigo, School Committee candidate Vanessa Biasella, and Michael Biasella.



Danielle DiChiara, Rob Impemba, Revere Police Patrol Officers Union President Joe Duca, and Shannon Rich.



Annamaria Addonizio Spiriti, Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti, and his sister-in-law, Heather Rose.



The Visconti and Rose families were there in support of Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti, who is seeking re-election to the Revere City Council.



School Committee member Michael Ferrante, Kimberly Paul, Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti, and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky.



Gerry Visconti, with his wife, Danielle Rose Visconti, and their four children, Sofia, Joseph, Sabrina, and Gerry, at the campaign reception at Dryft.

REVERE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1965 HOLDS 55-PLUS-ONE (56TH) REUNION

Photos by Cary Shuman

Classmates and guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and desserts and musical entertainment by DJ Alan LaBella.

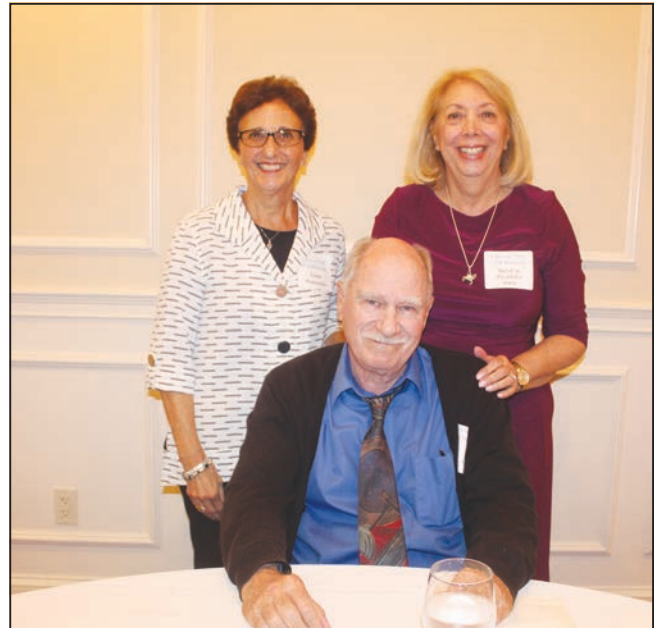
The Revere High School Class of 1965 celebrated its 56th Reunion Saturday at Casa Lucia.



Classmates John Stahl, Ira Novoselsky, and John Correggio.



Reunion Committee member Ira Novoselsky and DJ extraordinaire Alan LaBella.



Jon Aluisi (seated) with Linda Pennacchio and MaryLou Picariello Aluisi.



Bob DiLando, Karen DiLando, Kris Maggiore, Joseph Maggiore, Donna Masucci, and Dr. Peter Masucci.



Mike Pepe, Phil Lyons, John Correggio and Sandra Barletta Newman.



Seated, Dennis Stasio, Kathy Penney, Linda Tempesta Gulla, and Janice Tempesta Renda. Standing, Bob Davis, Bernice O'Hanley Blasi, Sandra Barletta Newman, Kiki Hanson Catizone, and Karen Marotta Findlen.



Shown above, The Class of 1965 Reunion Committee did a great job organizing the 56th class reunion. Seated, are Barbara Liberatore, Kathy Penney, and Kiki Catizone. Standing, are Edward Ciancarelli, Ira Novoselsky, and Joseph Cole.



Richard Keegan, Barbara Liberatore, and Lucille Spagnolo Merrick.

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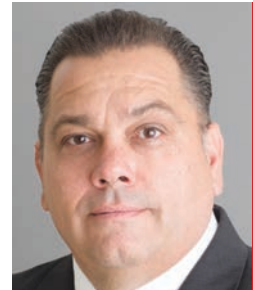
Classmates and cousins Gail Purcell Nichols and Dennis Tarentino.

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GOT IT: Wilmer Rodriguez Mejia catches a pass as he is hit by Malden's Shawn Bartholemew. See more photo on Page 17.



ACT LIKE YOU'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE: Revere's Davi Barreto calmly hands the ball to an official after scoring a touchdown during Revere's 46-6 win over Malden Thursday night.



PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA

SACK TIME: Defensive end Augusto Goncalves has Malden quarterback Matthew Bessey in his grasp for a sack.

Revere roars past Malden, 46-6, hosts powerful Everett Friday night

By Cary Shuman

The Revere High football team accomplished something against Malden that was likely unprecedented in the program's history: Pick-6's in the first and fourth quarters of a game.

Senior defensive back Addison Merida opened the scoring for Revere with a 58-yard return of an interception for a touchdown. Christopher Cassidy, a junior, closed the scoring with an 18-yard return of an interception.

In between, the Revere defense was similarly

dominating, leading to a 46-6 victory over Malden at Della Russo Stadium.

Revere (4-1) has been on a roll in the Greater Boston League, but now faces a tall order: a showdown for the GBL title against powerful Everett High, the top-ranked, public-school team in Massachusetts, Friday at 6 p.m. at Della Russo.

There were a series of big plays against Malden. Senior Mark Marchese continued his potent running with a touchdown that was set up by Davi Barreto's 37-yard run. Barreto scored later in the

first quarter on a 3-yard run.

Anwar Marbough had a quarterback sneak to increase Revere's lead to 27-0 in the first quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, Max Doucette forced a fumble that was recovered by Mohammed Amine Laareg. Barreto quickly turned it into a touchdown on a three-yard run for a 34-0 lead at the half. Offensive tackle Joel Vasquez and tight end Augusto Goncalves led the way to the end zone for Barreto.

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RHS SPORTS Roundup

STRONG WEEK FOR RHS VOLLEYBALL

The Revere High volleyball team won three of its four matches this past week to improve to 10-7 on the season and clinch a berth in the post-season state tournament.

After dropping a 3-0 contest to undefeated Lynn Classical last Monday, coach Lianne Mimmo's squad reeled off three straight triumphs against Greater Boston League opponents.

Last Wednesday, the Patriots shut out Lynn English, 3-0. Two days later, Revere edged Medford, 3-2. This past Monday the Revere squad celebrat-

ed Senior Night in fitting fashion with a 3-0 blanking of Chelsea.

"Each set in our match with Classical was competitive, but we were unable to hang onto our leads," said Mimmo. "In the contest with Medford, which is a very good team, we had lots of great contributions from Gianna Mahoney, Tassaya DaCosta, and Ayra Vranic."

Mimmo and her squad will close out their regular season this coming week. They will play at Malden today (Wednesday), trek to non-league opponent Winchester on Friday, and travel to Everett next Wednesday.

GOLFERS COMPETE AGAINST LYNN CLASSICAL

The Revere/Malden cop golf team competed against Lynn Classical this past week at the Gannon Municipal Golf Course in Lynn.

Seven members of the Tornado Patriots took part in the match: Alexio Trichillo, Saul Kruckenberg, Jacky Summers, Bo Bogan, Cristian Lynch, freshman Chase Branzell (who competed in his first varsity match and earned a 4.5-4.5 draw with his Classical counterpart),

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RHS LADY PATRIOTS ANNUAL FIELD HOCKEY ALUMNI GAME

Last Sunday afternoon the RHS Field Hockey Team and the RHS Alumni Field Hockey members gathered at Della Russo Stadium for the annual alumni game, celebrating 45 years of Field Hockey at RHS. It was a great af-

ternoon to rekindle friendships of players of the past and make new ones as well. This annual fundraising event is always a treat for all the players and their family and friends in attendance.



Alannah Burke adds eye black to teammate Olivia Morris.



RHS Parents Club organizers, Cassie Santos and Annalisa Qualtieri.



RHS Field Hockey Lady Patriots warm up before the match.



Alumni. Brianna Scatta "2011" Denise Martin "1985" and Racquel Mac Donald "2012".



The 2021 RHS Lady Patriots Field Hockey Team.



The 2021 RHS Lady Patriots Alumni Field Hockey Team.



Lady Patriot Naiyla Lodge with her parents, Tacuma and Janae Mevonei.



Juliana Bolton and her Aunt Carleen Was-taferro.



RHS lady patriot Alum, Julianna Raffa with her parents, Gina and Ovi.



Go Team, Kim Vittorioso, and Susan and Kayla Martelli.

Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

and Colby Parker. The final score showed Classical coming out on top by a score of 47-25.

Coach Brandon Pez-zuto and his crew were scheduled to take on Lynn English yesterday (Tuesday) and Medford tomorrow (Thursday).

BIZARRE CROSS COUNTRY RACE FOR RHS TEAMS

Both the Revere High boys and girls cross country teams competed against Malden on the latter's home course at Pine Banks, but poor marking along the course resulted in members of both teams losing their way and ultimately running much

further than they should have.

"Over half of the team got lost due to some ambiguous markings along the course, resulting in girls running almost 3/4 of a mile extra," said RHS head girls coach Katie Sinnott. "As a result, three of my top five finishers finished in places that wouldn't have really been their place."

"I believe we may re-score the results here at the league meet since these are rather unofficial," added Sinnott. "The best I can make out for a score is Malden 27-Revere 35, though it may also be Revere 27-Malden 28. There is one time that I am not sure whether it was for a

Malden girl or not.

"If no one had gotten lost on the course, I believe we would have won," continued Sinnott. "Rocio Gonzalez was leading the race until the point of getting lost, but that then caused her and two other runners to go the extra distance, pushing their places back at least four or five spots."

"Despite getting lost, these runners did not give up and pushed through the rest of the course. Knowing you are already out of the race and already behind, but not giving up on it, is huge," Sinnott added. "This shows how mentally tough the team is and the grit and heart that these girls have. So despite

some disasters along the route, I am proud that the girls didn't quit. Now we are more motivated to go out strong in the league meet!"

The individual results for the girls were as follows:

- Carly Bennett - 25:41
 - Rocio Gonzalez - 29:01
 - Yasmin Riazi - 29:01
 - Christy Ly - 29:30
 - Samantha Solis - 34:52
 - Maajda Louaddi - 34:53
 - Jessica Medina - 46:20
- Coach Mike Flynn's boys also took a wrong turn along the course. "Unfortunately, three of my five runners got lost on the course, so we couldn't score it," said Flynn.

Both the boys and girls teams are scheduled

to host Chelsea today (Wednesday) and will trek to Somerville next Wednesday.

MIXED WEEK FOR RHS BOYS SOCCER TEAM

The Revere High boys soccer team engaged in four matches with Greater Boston League opponents in the past 10 days, dropping two, tying one, and winning the fourth.

In a 2-1 loss to Malden, Keny Guerrero Alvarez scored the Revere goal, assisted by Brayan Henao.

After dropping a hard-fought 1-0 decision to first-place Everett and deadlocking Somerville to a nil-nil standoff, the

Patriots broke into the win column with a 3-1 triumph at Lynn Classical last Thursday.

Junior Felipe Maia scored two goals for coach Manny Lopes's squad, with teammate Jefferson Pineda Mejia also reaching the back of the Classical net. Captain David Paiva, Kevin Rivas Flores, and Keny Guerrero-Alvarez all were credited with assists.

Lopes and his crew were scheduled to play at Lynn English yesterday (Tuesday) and will host Medford tomorrow (Thursday). They will entertain Chelsea next Tuesday.

The Committee of the Tina Hinojosa Scholarship Fund would like to thank everyone that came out last Sunday to support our first annual soccer tournament. Thank you to all the teams, volunteers and donors. A special thank you to our sponsors.

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RHS PATRIOTS DOMINATE MALDEN AT HARRY DELLA RUSSO STADIUM

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Thursday Night Football—Revere style—was a smashing success as the Patriots thrashed Malden 46-6. The Pats opened

and closed their scoring with “Pick-6” touchdowns on interceptions by Addison Merida to start the onslaught and Christopher Cassidy to top off the rout. Things will get a little

more challenging Friday when Revere, 3-0 in the Greater Boston League, welcomes the unbeaten Everett Crimson Tide for a 6 p.m. game at Harry Della Russo Stadium.



ADD SIX MORE: Walter Rodriguez (60), Syllis Davis (2) and Christopher Cassidy (20) celebrate Cassidy’s “Pick 6” interception return for a touchdown boosted Revere to a 46-0 lead.



PATRIOTIC MOMENT: Revere players stand for the National Anthem after the RHS Color Guard unfurled a giant US flag before the game.



FIRST SIX: The official signals touchdown and Revere’s Felipe Cotta (8) celebrates with Addison Merida after Merida intercepted a pass and returned it 60 yards to put Revere up 6-0 and begin a 46-6 win Thursday night at Harry Della Russo Stadium.



IN THE GRASP: Revere’s Mohammed Amine Laareg makes sure that Malden’s Alexander Avalos doesn’t get away.



NOT IN MY HOUSE: Revere’s Sami El Asri breaks up a pass intended for Malden’s Davien McGuffie.

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Sami El Asri scored on a well-executed 10-yard end-around play for a 40-0 advantage. Cassidy then skillfully grabbed a pass that was tipped by a Malden player and took it to the end zone for the final touchdown.

“I thought our defense set the tone,” said Coach Lou Ciatelli. “We had two Pick-6’s, Jason Shoho had three sacks and blocked a punt. He has a monster game. He also blocked really well on our sweep plays and inside runs. Max Doucette had two sacks; Augusto Goncalves had a sack – we were all over the place.

And now comes Everett (4-0), who is undefeated and again one of the top-ranked teams in Massachusetts.

Everett won this past spring’s showdown versus Revere at Everett Memo-

rial Stadium. With this being Everett’s first game in more than two decades and with a title on the line, a huge crowd is expected at Della Russo Stadium. Everett has two of the state’s most prolific talents in wide receiver Ish Zamor, who has committed to Boston College, and running back JC Clerveaux, who has an offer from Georgetown University.

“It’s going to be a tough one,” said Ciatelli. “They do a lot of good things. It’s simple football on their end – they give the ball to their best players, and they have a lot of them. All their running backs are a threat to take it to the house every time. We know what Everett does. The problem is, can we stop it. We’re going to do our best, I can tell you that.”



PIVOTAL PIVOT: Revere’s Mark Marchese pivots and escapes a Malden defender and then found clear sailing to the end zone to put Revere up 13-0.



ROAD GRADER: Max Doucette (55) clears a path for Revere’s Wilmer Rodriguez Mejia.

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RHS PATRIOTS FIELD HOCKEY VS. MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL

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The Patriots controlled the ball and kept the pressure on Malden throughout the fourth period but were denied a tying goal.

Revere dropped a 2-1 contest to Malden in field hockey Saturday at Harry Della Russo Stadium.



Revere Captain Alannah Burke breaks up an advance by Malden's David Flores.



Revere Captain Bella Borges tries to stickhandle around Malden's Darryn Ho.



Revere Captain Skyla DeSimone gets of a shot in front of Malden's Jason Chen.



Jordan Martelli gets a shot on net as Revere pressed to tie the game in the fourth quarter of the Patriots' 2-1 loss to Malden Saturday at Harry Della Russo Stadium.



Ana Kalliavas (6) tries to regain control of the ball.



Nathalie Ramcharan (31) fights to get control of a bouncing ball in front of the Malden goalie Peyton Lightbody

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Revere goalie Shayna Smith fends off a crowd in front of her net as teammates Arianna Greenman (23) and Bella Borges (3) help out.



Captain Skyla DeSimone leans into a shot in front of a Malden defender.



Captain Alannah Burke (19) tries to break up a clearing pass by Malden's Darryn Ho.



Revere Nathalie Ramcharan (31) defends against Malden's Darryn Ho.

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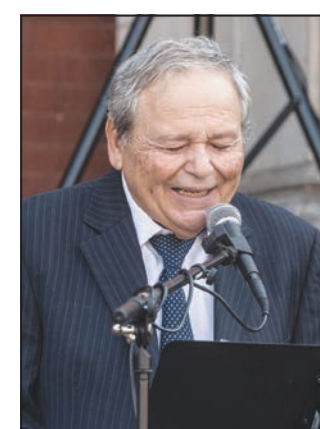
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The City Of Revere held its annual ceremony at the start of Columbus Day weekend to celebrate Italian heritage and the

City Of Revere's history of inclusion to all. Italian music and food were offered as speakers shared their experience as Italian-Americans.



Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo addresses the gathering in front of City Hall.



Enzo Amara sings Ellitaliano to begin the event.



Bob Marra, former chief of staff for Mayor Arrigo, served as MC for the event.



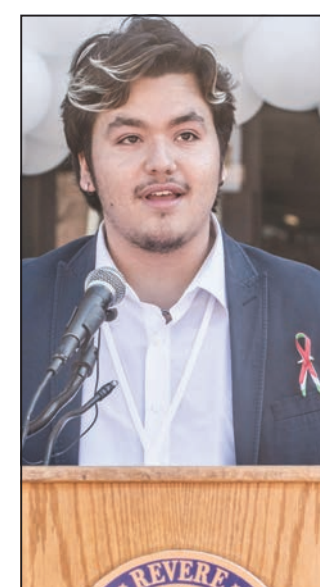
Revere City Councilor Ira Novoselsky and Massachusetts State Rep. Jessica Ann Gianniino listen to Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo.



Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo speaks to the gathering about the contributions of the Italian- American community. Noting that they "honor our own home town, the great city of Revere, that has long been today and contours to be a community filled with the dreams of those who come here".



Massachusetts State Rep. Jessica Gianniino shares her own family experiences as Italian-Americans. "When you think about October as Italian National Heritage Month think about all the families it represents"



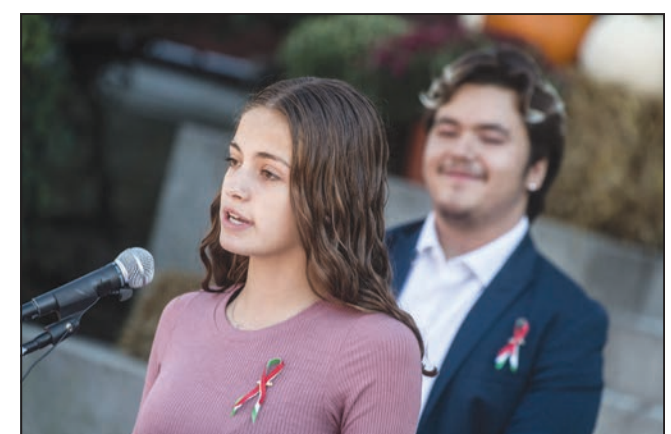
Revere High School Italian Honor Student Daniel Cardona addresses the gathering in Italian.



State Rep. Jeff Turco reflected on the struggles Italian immigrants had when establishing themselves in America and noted that the ceremony was "an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of Italian Americans not just to Revere but the entire country". Celebrate our pride celebrate our history, celebrate our people but also celebrate the fact that Revere is a new Revere the Italian immigrants of yesterday are the Spanish immigrants of today and the Muslim immigrants of today and tomorrow"



The National Anthems of the United States and Italy are sung.



Revere High School Italian Honor student Carolina Bettero provides an English translation to fellow student Daniel Cardona's speech.



Irma Atcettullo enthusiastically greets Massachusetts State Rep. Jeff Turco.



John Verrengia makes sure his friends Bagel and Felix get to enjoy some of the Italian food available for attendees.



Revere High School Italian-American Honor students Sophia Perno and Emily Buss.



Revere City Councilors City Councilors Ira Novoselsky and Patrick Keefe.



Massachusetts State Rep. Jeff Turco with Enzo Amara who serenaded attendees with Italian songs.



The Italian flag, provided by the Revere Knights Of Columbus, flies under the flag of the United States.



Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo speaks with constituent Janine Grillo Marra.



Massachusetts State Rep. Jessica Gianniino shows off her homemade Italian-American pin.

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Baker appoints several new directors to MBTA Board

Staff Report

Gov. Charlie Baker today appointed the seven-member Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Board of Directors and designated Betsy Taylor as chair. In July, Governor Baker signed legislation that established a new, permanent board of directors for the MBTA.

"I am pleased to appoint this distinguished group that together will bring years of leadership and knowledge to serve on the MBTA Board of Directors," said Governor Charlie Baker. "The expertise and diversity of perspectives that make up this Board will allow the MBTA to continue to focus on providing safe and reliable service to riders as it invests record levels of funding across the system, and I am thankful for the Board's willingness to serve."

"The guidance and insight of this Board will be valuable and significant as the MBTA continues to build a resilient and robust system working with multiple communities," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We look forward to working with the Board to maintain the MBTA's progress."

The Administration previously proposed the Board in its Fiscal Year 2022 budget recommendation and before that, in its Fiscal Year 2021 budget recommendation, to replace the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) created by the Administration following the winter of 2015.

"The MBTA has become a safer, more reliable and equitable service provider that riders

can depend on thanks in large part to the dedicated, strategic and transparent leadership provided over the last few years to address a system that had been overlooked and neglected," said Transportation Secretary & MassDOT CEO Jamey Tesler. "As the MBTA turns this corner, and we collectively emerge from the pandemic, the General Manager and his team are well positioned to continue to address ridership and revenue challenges, while successfully building on the record capital investments and customer-focused initiatives that have improved on-time performance, safety and reliability. I look forward to working with the Directors to serve as a strategic resource, and see that the MBTA's progress continues."

"The MBTA looks forward to working with and receiving direction from the new Board as we continue to invest in the system and build back better, more equitable service for our current and future riders," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. "We're committed to working with the new Board to continue to invest billions of dollars, not only this year, but in the coming years, to modernize MBTA infrastructure and to continue to make dependable improvements for our riders in order to provide the safest, fastest service possible."

By statute, the MBTA Board of Directors will consist of seven members. The Secretary of Transportation will serve as an ex-officio member. The MBTA Advisory Board appoints one member who has municipal government

experience in the MBTA's service area and experience in transportation operations, transportation planning, housing policy, urban planning or public or private finance. The Governor appoints the remaining five members, including a rider and resident of an environmental justice population, and a person recommended by the President of the AFL-CIO.

The appointment of five new board members to the MBTA Board of Directors marks the first step in addressing transportation issues in not only Revere, but all over the Commonwealth," said Mayor Brian Arrigo. "There is certainly a lot of work ahead for the new Board, but I have faith they will make strides to develop the MBTA into a more equitable, convenient, and accessible transportation authority."

Betsy Taylor (Chair) has served as the Treasurer and Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee for the MassDOT Board since 2015. During this time, she inspired the creation and hiring of a department-wide Chief Compliance Officer and is a Co-chair of the Allston I-90 Financing Team. Previously, Taylor worked at the Massachusetts Port Authority from 1978 to 2015 in a variety of financial roles and continues to serve as an elected board member of the Massport Employee Retirement system. While at Massport, she established the Authority's first Treasury Department in 2001, and secured and maintained its Aa3, AA-, and AA credit ratings. Taylor also worked for the University of Massachusetts, Boston

as the Assistant Director of the Office of the Budget. A longtime resident of Massachusetts, Taylor received her Bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and her MBA from Stanford University.

Robert Butler serves as the President of the Northeast Regional Council of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART), a post he has held since May of this year, as well as serving as the Vice President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. Previously, Butler served as the Business Manager of Sheet Metal Workers Local 17, where he was responsible for managing over 5,000 Union members and oversaw millions of dollars in investments and Union funds. Butler spent almost 20 years as a Journeyman in Local 17, giving him a strong understanding of the needs of trade employees that he uses to advocate for worker's rights.

Thomas "Scott" Darling is an independent consultant where he provides advice and expertise to organizations to help them improve their safety, security, environmental, and change management performance. Previously, Darling served as the Chief of Safety, Security, & Control Center Operations for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), where he directed the function and Activities of the CTA's Safety Department. He also served as for three years as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator at the United States Department of Transportation after being confirmed by the Senate. Darling had previously served at the Federal

Motor Carrier Safety Administration as the Acting Administrator and as its Chief Counsel. Darling also worked at the MBTA from 2008 to 2012 as a Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant General Counsel, as well as working for the Conservation Law Foundation from 1999 to 2005 in various capacities. He received his Bachelor's degree from Worcester's Clark University and later went on to receive his Master's degree from Tufts University and his Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School.

Travis McCready is the Executive Director, US Life Sciences Market for JLL. Before this, McCready most recently served as President and CEO of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, and before that, the Vice President of Programs for The Boston Foundation (TBF). In this role he focused the TBF's grant awards on education, health, economic development, the arts and local neighborhoods. McCready previously served as TBF's Chief of Staff and Corporate Secretary from 2001 to 2003. From 2010 to 2013 McCready was the Executive Director of the Kendall Square Association, where he increased membership and represented the organization as a member of Governor Patrick's Economic Development Advisory Committee. McCready also has experience working at the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority in a variety of leadership roles and as Director of Community Affairs for Harvard University. He received his Bachelor's degree from Yale University and his Juris

Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Mary Beth Mello is the principal at Mello Transportation Consulting, where she helps consult with the MassDOT Rail and Transit Division on matters related to the Commonwealth's Regional Transit Authorities. Previously, Mello worked at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) from 1993 to 2010, first as a Deputy Regional Administrator and then later as the New England Regional Administrator. While there, Mello oversaw federal funding for a variety of local initiatives, including the MBTA's Green Line Extension project and Connecticut's Walk Bridge Railroad Bridge Replacement project. She received several awards while working at the FTA, including the USDOT Secretary's Gold Medal and Silver Medal. Mello is a graduate of Smith College, where she received her Bachelor's degree, and Boston University, where she received her Master's degree.

The MBTA Advisory Board has appointed Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch as its designee.

"The appointment of a new Board of Directors of the MBTA is a milestone to be celebrated. I look forward to the new Board bringing to focus the stabilization of T finances and the need to focus on increased ridership. For many residents of Revere and Winthrop, the MBTA is a lifeline to medical, social and economic opportunity," said State Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco.

RHS SPORTS *Through the Years*

10 years ago October 13, 2011

The Revere High football team roared back from a 20-6 deficit in the first half to post a 42-33 triumph over Cambridge Friday evening at the Cantabs, home field. Coach Lou Ciatelli, Patriots (who for the fifth consecutive week once again set the standard for their professional namesakes) improved to 4-1 on the season, the best start for an RHS football team in many years. Two Revere scoring drives to bookend the intermission proved crucial in turning the momentum in Revere, favor. Captain Drew Lauria, who enjoyed a career day with five touchdowns and 175 yards rushing, scored

his second TD of the game on a 68 yard pass play and then added the two point conversion to draw the Pats within 20-14 before the half ended. Revere defensive end Oscar Desjardins then recorded a key turnover when he pounced on a Cambridge fumble on the second play of the second half to give the Pats the ball at their own 40. Five plays later the Pats hit paydirt and Jeff Simbert, who had a fine night hitting on five of six PATs, kicked the extra point to give Revere a 21-20 advantage, which would prove to be a lead they never would relinquish. In addition to Lauria on the offensive side, other Pats who played key roles were sophomore tailback Tom Portrait, who scored a TD on a 26 yard scamper and picked up more than 100 yards on the night, and quarterback Joe Ritchie, who tossed the 68 yard TD pass to Lauria and who did a fine job all evening directing the Revere attack. On defense, Ciatelli lauded the play of middle linebacker and captain Rob Sasso, whose tackle stats reached double digits, and Ritchie from his defensive back post.

20 years ago October 17, 2001

The RHS football team faltered in the second half to drop a 36-18 decision to Peabody. Mike Silvestri scored three touchdowns, including a kick-off return for 85 yards, and Danny

DeCristoforo displayed some NFL-quality punting for the Patriots.

Diana Odoardi, a star for the RHS basketball team in the late 1980s, has been inducted into the Southern New Hampshire University Hall of Fame, where she is that schools' all-time leader in assists, steals, and games played.

30 years ago Oct. 16, 1991

The RHS football team defeated Everett for the first time since 1974 with a 34-32 win under the lights at Harry Della Russo Stadium. RHS quarterback Karl Bussey lit up the scoreboard for the Pats with 7-for-10 passing in the first half, good for 175 yards and four TDs, three of which were caught by Brandon Vasapoli. Mike Mucci also ran for a score.

The recent first annual Ocean City 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament was a big success.

40 years ago Oct. 14, 1981

RHS seniors Donna and Diane Weeder ran to first and second place finishes in the prestigious Manhattan College Invitational cross country race held in Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, N.Y. Donna topped the field of 231 runners over the 2.5 mile course with a time of 15:35, with twin sister Diane right behind in 15:38.

Linebacker Bernie Bussey was immense on defense and quarterback



PHOTO BY JODY SCIOLETTI

BEAT YOU TO IT: In 1988, Revere's Medaro Rodrigues heads off a Cambridge player in a soccer match.

Rich Finelli tossed TD passes to Brian Murphy, Brian Mucci, and Rob DeSisto to lead the RHS football team to a 29-6 rout of Chelsea. DeSisto also returned a kickoff 75 yards for a TD.

50 years ago October 14, 1971

The RHS football team demolished Chelsea, 41-6, powered by two touchdowns each by Joey Festa and Lou Duguie. Festa rushed for 103 yards on 11 carries.

The Immaculate Conception High football team defeated St. Clement, 14-0. Tim Staub scored a TD on 145 yards rushing and Mike Cunningham also scored a TD.

60 years ago Oct. 19, 1961

The RHS football team

dropped a 20-6 decision to Spaulding High School of Rochester, N.H. before 6000 fans at the Rochester field. Bill Cataldo scored the lone Revere touchdown on a three-yard run.

70 years ago Oct. 18, 1951

Al Vigliotti scored the only TD for Revere on a 33-yard run in a 19-6 loss to Chelsea before 5000 fans at Chelsea Memorial Stadium.

The Immaculate Conception High football team defeated Immaculate Conception of Newburyport 18-7 before 1500 fans at Paul Revere Stadium Sunday afternoon. Johnny O'Connor tossed a TD pass to Jim Page, Joe Gallant ran 21 yards for a TD, and Neil Harrington scored on a one-yard plunge to account for the

IC touchdowns.

80 years ago October 16, 1941

The RHS football team dropped its fourth game of the year to Arlington Saturday, 33-6, and will travel to the New Bedford Vocational School Friday night. Silvio Cella scored the Revere touchdown when he snared an errant pass from quarterback Pete Sarno that had been intended for teammate Rubin, but which had been batted into the air by an Arlington defender.

The Immaculate Conception High football team dropped its first game of the season to St. Mary, 9-0, Sunday. The team will host Mission High of Roxbury this Sunday afternoon at the new Paul Revere Stadium.

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Jimmy Celona performs at the Patriot Civic Club.

Photos by Cary Shuman

Revere's one and only Jimmy Celona, who has played the bright lights of Las Vegas to the footlights of the Revere Moose Club on Broadway in Revere, has returned to the stage after a two-year hiatus.

The coronavirus pandemic had sidelined the popular entertainer from performing in front of live audiences, but Celona is back and better than ever, and the world-class vocal-



Jim McCarthy, former bank president, is pictured with Jimmy Celona, who received a warm ovation from the audience in his return to the stage.



Freddie Battista, Tina Battista, and Chris McKenna enjoyed Jimmy Celona's show at the Patriot Civic Club.



Al Terminello Jr., candidate for Ward 3 city councillor, and his partner, Rose Pellegrino, join entertainer Jimmy Celona, for a photo before his show at the Patriot Civic Club.



Mr. Jimmy Celona, with his proud daughter, Meghann Celona, before taking the stage for his show.

ist brought his considerable talents to the Patriot Civic Club for a show Sept. 24.

A United States Army veteran, Celona delighted the crowd with a splendid performance that featured songs by, Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Dean Martin, and other favorites.

The guests also enjoyed a buffet dinner that was prepared and catered by Mr. Celona's daughter, Meghann Celona, who has studied in the field of culinary arts.

REVERE FARMER'S MARKET
VENDOR SPOTLIGHT
Mann's Garden Center

By COVID Ambassador, Joela Goga

Mann's Garden Center may not look the same today compared to its original brick and mortar display, but the heart and passion for gardening remains intact regardless of the decades that have passed.

35 years ago, Brianna Mann's grandfather opened Mann's Garden Center, a business that thrived in the city of Malden. Growing up, Brianna

worked with her grandfather, and this time together gave her the key skills and crucial knowledge that she would need for her future business.

Graduating college in 2015 with a degree in horticulture, but Mann's Garden Center being sold a week prior, Brianna decided to reopen the business in the fall of that same year. She kept the name, Mann's Garden Center, in honor of her grandfather who had passed.

Mann's Garden Center started in Revere as a physical location, but would close when Brianna began attending the Revere Farmer's Market in the 2016 season as a mobile business, of which it continues to be to this day.

This unique style of business allows her the chance to speak to many customers who attend the different events Revere holds, and Brianna herself explains how important these conversations are for

her business.

Her goal is to provide the right products for the people that visit her, and in order to do that, she listens to their needs. In particular, Brianna recalls a time when Revere residents expressed to her their love for indoor plants, of which she did not possess at the time. Now, they are one of her best sellers. Brianna genuinely listens to her customers, an important trait for any business own-

er, and one that helps explain why Mann's Garden Center is so well-liked and popular in the city.

Her delight for answering plant and garden related questions does not stop when the Revere Farmer's Market closes or when a specific event ends. Brianna emphasizes how much she enjoys helping people with their plant concerns or inquiries. She welcomes these questions at any time, and wants to be a resource

that customers can rely on.

When asked what her favorite part is about owning a business, Brianna proudly states that it would be continuing her family legacy in a different way.

"I'm the little business that could," Brianna happily says.

Come visit Mann's Garden Center at the Revere Farmer's Market next year to find the perfect plant to take home for you.



Brianna Mann of Mann's Garden Center at her stand at the Revere Farmers' Market.

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REVERE PARKS & REC PRESENT THE BARK-TOBER FEST AT THE AC WHELAN SCHOOL

By Marianne Salza

Dogs bobbed for tennis balls and ran through an obstacle course during the October 10 Bark-tober-Fest, presented by Revere Parks and Recreation. Canine superheroes, tacos, and pumpkins pranced around the AC Whelan

School during a costume contest and parade. Dogs nose-painted with peanut butter and ate ice cream and cupcakes treats. Families also enjoyed a demonstration by the Revere Police Department K-9 Unit, and dancing and Frisbee tricks by Flying High Dogs.



Dexter nose painting with peanut butter.



Revere residents, Jayla and Gianna Gulla, with Lucy.



Kelly, Kathi, and Bob Denning, Nikolas Brevde, Duffy, and Murphy.



Bobby, Nanci, RJ, and Toby Haas.



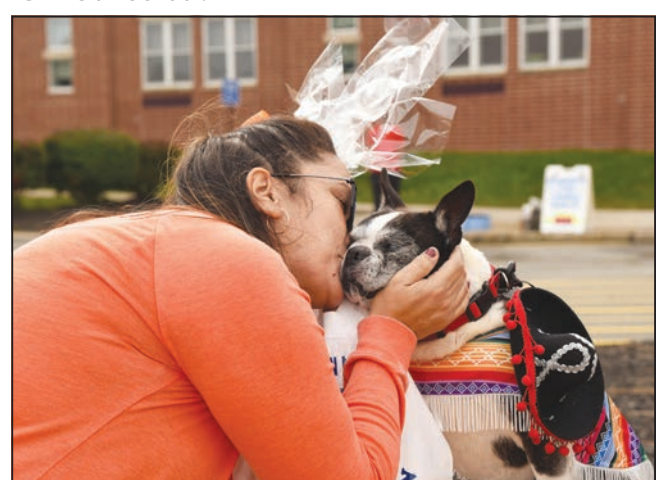
Families walking in the costume parade during the Revere Parks and Recreation Bark-tober-Fest on October 10, at the AC Whelan School.



Mojo, of Flying High Dogs, back flipping.



Fiorella and Elizabeth Palacios with Benito.



Sabrina Renna, of Winthrop, kissing Harley, the first place costume contest winner.



Coco, dressed as Superman, with his family.



Revere residents, Nathan, Jorge, Sophia, and Marilu Vetancur, with Princess as a mermaid.



Shown to the left, Revere residents, Corrie and Kali, with their four-legged friend, Marley.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

OUTDOORS DINING IS EXTENDED

CHELSEA - Initially proposed in Chelsea and other communities throughout the country as a way to improve business for restaurants during the Covid-19 pandemic, on Tuesday, the Traffic and Parking Commission unanimously voted to extend outdoor dining for another 12 months.

"There are three restaurants that have really embraced the outdoor dining program, all on Broadway," said Public Works Director Fidel Maltez. "They have done a good job with outfitting their spots with Jersey barriers, and one of them even has a flooring system."

When it was initially approved by the traffic commission, Maltez said the plan was to review the program in October.

"We have reviewed it, and the three restaurants that have it have been successful," said Maltez. "What I am requesting is we grant them the approval to keep their spots and occupy them for another 12 months."

Alexander Train, the Director of Housing and Community Development, said making the outdoor dining program more permanent could entice other restaurants to take part.

"The restaurants that have embraced this have reported that it has been generating business for them throughout the pandemic by providing an outdoor location where people can feel safe and comfortable gathering," said Train. "Our hope is that by making this permanent, more restaurants will really see the justification of making the investment in these spaces. Some of the restaurants that we coordinated with at the beginning of the program didn't want to expend the money on making these outdoor dining areas because it was a temporary program, so I'm pretty optimistic that by making this permanent, we would see more outdoor dining in the downtown."

Increasing the number of restaurants providing outdoor dining would improve the streetscape of the city and benefit small businesses, Train said.

While the motion to extend outdoor dining passed unanimously, there were some concerns raised about some of the outdoor dining spaces being close to crosswalks, and making sure the crosswalks in those areas are marked better.

COUNCIL MOVES ZONING CHANGES TO NEXT STEP

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria wasted no time in getting the process started for the proposed zoning changes under consideration for the Exxon Mobil site on Lower Broadway that came on the market in the past few weeks when he appeared before the City Council during a special meeting last week.

"There are endless opportunities to benefit our residents," said DeMaria, referring not only to the

Exxon site -- which the firm of Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated (JLL), a global commercial real estate services company, already has begun marketing -- and combined with other adjoining parcels total more than 96 acres in the Lower Broadway District on the Charlestown line.

"We can remove this blighted industrial area and replace it with 21st century bio-pharma, medical manufacturing, and/or life science companies," DeMaria said. He also added that the COO of Mass Bio has expressed real interest in locating to the site.

Council President Wayne Matewsky, who lives near the site, described the current owners as "not the greatest neighbors," adding, "I am in favor of protecting the acres to make it decent."

DeMaria wants to change the zoning and reclassify the sites from heavy manufacturing to light manufacturing. With this change, the city and residents can have a greater say in the development of the site.

"A zoning change will dictate future use and prevent another dirty use for the site," DeMaria said.

Also appearing before the council was Matthew Latanzi, the Acting Planning Director, who explained to the council the reasoning behind the proposed zoning change.

"These changes will align that area to go into the Broadway Development District Zone and bring to the site the special employment section," said Latanzi. This change could create thousands of jobs.

What had councillors a little hesitant to approve the motion to send the proposed zoning changes to the Planning Board was that the actual changes were not originally in the packet for the councillors.

"I love the vision for the area and I am in favor, but we need more information," said Councilor Stephanie Martins.

Councilor John Hanlon echoed his colleague's concerns, saying, "We have not seen the amendment and there is nothing in front of us. You are asking us to vote on an empty envelope."

DeMaria then apologized for not having the zoning change put in the councillors' packets, but produced copies for the councillors. After reviewing the changes, Matewsky said, "I vote in favor." He also expressed reservations about the environmental clean-up of the site adding, "Why shouldn't Exxon do the cleanup?"

Nonetheless, Councilor Jimmy Tri Le added, "There is no better location to be developed. I cannot wait to see the project."

Councilor Fred Capone expressed concerns about changing the zoning while the property already is being marketed alluding to depleting the cost of the land for the seller, but added, "This takes us into the 21st century -- this is what we want."

DeMaria mentioned that he is looking for the highest and best use of the

property.

"We as a City have the opportunity to strategically shape our future. With the right zoning and strategic vision, we can continue to transform and re-imagine Everett to remove blighted, industrial areas and replace them with 21st century commercial enterprises such as biotech and bio-pharma that create new job opportunities for our residents and new tax revenue that can continue to support the programs and services that are important to our residents. The redevelopment of this area of the City also will benefit from its proximity to a rail system for the transportation of goods and workers that will reduce reliance on roadway transportation, said DeMaria".

During the meeting, it was brought up that the site has both railroad tracks and access to the waterfront. DeMaria pointed out that Everett finally could get rail transit at the site with at least one station, if not two, that could ease traffic volume in the city.

Returning to Matewsky's concern about the potential clean-up of the site, Hanlon had questions about the possible contaminated soil. DeMaria said that he is working with federal and state officials on this potential problem, but the process has just started.

The Council voted unanimously to send the zoning change request to the Planning Board, which will hear the matter at its October 25 meeting.

Then, after the Planning Board's vote, the matter will come back to the City Council, which then will decide whether to approve the actions of the Planning Board at the council's November 8 meeting.

Copy of the proposed zoning ordinance

In accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Everett the city council hereby amends the zoning ordinance as follows:

Section 30 Lower Broadway Economic Development District ("LBEDD")

Amend Section C Establishment of District and Subdistrict Boundaries by amending the Zoning Map to include parcels in subdistrict LB-E: Lower Broadway, Employment

Section 30 of the Lower Broadway Economic Development District (LBEDD) Appendix A: Table of Use Regulations

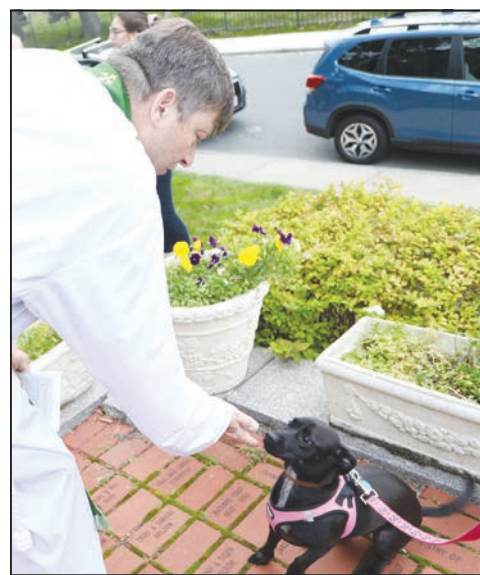
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To begin the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 3, Father Walter Connelly offers a general prayer and blessing to all in attendance at St. John's Episcopal Church in Winthrop.



Journey cared for by Judy Van Koomian awaits his blessing at St. John's Episcopal Church.



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GROUP AGAINST OVER-DEVELOPMENT

EAST BOSTON - The grassroots group of concerned residents opposed to what they call an 'over-development' of East Boston held their second protest recently in Central Square but this time they were joined by a slew of elected officials and candidates for office.

Stand Up for Eastie, founded by Frankfort Street resident Joni DeMarzo after she and her family opposed a development project next door to their home they feared would severely impact their quality of life, held their first rally back in July in Wood Island and Day Square.

This time the group was joined by current City Councilor and state senate candidate Lydia Edwards, senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio and At-Large City Council candidates Ruthzee Louijeune and Dave Halbert.

The group and its supporters spent the Saturday afternoon in Central Square handing out flyers, carrying signs and trying to educate people on the impacts development has had on the neighborhood.

"We know development has always been going on, year after year the city expands, more people move here and that is all fine but it's never caused East Boston such disaster and tragedy before," said DeMarzo at the rally. "So why now? Why East Boston? There are 20 different neighborhoods in the City of Boston from Allston and Brighton to Charlestown and Chinatown, Downtown, Dorchester, Southie, continuing to Roslindale, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan plus more..so why is East

Boston being singled out, why is East Boston getting slammed with overdeveloped projects?"

DeMarzo argues that the system is being manipulated and residents are left to suffer.

"The zoning laws that are written in black and white are being violated by the authorities," she said. "The mayor's office, the ZBA and BPDA are putting the people of East Boston last. Although they all nod their heads and say "we hear you loud and clear" they are in fact failing us. Over and over and over, we send in our comments and concerns, and over and over they put profit over people. How many times are the authorities going to approve variances to the same old courageous LLC's with no demonstrated hardship? Is it because the more that is approved then the more the city profits off of our property taxes? Is that why there are so many tiny studios being built? Because more units equals more money? And yet we are told to believe that the reason to keep adding in more luxury condos is because of the "housing crisis". Is anyone in authority thinking how this is all affecting us, the people who actually live here?"

DeMarzo went on that development projects are taking away open space, knocking down mature trees, and the identity and history of the neighborhood is being demolished.

"Families are rapidly leaving this neighborhood and no one can afford to financially live here unless you're a millionaire," she said. "And no one can deal with all the stressors to continue to want to even live here. And most importantly many families are being displaced."

DeMarzo called on City Hall to, "Stop permitting developers that destroy our neighborhood. Stop the corruption of the system. Just do your job and protect your people."

Stand Up for Eastie's goal is to create homes that are affordable and encourage developments that restore family homes. The group also supports developments that build true 'family-style' homes adjacent to pre-existing one, two and three family dwellings.

OFFICIAL SEEKS TO STOP VANDALISM AT MANNING FIELD

LYNN - When Rich Avery, Lynn director of facilities at Manning Field, discovered incidents of vandalism inside the women's and men's restrooms at Manning Field two weeks ago, he developed a plan to prevent those incidents from happening again.

Because the incidents occurred during a high school football game and youth football games, Avery reached out to Supt. of Schools Dr. Patrick Tutwiler, principals and athletic directors at the Lynn high schools, and the presidents of the Lynn youth football organizations to address the issue.

"I'm happy to report that there was no damage this weekend, but we were pro-active about it," said Avery. "Dr. Tutwiler was very quick in responding and taking action."

Avery said the vandalism first came to his attention following football games played on the weekend of Sept. 24-26 at Manning Field.

"Someone had damaged every toilet roll dispenser in the men's restroom, every soap dispenser in the women's restroom, as well as six toilets in the women's restroom," said Avery, who estimated that there was \$5,000 in damages done at the facility.

The incidents may have been the result of a TikTok "challenge," according to Avery. TikTok is a video-sharing, networking service.

Avery said he asked for an increased police presence at Manning Field during games. There were public safety personnel stationed outside the restroom facilities at the most recent football games, and no incidents of vandalism were reported.

Under Avery's leadership, Manning Field, a first-class, professionally run athletic facility, has become one of the busiest venues in the region, hosting both regular season and playoff games in multiple fall and spring sports.

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Curries, Curried & Curry Powder

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In the description of the book "Curry: A Global History," the publisher writes, "... food writer Colleen Taylor Sen describes in detail the Anglo-Indian origins of curry and how it has been adapted throughout the world. Exploring the curry universe beyond India and Great Britain, her chronicles include the elegant, complex curries of Thailand; the exuberant curries of the Caribbean; kari raisu, Japan's favourite comfort food; Indonesian gulais and rendang; Malaysia's delicious nonya cuisine; and exotic Western hybrids such as American curried chicken salad, German currywurst and Punjabi-Mexican-Hindu pizza."

We were introduced to the world of Indian curries by a couple who had lived in India. They were kind enough to give us some cultural etiquette in addition to an overview of the food. One thing we still remember is that it was an insult to tell a curry cook that their curry was exactly like someone

else's. (Unless, perhaps, you were referring to their parent.)

As each cook dips a spice spoon into their Masala Dabba (the traditional round stainless steel tin containing their most-used spices) they proudly create their unique flavor profile.

The choice of aromatics takes a curry to a different region. In India, onion, garlic, and ginger are added to many curries. In Thailand, shallots, garlic, and chiles are a starting point. Jamaican curries add Scotch bonnet or habanero peppers to their onion and fresh thyme blend.

While we think of curries as soupy dishes, there are also dry curries. Some like Jalfrezi or

Panang are made by marinating the meat, seafood, or vegetables in a coating of spices and "frying" them in oil or coconut milk. This process creates a thick rather than soupy sauce.

Curried Foods

We think of curried foods as those seasoned

with the flavors of curry or curry powder. Often they don't resemble a traditional curry at all. One meal in our regular meal rotation is curried chicken salad. Penny adds leftover chicken to a mixture of apple chunks, raisins, shredded carrots, green onions, and celery. She then adds a healthy dose of curry powder and Aleppo chili to the vinaigrette as she mixes it.

Curry Powder

Great Britain has a serious curry culture. Some food writers contend that Chicken Tikka Masala is the country's national dish. However, we consider curry powder the nation's most significant contribution to the curry world.

What started with Indian merchants sending spice blends like Garam Masala to England soon took on a local British accent, with companies like Crosse & Blackwell creating and selling their versions of curry powder. Isabella Beeton's Book of Household Management had recipes calling for



Here are two of our Masala Dabbas. One contains whole seeds and the other has our most-used spices and blends including our favorite curry powder.

curry powder as early as 1861.

There is a vast difference in flavors among curry powders. Some of the best online spice retailers like Penzeys Spices and Spice House will let you purchase 1 or 2-ounce packages of their curry blends. Small samples are a great way to try a few and find the one that is

your family favorite.

One origin story for the word curry is on Wikipedia. That source traces it to "... the Tamil word kari meaning 'sauce' or 'relish for rice' that uses the leaves of the curry tree (Murraya koenigii)." Seeing curry as a sauce or relish for rice, bread, or whatever staple served as the bulk of the meal explains why many

countries have a curry culture. These are flavorful toppings that add interest and variety to daily meals often centered on a staple carbohydrate.

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FLANAGAN HONORED ON RETIREMENT

WINTHROP - One couldn't help but notice that the sun made an appearance on an otherwise cloudy day just as the speaking program for Fire Chief Paul Flanagan began at his well-attended retirement celebration.

There's a literary term for that. Yes, the sun was shining on one of Winthrop's favorite sons, Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, who was serving on the last day of his outstanding 43-year career in the Fire Department.

Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty, who has served as police chief during Chief Flanagan's administration of the Fire Department, had earlier given a resounding introduction to his colleague his public safety, telling the large gathering, "The man of the hour, Paul Flanagan, has arrived."

Liam Horsman, regional director of Sen. Edward Markey's office, presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition extending "our

deepest congratulations to Chief Flanagan for 43 years of remarkable service to the Town of Winthrop."

Former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo spoke about "my good friend, Paul Flanagan and the years of service that the Flanagan family has given to the Town of Winthrop."

"I don't know if there were any more dedicated family than we have had than the Flanagans," said DeLeo.

DeLeo recalled how Paul Flanagan's father, former Chief Charles J. Flanagan, was such a bright and positive influence on his son, Robbie DeLeo. "My son, who was 5 years old at the time, said to me, 'Dad, I want to be like Chief Flanagan, that's who I want to be like', and that's the way it was."

"When you get to know this particular chief [Paul Flanagan], and you know what he's done for this community whenever we're in need - he was always there," said DeLeo. "When I would talk to fire chiefs from around this state, they would undoubtedly talk to me that Winthrop had one of the best chiefs that they could have in Chief Flanagan. Thank you for everything you've done for this community as evidenced by the large number of people that came out today."

State Rep. Jeffrey Turco presented a state citation to Chief Flanagan. He jested wonderfully, "Mr. Speaker used to come here and bring millions of dollars and a citation, I get to bring citations and no millions of dollars."

Continuing his remarks, Turco said, "This is a celebration of Paul Flanagan and his family on 140-plus years of service to the Town of Winthrop, but

it's also an opportunity to thank the men in red and blue, every day in the town that sacrifice and serve the people of Winthrop and the neighboring community, so I want to thank the firefighters and the police officers that are here."

Terence Delehanty said, "On behalf of the town, Paul, thank you for your friendship and your service. Thank you for your

family's service."

Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Chief Flanagan's son, told the large gathering, "He sets the bar for public service. He sets the bar for what we all strive to be at all levels of government, whether we're town managers, mayors, elected officials, or the people that work on the front lines of public safety. Thank you,

dad, for setting the bar quite high for all of us."

New Winthrop Fire Chief Scott Wiley said, "Over the course of the years, he was my captain, he was a role model, he was a mentor, and most importantly at the end, he was my friend. I want to thank Chief Flanagan for his 43 years of service and the entire Flanagan family for all of their years of ser-

vice and wish him continued success and nothing but the best in your retirement."

Praising Chief Flanagan's contributions to Winthrop, former Winthrop High School guidance department assistant Marianne Nicoletti said, "He was the best. He did a great job. I'm going to miss him. He was my buddy."

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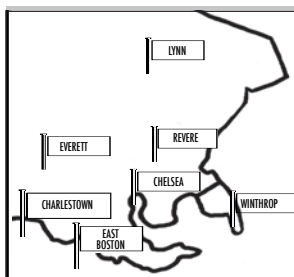
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Arrigo launches community engagement survey for use of ARPA federal funding

Mayor Arrigo launched a community engagement survey for use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funding. Earlier this year, the federal government passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in an effort to bring much-needed financial support to municipalities hit hard by the pandemic. This \$1.9

trillion measure provides direct financial relief to Americans, assistance to businesses, and aid to states, counties, and municipalities.

“The City of Revere is receiving \$30 million dollars of ARPA funding – a number that will inevitably change the course of Revere for decades to come,” said Mayor Brian Arrigo.

“We must spend the money wisely, focusing our attention on pandemic recovery while also considering long-term projects. With community partners and public input, I believe we can use this money to shape the future of Revere into the City we all know it is destined to be.”

The survey, which divides funding into six investment

categories, combines pandemic recovery need with long-term goals for the city. In the survey, residents have the ability to provide feedback on how ARPA money should be spent. The categories were chosen based on federal guidelines for eligible spending – investments in water, sewer, and broadband, assistance to small businesses, assistance to households, economic

recovery, public health investments, and travel and tourism. Residents can rank the categories based on personal importance and provide input on what projects they believe should be prioritized. Not all projects and expenditures will be funded through ARPA, but survey results will help inform city staff where to prioritize future recovery efforts.

The survey will help in-

form the City’s plans for long-term recovery, building on plans made in the “Next Stop Revere” master plan. To participate, please visit www.revere.org/ARPA. Survey responses will be collected until Friday, November 12, 2021. Other community outreach events, including forums, will be announced in the coming weeks.

Boston Theater Company and the Artist Athletic Association announce the Road of Rainbows

Staff Report

Boston Theater Company (BTC), the organization that produced *Finish Line: A Documentary Play About the 2013 Boston Marathon*, and the Artist Athletic Association (AAA) are excited to announce the first ever 5K road race in Massachusetts, Road of Rainbows, on Sunday, October 31, 2021 at the Boston Common. The road race is not only the first of its kind for the LGBTQ+ community but it also aims to break down the barriers between athletics and the arts as its fundraising goal is to support the arts community.

The Artist Athletic Association (AAA) consists

of artists and supporters of the arts who believe in teamwork, dedication, and commitment. The mission of AAA is to promote health and wellness through physical activity, believing that the arts and athletics are for people of all genders, races, abilities, sexual preferences, classes and identities. The beneficiary of the 2021 Road of Rainbows will be the play *The Gay Agenda*, BTC’s newest piece which hosted virtual previews last September that offers an inside look at what it is like to identify as LGBTQ+ in today’s world using words taken directly from interviews.

Producing Artistic Director of Boston Theater

Company Joey Frangieh shares, “This has been a passion project for us at BTC since 2019 when we dreamt of creating a 5k that was as much about being inclusive as it was about showing off everyone’s inner unicorn.” Frangieh continues, “We created the Artistic Athletic Association to be the first association of its kind to break down the boundaries between athletics and the arts – we hope that Road of Rainbows will be an annual event that continues to confront and challenge the constructed binary imposed between artists and athletes.”

Road of Rainbows also has five Counselors overseeing the 5K road

race. The counselors are a group of folks with oversight, veto and decision power tasked to help ensure Road of Rainbows is an inclusive event.

To register for the Road of Rainbows 5k, standard registration costs are \$35 (a true cost ticket can be purchased at \$50 as well as a student or subsidized ticket at \$20) A VIRTUAL running ticket is also available for folks who are outside of Massachusetts or for those who may not be able to attend in person, tickets are \$20 and include a mailed goodybag upon completion. BTC is also committed to making this event economically inclusive and will set aside free to low cost tickets for

folks who request them. To register for the event, visit Bostontheater.org/roror click here.

The Gay Agenda (TGA) will offer an inside look at what it is like to be different. We feature voices from all LGBTQ+ including 75% of our interviews from BIPOC. It showcases how we relate to others and how we can inspire each other to be more accepting. It shows us the beauty of our differences and the diversity of our community. We are all of different races, cultural backgrounds, gender identities, nationalities, sexual identities, and abilities. The Gay Agenda gives us a heart-wrenching, at times amusing, and always glitter-filled peek

into what it is like to identify as LGBTQ+ in today’s world. Using words taken directly from interviews, TGA takes us on a journey through the interviewees’ most memorable and impactful memories. Every word in the script is verbatim from interviews, and this unique approach to theater gives a voice to these real-life people. The Gay Agenda’s goal is to provide a platform for real stories to be heard in a unique way.

Boston Theater Company (BTC) is comprised of three pillars – Artistic, Education, and Athletic – all of which are grounded in the Company’s commitment to theater as a uniting force.



You are invited to be part of an important event on Saturday, November 6th, 2021

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