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NEWS BRIEF

OMICRON VARIANT DETECTED IN MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced that genetic sequencing has identified the COVID-19 Omicron variant for the first time in a case in Massachusetts. The individual is a female in her 20s and a resident of Middlesex County who traveled out of state. She is fully vaccinated, has experienced mild disease, and did not require hospitalization. The variant was identified through sequencing performed at New England Biolabs.

While Omicron is classified by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization as a Variant of Concern, scientists are still working to determine how it may compare with the predominant Delta variant in terms of transmissibility and disease severity. There is some limited evidence that Omicron could be more transmissible than other COVID-19 virus variants, including Delta. This variant is being monitored closely by public health authorities around the world, and more information about what we know about Omicron is available on the CDC website.

All three COVID-19 vaccines in use in the U.S. have been shown to be highly protective against severe disease resulting in hospitalization or death.

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Celebrating the Holiday Season in Revere



Marchers in the Annual Santa Walk in memory of Priscilla Nickerson, founder, make their way along Broadway last Saturday afternoon heading to City Hall to celebrate the holiday season and remember a dear friend, Priscilla Nickerson. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.



Rabbi Lior Nevo from the Jack Satter House addressed the gathering outside of City Hall to celebrate Chanukah with the ceremonial lighting of the Menorah.



Mayor Brian Arrigo lights the first "candle" on the Menorah last Thursday, Dec. 2. See more photos on Page 10.



Cameras were flashing as Revere City Hall was lit up for the holiday season during the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Saturday evening, Dec. 4. Santa delighted residents young and old alike with his appearance; Christmas carolers rang out from the steps of City Hall for an evening of light and revelry. See more photos on Page 19.

Senate Special Election set for Tuesday, Dec. 14

By Journal Staff

Revere residents will head to the polls Tuesday, Dec. 14 to cast their ballots in the First Suffolk and Middlesex District Senate Special Primary Election.

Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio and Bos-

ton City Councilor Lydia Edwards are the two candidates running in the Democratic Primary for the seat that was held by Joseph Boncore. There is no Republican candidate seeking the nomination for the seat.

Election Commissioner Diane Colella said that the polls will be open from 7

a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Colella said as of Monday, 1,947 residents had voted by mail or in the early voting process that is taking place this week at the Saint Anthony's Church bingo hall. An additional 351 residents have voted by absentee ballot.

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And then there were two

RHS Building Committee narrows down potential sites to two

committee that the current site options be narrowed down to one, possibly two options.

At the meeting Dawn Guarriello from Perkins Eastman, the architecture firm chosen by the city to work on creating a new high school in the city, again showed three site options that included the existing RHS site, the Revere Housing Authority

site on Cushman Avenue, and Wonderland.

At the meeting, committee member Patrick Keefe made a motion to continue to study just the existing Revere High School and Wonderland sites.

Committee member Susan Gravellese seconded Keefe's motion. Only one committee member,

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Lt. Gov Polito presents MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant to city

By Cary Shuman

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and Housing and Economic Development Secretary Ashley Stolba came to Revere Tuesday to present a MassWorks Infrastructure Program design grant of \$750,000 to the city that will help reconfigure the area near Redgate's proposed residential and Commercial development on the G and J Towing property and create safer vehicular and pedestrian access to Gibson Park for the adjacent Riverfront and Point of Pines neighborhoods.

Mayor Brian Arrigo called the grant announcement "a celebration of exciting news" for the city. He commended the Baker Administration for its continuing support of the city's technological upgrades and numerous infrastructure projects.

"Our success begins with you and Governor Baker, so thank you for that," Arrigo told Polito.

Arrigo, who has engineered the incredible transformation of the

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Councillors cite lack of communications from RHS Building Committee

By Cary Shuman

The Revere High School Building Committee, who is working on plans for the construction of a new high school, came under heavy criticism at Monday night's City Council meeting.

Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo led the torrent after requesting that the building project team "provide an update on their scope of work." Council President Antho-

ny Zambuto, who said he has been actively involved in the construction of five new schools in the city during his tenure in office, felt that the Committee had erred by not providing minutes of its meeting to the City Council.

ADA Coordinator Ralph DeCicco also blasted the Committee, stating that the public speaking portions of the meeting are conducted unprofessionally.

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RSCHP HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY



Visitors, Patricia Bryant and Karen Simonelli look over some of Revere's history on display at the Revere Society for Cultural and Historical Preservation's annual Holiday Party held last Saturday afternoon at their Museum on Beach Street. See more photos on Page 5.

ConsComm hears of DCR's plans for Sullivan Park makeover

Staff Report

The Revere Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, December 1.

Chairman John Shue and three of his fellow commissioners, Heather Legere, Joseph LaValle, and Robert Cassidy, were

on hand for the meeting, as was the commission's highly-efficient clerk, Linda Redding.

Most of the commission's 90-minute meeting was taken up by a presentation from representatives from the Mass. Department of Conservation

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due to known COVID-19 variants and remain the single best way for people to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community from COVID-19. There are over 1,000 locations across the Commonwealth to get vaccinated or receive a booster. The vaccine is free, and no ID or insurance is required for vaccination. Visit vax-finder.mass.gov for a list of vaccination locations.

Other public health prevention measures that help stop the spread of COVID-19 variants include: getting tested and staying home if you are sick, frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer, following masking requirements, and telling your close contacts if you test positive for COVID-19 so they can take appropriate steps.

To learn more about protecting yourself from COVID-19, visit www.mass.gov/covidvaccine. Other public health prevention measures that help stop the spread of COVID-19 variants include: getting tested and staying home if you are sick, frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer, following masking requirements, and telling your close contacts if you test positive for COVID-19 so they can take appropriate steps.

Residents are also urged to enable MassNotify on their smartphone. The service can be accessed through both Android and iPhone settings; it is NOT an application that can be obtained through an app store. This private and anonymous service notifies users of a potential exposure to COVID-19 so they may take the appropriate precautions. For more information and instructions on enabling MassNotify on your smartphone, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-de>

settings, and especially in urban communities where residents have been disproportionately impacted by COVID," said Mass Audubon President David O'Neill.

"Not only will these funds reduce the risks of climate impacts and greenhouse gas emissions and restore critical water infrastructure, they also support investments that expand providing equitable access to nature when so many are seeking respite in the natural resources and amenities that we are so fortunate to have here. For too many years, these investments have been underfunded. This is a critical, once-in-a-generation opportunity to make progress, and we are so pleased to see state lawmakers leading us there."

Both the House and Senate approved plans over the past few weeks to spend more than \$3.82 billion in ARPA federal pandemic relief funds and state surplus money. The bill was accepted by the House on Thursday and is expected to be passed in the Senate on Friday, moving it onto Gov. Baker's desk. Just shy of \$2.5 billion of ARPA funds remain for the state legislature to debate next year.

"We are especially grateful to the members of the conference committee for their hard work over the last two weeks, and for the leadership shown by members in both branches who made a point of prioritizing nature and climate," O'Neill said. "This is a down payment on our future. We will continue to need to commit sustained funding over time. This is an essential first step."

"I'm deeply grateful as well for State Rep. Daniel M. Donahue (D-Worcester); State Rep. Smitty Pignatelli (D-Pittsfield); State Rep. Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D-Lowell); and State Sen. Adam Hinds (D-Berkshire County)," O'Neill continued. "They championed specific earmarks for Mass Audubon projects that are both shovel-ready and shovel-worthy." Those projects include repairs to storm-damaged trails and forests at the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lenox; wetland restoration at Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center & Wildlife Sanctuary in Worcester; and an open space and parks initiative in Lowell, future site of a

The plan to build a new state-of-the-art high school in the city started with six potential sites.

COCA-COLA HOLIDAY CARAVAN COMES TO TOWN



The Coca Cola Holiday Caravan was at the Stop n' Shop at Suffolk Downs last Friday night. Shown in the photos above and to the right, Santa is ready to hear a gift list.



nature center at Rollie's Farm.

Mass Audubon Director of Legislative and Government Affairs Sam Anderson said the final law contains about \$377.6 million in investments in climate and nature, including

\$15 million in parks and open space; \$100 million for environmental infrastructure, including local resiliency measures; \$100 million for clean drinking water and sewer infrastructure; \$25 million for tree planting, particularly in Gateway cities; and \$7.5 million for green job workforce development.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE INTRODUCES PEN PAL PROJECT

The U.S. Postal Service is working with WeAreTeachers to introduce The USPS Pen Pal Project, a free educational program for students in grades three to five, this 2021-2022 school year.

The USPS Pen Pal Project will provide 25,000 classrooms across the country the opportunity to partner with matched classes to write 1 million letters with the goal of building friendships and understanding diverse perspectives.

Each participating classroom will receive a USPS Pen Pal Project

kit with a teaching poster, cards, and envelopes. By participating in the program, students will improve their writing, communication, and collaboration skills.

WeAreTeachers offers daily articles, videos and giveaways for educators.

U.S. public, charter, and private school teachers are invited to join The USPS Pen Pal Project. More information, including official rules and instructions for teachers to sign their classes up for the project, is available at WeAreTeachers.com.

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

NOV. REVENUE COLLECTIONS TOTAL \$2.416 BILLION

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder today announced that preliminary revenue collections for November 2021 totaled \$2.416 billion, which is \$289 million or 13.6% more than actual collections in November 2020, and \$192 million or 8.7% more than benchmark.[1]

FY2022 year-to-date

collections totaled approximately \$13.612 billion, which is \$2.145 billion or 18.7% more than collections in the same period of FY2021, and \$914 million or 7.2% more than year-to-date benchmark.

"November 2021 revenue collections increased in most of the major tax types in comparison to November 2020 collections, including withholding, sales and use tax, and 'all other' tax," said Commissioner Snyder. "The increase in withholding is likely related to improvements in labor market conditions. The sales and use tax increase in part reflects continued strength in retail sales and the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. The increase in 'all other' tax is primarily attributable to estate tax, a category that tends to fluctuate, as well as room occupancy excise."

In general, November is among the smaller months for revenue collection because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. Historically, roughly 6.5% of annual revenue, on average, has been received during November.

Given the brief period covered in the report, November and year-to-date results should not be used as predictors for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Election //

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vere Election Department for 21 years.

The City Council approved Mayor Brian Arrigo's appointment of Paul J. Fahey as the new election commissioner during the Council meeting Monday night.

Revere TV SPOTLIGHT

'Tis the season at RevereTV for all of your holiday

community event coverage! Revere kicked off the holiday celebrations last weekend starting with the Menorah Lighting during Hanukkah on Thursday. This was on the lawn of City Hall at 4pm, just about when it got dark. The menorah still stands but if you missed the event, you can find the RTV coverage playing all week on the Community Channel or posted to YouTube.

The weekend continued with the Priscilla Nickerson Memorial Santa Walk. People were encouraged to register for the event to participate and donate to

The Santa Walk Fund. At the end of the event as participants traveled down Broadway, they were met with the Mayor's official tree lighting ceremony.

Residents watched as Mayor Arrigo lit up City Hall with holiday lights. There were food trucks, cookie decorating, vendors, and even Santa made a special appearance. RevereTV was there for the event and you can watch it back on the Community Channel or on social media.

The RevereTV staff was excited to be back at the Annual Robert A. Marra Memorial Sounds of Christmas Concert at St. Anthony's Church. This concert is a charity event and attendees brought food donations upon entry. The North Shore Philharmonic

Orchestra performed holiday favorites and this streamed live on all RevereTV outlets. If you missed the concert, it is replaying now on RevereTV's Community Channel. This is channel 8 and 1072 for Comcast subscribers and 3 and 614 for RCN subscribers.

For the month of December, past recordings of the Sounds of Christmas Concert will be playing every day at noon. These special concert events will culminate in a marathon of the Robert A. Marra Memorial Sounds of Christmas Concert on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Plan to tune in to RevereTV to have The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra playing your holiday music all day as you may celebrate with friends and family.

You can catch all local government meetings on RevereTV. There are still a few weeks left before their holiday recess, so tune in to RTV GOV if you want to watch meetings live as they happen or replaying throughout the proceeding weeks. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN. All meetings stream live on YouTube and can be watched afterward any time.

High School //

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Michael Piccardi, voted against the motion.

The plan to build a new state-of-the-art high school in the city started with six potential sites.

One site was eliminated earlier on in the process

and sites formerly considered on Squire Road and the Caddy Farms site in North Revere were also

eliminated.

The vote also eliminated other scenarios for how the city would tackle building a new high school on the current RHS site.

The first scenario was to renovate the existing high school, build a new classroom wing to the east over the existing parking lot, renovate the large gymnasium, the kitchen, dining hall and then build a new auditorium. This would be done in phases with the last phase calling for demolishing the school street side of the existing building and building a new entryway.

The second scenario would be to build two new four story classroom buildings over the existing baseball field. This would be similar to the first option as it allows for the take down of the west side of the building with all new construction north and east of the field house. Then once the existing building is demolished a multipurpose field along Route 60 with some added tennis courts

would be built.

Over the course of several meetings it has become clear that the third option of building an all new high school building would most likely be the best option for the site. A new high school would be erected on the existing fields and then once that building is complete the current high school would be torn down and the fields replicated on the site of the former high school.

There would be no educational impact and the students would continue to learn in the existing high school building as it stands. Then once the new building is complete the existing high school building would be demolished and ballfields would be placed where the building currently exists.

The Wonderland site, which are lagging in community polls as preferred options, mirrored some of the same design ideas and feel as keeping RHS on the current site.

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BOSTON MEDICAL

McKenna, HYM team up for Revere's bus riders

By Cary Shuman

Through the diligent efforts of Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna and the generosity of HYM, developer of the Suffolk Downs project, Revere bus riders now have a new bench on Furlong Drive.

During her first year in office in 2015, McKenna made a motion to have an MBTA bus stop located near Stop & Shop and Target on Furlong Drive. The bus stop became part of the Beachmont Station bus route in 2018.

"When I was a schoolteacher, during inclem-

ent weather I would see residents walking with their bundles from Stop & Shop to Beachmont, so it was always a pet peeve of mine to get a bus stop there," said McKenna. "It came to fruition in 2018."

Last week a new bench was installed at that very bus stop for riders.

"Now our bus riders will have a place to sit and wait for the bus," said McKenna. "This has been one of my biggest motions besides the plastic bag and Styrofoam bans."

McKenna credited HYM Managing Director Thomas O'Brien and



Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna stands behind the new bench on Furlong Drive that is now available for bus riders on the Beachmont Station route. McKenna worked hard to facilitate the installation of the new bench.

HYM official and former MBTA employee Dino DiFonzo for their efforts.

"They donated the bench, and it's a beautiful

bench," said McKenna. "They called me last week to tell me your bench was in, and I said, thank you so much."

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and Recreation regarding its plans for a total makeover of Sullivan Park at Revere Beach.

The park, located at Revere Beach along Revere St. and Revere Beach Boulevard at the confluence of Ocean Ave., undoubtedly is the most-unknown and underutilized park in the city. The park sits below the grade of the adjacent roadways and properties and was designed as a baseball playing field which seldomly, if ever, is used.

The DCR's plan calls for the park to be completely transformed by raising the grade and converting it to a passive recreational use. The full presentation for that project, as well as the other agenda items taken up by the commission, are as follows.

MA DEP FILE # ???, Äì Revere Beach Boulevard Notice of Intent, Äì Sullivan Park improvements.

Photos of the existing conditions at Sullivan Park were shown and explained to the commissioners by Jim Jackson, an engineer with the Pare Corporation.

"There presently is a baseball field at the park and the improvements will turn it into a more passive recreational park," said Jackson.

Jackson turned the microphone over to Skyler Chick, a landscape architect with Shadley Assoc., who presented many of the details of the project to the commission.

"The DCR is looking to invest significantly into this underutilized site," said Chick. "It is barely used by anyone. The park is bounded by Revere Beach Blvd., Revere St., a National Grid property in the rear, and Diamond Creek, as well as the six-story residential building at 320 Revere Beach Blvd. The entire project area is about two acres.

"We held two public meetings to get input from the public and have developed a final design plan," Chick continued. "The existing site is below the adjacent roadways. It is not ADA-accessible. Two new entrances from Revere Beach Blvd. are to be paved with colored concrete and pavers. There will be shading trees, benches, and game tables, so you can view the beach. There will be a terrace with two bocce courts and a great lawn area surrounded with low native plantings."

"All of the park will be 100 percent universally-accessible," said Chick. "There will be a water feature -- which was suggested by members of the public -- that will consist of water jets in a circular

area. Visitors will be able to push a button and the water jets will come on, with seats so parents can supervise their kids."

Chick also outlined the other features of the park, including outdoor fitness equipment with a resilient surfacing; a shade shelter on a concrete plaza suitable for community events; and plantings consisting of native grasses and wildflowers.

"DCR's goal is to attract people and improve wildlife habitat for birds, butterflies, and bees," Chick added. "The trees there now are mostly invasive species. There will be 10 trees taken out, but 101 will be added. All will be native and will provide shade that is lacking in the space now."

"DCR is working with the residential abutter at 320 Revere Beach Blvd. to access the park for emergency and maintenance vehicles," Chick continued. "The area will be elevated and graded above the existing conditions to allow for ADA accessibility. The existing soils are extremely compacted and loam on top will make it easier for trees and plantings to thrive. Also, storm water will be better-captured and provide for better discharge."

Lauren Gluck, a wetlands scientist with Pare Corp., explained the environmental impacts of the project.

"Diamond Creek is a tidal waterway that leads into Rumney Marsh off to the west with bordering wetlands whose 100-foot buffer zones encroach into the site and is subject to coastal land flooding," said Gluck. "All of the riverfront area to be disturbed already has been disturbed with compacted soil."

Jackson further explained the stormwater design for the site.

"Most of the flow travels from east to west into Diamond Creek," said Jackson. "The final design will have the sidewalks flowing to Revere Beach Blvd. The drainage going into Diamond Creek is not required to be treated because these are not vehicle roadways, but DCR will do so anyway, using bio-retention and qualified, pervious-area systems."

The commissioners then asked some questions pertaining to the stormwater drainage, the grading, the bio-retention areas, access through the easements, and the materials for walkways.

Chick explained that the walkways will be asphalt because of easier maintenance and accessibility issues. He explained that in

a coastal environment, it is easier to remove blowing sand from a solid walkway and concrete is more expensive.

He said DCR, not the city, will maintain the park and will use de-icing materials in the winter. The walkways will be illuminated with lighting to be compatible with the historicity of Revere Beach. He said he was not sure whether the lighting would be on all night. He also noted that dogs on leashes will be welcome and there will be trash receptacles at the park.

Shue emphasized that dog waste will need to be picked up by dog owners and suggested that DCR install signage emphasizing that point, as well as placing dog waste-bag dispensers in the park.

Shue then called for input from the public.

Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, a resident of the nearby St. George's condominium complex at 350 Revere Beach Blvd., said she was there on behalf of the residents of the condo association.

"We are thrilled for this park," said Lanzillo-Hahesy. "It will enhance our neighborhood and the quality of life for those who live there. DCR has come up with an incredible plan to make the livelihood of the people in the area more viable."

However, she raised an issue of concern for her building's residents.

"Behind the park now is the right-of-way that was used to access our building when we had to replace the chillers in our building," Lanzillo-Hahesy said. "There is no provision for heavy trucks to access our building. Will there be a driveway for heavy equipment, because there is no heavy vehicular access through the DCR property? The gates that will be shut to traffic -- will they be available for police and fire, which no longer can go through the park to get to us?"

When it was pointed out that access issues for adjacent private properties do not fall within the scope of the Conservation

Commission's authority, a spokesperson from DCR, Danielle Millett, responded.

"Your building has to request access through that easement from the property developer at 320 Revere Beach Blvd.," Millett said.

"We are 100 percent for this project, but want to express our concerns about restricting access to our building," Lanzillo-Hahesy concluded.

Jim DeMiles, another St. George resident, reiterated the concern about access by emergency vehicles for the residents of his building.

"Our main concern is that we use the park as an easement, as we have since the 1980s -- there are 244 units at 350 Revere Beach Blvd. -- and in any kind of emergency where we might need a hook and ladder, we need an easement through the park."

Al Fiore, another St. George resident who is the Councillor-elect from Ward 5, spoke up briefly.

"Is this a question for the City Council?" Fiore queried.

Millett replied to Fiore's inquiry.

"The city has been onboard since the beginning," Millett said. "Former State Rep. RoseLee Vincent secured an earmark for this project."

"The DCR does what it does and does not take into account the concerns of the people of Revere," LaValle noted.

The commission was unable to take a vote on the matter however, because of a backlog at the Department of Environmental Protection in assigning file numbers that are required before a local Conservation Commission can take action on a Notice of Intent. Shue said the commission will take a vote upon receipt of an NOI number from DEP, which he said is backlog by 8-12 weeks.

Potential Enforcement Action, Äì 630 Revere Beach Boulevard.

The commission revisited a matter discussed at its November meeting pertaining to the "self-help"

Councillor Guinasso receives standing 'O'

By Cary Shuman

Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso received a standing ovation from his colleagues after chairing his last Appointments Sub-Committee meeting Monday night.

The dean of the City Council with 34 years of service, Guinasso is stepping down from his position after opting to not seek re-election.

Guinasso turned his chairmanship on the Appointments Sub-Committee into a work of art. He politely insisted that all prospective appointees appear before the Council

when their appointments were up for consideration. He treated each appointee with dignity and respect. He offered his personal congratulations when the appointees were officially selected to their positions.

The Council is losing a true statesman, a goodwill ambassador for Revere city government, and last night's tribute will likely be the first of many for Arthur Guinasso, who has represented his ward with distinction and class for more than three decades.

Like Jim Brown, he's going out at the top of his craft.

Shue suggested that the commission amend the enforcement order to add "with monitoring" to the restoration plan. The matter was continued to January for the commission to be informed of the starting date and the schedule for the project.

"We appreciate that you're taking responsibility for this and taking it seriously," said Shue, addressing the homeowners, who were in the audience. "We're sure you didn't know the rules."

The commission made note of member site visits during the month of November to 630 Revere Beach Blvd., 8 & 10 Marshview Terrace, and 400 Ocean Avenue.

Correspondence this month:

November 1, 2021, Äì COC, Äì 571 Revere Street, Äì Sachem Revere Ltd. Partnership

Notification from the state that Certificate of Compliance has been issued for 571 Revere Street, File #061-0703

Nov. 15, Äì Notice of Activity and Use Limitation for Northgate Shopping Center from Conoco pertaining to oil spill.

Nov. 17, Äì Notification from MA DEP regarding time delays for issuance of file numbers due to holidays, mandated vacation, and large number of applications

Although the Conservation Commission regularly meets on the first Wednesday of each month, the next meeting of the commission will be Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE -- THE SPECIAL STATE SENATE PRIMARY IS TUESDAY

We wish to remind our readers that the Special State Primary election for the First Suffolk and Middlesex District Senate is set for this Tuesday, December 14.

Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio and Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards are running in the Democratic Primary for the Senate seat that was held by Joseph Boncore of Winthrop, who stepped down from office in order to take a job in the private sector.

Both Mr. D'Ambrosio and Ms. Edwards are young, energetic candidates who have been working hard in the run-up to the Democratic primary.

We urge all of our readers to take the time either to vote early (consult your local city or town clerk for times and dates) or on election day itself on Tuesday.

A democracy only works if we, the people, participate in the electoral process -- so please be sure to get out and vote.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S WORK IS NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT

We just want to take a moment to express our thanks to the members of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) for the work they do in representing the wide diversity of the Revere community.

The Revere HRC was reconstituted by Mayor Brian Arrigo, with the approval of the City Council, about 18 months ago, after a long period of dormancy, in the wake of the protests concerning the tragic death of George Floyd.

However, the need for a Human Rights Commission is not just a passing fad. For those of us who are long-time residents of this community, we recall all too well the discrimination and acts of violence against members of the Southeast Asian immigrant community more than 30 years ago.

Revere always has been a melting pot of citizens representing different nationalities, religious beliefs, and ethnic backgrounds. The immigrants from Italy, Ireland, and Russia who flooded into Revere more than 100 years ago likewise faced prejudice and discrimination.

But it was this group of immigrants who weathered the Great Depression and who fought and died in WWII, just as recent immigrants and their children have been in the forefront of our country's war on terrorism.

All immigrants to America, past and present, have shared the basic desire to create a better life for themselves and their families. Today's immigrants, similar to those of previous generations, constitute the fabric of the Revere community, ranging from the athletes on our high school teams to restaurant owners to proprietors of other essential businesses in the city.

Finding common ground for the many disparate groups in Revere is not an easy task. But the members of the Human Rights Commission have shown that they are dedicated to making our city a place that is welcoming to all.

CHARLIE BAKER WILL BE MISSED

There has been a lot of speculation by the pundits as to the reasons behind Governor Charlie Baker's decision not to run for re-election in 2022, but we think it comes down simply to this: Gov. Baker is burned-out, similar to so many of his fellow Baby Boomers (including the older members of Generation X) who are retiring from both the public and private sectors amidst what is being called the Great Resignation.

In our mind's eye, we still think of Gov. Baker as the youthful man from the campaign trail in 2013, but the reality is that Gov. Baker just turned 65 years old.

He ain't a kid anymore.

And as so many other Baby Boomers are coming to realize, there is a lot more to life than work, especially when work no longer is fun.

We think it is telling that Lieut. Governor Karyn Polito -- who at 55 is a Gen Xer -- also announced that she has no plans to run for governor, which was actually more surprising than Gov. Baker's announcement. The Lieut. Gov., who is part of the Baker team that consistently has been among the most-popular governorships in the country, would have been a strong candidate to make history as the first female governor in state history.

But after eight years as an highly-active Lieut. Gov., it is clear that Polito has no desire to occupy the corner office at the State House.

But regardless of Gov. Baker's reasons for not seeking re-election, there is no disputing that Charlie Baker has been a great governor who has accomplished great things for our state, even amidst an unprecedented pandemic.

His ability to work with Democrats in the Mass. legislature, amidst an era of unprecedented political rancor at the national level, will be regarded as a shining example for future governors, regardless of party, to follow.

THROW THE BOOK AT THEM

Another news cycle -- and yet another mass shooting incident in America.

The horrific murder last week of at least four students at Oxford High School in suburban Detroit and the wounding of several others by 15 year-old fellow student Ethan Crumbley once again has brought unspeakable tragedy to a community in our country.

However, there is an additional twist to this story, which we will compartmentalize as follows, based on the facts as we know them:

-- The semi-automatic handgun used by Ethan Crumbley was brought for him as a Christmas present by his parents a few days before the shooting;

-- When a teacher became aware that Ethan Crumbley was drawing photos depicting violence by gunfire during class, Crumbley was taken to the office of a guidance counselor;

-- The guidance counselor called Crumbley's parents, who came to the school, because of his disturbing images;

-- The parents never informed any school authority that they had bought their son a handgun as a "Christmas gift";

-- The parents insisted that Ethan remain at school that day.

The parents have been charged with four counts each of involuntary manslaughter for their alleged role in the murders. The local district attorney has conceded that the prosecution of the parents presents novel questions of law.

If it is true that the parents did not divulge to the school authorities that they had bought their son a handgun, the question will be whether that omission makes them criminally liable for what transpired shortly after they left the school without their son.

No right-thinking person would deny that the parents are morally-culpable for not disclosing to school personnel that they had bought their son a gun, even if they believed that the gun was in a locked box at home.

We also believe that if they had made that fact known, the student's backpack and locker would have been searched immediately by school personnel and the tragedy could have been avoided. But does this make the parents criminally-liable?

Whether Michigan law encompasses a charge for involuntary manslaughter given the facts of this case ultimately will be decided by that state's highest court, but we support the decision by the district attorney to bring the charges.

If nothing else, hopefully it will deter like-minded parents from buying guns for their children. And if the courts determine that the parents are not criminally-liable, perhaps legislatures will pass laws that do so in circumstances such as these.

GUEST OP-ED

What about the other Ethan Crumbleys?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

We are unfortunately informed once again of another horrific, senseless school shooting. They don't stop. When will the next one be? Who will be the next shooter and who will be the next unsuspecting victims?

Once again, American kids go to school to pursue education and American life but are murdered by a classmate while walking the hallway or sitting in a class. This has to stop.

Will it ever?

According to news reports, on November 30, 2021, Ethan Crumbley, a fifteen-year-old, took the lives of four schoolmates and injured seven others at Oxford High School, a Detroit, Michigan suburb.

Crumbley has once again reminded us of the horrific outcomes of mental illness and the importance of parents, teachers, churches and communities working together to protect each other.

According to news reports, the Oxford school was alerted to Crumbley's disturbing social media posts, drawings depicting violence, and other actions that had called for his parents to come to the school for a serious talk about their child. Reports of the parents buying a semi-automatic weapon for their son's Christmas present and taking him to a shooting range for practice is revealing their denial of, as well their failure to address, their son's problems.

My dad gave me some

shotgun lessons when I was growing up. I was turned loose in the hills of Appalachia to hunt for squirrels at the age of 12 with a hunting license. Parents teaching their children to shoot a weapon and hunt are as old as our nation. However, parents should never provide their children access to guns when there are obvious warnings of mental illness.

Past school shooters have talked about being bullied by classmates or not fitting into any of the school social groups. Rejection, being bullied, failure to make the school team or feeling outright mistreated makes anyone feel bad, dejected and disappointed. Such feelings should be a push to any of us to look at ourselves to see how we either must adjust, change, work harder, problem solve as to what is happening or even find a different school or community in which to live. Hurting others never resolves anything and only increases our pain, darkness and sentences the rest of our lives to prison or regret of how we handled our feelings.

School can be a difficult life learning ground. What we face in the local school often is only preparing us for what we may face at the office, the factory, the workplace and the neighborhood. Throughout life we know everyone is not going to like us, accept us, applaud us or even try to get along with us. There are always people who don't like us. However,

there are people who will affirm, support, and befriend us. Sometimes it just takes a while to find those communities, houses of faith, social groups, and others with whom we can emotionally connect.

The Ethan Crumbleys of the world are sad, scary and wreak destruction. They need help now. His life and many other lives are forever destroyed. Apparently, his parents were living in some sort of disconnected denial of what their son was really about to do to himself, them and many others.

Schools and work places must have all authority to protect themselves quickly. Oxford school officials were alarmed by some of his actions. They were trying to work with the parents. Looking back, he should have been escorted out of the school and barred from its grounds until a professional counselor had given written permission for his return. I know, hindsight is always 20/20.

Sadly, for those who are now dead, it's too late. Maybe the other Ethan Crumbleys can be stopped today, right now, before it's too late.

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

Closing the wealth gap for Revere entrepreneurs

Special to the Journal

The City of Revere's Small Business Division within the Department of Planning & Community Development has partnered with the Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE) and JPMorgan Chase to host a small business webinar series in an effort to provide information and best practices for small business owners throughout the city.

The webinar will continue the work of the City of Revere's Department of Planning and Community Development by focusing on economic recovery and providing more opportunities for businesses to grow.

Through this program, small business owners will have the opportunity to learn from business experts and consultants about how to manage their finances, build and grow their social media presence, as well as how to enhance their customer base. The four-part online series, which is available in English and interpreted in Spanish, will empower local entrepreneurs through knowledge sharing, networking, and access to experts. The webinar is free for all participants, ensuring accessibility for smaller, locally owned businesses.

The City of Revere's Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) enhances

the City's economic environment by strengthening and revitalizing its neighborhoods through business growth and resident engagement. This webinar expands on the work of the City's Broad-

way Rapid Recovery Plan, which outlines business recovery strategies to support small-business owners who operate along Broadway, Revere's cen-

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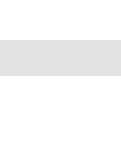
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THE REVERE SOCIETY OF CULTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION (RSCHP) HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AND UNVEILS A REVERE BEACH PAINTING



President Bob Upton welcome Beverly Marra (seated) and the Marra family, also shown is Dr. Toby Pearlstein and Research librarian Rhea Heenan (right).

Last Saturday afternoon President of the RSCHP Bob Upton and the staff at the Revere Museum hosted their annual holiday gathering, open to the public. This gives many the opportunity to stop by and visit and see Revere's rich historic past come to life.

This gathering was also the perfect time to unveil the latest addition to the museum, a larger than life painting of the Revere Beach Amusements Park,

as seen by artist Tom Marra.

Marra painted this scene in 1965 and presented to a friend as a gift, and there it stood for these many years, until in 2021, Judy Burr, with the permission of artist Tom and his wife Beverly donated it to the RSCHP, for all to enjoy as part of the museum highlights of the Revere Beach era.

Tom Marra was unable to attend the unveiling on Saturday, but his wife Beverly and his grandchildren were on hand, as well as Councillors Ira Novoselsky and Steve Moribito.

The restoring of the beautiful painting was in the capable hands of Revere's research librarian, Rhea Heaven as well as the mounting of the painting for hanging in the museum. Heaven spent countless hours restoring the historic painting back to its original luster and vibrance. Dr. Toby Pearlstein, Director of Museum Operations was happy to do the unveiling of the latest addition to the RSCHP Museum.



President of the RSCHP Bob Upton and his lovely wife Marquerite welcomed many local area residents to the annual holiday party last Saturday afternoon.



Candidate for Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio talks with School Committee member Carol Tye, and veterans Tom Sullivan and Gerry Iannecello.



A heartfelt moment for Beverly Marra, wife of the artist, Tom Marra as Dr. Toby Pearlstein official unveils the Revere Beach painting, that now hangs in its new home on Beach Street.



Mina O'Brien enjoys lunch at mom's desk at the RSCHP Museum.



Beverly Marra (center) and the Marra family, Paul, Nancy, Chloe and Seamus Fay, Dr. Toby Pearlstein, representing Mayor Brian Arrigo Councillor Ira Novoselsky and President of the RSCHP Bob Upton at the unveiling of the latest edition to the Revere Museum and painting by Tom Marra.

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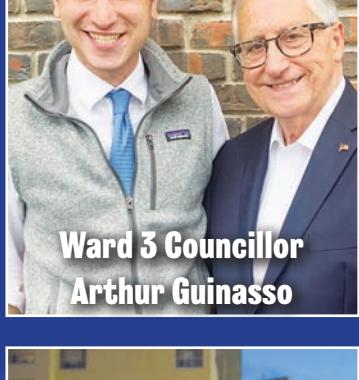
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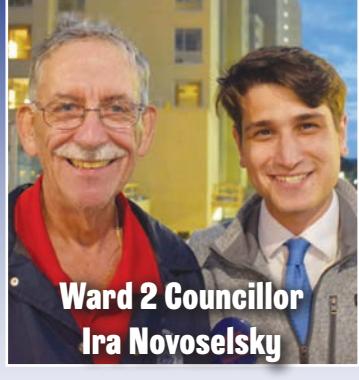
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ANNUAL SANTA WALK DEDICATED IN MEMORY TO PRISCILLA NICKERSON

Priscilla Nickerson will always be remembered for her dedication and wonderful personality. Always having a smile for everyone and always ready to lend a helping hand. Priscilla was lost to her family and the City of Revere not too long ago, but she will always be re-

membered for the Santa Walk she instituted as an annual event in the City of Revere.

Last Saturday evening, after the walk down Broadway concluded, Mayor Brian Arrigo officially renamed the event in honor of Priscilla Nickerson.



School Committee member Mike Ferrante and his family were on hand for the Annual Santa Walk.



Mayor Brian Arrigo and his son, Joseph, with Revere Police Chief David Calahan and candidate for State Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio.



Santa was ready with his elves at the RHS parking lot.



A big Christmas Hello from Santa as he passes along Broadway leading the parade of Santa's and elves.



Santa with his friends, Donna Seminatore and Max, Emanuel and Eva Luther.



Rose Lydon, Priscilla Nickerson's sister was at Revere City Hall to thank the many participants for their efforts and spoke about her Priscilla's love for the City of Revere.



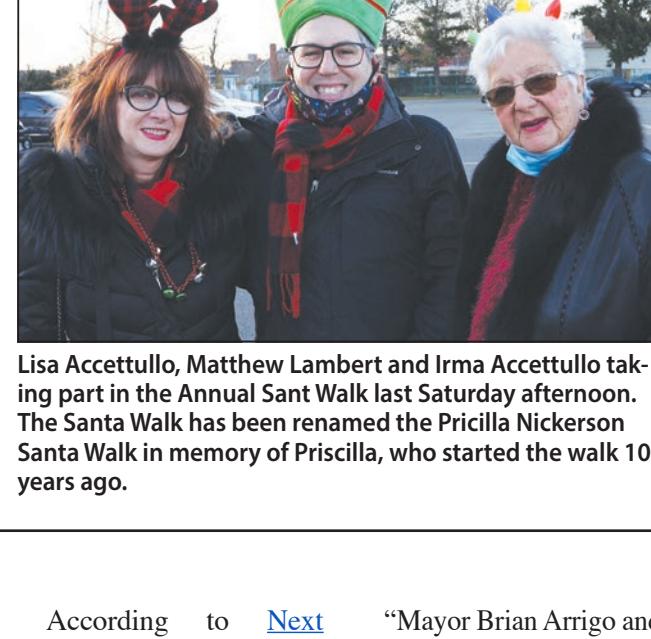
Santa, Mike Zaccaria and the staff from Action were ready to go.



Hanna Luongo with Santa.



Keeping Santa and everyone safe during his visit for 25 years, Officer Gerry Salvati and Sgt. Chris Giannino.



Lisa Accettullo, Matthew Lambert and Irma Accettullo taking part in the Annual Sant Walk last Saturday afternoon.

The Santa Walk has been renamed the Priscilla Nickerson Santa Walk in memory of Priscilla, who started the walk 10 years ago.

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tral business district. This webinar series is open to all Revere small businesses, regardless of location, and simultaneous interpretation is available in Spanish to support the participation of native Spanish speakers. "As JPMorgan Chase expands its presence locally, and with this growth comes collaborative opportunity," said Mayor Brian Arrigo. "The City welcomes these types of public-private partnerships to bring unique expertise and ideas to res-

idents through webinars, informational sessions, and more. These programs will be key to fostering economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19 – by building a solid foundation for our small-business community through collaborative events and webinars, our business leaders and residents are equipped with the tools they need to succeed. We hope local business owners find this webinar useful and we are looking forward to continuing a partnership between the

City of Revere, JPMorgan Chase, and the Center for Women & Enterprise."

The CWE was founded in 1995 as an economic empowerment organization whose mission is to help women business owners and aspiring female entrepreneurs launch and grow their business. Staff from CWE work individually with female entrepreneurs by providing greater access to the resources, tools, and support they need to succeed.

"The Center for Wom-

en & Enterprise is proud to partner with Mayor Brian Arrigo and JPMorgan Chase to deliver programs and resources that will help empower women entrepreneurs to succeed financially," said Gaby King Morse, President & CEO, the Center for Women & Enterprise. "And when women find economic empowerment, they are better positioned to support themselves, their families, their communities, and create a more equitable world for all."

According to [Next Stop Revere](#), Revere's recently-completed master plan encompassing demographics, employment, education, housing, and health in the city, nearly 10 percent of Revere households rely on self-employment income. As a Gateway City in the Commonwealth, Revere has a variety of housing, transportation and economic qualities making it an ideal place for small businesses to launch and grow their ventures.

"Mayor Brian Arrigo and Center for Women & Enterprise are committed to advancing financial empowerment for small businesses, particularly those led by people of color and women, by providing them with the tools and resources needed to grow and thrive," said Susanne Cameron, Community Engagement, New England, JPMorgan Chase. "Revere is an ideal place to launch this technical assistance program and help accelerate inclusive economic growth in the region."

ANNUAL SANTA WALK DEDICATED IN MEMORY TO PRISCILLA NICKERSON



Ward 1 City Councillor Joanne McKenna with State Rep. Jessica Giannino and Santa Claus.



City Hall Chief of Staff Kim Hanton and Revere School Committee member Susan Gravellese.



Marianne and Alice Bossoneli with Santa.



Traffic Sgt. Chris Giannino and Revere Fire Lt. Kevin O'Hara and crew are ready to keep everyone safe during the Santa Walk last Saturday afternoon.



Word has it, Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Hinajosa is getting everything on his list.



Shown above, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna with Ricci and Loretta LaCentra, the inseparable duo, and State Rep. Jessica Giannino at the Priscilla Nickerson Santa Walk.

Shown to the left, Mayor Arrigo picked up the microphone and interviewed Santa before the event.



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Boston National Historic Park, USS Constitution and USS Constitution Museum commemorate 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack

Staff Report

Boston National Historic Park, USS Constitution and the USS Constitution Museum were scheduled to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor in front of the USS Cassin Young Tuesday, December 7.

The commemoration at Pier 1 in the Charlestown Navy Yard was open to the public and was streamed on USS Constitution's Facebook Live yesterday (<https://www.facebook.com/ussconstitutionofficial/>).

The live stream included a ceremony, a wreath laying aboard USS Cassin Young dedicated to the brave Americans who

gave the ultimate sacrifice during the attack and a gun salute from USS Constitution concluding the commemoration at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Refreshments were provided during the event with a lunch provided after courtesy of the City of Boston's Office of Veterans Services.

USS Cassin Young is named in honor of Captain Cassin Young, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism during the Pearl Harbor attack.

Built for speed and capability, USS Cassin Young engaged in seven Pacific battles in World War II, survived two Kamikaze hits, and served

another full decade beyond her expected lifetime.

Maintained by the National Park Service and an army of dedicated Park volunteers, Cassin Young remains to this day as a testament to the crews who sailed her, and the men and women who built and maintained her.

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the stories of "Old Ironsides" and those associated with her.

The Museum is currently open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center is cur-



A scene from a previous Pearl Harbor anniversary ceremony at the USS Constitution in Charlestown.

a.m. to 4 p.m.

USS Constitution is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to

1855.

The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents.

The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the war of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull.

Turner Construction Company supports Revere Veterans with annual mac and cheese "Mac Attack" drive

Staff Report

The Turner Construction Company Boston team has established a unique way to support local, former servicemen and women and their families by holding an annual macaroni and cheese, "Mac Attack," donation drive. The 2021 drive was the team's fourth annual event, with collection locations established using new Community Care Cupboards located at project and office sites, in addition to a virtual giving option.

Turner's Community Care Cupboards, currently stationed at four

of Turner's active project sites across Boston and Cambridge, serve as hubs for team members to give back to the community throughout the year. Employees and workers on site have the opportunity to not only support the community through donating essentials but can also nominate organizations to be recipients of future drives.

Turner's employee led resource group, the Military Veterans Network, has worked with staff to collect over 2,836 boxes of macaroni and cheese to donate to the Revere Veteran's Service Office, an organization that services

over 400 families throughout the City of Revere. An additional 175 food and personal care items donated through a virtual donation drive.

The food donation drive began in 2017 when Turner began coordinating with the Revere Veteran's Services office. Since its inception, Turner's Mac Attack Drives have provided thousands of boxes of macaroni & cheese to local Veterans and their families.

"Being the daughter of a Veteran, I have long understood and appreciated their service and sacrifice to our country and living in Revere I get to see first-

hand all of the wonderful things that the Veterans Services Office does to care for these men and women in our community," said Amanda DiLando, Turner employee and resident of Revere. "As this drive keeps growing each year, it continues to validate the impact this gesture of our gratitude makes for those who have given so much to all of us."

The drive expanded even further with help from Turner Boston's Military Veterans Network, an employee resource group with the mission to ensure a positive working environment for Veterans



Martin of Turner Construction drops off a truckload of mac and cheese for the Mac Attack.

and position them for success in their careers. The employee resource group creates outlets to help foster relationships and trust

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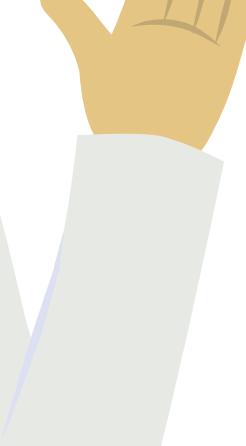
VACCINE FACTS

Like many parents of young children, you may be concerned about keeping your kids safe from COVID-19.

Good news: The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for kids ages 5 and up. Experts agree it's the best way to protect against COVID-19 and prevent kids from getting seriously ill.

It's natural to have questions about the vaccine for your child. Here are some facts:

- The COVID-19 vaccine was thoroughly tested.
- The clinical trials included thousands of kids ages 5-11.
- The vaccine has been proven safe for kids ages 5 and up.
- It was also proven to be 91% effective at preventing COVID-19 in kids.



Want to know more?

Talk to your child's doctor about the COVID-19 vaccine.
mass.gov/CovidVaccineKids



Tumultuous meeting for Human Rights Commission

Staff Report

The Revere Human Rights Commission (HRC) held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, December 2, in the City Council Chambers.

Chairperson Janine Grillo Marra called the meeting to order and took the roll call of commissioners. Her fellow commissioners on hand for the meeting were Rev. Timothy Bogertman, Fire Chief Chris Bright, Dr. Lourenco Garcia, Chai Hossaini, and Kourou Pich.

The highlights -- and lowlights -- of the meeting included a discussion about establishing a city-wide observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and, during the public forum part of the meeting, repeated outbursts from audience members that led to Marra gaveling the meeting to a recess until order could be restored.

Following are the commission's agenda items and the discussions pertaining to each item:

Arrive & Settle - Brief Silence:

The meeting began with the commission's usual Arrive and Settle in which Marra leads the group in a meditative exercise. The commission does not recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

"We will get started the way that we usually do," said Marra, who owns a yoga and wellness studio. "We get started by arriving and settling so that we can be as fully present as possible in our bodies, hearts, and minds and connect with each other, the community, and really, all beings."

"So find a comfortable way to sit or, if you like, stand. You can either close your eyes or keep your eyes open without focusing them," she continued.

"Just feel the simplicity of being in a body...the effect of gravity...the way you're contacting the chair, the ground...just sense into so many others in bodies confronted with health, or sickness, or injury...each unique, yet very similar on a fundamental level...just feel the breath flow in and the breath flow out...breathing might be shallow or deep, smooth or jagged, if you can just make space for what's

here...if it feels comfortable, you might take some slower, deeper breaths....just sense into how as long as we're alive, we're here breathing together...now just notice your state of being...you might feel agitated or calm...joyful, sorrowful...how I'm disconnected...so many states of being may pass through us...just notice how they change...sense into how others have similar experiences...in your own way, connect to each other...to those in the community, those across the country, and really, all beings.

"And now for those of us who are here in person...join me in reciting our Mission Statement together," said Marra.

The commissioners in unison then recited the HRC's Mission Statement, which is as follows:

"The Mission of the Revere Human Rights Commission is to promote human and civil rights and empower all people of Revere by ensuring that everyone, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, have equitable opportunities, equal access, and are treated with dignity, respect, fairness, and justice."

Topics for Discussion:

a. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (January 17, 2022)

Marra began the discussion with the observation that the city does not have a formal observance or significant recognition of Martin Luther King (MLK) Day. She offered the suggestion that students might re-enact one of Dr. King's speeches or other excerpts that they might want to share either at an HRC meeting or in another city building.

"I think it's a very good idea to get the youth involved," said Chief Bright. "I'm sure (School Supt.) Diane Kelly would be very pleased to work with us to come up with something good."

"This is a wonderful idea and we should pursue it, especially if we haven't done anything in the past," added Rev. Bogertman.

"I don't know about the feasibility of doing this between now and the holiday," said Dr. Garcia, who is the Assistant Supt. of Inclusion and Equity in the Revere public schools. "The idea of engaging the youth is a great idea. I'll

start looking into it. The idea of bringing someone to talk on that date would be excellent as well."

"There are so many things we can do to have the city do an acknowledgement of Dr. King's Day," said Pich, who referenced what is done in Chelsea, which has had a formal MLK Day observance for many years that is a collaborative effort among the city, the schools, and civic organizations.

b. HRC Group Norms - Shared Intentions - Agreements

Marra presented a list of Shared Intentions and Group Norms to her fellow commissioners for their consideration.

I pulled samples from different sources of group norms, just a starting point as to how we want to include these in our meeting," said Marra.

The information displayed by Marra was as follows:

Shared Intentions:

-- Take space, make space

-- What is said here, stays here (Marra pointed out that this norm is not applicable to a public meeting.)

-- What is learned here, leaves here

-- Brave space

-- One mic, one speaker

-- Offer what you can, ask for what you need

-- Listen with compassion and curiosity.

-- Take pauses

-- Be willing to rest with discomfort

Group norms:

-- Be open-minded

-- Treat each other with courtesy and respect

-- Create trust and a sense of belonging

-- Avoid hidden agendas and gossip

-- Take ownership for mistakes

-- Act for the overall good of the team and the community

-- Share information

-- Come to meetings fully prepared

-- When you commit to doing something, do it or seek help if you can not

-- Celebrate accomplishments

-- No technology use during meetings other than what is relevant to the meeting.

Each of the commissioners spoke briefly to give their reaction to the

start looking into it. The idea of bringing someone to talk on that date would be excellent as well."

Do we want to have these be under one umbrella and then decide what we want to call that?" queried Marra.

Garcia suggested, "The norms and Mission Statement should be read in at least three different languages, Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic, to ensure that everyone feels included in our meetings."

Bogertman felt that reading all of the information in so many languages before each meeting might be time-consuming, but that perhaps only one or two norms be read at each meeting.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Public Forum (community members have opportunity to address the HRC):

Diana Ploss, who said she is an Independent candidate for governor, stepped to the microphone.

"The first thing I want to do is recite the Pledge of Allegiance because it is customary for me when I attend meetings in other cities and towns," Ploss said. "I hope that members of the commission will stand and recite it."

Ploss then put her hand over her heart and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I have two questions," she said. "What is your model for this Human Rights Commission?"

Marra then asked Ploss to provide her second question.

"Where does the U.S. Constitution come into place?" said Ploss. "My understanding of the Constitution is that it does protect the civil rights of everybody, regardless of race, color, or creed. So why is there a need for a Human Rights Commission if we already have the Constitution?"

Garcia took up Ploss's latter query.

"The reason for the Human Rights Commission is to define and protect the voices of everyone," said Garcia. "Yes, we do have the Constitution with everybody's rights protected -- in theory."

"But when you look at the history of this country, people were not treat-

ed equally," said Garcia. "There were issues of racism and other discrimination and many other facets of social issues that affect a lot of people in this country. It is clear that it is the experience of many people in this country that there is still oppression and oppressive practices. Inequality in this country is huge."

"Yes, the U.S. Constitution is a great document, a lot of safeguards there, but the fact of the matter is that immigrants, African-Americans, and other people of color continue to be perceived as less capable than others, and that is why we need this commission, to support the dignity and voices of those who historically have been overshadowed," Garcia continued. "I've gone through this myself as an immigrant."

"Revere has become a melting pot," he added. "We need a body like this, that is very representative, to have people from different facets and different cultures to be there and defend those whose voices and access to opportunity have been overshadowed for many years."

Ploss said she wanted to respond to Garcia's comments, but was rebuffed by Marra, who pointed out that other members of the commission might want to speak.

"My rights are feeling very violated," said Ploss. "Does anyone else have a comment?"

Pich then joined the discussion.

"It is important to have an HRC," Pich said. "Within this city, who sits at the table? Look at the City Council or the School Committee. Who holds the power? It is important that there is a body such as this. Black people are being killed every day. My question to you is, 'Why does the Constitution not protect these people?' That is my question to you, who is someone who is running for governor."

"I grew up in Roxbury," replied Ploss. "I'm 58. I was around during busing. Black and white people got along fine. But the U.S. Constitution is the law of the land. Trying to place another body above that is actually treason. This is treason."

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among Turner Veterans, similar to the camaraderie established when serving in the armed forces, with the goal of echoing this positivity to Turner peers and the greater community.

"The Military Veterans Network is a family of service members and Veterans from Turner that work together to make a difference in our communities," said Rafael Rodriguez, Special Projects Division Project Manager at Turner Construction. "So many of us have benefited from the kindness and donation of others at various points of time in our service, it feels great to pay it forward."

"Since 2017 Turner Construction has been a dedicated partner who believes in our mission supporting the needs of Revere vets and their families," said Marc Silvestri, Director of Veteran Services for the City of Revere. "Turner has been raising the bar every year,

they have gone above and beyond. This year they partnered with Boss Steel, and together they donated thousands of boxes of Mac & Cheese to our local veterans, and their families. It's partnerships like this that help our office thrive and allow us to take veteran services to the next level.

Turner and Boss Steel should be commended for going the extra mile in support of our American Heroes. We cannot thank them enough; it warms our hearts to see just how much they enjoy helping the veterans of Revere."

The Revere Veterans Service Office provides services and benefits to eligible Veterans and their families in a timely manner in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws. They represent and advocate for Veterans and family members with the U.S. Government and private agencies, Veteran service organizations and the public, to maximum utilization of available re-

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start looking into it. The idea of bringing someone to talk on that date would be excellent as well."

Do we want to have these be under one umbrella and then decide what we want to call that?" queried Marra.

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OBITUARIES

Carl Bartolo

Of Lynn

Standout Revere High School Athlete Carl J. Bartolo of Lynn died on December 2 at the age of 89.

A standout athlete while at Revere High School, he was born in Boston on November 11, 1932 to the late Rosario and Frances (Engle), the dear companion to Eileen Fortucci of Lynn, husband to the late RoseMarie (Gentile), dear father of the late Randy Bartolo and step father to

Lisa of Chelsea, Robert and his wife, Trisha of Revere and Ronnie of Florida. He is also survived by his grandchildren in Florida.

At the request of the family, all services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org, or a charity of your choice. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com

Janice Spracklin

Former proprietor of 'Jan's Country Kitchen'

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, December 1 in Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish – St. Mary's Church, Revere for Janice A. "Jan" (Murphy) Spracklin, 74, who died in the loving presence of her family and her God on Friday, November 26 at her home in Revere following a long illness with breast cancer.

Jan was born in Boston, raised and educated in East Boston and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1965. Jan was married to her love, Norman G. Spracklin on November 19, 1969. After they were married, they settled in Chelsea before moving to Revere in 1973. Together they raised their children and Jan was a very dedicated mother and wife, first and foremost. One of Jan's proudest accomplishments was when she owned and operated "Jan's Country Kitchen" for about 10 years. She served delicious food and it was her witty personality that people fell in love with. She treated all of her customers as if they were



her family, which in some cases, they became part of her extended family.

Jan was always a kind and loving person who always found time to help a friend in need.

The devoted and beloved wife of 52 years to Norman G. Spracklin of Revere, she was the loving mother of Lisa A. Spracklin and Eric C. Spracklin, both of Revere; cherished grandmother of Courtney T. Spracklin of Burlington; dear sister of Elaine Westmoreland of Saugus, Marilyn Jones of Revere, Phyllis Deleidi and her husband, Raymond of Chelsea. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins. Remembrances may be made to Susan G. Komen Global Headquarters, P.O. Box 801889, MA 300, Dallas, TX 75380.

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

Frank M. Gulla, a life-long resident of Revere, lost his battle with cancer on December 2 at the age of 69.

Frank was born in Winthrop to the late Joseph "Tiny" Gulla Sr. and Teresa (Colarusso) Gulla. He was the loving partner of Toni Serena of Revere, father of Michael Gulla and grandfather of Matthew and Drayven, beloved uncle of Davida Winn and the late Joey Gulla; cherished brother to his twin, Joseph Gulla of Peabody and Joanne Winn and her husband, Dave of Colorado, formerly of Peabody, and the late John Gulla.

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REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

20 years ago

December 12, 2001

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino said this week that with local aid from the state down this year and expected to be even less next year, the city will be facing difficult times in the coming months. A Financial Summit held by the City Council Monday night shed little light on the city's financial woes, which similarly are being felt by cities and towns across the state.

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino sponsored a special Ramadan service in the City Hall auditorium last Tuesday evening at sunset for members of the Muslim community in Revere.

Police are searching for suspects in the murder of Peter J. DeVito, 47, of Nahant, who was gunned down by a hail of bullets inside the Squire Club Saturday night while he was sitting at the bar. Police believe the incident was a planned hit.

Ocean's Eleven, Behind Enemy Lines, and Shallow Hal are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago

December 11, 1991

A bill awaiting the signature of Gov. William Weld will provide the city with a much-needed infusion of funds during the current fiscal crisis. The bill, which was worked out between State Rep. Robert DeLeo and Mayor George V. Colella and which had the backing of State Sen. Tom Birmingham and State Rep. William G. Reinestein, will allow the city to spread out payments to its pension fund, thereby freeing up some cash immediately.

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50 years ago

December 16, 1971

Police were kept busy throughout the weekend responding to calls for burglaries to businesses and residences all across the city, with many substantial losses being reported.

The City Council, six of whom are lame ducks, approved a third lame-duck appointment by lame-duck Mayor George Colella of lame-duck Assessor Ronald Corbett, whose term was set to expire, to fill the unexpired term of former assessor Andrew Palmer.

A rock 'em, sock 'em School Committee meeting saw Mayor George Colella spar with School Supt. Dr. Frederick Kelley over the size of the school budget deficit.

Mayor George V. Colella has called a special meeting of the City Council to approve the bonding for a new \$12.5 Revere High School.

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60 years ago

Dec. 14, 1961

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Revere Beach area into one of the most sought-after places to live in greater Boston, explained that the grant will be utilized "for improvements to the Route 1A southbound ramp."

"This is an important investment for our city as we continue to make progress with our Riverfront Master Plan," said Arrigo. "The design and engineering work will refine a plan for us to reconstruct a new ramp and rotary that will offer direct, safe, and convenient access to the Riverfront for everyone –

pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicles."

Arrigo said the infrastructure work and the redevelopment of the G and J Towing property will give residents "access to beautiful, new public space on Riverfront."

Arrigo specifically thanked Redgate founding principal Damian Szary for "making the Riverfront vision a true reality."

Polito lauded Arrigo and the city, stating, "while managing through COVID and the pandemic, you've also kept all the wheels moving forward

relative to economic development in this community."

"Today we are building upon that success," said Polito. "The MassWorks program is allowing you a \$750,000 award for redevelopment."

Szary said the MassWorks grant to the city complements the \$300,000 that Redgate paid for the initial design of the project.

"In essence, we have put in \$1 million to complete the design, and then in the spring, the city is going to be looking for the construction funding associated with it," said Szary.

The development of



Mayor Brian Arrigo and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito are pictured with local and state officials following the grant presentation ceremony Tuesday.

the G and J property will be Redgate's fourth major project in Revere.



Damian Szary, founding principal of Redgate, speaks at the grant presentation ceremony Tuesday.



Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito presents the MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant of \$750,000 to Mayor Brian Arrigo at the presentation ceremony held Tuesday at 200 Winthrop Ave.

Council // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ly and that a member of the Revere Commission on Disabilities should have a seat on the School Building Committee.

"This is not about the school building group, it's about participation of the people," began Rotondo. "We have a \$300 million project that is coming before us, and we have a very minimal amount of participation from the public."

"When I review the YouTube videos that are presented on the web site and you look at the participation numbers, it's less than 1,000 people – that's a very, very small amount," said Rotondo.

Councillor Patrick Keefe, who with Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti are members of the School Building Committee, responded to Rotondo's claims.

"The plans are to be in front of the City Council on Jan. 10," said Keefe. "The project chair wants to present it in front of the School Committee, and subsequently in front of the City Council, and host a public forum that week as well."

Keefe also reported that the two potential sites for the new high school are on the current site of Revere High School and at the former Wonderland Park property that was home to a greyhound racing facility.

"You see, this is my issue," said Rotondo. "The entire process, the people did not have a say in it. It was just a select group."

"They have had a say," said Keefe, before Zambuto said he didn't want the discussion to evolve into "a back and forth."

Rotondo said past

school building committees 'reported to us on a weekly basis.'

Keefe said that "everyone has been given a chance to participate. These meetings have been held on Zoom. It couldn't be easier to participate."

Zambuto then asked Keefe, "Have the minutes of every meeting been distributed to this Council?"

"They have not been," said Zambuto, answering his own question. "I built five schools and I sat at every construction meeting and altered some of the problems that were going to happen because of my construction experience. But what we did do is we always issued minutes for the City Council, and that has not been done. You people on the Building Committee should insist that that happens."

ADA Coordinator

DeCicco momentarily altered the tense atmosphere when he said, "I'm going to talk as two people right now."

DeCicco explained that he would be speaking from the perspective of being a private citizen and the ADA coordinator.

"Public speaking is done in a very unprofessional way at those [School Building Committee] meetings," said DeCicco. "You can only make a comment. You

cannot ask questions and get a response. It [making comments] has to be done at the beginning of the meeting when there are not facts stated."

DeCicco said that in the past, "there has always been a person from the Commission on Disabilities on those [school building] boards. There is not a person on this Committee from the Commission on Disabilities."

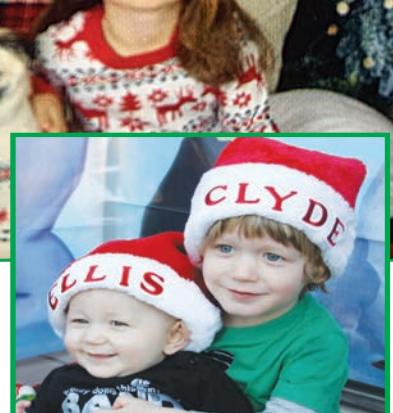
Zambuto also seemed to be taken aback that he

was not invited to serve on the Committee, despite "having the most experience in building schools in the city."

"The way they're running these meetings don't seem to be in keeping with the way they were run in the past," concluded Zambuto.

The Council concluded its discussion by approving Rotondo's motion for an update on the School Building Committee's work to-date.

CHRISTMAS KIDS

Christmas Photos to be included in our CHRISTMAS KIDS PAGES

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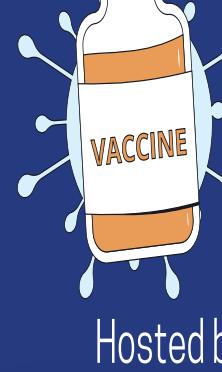
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Last Thursday evening Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Mayor Brian Arrigo were joined by local and state officials, as well as local residents to officially light the Menorah in front of Revere City Hall. State Representative Jessica Gi-

annino, Council President Tony Zambuto, Rabbi Lior Nevo, and members of the Revere Human Rights Commission and a host of others joined Rabbi Sruli Baron for the ceremony.



Some of the many officials and residents that joined Mayor Brian Arrigo at Revere City Hall last Thursday evening for the lighting of the Menorah to celebrate Chanukah.



Master of Ceremonies Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Rabbi Sruli Baron.



Councillor of Ward 2 Ira Novoselsky welcomes everyone on behalf of the City of Revere.



Mayor Brian Arrigo extends his warm wishes to all for a happy and healthy Chanukah.



Rabbi Seruli Baron explains the history of the menorah and the three miracles.



State Representative Jessica Giannino extends the greetings from the House of Representatives and herself.



Mayor Brian Arrigo and Chief of Staff Kim Hanton with Rabbi Lior Nevo and Executive Director of the Jack Satter House Stephen Post.



Commander of JWV Post 161, Joe Cole lighting a candle.



Candidate for Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio lighting a candle on the menorah.



Bill Lipman was invited to light a candle.



Members of the Revere Human Rights Commission and Chief of Staff Kim Hanton at Revere City Hall last Thursday evening for the lighting of the Menorah.

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Pictured from left to right is senior captain Carolina Carvalho-Bettero, sophomore captain Haley Belloise, and senior captain Skyla Desimone. Carolina, Haley and Skyla have been vocal, positive and committed members of the RHS basketball program since day 1. Congratulations to the 2021-2022 RHS Girls Basketball tri-captains.



The 2021-2022 RHS Boys Basketball team voted for captains this past week. The three seniors are looking forward to leading their team this upcoming season. L-R Ihssan Mourouane (RHS '22) James Clauto (Seacoast '22) Jack Dambrosio (Seacoast '22).

RHS SPORTS Roundup

NEW COACH, NEW SEASON FOR RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Revere High girls basketball team, under the direction of new head coach Chris Porrazzo, will open its 2022 season this coming Tuesday (December 14) when the Lady Patriots host defending Greater Boston League playoff champion Everett.

The opening tip is set for 6:00 at the Merullo Fieldhouse.

Porrazzo, a guidance counselor at the Rumney Marsh School who has helmed the highly-successful Revere Middle School boys basketball program, will be joined on the sidelines by a coaching staff consisting of long-time coach Michael Micciche; Ariana Rivera, a health teacher at Revere High School with lots of high school coaching experience who will be leading and developing the JV players; and Tom-

my Chea, a former RHS standout basketball player, who is on board as an assistant coach and scout.

"We were lucky to build such a strong coaching staff in such a short amount of time," said Porrazzo, who was named to the post in November. "I truly believe all three coaches are capable of running a varsity basketball program and that's what makes the future of our program so promising."

The 2022 Patriots will be led by a trio of captains, senior Carolina Carvalho-Bettero, senior Skyla DeSimone, and sophomore Haley Belloise.

"More than anything, these three love the game of basketball," enthused Porrazzo. "They are positive influences over their teammates and they communicate at a very high level. They made a quick impression on the coach-

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ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

GIANNA MAHONEY RHS VOLLEYBALL



Gianna Mahoney was a senior team captain, GBL League All Star & received the Heart Award at the banquet this year

SKYLA DESIMONE RHS FIELD HOCKEY



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School Committee-elect

SeaCoast School students make history in Revere High basketball program

By Cary Shuman

Revere High School boys basketball head coach David Leary has

announced the election of captains for the 2021-22 season, and for the first time in the program's history, two of the captains

are students at the Sea-Coast School.

SeaCoast School seniors James Clauto and Jack Sargent D'Ambrosio

will join RHS senior Isshan Mourouane as leaders of the varsity Patriots

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735 households in Revere received \$5.5 million in emergency rental assistance in FY21

Special to the Journal

Since 2013, Metro Housing|Boston has documented the effectiveness of Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT), a homelessness prevention program for households with low incomes that are experiencing a housing crisis.

However, the pandemic has changed the face of RAFT as two additional programs built on and expanded the program's reach. Emergency Housing Payment Assistance, or EHPA, became a housing lifeline for 10,251 families in Metro Housing's region, providing more than \$63 million in assistance during FY21. By comparison, FY20 saw 1,805 households receive a total of \$5.1 million in assistance.

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A new report released this month by Metro Housing - EHPA in Review - examines the impact of the pandemic on

the infusion of state and federal funds, the expansion of eligibility to access those funds, the streamlining of the application process, and quicker release of dollars. These changes resulted in a complete shift in Metro Housing's housing payment assistance programs, requiring greater flexibility and increased staff capacity.

The average housing assistance benefit increased from \$2,832 in FY20 to \$6,167 in FY21

"Metro Housing and our regional housing agencies have helped tens of thousands of Massachusetts families during an unprecedented, international health crisis," said Housing and Community Development Undersecretary Jennifer Maddox. "We are proud to work with dedicated partners to

transform our rental assistance program to respond to immense need and increase supportive resources to help households avoid eviction and remain stably housed."

In some of Metro Housing's communities, such as Boston, Braintree, Milton, and Revere, Metro Housing serves or served as an administering agent for community-based housing emergency assistance.

Partnerships with community-based organizations provided another valuable way to assist more families in Metro Housing's region in FY21. Partnerships with the Action for Boston Community Development, Asian Community Development Corporation, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, The Neighborhood Developers (TND)/CONNECT, WATCH, and Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID) provided not only venues for getting the word out about available assistance, but also provided places for people to complete applications and

get assistance with language barrier issues.

"The pandemic hit TND's communities of Chelsea and Revere hard," says Rafael Mares, Executive Director of TND. "Our close, pre-existing partnership with Metro Housing became the bedrock of our response. With their support, our team took on the responsibility to assist tenants in filling out rental assistance applications, Metro Housing staff trained our team, and jointly we developed systems for working together."

Key Findings from EHPA in Review FY2020:

- The average housing assistance benefit increased from \$2,832 in FY20 to \$6,167 in FY21.
- Mortgage assistance in FY21 totaled \$2.5 million, a significant increase from the \$61,444 in FY20.
- In FY21, Metro Housing provided \$43.5 million in rental arrear assistance, a 1400 percent increase over FY20.
- Total rental stipend assistance increased to 22 percent of all EHPA assistance.

tance, totaling more than \$13 million. In FY20, it represented only 3 percent of assistance.

• Black/African American household participation tripled in the course of one year, to more than 3,400 families. Hispanic household participation increased six-fold to nearly 3,300. And non-Hispanic White participation increased approximately eight-fold to more than 2,400 families.

"COVID-19 has impacted all of us in so many ways, but none as severe as families with low incomes not being able to pay your rent or mortgage while facing eviction or foreclosure," said Chris Norris, Executive Director of Metro Housing|Boston.

"Many individuals and families have remained housed during the pandemic not only because of the dedication and flexibility of our staff, but also of DHCD administrators, service providers, advocates, and local municipalities. The data in this report shows the need for a more sustainable solution, from additional rental assistance vouchers and the production of below-market-rate housing, to the critical shortage of affordable housing in the metro Boston area."

To access the full report, visit bit.ly/EHPAReport

Serving more than 25,000 households annually, Metro Housing|Boston is dedicated to mobilizing wide-ranging resources to provide innovative and personalized services that assist families in avoiding homelessness, maintain housing stability, and achieve economic security. With more than 30 years' experience piloting and implementing housing programs, it has solidified their position as an industry-leading expert on navigating the affordable housing field. Metro Housing|Boston is committed to making sure that every person in Greater Boston will always have a place to call home. Visit www.metrohousingboston.org, facebook.com/MetroHousingBoston, or follow on Twitter at @MetroHousingBos.

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ing staff and earned the right to be named captains."

The girls have not played any scrimmages to date, but will encounter Milton and Chelsea this week.

"We have pre-season scrimmages coming up against Milton and

Chelsea," noted Porrazzo. "Both games will be a good test for us to see where we stand before our first game against Everett on the 14th."

Looking ahead to the coming season, Porrazzo said he has been impressed with his team's focus.

"It's striking how much

our players on varsity and JV care about the game of basketball," said the coach. "These girls want to work. They want to be challenged. They want to get better. They are willing to do whatever it takes to help the team."

"It is a really important mindset for some of our younger freshman players to have," Porrazzo continued. "They might not be totally ready to contribute on varsity yet, but you can see the path ahead for them. They have a chance to develop and contribute to our program over the next four years."

"All the players truly value practice time," Porrazzo added. "We preach that every second of practice time is meaningful and urgent. Our mantra is, 'Tough, smart, and together.' Everything we do revolves around those three things. We are still learning what those words mean to our team, but every day, every practice, every precious second we

are improving and working hard.

"I can't speak to what our results might be this year, but what I can tell you is that our effort, growth, and togetherness will be evident from game-to-game," Porrazzo said.

The Lady Patriots will meet each of their seven GBL rivals (Chelsea, Everett, Medford, Malden, Somerville, Lynn Classical, and Lynn English) twice and will take on non-league foes Peabody, Waltham, Winthrop, and two opponents in the North Reading holiday tournament.

RHS BOYS BASKETBALL READYING FOR SEASON-OPENER

The Revere High boys basketball team will open its 2022 season next Tuesday (December 14) when coach David Leary and his crew will make the short trek to Greater Boston League rival Everett.

"We're looking forward to the upcoming season after a shortened season last year in the GBL due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Leary, who will be at the helm of a young squad that has only two players returning from the 2021 team.

"Senior captain Jack D'Ambrosio gives us versatility on both offense and defense with his athleticism," said Leary. "Fellow senior captain James Clauto was the team's leading scorer last season and will certainly have an intricate role in the team's success this year."

"Our third senior captain, Ihssan Mourouane, a four-year player in the program, is a very intel-

ligent player who makes all of his teammates better with his passing ability," Leary added.

Leary will be counting upon senior big men Jean Saint-Dick, Hamza Ghoul, and Kenny Arango to give the Patriots toughness, scoring, and rebounding on the inside.

Senior swingman Ramadan Barry will provide Revere with three-point shooting and defense off the bench. Junior forward Domenic Boudreau will be a jack-of-all-trades with his ability to score, shoot, defend, and rebound.

"Junior point guard Alejandro Hincapie will drive other teams crazy with his on-ball defense, speed, and tenacity," noted Leary, while junior guard Sal DeAngelis will give the Pats a spark with his long-range shooting and scoring.

Junior forward Vincent Nichols also will provide energy off the bench with his athleticism and ability to get to the basket. Junior guards Vinny Vu and Chris Claudio will give the Pats long-range shooting off of the bench.

Leary will look to sophomore forwards Andrew Leone, Glenn Kule, and Luke Ellis to supply toughness and scoring for his young Patriot squad.

Leary and his crew played their first pre-season scrimmage on Sunday morning at Woburn High School, an encounter that Leary termed "a very competitive contest."

Leary will head a coaching staff that will consist of JV head coach John Leone and freshmen head coach Bob Sullivan (who, along with Leary, are entering their sixth season with the RHS boys' program) and assistant coach

Alex Green, who has been volunteering with the team for the past few years and who has been added to the staff this year.

Leary is cautiously optimistic about his young and inexperienced team.

"We'll have some growing pains early on, but that will not be because of a lack of talent," Leary said. "We just have a lot of guys who have never experienced the speed and strength it takes to play at the varsity level in the GBL."

"These guys have worked hard together all off-season, playing in two summer leagues, a fall league, and workouts," Leary added. "I like the growth we have already shown and we look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together."

Revere will host Melrose today (Wednesday) in a scrimmage at 4:30 in their last pre-season tune-up before the opener at Everett on Tuesday.

The freshmen will tip-off at 4 p.m., the junior varsity at 5:30, and the varsity at 7:00, all at Everett High School.

The Patriots will take on all of their seven GBL rivals (Chelsea, Everett, Medford, Malden, Somerville, Lynn Classical, and Lynn English) twice each and will play four games in two holiday tourneys. They also will meet non-league foes East Boston and Hamilton-Wenham to round out their 20-game schedule.

The contest with Hamilton-Wenham on January 16 at 8:30 p.m. will be a sure highlight of the season for the Pats because the encounter will take place at the TD Garden.




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RHS SPORTS Through the Years

20 years ago
Dec. 12, 2001

The Revere High football team has had to forfeit its 28-7 win over Winthrop on Thanksgiving Day because Revere school officials discovered that an academically-ineligible player had participated for the Patriots. Winthrop head coach Tony Fucillo lauded Revere school officials for coming forward with the information. For his part, Fucillo said that Revere should keep the

Beachcomber Trophy, emblematic of Turkey Day supremacy between the schools.

50 years ago
Dec. 16, 1971

The MDC has reduced the time allotted for the Revere High hockey program from the eight weekly sessions of last year to five this year at Cronin Rink. RHS officials had asked for 12 sessions for the 250 boys in the hockey program.

Mike Cunningham,

who gained 602 yards and scored six touchdowns this season for the Immaculate Conception High football team, has been named to the Catholic Conference All-League team.

60 years ago
Dec. 14, 1961

Ed Ferragamo, the leading ground-gainer for the Immaculate Conception football team, has been named to the Catholic Conference All-League team.

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who open their season on Dec. 14.

"It's very exciting," said Seacoast Principal Dr. Stacey Mulligan about the honors accorded to the two student-athletes. "Usually, we have 5-7 students who play sports at the high school, so this is a huge deal that we have two kids that are captains of the varsity basketball team."

Dr. Mulligan described the two captains as "exceptional basketball players and exceptional persons."

"They're both really good kids," added Dr. Mulligan. "They work very hard at school. Both are kind and charismatic and amazing members of our school community and we're very proud of them."

Coach Leary expects the SeaCoast duo to be major contributors to the team. Clauto is in his third season in the program and is a returning starter in the backcourt. Sargent D'Ambrosio will be playing in his second varsity season and should be a starter in the frontcourt.

"I know the SeaCoast School is very proud of these two students and de-

servedly so," said Leary. "We do get some athletes from SeaCoast, but not to this level to reach captaincy."

SeaCoast School is thriving

The SeaCoast School is an alternative high school that is based at the Beachmont School. In addition to Dr. Mulligan, Vice Principal Stacey Livote is part of the administrative team at the school that has an enrollment of more than 80 students.

The school is universally regarded as a success story in the city, matching the sterling reputation enjoyed by the entire school district under the leadership of Dr. Dianne Kelly.

"SeaCoast School gives students an alternative to a traditional high school, and it can offer a little bit more of a flexible schedule for students who may have full-time jobs and family obligations that they have to do," said Dr. Mulligan, who is in her second year as SeaCoast principal. "Our kids go to two-year and four-year colleges and our school has dual enrollment at North Shore Community College, so it's the exact same program, it's

just more flexible for kids who need a little bit more support."

"The perception of what SeaCoast used to be is really changing," continued Dr. Mulligan. "It's difficult, though, because alternative schools have had a bad rap, but finally people are seeing that alternative schools truly are just an alternative path. Once people recognize that, our kids really shine over here. Most of the time, it's just that kids needed a smaller school setting."

Interestingly, Dr. Mulligan was a soccer and track star at academic and sports powerhouse Worcester Academy, so she's aware of the important role that sports play in a student's development. She will be rooting hard for the RHS basketball team, especially Captain Clauto and Captain Sargent D'Ambrosio.

"I'll be at their games in the front row," said Dr. Mulligan. "We're really proud of them for their perseverance. A lot of kids have a tough time balancing school and athletics, and these two have done a great job."

COUNCIL HONORS RESIDENTS



Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo presented Certificates of Appreciation to residents at Monday night's Council meeting for their advocacy against parking meters on Revere Beach. The DCR had installed parking meters on the Boulevard, but thanks to the rallying efforts by residents and officials, including State Reps. Jeffrey Turco and Jessica Giannino, the parking meters were taken away. Pictured at the presentation ceremony, are from left, are Council President Anthony Zambuto, Citation award recipients Roxanne Aiello, Cynthia Kiejna, Rick Sarno, and Wayne Rose, and Councillor George Rotondo. Missing from photo are Citation recipients Peter Martino and Satter House residents who also rallied against the parking meters.

Legislature passes American Rescue Plan Act, FY21 Surplus Spending Bill

Staff Report

On Friday, December 3, the Massachusetts Legislature advanced a \$4 billion bill to the governor's desk that directs federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) surplus funding to assist the Commonwealth's ongoing economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic and truly was a collaborative effort." The awarded funding is as follows...

"I could not be more thankful for what has been awarded to the Sixteenth Suffolk District. Firstly, I want to thank the Honorable Speaker Mariano as well as the Ways and Means Chairman, Aaron Michlewitz, for their hard work and commitment for the much-needed funding for our district and neighboring communities. I also want to thank my partners in the 16th Suffolk, Rep. Wong and Sen-

ator Brighton of Saugus, Rep. Ryan and Senator DiDomenico of Chelsea and Rep. Turco of Revere

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- \$50,000 expended to ROCA, Inc. in the city of Chelsea
- \$50,000 expended to Community Action Programs Inter-City, Incorporated in the city of Chelsea
- \$50,000 expended to GreenRoots, Inc. in the city of Chelsea
- \$50,000 expended to The Neighborhood Developers, Inc. in the city of Chelsea

REVERE:

- \$50,000 for the dredging and rehabilitation of Sales creek and Green's creek
- \$50,000 for repairs for the Town Line brook floodgate between the cities of Malden and Revere
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Baker-Polito administration refiles legislation to improve roadway safety

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration refiled legislation to improve safety on the Commonwealth's roadways and combat drug-impaired driving. This proposal would update road safety laws by implementing uniform standards and promoting proven strategies to reduce motor vehicle crashes, and will implement recommendations made by the Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving.

The bill, refiled by the Administration as the "Trooper Thomas Clardy Law," honors Massachusetts State Trooper Thomas L. Clardy. On March 16, 2016, Trooper Clardy was conducting a traffic stop on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Charlton when his parked cruiser was hit by a speeding motorist who swerved across three lanes of traffic. THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, was detected in the motorist's blood. This preventable crime resulted in the tragic and untimely death of 44-year-old Trooper Clardy, an 11-year member of the state police and a United States Marine Corps veteran. He is survived by his wife and six children. The bill's refiling this week coincides with the two-year mark since the conviction of the driver in the case.

"This legislation aims to make the Commonwealth's roads safer and save lives, and we are grateful to the Clardy family for offering their family's name and support for this legislation, which will help us avoid impaired driving incidents in the future," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This bill will provide law enforcement officers with more rigor-

ous drug detection training and will strengthen the legal process by authorizing the courts to acknowledge that the active ingredient in marijuana can and does impair motorists. The bill draws on thoughtful recommendations from a broad cross-section of stakeholders, and we look forward to working with our legislative colleagues to pass this bill and make our roads safer."

"Our administration is refiling this legislation as part of our steadfast commitment to safeguarding our roadways and protecting the people of the Commonwealth from preventable crimes," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "With the continued implementation of adult-use marijuana in the Commonwealth, it is vital that we continue to focus on efforts to both combat drugged driving and raise awareness about the dangers of operating while under the influence."

First filed in 2019, this legislation is based on recommendations issued by a Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving, which was created as part of the 2017 law legalizing adult-use marijuana, to develop a series of recommendations to mitigate the negative impacts of increased marijuana use in Massachusetts, including the anticipated increase of impaired driving. The Special Commission included a diverse cadre of experts in policing, prosecution, the criminal defense bar, medicine and toxicology, and civil liberties. The Special Commission's report outlined recommendations that require legislative changes and promote consistency with state law on alcohol use and driving.

"Our family has been profoundly impacted by

the tragic loss of my loving husband. Our children lost their hero, a man who had love for his family and an unquenchable love for life," said Reisa Clardy, widow of Trooper Clardy. "We wholeheartedly support the implementation of these critical measures to improve public safety in the hope of sparing other families from our sorrow and preventing the heartbreak caused by a driver's decision to get behind the wheel when under the influence of drugs."

"It's simple: you can't drive safely when you are impaired. This legislation will improve community safety and advance good criminal justice policy by ensuring our ability to offer the public the same protections whether a driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy.

"The provisions of this legislation will be important tools to law enforcement officers to enhance interdiction of drugged drivers and reflect a necessary evolution in our criminal laws to recognize and address the significant dangers of drivers who are under the influence of narcotics," said Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent, Massachusetts State Police.

"It is imperative that police have the training and tools necessary to effectively combat drugged driving," said Brian Kyes, Chelsea Police Chief and President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs Association. "This legislation will equip law enforcement with drug recognition experts to address the dangers of impaired driving and to improve road safety across Massachusetts."

"Life can change in the

blink of an eye and, because of impaired drivers, it often tragically does. To prevent these tragedies, we must do everything we can to keep impaired drivers off the roads," said Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. "This legislation is a great step to making our roads safer for all our loved ones who use them. It will better address the issue of impairment in the courtroom and, ideally, avert a tragedy before it happens."

"AAA Northeast applauds the Baker-Polito Administration for filing this legislation, which would make the roadways of the Commonwealth much safer. Impaired driving accounts for roughly a third of roadway deaths across the country, and the numbers are climbing. We also welcome the opportunity to honor Trooper Thomas Clardy and his family in the naming of this bill," said Mary McGuire, Director of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Northeast.

"The work of the Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving started with the basic premise that you don't, under any circumstances, drive better when you are impaired," said Shawn Collins, Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Commission and Chair of the Special Commission. "The Baker-Polito Administration's legislation seeks safer roadways throughout the Commonwealth by implementing the Special Commission's findings and empowering the public with expanded resources to prevent the risks of driving under the influence of any intoxicating substance."

The Special Commission's 2019 report contained a series of recommendations, many of

them unanimous among the experts and stakeholders, to improve how Massachusetts combats operating under the influence. The proposed adjustments encompass the entire process leading up to, during and following a motor vehicle stop for suspected driving under the influence. Many of the Special Commission's 19 recommendations require legislative changes, which are reflected in "An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving" otherwise known as the "Trooper Thomas Clardy Law."

The proposed legislative changes in this refiled bill include:

- Adopting implied consent laws to suspend the driver's licenses of arrested motorists who refuse to cooperate in chemical testing for drugs, as existing law has long required for arrested motorists who refuse breath testing for alcohol;

- Adopting a statute authorizing courts to take judicial notice that ingesting THC, the active chemical in marijuana, can and does impair motorists;

- Directing the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) to expand the training of drug recognition experts, and allowing them to testify as expert witnesses in civil and criminal cases;

- Prohibiting drivers from having loose or unsealed packages of marijuana in the driver's compartment of a vehicle, under the same provision of the motor vehicle code that has long prohibited driving with open containers of alcohol;

- Recognizing the effectiveness of the horizontal gaze nystagmus test, shown through scientific research to be the single

most reliable field sobriety test;

- Empowering police officers to seek electronic search warrants for evidence of chemical intoxication, as is the practice in over thirty other states. Any blood draw would have to be authorized by a neutral magistrate after a showing of probable cause, and would be performed by a doctor, nurse or other appropriate medical staff at a health care facility;

- Developing educational materials and programming on drug impairment to share with trial court judges.

Recent data released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) showed that traffic fatalities have reached a 15-year high in the first six months of 2021. More than 20,000 people have died in motor vehicle crashes so far this year. The NHTSA attributes this alarming trend to an increase in risky behavior, including driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Indeed, NHTSA's recent review of five trauma centers, including one in Worcester, Massachusetts, found a significant increase in the prevalence of drugs detected in seriously and fatally injured drivers with 56% testing positive for at least one impairing substance, up from 50.8% before the public health emergency.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, THC, marijuana's principal active ingredient, impairs coordination, judgment, and balance – the skills every operator needs to drive safely. A February 2020 survey conducted by Mothers Against Drunk Driving found that 1 in 8 (12%) of adults admitted to driving within two hours of consuming marijuana.

Administration announces State supported monoclonal antibody treatment sites in Mass.

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration today announced the deployment of three state supported mobile units for monoclonal antibody treatment for high-risk individuals who have been exposed to or have COVID-19. These new clinics have the capacity to treat a combined 500 patients per week with therapies that have shown to be effective in reducing severity of disease and keeping COVID-19-positive individuals from being hospitalized.

Referral from a health care provider is required for treatment at any of the three new mobile clinics.

Treatment is provided at no cost to the patient and offered regardless of immigration status or health insurance.

Patients should discuss with their health care providers whether monoclonal antibody treatment is right for them.

Two of the new mobile units, currently in Fall River and Holyoke, began administering monoclonal antibody treatment (mAb)

to patients on November 22nd, and a third unit will be deployed to Everett on December 3rd. These mobile clinics will increase

access to monoclonal antibody treatment in Massachusetts for high-risk individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. The mobile clinic sites can be relocated easily based on demand.

These mobile sites enable individuals with early COVID-19 or who have been exposed to COVID-19 to be treated quickly and safely with monoclonal antibody infusion," said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margaret Cooke. "While the best protection against COVID-19 is vaccination, these therapies can help prevent hospitalization and severe illness for infected or exposed high-risk individuals.

People with questions about whether this treatment is right for them should discuss it with their health care provider."

In partnership with the Department of Public Health (DPH), the temporary clinics will be operated by Gothams, a Texas-based emergency management company with experience supporting commercial, federal, and state facilities in COVID-19 emergency

response. Mobile clinic staff will also be deployed to provide mAb in community locations, such as nursing homes, assisted living residences, and congregate care settings.

Under the US Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorization, COVID-positive or exposed patients age 12 and older at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness are eligible to receive monoclonal antibody treatment. The single intravenous infusion treatment takes 20-30 minutes, followed by an hour of patient monitoring. If administered within 10 days of onset of COVID-19 symptoms, the one-time therapy is highly effective in neutralizing the virus and preventing symptoms from worsening.

With the addition of these three mobile units, Massachusetts residents can now receive monoclonal antibody treatment at 32 publicly available locations. A map of sites can be found at Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Locator (arcgis.com).

For more information about accessing this treatment, visit Monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapy treatment for COVID-19.

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RHS Model UN participates in REVMUN IV Conference

Special to the Journal

Twenty-one members of the Revere High School Model UN club recently participated in the REVMUN IV Conference where they acted as members of the Human Rights Council focused on the issue of Human Rights in China. Participants in Model UN take the roles of diplomats from various nations around the world as they work to solve real world problems using the techniques and procedures employed in the United Nations itself. At this conference students represented the interests of a wide range of countries including Russia, France, and Brazil, as well as China itself. The conference was chaired by RHS alums Sarah Benhalima, currently a junior at Boston University, and Min-



The Revere High School Model United Nations team.

nah Sheikh, a freshman at Wesleyan University. The chairs were instrumental in guiding current students through the process, as many club members were attending their first in per-

son conference.

Award winners included Amina Chitaoui as the delegate of Pakistan = Most Improved; Ryesha Mezan & Jannet Sehli as the delegation of North

Korea = Best Position Paper; Hana Menkari & Moamel Al-Azzawi as the delegation of Saudi Arabia= Best Public Speakers (tie); Fiona Musaraj & Matthew Perdomo as

the delegation of Cuba = Best Public Speaker (tie); Reem Elouardi as the delegate of New Zealand = Best Negotiator; and Hana Aklog & Erta Ismahili as the delegation of the Unit-

ed Kingdom = Best Delegates. Next up, the team will be preparing to bring 16 students to BOSMUN XXI, organized by Boston University over three days in February.



RHS MUN members field questions while presenting their resolution at REVMUN IV.



Hana Aklog and Erta Ismahili, representing the UK, are awarded Top Delegation at REVMUN IV.

Dining/entertainment Wynn proposes along Everett's Lower Broadway

Special to the Journal

Wynn Development DBA East Broadway LLC, has announced that the company has filed plans with the City of Everett for a mixed-use development project along Lower Broadway, located across from Encore Boston Harbor. The initial phase of the project will introduce a two-story restaurant and retail space at approximately 20,000 square feet, an 1,800-seat event venue with pre-function space, and a 2,310-space parking garage to serve the new venues.

A key element to the project is a 475-foot high fully enclosed pedestrian bridge over Lower Broadway; the footbridge will be accessible at all times to the public via elevator and stairs on both sides of Broadway and will include moving walkways to assist those with mobility difficulties. Among the benefits of this infrastructure enhancement are pedestrian safety, improved traffic flow, and greater site accessibility. Currently, the long walk and light signals needed for pedestrian crossing are impacting traffic in the area.

"Wynn Development looks forward to feedback from the City of Everett and to collaborating with the community as we plan for the first phase of our proposed entertainment district. This project will further deliver on our promise to create jobs, increase economic impact, and generate revenue for the City of Everett, its residents, and the region," said Chris Gordon, President of Wynn Development, "Over time, the restaurants, shops, entertainment venue, and the

beautiful public pedestrian bridge created by this proposed development will continue the transformation of Lower Broadway into an exciting destination and a welcoming entry into Everett."

"The development plan proposed by Wynn Development supports the vision and goals Everett has laid out in our Lower Broadway District Urban Renewal Plan, which are to further transform Lower Broadway into an inviting and vibrant place that will create jobs and generate revenue for the city and the people of Everett," said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "The addition of the pedestrian bridge as part of the proposed plan will increase safety for Everett residents and all pedestrians and will serve as a gateway to a revitalized Lower Broadway District and a new future for Everett."

The site for the proposed development is located on land purchased by Wynn Development along the east side of Broadway between Dexter and Mystic Streets and will be in the Lower Broadway Economic Development District. The project will contribute to transforming the district from an industrial area into a mixed-use neighborhood that supports access to the waterfront. In addition, a generously landscaped sidewalk protected by street trees will both improve the pedestrian experience and accommodate changes for the future implementation of Broadway Complete Streets.

About Wynn Resorts

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under the ticker symbol WYNN and is part of the S&P 500 Index. Wynn Resorts owns and operates Wynn Las Vegas (wynnlasvegas.com), Encore Boston Harbor (encorebostonharbor.com), Wynn Macau (wynnmacau.com), and Wynn Palace, Cotai (wynnpalace.com).

Wynn and Encore Las Vegas feature two luxury hotel towers with a total of 4,748 spacious hotel rooms, suites and villas, approximately 194,000 square feet of casino space, 22 dining experiences featuring signature chefs and 11 bars, two award-winning spas, approximately 560,000 rentable square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 160,000 square feet of retail space as well as two showrooms, two nightclubs, a beach club and recreation and leisure facilities. Wynn Las Vegas recently unveiled the new Wynn Golf Club and 18-hole, 129-acre championship golf course, and in February 2020 debuted a 430,000-square-foot meeting and convention space expansion powered by 100 percent renewable energy.

Encore Boston Harbor is a luxury resort destination featuring a 210,000 square foot casino, 671 hotel rooms, an ultra-premium spa, specialty retail, 16 dining and lounge venues, and approximately 71,000 square feet of state-of-the-art ballroom and meeting spaces. Situated on the waterfront along the Mystic River in Everett, Massachusetts, the resort has created a six-acre public park and Harbor-walk along the shoreline. It is the largest private, single-phase development in the history

of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Wynn Macau is a luxury hotel and casino resort located in the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China with two luxury hotel towers with a total of 1,010 spacious rooms and suites, approximately 252,000 square feet of casino space, 12 food and beverage outlets, approximately 31,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 59,000 square feet of retail space, and recreation and leisure facilities including two opulent spas, a salon and a ro-tunda show.

Wynn Palace is a luxury integrated resort in Macau. Designed as a floral-themed destination, it boasts 1,706 exquisite rooms, suites and villas, approximately 424,000 square feet of casino space, 14 food and beverage outlets, approximately 37,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 106,000 square feet of designer retail, SkyCabs that traverse an eight-acre Performance Lake, an extensive collection of rare art, a lush spa, salon and recreation and leisure facilities.

TRAFFIC STUDY FOR EAST BROADWAY DEVELOPMENT IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY ALONG LOWER BROADWAY

• Wynn Development is proposing to build a 425-foot long, 50-foot high, enclosed, climate controlled pedestrian bridge that would be accessible to the public 24-hours from the sidewalks on either side of Broadway. This ADA accessible bridge would cross Lower

Broadway between Mystic and Dexter Streets.

• Currently, pedestrians must use a crosswalk to walk across this section of Broadway, which is a major thoroughfare serving Everett and through-traffic in the region. The proposed addition of the pedestrian bridge will allow people with a diversity of abilities to cross this wide street above the road safely, calmly, and at their leisure rather than having to cross the wide stretch of Lower Broadway at street-level.

• The proposed bridge would meet the needs of pedestrians by being open 24-hours and having elevator access, moving walkways (like those in airports), and being enclosed with heating and cooling. The bridge would be monitored for safety, maintained, and decorated by Wynn Development.

Enhancing Traffic Flow on Broadway and Adjacent Roads

• The proposed pedestrian bridge will significantly enhance the traffic flow on Broadway by removing the need for the long-cycle crosswalk and light signals and the time waiting for pedestrians to cross that can cause backups.

• The AECOM traffic study commissioned by Wynn Development shows that the proposed pedestrian bridge will not only mitigate any increased traffic generated in the future by the proposed entertainment venue and restaurant, it will also improve the current rate of traffic flow and reduce traffic in adjacent intersections by increasing their car capacity ability by 29%.

• The proposed bridge and elimination of the crosswalk signal and people crossing would mitigate traffic flow issues created by the entertainment venue and restaurants. The AECOM traffic study projects the following changes to Broadway traffic during commute times:

o Morning commute 7-9 am: range from 15 -22 additional cars

o Evening commute 5-6 pm 120 additional cars

• Additionally, Wynn Development is proposing adding new turning lanes on Broadway and on Dexter Street that would serve the proposed parking garage, which would move cars generated by the restaurant or entertainment venue out of the traffic flowing on Broadway.

Enriching the Streetscape of Lower Broadway

• The proposed pedestrian bridge, designed by Elkus Manfredi, will be a beautiful and highly functional part of the streetscape of Lower Broadway with its access points being welcoming and attractive parts of the sidewalks and contribute to the City of Everett's current efforts to making the city more pedestrian-friendly.

• Wynn Development is proposing generous landscaping and attractive hardscaping at the development site that will make Lower Broadway a more inviting, exciting, and beautiful public space for residents of Everett and visitors.

• Wynn Development is also proposing the widening of Dexter Street (off Broadway) which will improve both the appearance and traffic flow on that street.

SANTA ARRIVES IN REVERE LAST SATURDAY EVENING TO LIGHT THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT REVERE CITY HALL



Chantel, Clark and Brian Morrison waiting to see Santa.

Santa and Mayor Brian Arrigo arrived by fire engine at Revere City Hall last Saturday night, with a police escort.

Hundreds of children of all ages were on hand to greet the duo, in hopes

to add a few last-minute items to their list.

It was a beautiful evening to officially light-up Revere City Hall as is the custom for the holiday season.



Santa and Mayor Arrigo arrive at City Hall.



Santa was admiring his work, looking at the beautiful Christmas Tree all lit up.



Lots of kids join Santa Clause and Mayor Arrigo for a photo once Santa arrived in style, via firetruck.



Candidate for State Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio stopped by the Tree Lighting.



State and local elected officials were on hand to help Santa light the Christmas lights at city hall. State Representatives Jessica Giannino and Jeff Turco, Mayor Brian Arrigo, Councillors Ira Novoselsky, Steve Moribito, Patrick Keefe and Council President Tony Zambuto, School Committee member Mike Ferrante, School Committee member-elect Aisha Milbury-Ellis, and Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Hinojosa.



Santa and friends.



The Cimino/Hallisey families at Revere City Hall on their way to see Santa.



Michael, Alyssa and Andrea D'orio, Kevin Genica and Adrian Saraceno were all waiting for Santa to arrive last Saturday at Revere City Hall.



Santa took a photo with the Christmas Carolers at Revere City Hall.



Local residents in attendance at the lighting of the Christmas lights at Revere City Hall.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

MASK MANDATE ISSUED IN CHELSEA

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Board of Health has implemented an Indoor Mask Mandate for all Indoor Public Spaces. This emergency order is part of a continued effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the Chelsea community.

Masks and face coverings are one of the most effective ways to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This order applies to all public spaces within private businesses as well as to public spaces located within public buildings. A mask mandate had already been in place at Chelsea City Hall, the Chelsea Public Library, the Chelsea Senior Center and Chelsea Public Schools.

The indoor mask mandate is another layer of protection for Chelsea residents as public health officials continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19. Vaccinations continue to be available to Chelsea residents for free at the Chelsea Senior Center. The Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine (ages 5-11) and COVID-19 booster shots (ages 18+) are all available. Any resident can receive the vaccine for free, regardless of immigration status.

In the community, La Colaborativa hosts a mobile vaccination clinic every Tuesday at its 318 Broadway location from 4:00-7:00pm. The mobile clinic will be open until Tuesday, Dec. 14. Chelsea Public Schools will have a Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1:00-5:00pm at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex.

COVID-19 testing also remains available for free for Chelsea residents at Saint Rose School on 580 Broadway. The indoors testing center is open Monday-Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm. The indoors testing center is open Monday-Sunday from 1:00-5:00pm.

Read more at <https://www.chelseama.gov/>

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E CLUB CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

EVERETT - The E Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary Dinner at Spinelli's. The E Club honors Everett's history in sports by awarding scholarships to student athletes as a foundation for success in whichever paths they choose to pursue after high school.

This year, The E Club welcomed special guests, Paul Perillo and Brandon Conde.

Perillo is a 1986 Everett High School graduate who played football and baseball. His passion for sports inspired an interest in sports journalism and led to a career with the Boston Herald in addition to a variety of opportunities in radio and television.

Conde is a lifelong Everett resident who graduated in 2012 who was passionate about football from a young age. In High School he had a successful football career, winning multiple Super Bowls under Coach DiBiaso. He continued to play football for Bridgewater State where he studied biology. In 2019, Brandon experienced a life-altering accident that injured his spinal cord, making him a tetraplegic.

The E Club will hold their annual meeting on January 11, at the Zion Baptist Church and their next dinner in May 2022. All are invited to join.

MADARO SUPPORTS BILL PROTECTING COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

EAST BOSTON - House Speaker Ron Mariano's bill aimed at protecting community hospitals like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) that was supported by Rep. Adrián Madaro passed in the House by a 158-1 vote. The bill is now in the Sen-

CHELSEA SCHOOLS HOSTS PEDIATRIC COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC



Parents and students wait in line for their vaccinations.



Children's cartoon characters were on hand to greet the students who came to get a vaccine.



Veronica Dyer-Medina with her son, Rudy Medina

The legislation, said Madaro, would put more eyes on major hospitals and health care providers that have been expanding into areas already served by community health centers like EBNHC. The bill would give the Health Policy Commission (HPC) the authority to investigate the market impact of major hospital expansions that require an additional license if they plan to establish new satellite campuses in places like Eastie, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop--communities already served by EBNHC.

The problem, explained Madaro, is healthcare providers like Massachusetts General Brigham have been rapidly expanding into low-income communities as well as suburban locations. This pits larg-

er healthcare providers against smaller providers like EBNHC as they compete for privately insured patients. These patients command higher rates, leaving hospitals like EBNHC with a greater share of patients on Medicare and Medicaid. Studies have shown that when a larger provider moves into an area already serviced by community hospitals like EBNHC they receive significantly higher rates of reimbursement for their services than the community hospital--in some cases more than 30 percent.

Community hospitals like EBNHC already operate on very thin margins with the constant possibility of closure. Madaro said the bill passed by the House would limit unchecked growth of hospital chains, better suiting community hospitals to survive and ensuring continued competition in the health care market.

"Our community providers are the backbone of our local healthcare system, ensuring affordable and accessible healthcare to those who need it most," said Madaro. "This legislation protects local providers, like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, guaranteeing that residents across our community can continue to access low-cost, quality healthcare services".

The legislation creates a more rigorous review to ensure that when large hospital systems expand, they are not infringing on community hospital markets and raising health care costs for patients. It also requires the ongoing upkeep of a health resource inventory, which will give regulators a better understanding of the Commonwealth's existing health care resources to inform these review processes and future reform efforts.

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ings should a proposed larger healthcare provider encroach on their primary service area. Under the bill the Department of Public Health will determine the need for the expansion of a larger healthcare provider into an area already served by a smaller community health center. Part of the expansion application would require the larger healthcare provider to include a letter of support from the CEO or board chair of an existing independent community hospital like EBNHC if the two entities are providing service in the same area.

"The House took a major step in working to guarantee that every Massachusetts resident has access to quality, affordable health care by passing legislation that will protect community hospitals," said Speaker Mariano (D-Quincy). "Community hospitals offer high-quality care to the most vulnerable patient populations at affordable rates. Our efforts to control health care cost growth depends on their continued existence."

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"There are all different levels of the liquor licensing process, the package store, beer and wine, and malt levels, for example, but there is a lot of rules and regulations and paperwork in the process, and I know that Frances [Martinez] works with groups to get that done," said Reddy.

"But we can also help you do that. Mainly it is a function of City Hall, but we can steer you in the right direction to the resources that can help you," continued Reddy.

The executive officer of the LPD Criminal Investigation Division, Reddy noted that it is the Lynn Police Department that is called upon to look at violations or problems that arise with the liquor licenses. "That's when the Police Department becomes involved. Basically, we would be the ones looking to see if there was a complaint or a violation. The people that make the decision about what happens with your license, if there is a violation or a problem, is the Lynn Licensing Commission that has three members and meets twice monthly," said Reddy. "I sit in on those meetings as an advisor, to speak on the Police Department's point of view."

"I can tell you the Licensing Commission, as well as the Mayor and the City Council, the Chief of Police, and the Police De-

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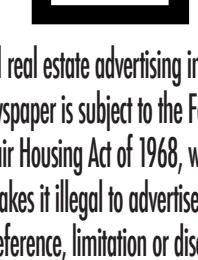
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Clark touts infrastructure bill at Deer Island

By Journal Staff

Assistant House Speaker Katherine Clark toured the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA) Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Tuesday afternoon to help promote the clean water infrastructure provisions in the recently signed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The bipartisan infrastructure law includes a \$55 billion investment to ensure clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities. Massachusetts is slated to receive about \$12.5 billion, with just over \$1 billion dedicated to improving water infrastructure.

"This is a new law that makes unprecedented investments in our water infrastructure and makes sure that everyone will have access to clean, safe, drinking water," said Clark. "Access to clean drinking water should be no question in Massachusetts or anywhere else in our country. Yet 10 million

households and 400,000 schools and childcare centers lack clean drinking water in our country."

Clark said she was proud to join President Biden and her colleagues in Congress to pass the infrastructure and jobs act to address the problems associated with the lack of clean drinking water, as well as other infrastructure issues.

"This act is going to provide \$55 billion in federal funding to ensure safe drinking water is a right in every community, and this is the largest investment in clean water, and wastewater infrastructure in American history," said Clark. "It will ensure that every American can access clean drinking water whether they are at home, at school, at work, at a childcare center, or in our Tribal Nations."

Money in the bill will also be used to eliminate the nation's lead service lines and pipes and help to clean up dangerous PFAS chemicals (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances),

Clark said.

"This is about more than just the taste and the appearance of the water we drink," she said. "Lead, for example, can cause irreversible and lifelong health problems." Access to clean drinking water is a health issue, and a racial and economic justice issue, Clark said. "The work being done here by the MWRA and the local leaders who have joined us will turn these federal funds into a clean, modernized and strengthened water infrastructure," she said.

MWRA Executive Director Fred Lasky said the infrastructure improvements will help serve communities such as Winthrop, Chelsea, Revere, and East Boston among others.

"The investment coming from the federal government is certainly going to help us get those jobs done," said Lansky, who thanked Clark for all her hard work for the MWRA and all the people it serves.

"We are an organization

that works in partnership with organizations like the MWRA and with the communities within this watershed to promote environmental health, community health, and climate resiliency," said Patrick Herron, executive director of the Mystic Valley Watershed Association. Herron thanked Clark for her development and support of the infrastructure bill.

"We are grateful for this once in a lifetime investment in the much needed area of infrastructure," said Herron. "In 2009, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts state legislature put together a water infrastructure finance commission that identified that we had \$20 billion of funding needed to catch up on maintaining our drinking water and clean water infrastructure. Along with that, if we are thinking about all of the residents across Massachusetts, and the desire that they live healthy lives free from lead in drinking water ... we have more work than ever to do."



Rep. Katherine Clark with Patrick Herron, Executive Director of the Mystic Valley Watershed Association at the Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Yawkey Foundation commits \$15 million to Pine Street Inn

Transformational gift will help create 400-500 permanent housing units

Staff Report

Today, Pine Street Inn, New England's largest homeless services organization, announced that it has received a transformational gift of \$15 million from the Yawkey Foundation to advance Pine Street Inn's goal of ending homelessness by making permanent housing a reality for the most vulnerable individuals. This announcement will be celebrated with an event today, December 7, at 1:00 p.m. at the Women's Inn at Pine Street, 363 Albany Street, Boston.

"The impact of this gift and partnership cannot be overstated," said Pine Street Inn's Board Chair, Patrick T. Jones. "Permanent supportive housing is a proven solution to homelessness and the

Yawkey Foundation's gift will make a meaningful difference in the lives of hundreds of the city's most vulnerable residents."

the largest single gift received in Pine Street Inn's 50+ year history, the Yawkey Foundation grant will help accelerate expansion of the organization's housing program by creating 400-500 new units of permanent supportive housing during the next five years, effectively increasing Pine Street Inn's total units by approximately 50%. Pine Street Inn's housing programs provide highly-skilled, trained support staff who work with tenants in accessing medical and behavioral healthcare, job training and jobs, volunteer opportunities and more to help them remain safe, stable and housed.

"Pine Street Inn is beyond grateful for this transformational gift," said Lyndia Downie, President and Executive Director of Pine Street Inn.

"Having had the pleasure of personally meeting Mrs. Yawkey in 1989, I know that she believed in Pine Street's mission and it's very meaningful to have this 34-year long partnership evolve into a transformative grant that will make it possible to impact the dynamic of homelessness in Greater Boston to an extent beyond anything we could have imagined."

The Yawkey Foundation grant will enable Pine Street Inn to enhance its ability to identify and develop permanent housing with responsive, supportive services for the individuals the organization serves. Additionally, the grant will provide much-needed major capital improvements at the Women's Inn. Pine Street serves more than 1,300 homeless or housing-insecure women each year through its women's shelter and a variety of other critical programs and services. In recognition of this gift and the Foun-

dation's previous support which spans more than three decades, Pine Street Inn will dedicate and name the Women's Inn the "Yawkey House."

"Our Trustees deeply admire the critical work taking place 24/7 by the dedicated Pine Street Inn team working with Boston's most vulnerable men and women," said Maureen H. Bleday, Chief Executive Officer and Trustee. "It is our hope and belief that this grant will help individuals access the unique, responsive, and compassionate programs and services they need in order to rebuild their lives by reconnecting with families and communities, and successfully navigate their journey from the streets and shelter to a home of their own."

Since its founding in 1977 by Tom Yawkey, the Yawkey Foundation has been committed to supporting nonprofits in achieving their mission of helping others. Jean Yawkey was an ardent supporter of providing op-

portunities for those most in need, and the Yawkey Foundation continues the relationship she began with Pine Street Inn in 1988.

Supporting close to 2,000 men and women daily, Pine Street Inn is the largest homeless services provider in New England. PSI programs include permanent housing, job training, emergency shelter and street outreach, with a goal of moving individuals off the street, out of shelter and back to a home and community.

With a housing retention rate of 95%, PSI's strategy to scale up supportive housing builds on the success of its current program, which includes 850 tenants living in buildings it owns, leases and/or manages in Boston and Brookline, as well as rental units throughout Boston.

For more information, please visit www.pinestreetinn.org. Follow @PineStreetInn on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The Yawkey Foundation is dedicated to perpetuating the philanthropic legacy of Tom Yawkey and Jean Yawkey, whose eight decades of quiet generosity supported individuals and families in the communities that were closest to their hearts – Massachusetts and Georgetown County, South Carolina. Having awarded more than \$500 million to date in charitable grants to organizations focused on Health Care, Education, Human Services, Youth and Amateur Athletics, Arts and Culture, and Conservation and Wildlife, Yawkey Foundation is committed to preserving and sustaining the charitable values of the Yawkeys by investing in impactful nonprofits providing resources, opportunity, and dignity to the vulnerable and underserved.

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partment want to see Lynn thrive and Lynn businesses thrive. They work very hard to make that happen. You can see during the last two years with the pandemic the leeway that the Licensing Commission is trying to give as long as you do it the right way – to put in outdoor seating, allow extra room, to allow businesses to stay open and not have to close," said Reddy. "We want to see Lynn prosper and that starts with having great people running these bars and restaurants. Our concern is that the businesses have to be run in a safe and diligent manner."

Martinez was pleased with the high turnout, notably so on a Monday night following the long Thanksgiving weekend. The spirit of cooperation between the business community and the Lynn Police was evident in the room. All participants wore face coverings throughout the program.

Martinez, whose orga-

nization has become the "go-to" resource for Latino and minority-owned businesses in the city, said her inspiration for the meeting was "to make sure everyone is on the same page."

"As Lieutenant Reddy and Chief Reddy mentioned, we want to have businesses stay in business," added Martinez.

"We want to make sure the business owners understand the regulations and be able to have a good practice to run the business. It's important for them to hear directly from our police department to understand that the goal for everyone is to have a successful business. Of course, there are regulations that everyone has to follow and that's the meaning of this meeting."

The meeting was not unprecedent, but it was historic in the sense that it was NSBLA's first forum of this nature following the COVID-19 pandemic that severely impacted Lynn businesses.

"We had a similar meeting with the Lynn Police

two years ago, but after the pandemic, this is the first one," related Martinez. "We are excited by the great turnout. It is part of the work that the Association is doing, making sure that people get the information that is important to them. We look forward to future meetings with the Lynn Police, who are our friends."

Encarnacion lauds Lynn Police Department

The Lynn Police Department received praise from business owners for their participation in the forum.

"This was very informative for the business owners, especially those who have a liquor license in the city," said Basilio Encarnacion, owner of Rincon Macorisano Restaurant, which is in the process of moving to Lewis Street. "Most of us don't know 100 percent how to do this, so it's great to have a good relationship with the Police in the community. That's one way we can have a better community."

TOWN'S WASTE WATER PREDICTS SPIKE IN COVID

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met on Nov. 23, where it learned about a recent spike in coronavirus cases.

COVID-19

Winthrop's positive test cases had been declining in October, but more than doubled in the week leading up to the meeting.

DPH Director Meredith Hurley said that analyses of the town's wastewater

foretold the increase. The

percent positive rate sits at 2.3, but Hurley expects it to climb above 3 percent.

In Winthrop, 92 percent of adults aged 30 to 49 have received their first vaccine dose, and 84 percent fully are vaccinated. Seventy-six percent of adults aged 50 to 64 have received a first dose, and 70 percent are fully vaccinated. Eighty-seven percent of those in the 75 and older age bracket are partially vaccinated and 77 percent are fully vaccinated.

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Seventy-three percent of children aged 12 to 15 and 79 percent of individuals aged 16 to 19 have received their first dose of the vaccination. There is currently no data on the vaccination rates of children ages 5 to 11.

Booster shots are now available for any fully vaccinated adult. The Town may be able to host local booster clinics depending on staff availability.

"There's a plethora of supply out there for folks to get vaccinated," said Dir. Hurley.

The Town will host a second pediatric vaccination clinic on Dec. 4 for children ages five to 11 at the Senior Center.

Councilor Rob DeMarco expressed hesitation to vaccinate his children, ages 8 and 11, because the long-term effects are as yet unknown. He suggested that other parents may have the same concerns. Dir. Hurley encouraged Councilor DeMarco and any concerned parents to "speak to a trusted healthcare professional."

"Pediatricians should be making the time to have that conversation," she said.

As of the date of the meeting, there had been no in-school spread of COVID.

Fire Department

The Council promoted firefighter Eric Cusack to lieutenant, and Lt. David Higginbotham to fire captain. It swore in Capt. Stephen Calandra as a fire prevention officer, and Devon Racow as a probationary firefighter. The men posed for photographs with their families and council members.

"I want to thank you all for your service," Council Pres. Phil Boncore told the men. "It's an outstanding job that you do."

General Updates

Early voting in the Dec. 14 senate special election is currently underway.

The council voted to al-

low National Grid to move existing poles and wires to enable construction to be completed in the marina.

Winthrop Police Department shares package theft prevention tips during holiday season

Special to the Journal

With the holiday season fast approaching and more people shopping for gifts, Chief Terence M. Delehanty and the Winthrop Police Department would like to provide tips to prevent theft for residents expecting package deliveries in the coming weeks.

According to the National Neighborhood Watch, nearly one in four adults in the United States has reported having a package stolen at least once.

The Winthrop Police Department wishes to share the following tips from the National Neighborhood Watch to help prevent package theft:

- Consider getting a P.O. box at your local post office or having packages delivered to your office
- Set up notifications to track your packages
- Install a security camera in the area(s) outside your home where packages may be delivered
- Require a signature upon delivery to ensure packages are never left unattended
- Reschedule delivery or ask for a package hold when on vacation
- Research potential home security technology and locking device options to protect and monitor packages
- Ask your neighbors to grab your packages for safekeeping until you re-

turn home

- Sign up for the USPS "Informed Delivery" service, where you can get a daily email with a picture/scan of the mail you will receive that day. To sign up, click here.

If you believe you have fallen victim to package theft, you should do the following:

- Confirm with your delivery company that your package was actually delivered
- Identify which package was stolen and what the contents of that package were
- Contact the police immediately and report your package as stolen
- If you have a security camera on your home, give a copy of the video to

police

- Report the package theft to the applicable carrier:

- USPS
- UPS
- FedEx
- Amazon

Should you happen to witness package theft, do not approach the suspect. Instead, pay attention to what their vehicle looks like and its license plate number. If possible, get a physical description of the suspect to share with the police.

Residents should note that around the holidays mail carriers such as Amazon and FedEx contract independent carriers to help deliver items during the peak season. These

independent carriers typically drive their own vehicles that have no affiliation markers. Residents should be mindful of these individuals who are often times mistaken as thieves when dropping off packages on behalf of carriers or delivery companies. As always, though, if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood report it to the police immediately.

Chief Delehanty would also like to offer tips to holiday shoppers on how to avoid any incidents or theft while shopping in stores and online:

• As more people are on the road during the holiday season, be sure to drive carefully. Be patient when looking for a parking space. Do not speed up

in a parking lot to catch an empty spot. Look for other cars or people when backing out of a parking space, and back out slowly.

• Keep shopping bags out of plain sight in your vehicle, preferably in your trunk.

• Keep your purse close to your body or your wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.

• Save your receipts and monitor your credit card activity.

• When shopping online, stick to retailers you know or have shopped with before.

• Do not use public Wi-Fi to make purchases in order to prevent hackers from intercepting your information.

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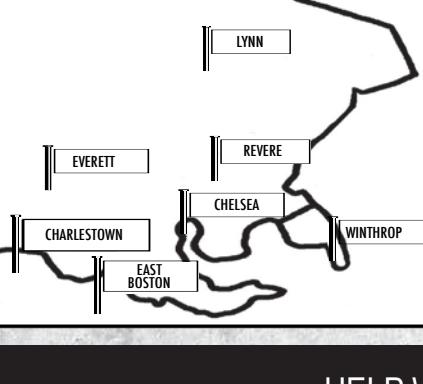
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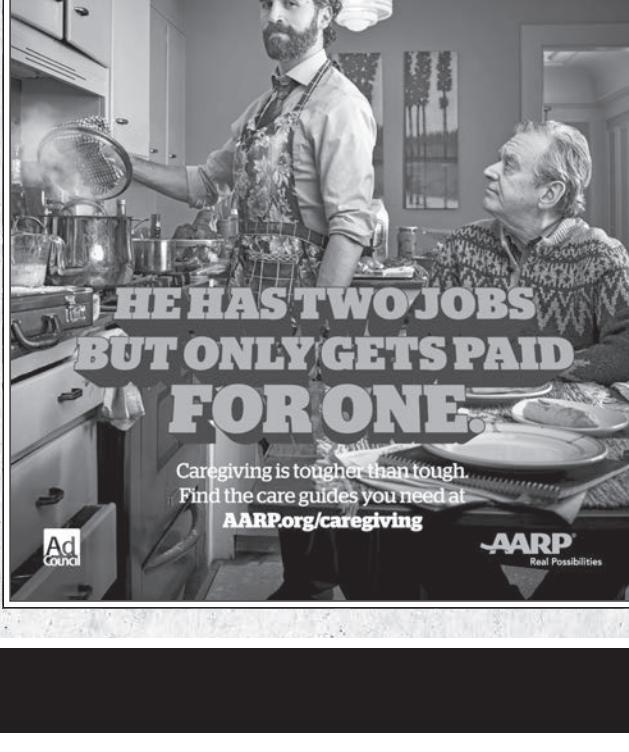
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A-21-37

Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, December 22, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Weimar Cano, 303 Vane St., Revere, MA 02151 seeking a variance of Section 17.16.260(F) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere with respect to accessory structures exceeding 10% of the rear yard and located within the required side yard setback to enable the appellant to construct the existing pool and shed which were constructed approximately two years ago at 303 Vane St., Revere, MA 02151.

A copy of the aforementioned proposed plan and application (A-21-37) is on file and available for public inspection, by appointment only, in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals 12/1/21, 12/8/21 R

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17.24.010 of the Revised

Ordinances of the City

of Revere, minimum

front yard setback

requirement, to enable

the appellant to construct

single family dwelling

with an attached garage

on Lots 32, 35, 38, 41,

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Revere, MA 02151.

A copy of the afore-

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Revere CARES mini-grant program accepting applications

Staff Report

You got ideas, and we're funding them. The mini-grant program, hosted by the Revere CARES coalition, is now accepting applications until January 21st for innovative ideas that promote a healthier community for all. Since its creation in 2012, the mini-grant program has provided over \$160,000 dollars funding ninety-four ideas that make Revere a healthy environment to live, work, and play. The mini-grant program is a collaboration between the MGH Revere CARES coalition and Revere on the Move. This year, \$20,000 dollars are available for individuals, organization, or groups interested in receiving funds to promote healthy eating, active living, prevent substance use disorders, im-

prove mental wellbeing, and engage young people in positive activities.

This year, we will also consider proposals for activities that promote connections among residents. This can include community-building events in neighborhoods or wards. Mini-grants to build relationships among neighbors may apply for up to \$600 dollars.

"Our ultimate goal for these mini-grants is to put money in the hands of our community members to do things we may not have thought of or been able to do. Community problems require community solutions. The community knows best how to improve the health of the city, and what would work or not work," said Sylvia Chiang, Director of Revere CARES.

Examples of previously funded projects include,

Seacoast High School - Awarded \$1,000 to expand an aquaponics lab for their Botany and Urban Growers class. The expansion coincided with their existing community garden, herb garden, and hydroponics lab, providing students with a comprehensive urban farming tool-kit. (System and environmental change)

Sidewalk Butlers for Cigarette Butts: Awarded \$852 to the Revere Community Committee (through The Neighborhood Developers) to install five cigarette butlers in the Shirley Ave. business district. This environmental strategy is meant to promote cleanliness and increase mental health due to an environmental change in the Shirley Ave. neighborhood.

(Environmental

change)

Girls Empowerment Club: Awarded \$770 dollars to students at Revere High School, to create a Girls Empowerment Club to help empower and build relationships among elementary and middle school girls.

(Positive youth engagement led by a young person)

"It's important that mini-grant ideas outlast the funding. They should be sustainable with a lasting impact for years to come. Policy, systems and environmental changes are ways of modifying the structure of where we live to make the healthy choice the easy choice. By changing laws and shaping physical landscapes, a big impact can be made with little time and resources," says Dimple Rana,

Director of Community Health and Engagement and Co-Leader of Revere on the Move. While brainstorming for ideas, consider ones that will have permanent benefits for the community. These include changes to existing policies (e.g. requiring fruit options at school events), environmental changes (e.g. aquaponics lab & urban trails), and systems changes (e.g. starting a bicycle club & exercise hour).

To ensure a smooth application process for applicants, free technical assistance is available to all who wish to apply. "We want to help the community's ideas be as strong as possible and to make implementing them as successful as we can. If someone has an idea that they aren't sure quite fits

or needs assistance with the application, they can call or email us and we can provide guidance. The goal is to make these great ideas work," said Viviana Cataño, Program and Communications Manager at Revere CARES.

Revere CARES will be hosting a virtual meeting on December 14 at 6:00 PM to provide an overview of the mini-grant program and answer questions. To sign up to participate visit: <https://bit.ly/SignUpforRevereMini-GrantOverview>

For more details and to complete the online application by January 21, 2022, visit (<https://bit.ly/RevereCARESMini-Grants2022>). For assistance contact Viviana Cataño at vcatano-merino@partners.org

North Shore Philharmonic makes a resounding return to Revere

Special to the Journal

Hundreds of concert-goers poured into St. Anthony's Church Sunday for the annual Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert, bringing with them two truckloads of food for the associated Food Drive and resuming a 45-year tradition that was wiped out last year because of the pandemic.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra and featured soprano Jean Danton kindled everyone's holiday spirits with a wonderful performance of classical holiday-themed music, topped off by the popular "Sing-along" of well-known Christmas carols.

Mayor Brian Arrigo delivered a stirring "Holiday Message" in which he commented about the gratitude and optimism reflected in the community as it emerges from the pandemic. His remarks expressed sentiments of those in need, and those who have helped out, and those who have perished during the excruciating months since the pandemic took hold in March of 2020.

Speaking "...in the voice of those who are gone..." the Mayor said: "Our optimism is that those we have left behind will fathom deep in their souls that life is too fragile, too tender, too valuable to squander with anger, envy, or hostility. Our optimism is that those we have left

behind will look around them, grateful for their blessings, their health, and their chance to revel in the spirit and delights of the holiday season, now, every day hereafter."

Twenty-six members of the Revere High football team, who completed a successful 8-2 season on Thanksgiving Day, pitched in to help collect, box, load, and deliver some two tons of food to the Revere Food Pantry.

Concert sponsor and co-chair Dom Bocchino, president of Bocchino Insurance Agency, remarked that the player's spirit and energy was a welcome sight both for concert goers and volunteers who were relieved of the task of



Mayor Brian M. Arrigo delivered a Holiday Message.

carrying boxes upon boxes of food from the church into a truck. "The players were fantastic," said Bocchino. "They were walking out into the parking lot as people arrived and carrying the bags of food for them. They were filling boxes, loading the truck... they were just fantastic.



Soprano Jean Danton entertains the audience.

They did in an hour what would have taken us two days!"

The concert audience, screened upon entrance for vaccination proof or negative covid test and required to wear masks throughout, was nonetheless enthusiastic and rose in standing ovation as Ms. Danton and the Orchestra, under conductor Robert Lehmann, played a rousing "Let There Be Peace On Earth" in the concert's traditional conclusion.

"The Orchestra and I enjoy this concert immensely," said Lehmann. "We are so thrilled to be back in Revere, where we always enjoy such a welcoming and excited reception."

Concert co-chair Robert Marra Jr. expressed gratitude to the concert sponsors Bocchino Insurance, Arbella Insurance Foundation, Comcast, RCN, Global Partners, and Ac-

tion Emergency Services, emphasizing the role of Action's Mike Zaccaria. "Not only did Michael contribute as a sponsor, but he provided the trucks to transport the food from the Church to the Food Pantry. That kind of community engagement is what makes this so special in so many ways."

"So many are involved in making this concert happen," he said, citing members of the St. Anthony's Church Confirmation Class who helped convert the Church's altar area to a concert stage; members of the St. Anthony's Holy Name Society who helped collect food, and volunteers who had the unenjoyable task of checking vaccination cards and covid test results. "I think the overall circumstances could have been an obstacle, but I think everyone cooperated and were determined to have a great



North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra harpist Yvonne Cox during a selection from The Nutcracker.



Brass players in the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra are in the spirit during an encore performance of "Sleigh Ride."

time. After missing out last year, this was special."

The Sounds of Christmas concert began in 1976 when the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra played a holiday concert at Revere High to mark the end of the nation's Bicentennial year. In 1977 the concert was relocated to St. Anthony's, where it has been performed annually except for a three-year gap in the late 1980s and in 2020. The as-



Twenty-six members of the Revere High football team showed up to assist in packing the food donated to the concert and then delivering it to the Revere Food Pantry. Standing, left to right: Sachin Neupane, Youness Chahid, Jason Shoso, Mahdi Bellemie, Moe Hussein, Addison Merida, Mark Marchese, Sam Ochoa, Steven Ticiayauri, Wilmer Mejia Rodriguez, Max Doucette, Zach Benkirane. Back row: Joelle Vazquez, Darian Martinez, Walter Rodriguez, Sam Ochoa, Adam Metawea, Nico Aguirre, Carlos Rizo, Diego Madrigal, Augusto Goncalves. Kneeling in front: Zairus Deganwalla, Chase Smith.