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BUSY BEE DOUBLE SPLASH WATER SLIDE AT SUSAN B. ANTHONY SCHOOL



Revere youths had fun keeping cool on a hot day Tuesday, taking their turns on the Busy Bee Double Splash Water Slide at the Susan B. Anthony School play area. Revere Parks and Recreation staff members and participants are pictured in front of the Water Slide.

Marisa Rodriguez and her son, Josue Rodriguez, who enjoyed the day together. Please see more photos on Page 4.

Union building trades info session at Suffolk Downs

Suffolk Downs project to create more than 18,000 union construction jobs

Special to the Journal

Area residents interested in learning about life-changing career opportunities in the union building trades are encouraged to attend a free union job information session being held Tuesday, July 26, at Suffolk Downs.

The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, John Moriarty and Associates, The HYM Investment Group and the City

of Revere will host their first construction industry-focused job information session to recruit and train the next generation of building trades workers. The event is free to all job-seekers and attendees will learn about the thousands of lucrative new construction jobs coming to the area throughout the 15 to 20 year build out of the Suffolk Downs. No prior construction experience is required to attend.

"The redevelopment of Suffolk Downs will employ thousands in the building trades with fair wages and the benefits they need to support their families," said Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo. "I am proud that Revere is party to the largest Project Labor Agreement in state history, and look forward to working to promote union membership in our neighborhoods."

"Suffolk Downs will only be successful if the people who build, live and work at Suffolk Downs and in the surrounding community are successful. We are thrilled that the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs will provide real economic opportunities and meaningful career opportunities to thousands of Revere and East Boston residents," said HYM Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer Thomas N. O'Brien.

"We are grateful for our partnership with the Building Trades Union, HYM, and the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters to ensure that Suffolk Downs will be union-built and that an entire generation of workers in the area will experience

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Powers returned

Wins three-candidate race in Ward 5 special election Tuesday

By Cary Shuman

Voters in Ward 5 returned John Powers to the seat he previously held on the Revere City Council as a result of his victory in Tuesday's special election.

Powers received 460 votes to defeat former councilor-at-large Linda Santos and Ron Clark, who finished tied for second place with 260 votes.

Powers celebrated with his supporters at a post-election gathering at



Ward 5 Councillor-Elect John Powers.

Bianchi's at the Sand Bar. Powers previously

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The first special delivery of sand is unloaded on Revere Beach Boulevard where it was transported to the sand sculpting area for the International Sand Sculpting Festival that will take place this weekend at Revere Beach.

More than one million visitors expected for Sand Sculpting Festival

By Cary Shuman

More than one million people are expected to attend the International Sand Sculpting Festival this weekend (July 22-24) at Revere Beach.

Adrienne Sacco-Maguire, vice president of the Revere Beach Partnership (RBC) that hosts the event, said that 15 individual sculptors from across the globe will be competing for \$15,000 in total prize money. The theme of the event is "Wonders of the World."

The builders of the top five sand sculptures, as evaluated by a panel of judges, will receive cash



four of the immensely talented sculptors who will display their works in the competition at the festival. From left, are Chris Guinto of Baltimore, Hanneke Supply of Belgium, Melineige Beaugard of Canada, and Bouke Atema of the Netherlands.

prizes. Awards are also presented in the Sculptor's Choice and People's Choice categories.

Beginning Friday at 10 a.m., Revere Beach will

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Mayor Arrigo files emergency request for receivership of 370 Ocean Avenue

By Cary Shuman

Taking bold and decisive action, Mayor Brian Arrigo filed an emergency request for the court to impose a receivership for the Water's Edge apartment

building at 370 Ocean Avenue to oversee the improvements to the property.

In addition to the filing, the City has already moved to foreclose on all three properties (370

Ocean Ave., 364 Ocean Ave., and 388 Ocean Ave.) owned by the Carabetta family for outstanding tax title issues. Currently the property owners have \$1.9

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Chief Bright says Fire at Water's Edge caused by careless disposal of smoking materials

By Cary Shuman

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Revere High Schoolers get a taste of college this summer through mentorship program

By John Lynds

A group of Revere sophomores and juniors are getting a taste of the college experience this summer through the Minds Matter Mentorship Program.

The Revere students are among 100 other students from Greater Boston picked to spend part of their summer taking college courses at some of the most prestigious colleges in the country thanks to the program.

Minds that Matter Executive Director Rachel Kanter said the program

is designed to provide students with valuable exposure to life on a college campus, engage with college-level courses and schedules, and better position themselves for the transition to college once they graduate. The Revere students will also gain insight into the choices they have for major concentrations and eventual careers. Many of the students will also earn college credits depending on the program.

Harvard College, Tufts University and Brown University are among the high-ranking schools the

Revere students are attending from three to six weeks.

In Revere, Revere High

School students Leena Menkari and Hana Menkari will be taking courses at Brown University. Men-

kari will also take part in a NBCUniversal internship program. Bivan Prajapati, a Prospect Hill Academy

Charter School student, will take courses at Har-

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These students are among 100 other students from Greater Boston picked to spend part of their summer taking college courses at some of the most prestigious colleges in the country thanks to the Minds Matter Mentorship Program.



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pitch, hit and run contest. This event is sponsored by the Revere Youth Baseball and Softball League.

Registration is required and can be done online or that day at the field. Online pitchhitrun2022.leagueapps.com.

TWO STATEWIDE CANDIDATES ARE CERTIFIED TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PRIMARY

Two candidates for statewide office have qualified for matching public funds for their primary election campaigns.

Democrats Tami Gouveia for lieutenant governor and Quentin Palfrey for attorney general submitted the necessary qualifying contributions and were certified by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance to receive funding in the following amounts:

Tami Gouveia:

\$143,994

Quentin Palfrey:

\$165,412

Under the public financing law, M.G.L. Chapter 55C, a statewide candidate who is opposed, has agreed to observe a statutory spending limit and submits the minimum amount of qualifying contributions is eligible to receive public matching funds. Gouveia

and Palfrey may submit additional contributions to receive matching funds for the primary.

The State Election Campaign Fund contained \$1,002,490 as of June 30, according to the state Comptroller's Office. That amount was split in half – \$501,245 is available for the Sept. 6 primary election and the same amount for the November 8 general election. The law calls for candidates for governor to be funded first, with any remaining funds to be distributed to candidates for the other five statewide offices who are eligible to receive public financing. Because no gubernatorial candidates were certified to receive funding, funds were made available to Gouveia and Palfrey.

In order to be certified as eligible to receive public funds, a participating candidate must submit a minimum amount of qualifying contributions from individuals (only the first \$250 of an individual's contribution is considered as a qualifying contribution). The minimum amount for lieutenant governor is \$15,000, and the threshold for attorney general is \$37,500.

After the primary, all remaining candidates who have not agreed to limit spending and who are opposed in the general election by candidates

who have agreed to limit spending will have to declare their self-imposed limit by September 9 for the final general election campaign (September 7 through November 8). Un-enrolled candidates must file statements by August 30 declaring whether they will participate in the public financing program.

Public financing for campaigns has been in place for every statewide election since 1978. The sole source of funding for public financing in Massachusetts is the State Election Campaign Fund, which allows taxpayers to direct \$1 from their tax liability on their annual income tax returns to the fund.

CHA NAMED TO NEWSWEEK'S LIST OF BEST MATERNITY HOSPITALS 2022

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's metro-north communities, has been included on Newsweek's list of Best Maternity Hospitals 2022. This prestigious award is presented by Newsweek and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. This honor reflects CHA's extensive efforts to reduce pregnancy risk, including adoption of the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative model and low Cesarean section rates.

Newsweek and Statis-



ta developed a complex

methodology to ensure the quality and validity of the ranking. Three data sources were used for the evaluation:

- Nationwide online survey: hospital managers and healthcare professionals with knowledge about maternity processes e.g. Midwives, neonatal and OB/GYNs were asked to recommend leading maternity hospitals in the US

- Medical KPIs on hospitals with a focus on indicators relevant to maternity care

- Results from patient surveys

To reduce pregnancy risks, Cambridge Health Alliance adopted key elements of the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative model, which is proven to reduce death during or after childbirth. "It's more than bringing departments together – it's about having a toolkit in place that we practice regularly," explained Kathleen Harney, MD, CHA's chief of OB/GYN. "We now identify patients at higher risk before there's a problem, allowing us to be better prepared to respond quickly. Our OB/GYN team worked very hard to put this system in place and we're saving women's lives."

Newsweek and Statista invited more than 10,000 medical professionals to participate in the survey. Only 350 winners were recognized on the Best Maternity Hospitals 2022 list, which can currently be viewed on Newsweek's website.

MBTA ISSUES UPDATE ON SAFETY WORK PROGRESS

The MBTA reported on its progress to address ongoing safety concerns raised during a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Safety Manage-

ment Inspection (SMI) last month. Over the last several weeks, the MBTA has implemented safety plans to address track conditions and maintenance, updated safety trainings and directives, and has addressed staffing shortages.

"Following the FTA's initial safety review, the MBTA was asked to implement changes to the system to improve the way it is run and operated," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "I am pleased that the MBTA has completed many of those updates and continues to make progress on many more. These recommendations will make the T safer and more reliable for both our riders and our employees. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to work closely with these safety experts to improve the MBTA system."

The MBTA has met all the FTA's deadlines and requirements to date in response to the four special directives issued and continues to develop Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to address them. As part of these CAPs, the MBTA has taken the following actions to date:

- Issued a new series of safety directives, trainings, and policies for operators regarding train movements in the MBTA's yard facilities and car houses.

- Ensured all active rail transit employees are certified (completed in June). The MBTA is developing an improved internal tracking system and policies for ensuring recertifications are up to date.

- Prioritized track projects that address track conditions in need of most repair and that currently have substantial speed restrictions. This work is being coordinated with current construction activities already underway and service diversions already scheduled to take place to improve rider experience. For example, on Sunday, July 10, the MBTA's Track Department installed approximately 500' of rail on the southbound tracks between Back Bay and Massachusetts Avenue stations. This rail is a specific kind of rail that is used in sharper curves. This track replacement work allowed the T to lift a speed restriction that was approximately 1500' long from 10 mph to 25 mph, speeding up trips by about one minute. When all track work is completed in this area, the speed will be able to be increased to 40 mph.

- Updating procedures for accessing track areas to safely increase the time crews have to perform work on the tracks during the overnight hours when subway service does not operate in order to make the Orange line, Blue line,

Green line, and Red line safer.

- Launched an aggressive hiring campaign to attract qualified candidates as drivers, dispatchers, and inspectors to improve safety and rider experiences, and updated work rules to allow for more manageable shifts and necessary rest time. Newly hired dispatchers will soon begin a rigorous 10-week training program prior to being assigned to the Operations Control Center (OCC) in the coming months. The T has rehired three former dispatchers (who are currently supervisory employees) to temporarily work in the OCC.

The MBTA also has several ongoing initiatives underway as part of these CAPs, including:

- Exploring ways to accelerate the maintenance of its existing rail construction equipment.

- Developing a PPE compliance checking program.

- Increasing staffing at rail yards.

- Developing a pilot program for Blue Flag procedures on rapid transit. A codified standard in railroad operations, Blue Flag procedures are clearly distinguishable blue flags/lights by day and blue lights by night that indicate workers are on, under, or between rolling cars or equipment. The purpose of the Blue Flag procedure is to protect workers from the movement of rolling equipment.

The four special directives received by the MBTA involve delayed critical maintenance, train movement operating procedures, staffing within the OCC, and the employee safety recertification process. The CAP to address delayed critical maintenance is due to the FTA on July 15. The CAP to address train movement operating procedures was submitted on time to the FTA on June 30. The CAP to address staffing issues within the Operations Control Center was submitted on time to the FTA on July 5. The CAP regarding employee safety re-certifications is due to the FTA on July 20.

Revere TV

Your Community Source

SPOTLIGHT

The International Sand Sculpting Festival is back at Revere Beach this weekend! RevereTV always provides extensive coverage of the week-long event that culminates in the complete festival and competition on the weekend. Check out RTV's YouTube for daily footage of the competition from the official sand drop to the finished products. Next week, you'll be able to watch a fuller video package of this year's whole competition. Keep an eye on the RTV Instagram page for more accessible daily updates.

To celebrate the Sand Sculpting Festival coming back this year, the RevereTV Community Channel will include video coverage of festivals from past years over the next week. It is fun to look back on the different themes, sculptures, and winners. There are many returning competitors this year so you can see how their work has evolved. The RevereTV Community Channel is channel 8 and 1072 on Comcast, and 3 and 614 on RCN.

It is tradition every year for the mayor to record an episode of "Conversations with the Mayor" on Revere Beach during the week of the Sand Sculpting Festival. Mayor Arrigo was at the beach with the RTV crew on Tuesday to talk about a few timely topics and of course one of the biggest public events for the City of Revere. You can watch this episode on YouTube and RTV GOV this week. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast, and 13 and 613 on RCN.

In case you missed it, check out the latest episode of "Cooking Made Simple" with Chef Kelly Armetta. Follow along as Chef Kelly leads you through making two unique dishes using a piece of fresh caught striped bass. Learn how to dress up vegetables like corn, green beans or cauliflower and create a tasty jicama salad. You can watch all of this happen on "Cooking Made Simple" on RevereTV's YouTube page at any time, or playing on the Community Channel over the next few weeks.

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BUSY BEE DOUBLE SPLASH WATER SLIDE AT SUSAN B. ANTHONY SCHOOL

Photos by Cary Shuman

As temperatures soared into the mid-nineties on Tuesday, Revere youths got the chance to keep cool and have fun while doing it.

The Revere Parks and Recreation Department set up the Busy Bee Double Splash Water Slide at the Susan B. Anthony School. Young residents got to spend the afternoon.



Francisco Sorto and his son, Jeffrey Sorto.



Reynaldo Mendoza, his wife, Lily Mendoza, and their daughter, Nahomi Mendoza.



Revere Parks and Recreation staff members Kalei Alba and Angel Estrada, pictured in front of the Busy Bee Double Splash Water Slide.



Revere Parks and Recreation staff members (from left) Chase Smith, Emily Ellis, and Nicolas Bedoya are pictured at the Water Slide event Tuesday at the Susan B. Anthony School.



Abner Rodriguez, Yoseph Rodriguez, and Arianna Licona, with (back row) Claribel Diaz, Ava Licona, and Leda Licona at the Water Slide event Tuesday at the Susan B. Anthony School.

FRESH & LOCAL

Cool Summer Buffet

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Summer brings all sorts of opportunities to prepare and serve meals buffet style. Potluck gatherings, last-minute entertaining, or even as a way to use leftovers, an array of cold or room temperature offerings can make the cook's task more manageable. What's more, with a few of our tips, you may decide not to cook at all.

Too Hot to Cook
Our meal planning is somewhat informal, but it all begins with a look at the weather this time of year. That determines what days we can enjoy outdoor dining. In summer, a quick check of the weather forecast also helps us decide what days we will want cool food or takeout and what days we might opt to cook at home.

Over the years, we've learned what type of cooking heats up our tiny home, puts a strain on our air conditioning, or results in food that doesn't appeal to us in hot weather. We use induction cooking for stovetop foods. The speed and efficiency of an induction burner produces less excess heat. We also use our toaster oven, Instant Pot and sous vide ap-

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Canadian sculptor Melineige Beaugard looks on as the special sand for the sculptures is delivered on Revere Beach.



Sand sculptors prepare the sand for what will be incredible works of art that will be displayed on Revere Beach during the International Sand Sculpting Festival July 22-24.

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rekindle memories of yesteryear with games, food trucks, and musical performances along the boulevard.

“There will be live entertainment all three days from the main stage located in the middle of the festival,” said Sacco-Maguire. “We will

have a fireworks show Saturday at 9 p.m. at Revere Beach.”

Because of COVID-19, last year’s festival was considered “more of an exhibition than a competition,” noted Sacco-Maguire, who leads the 11-member RBP with president, Kristen Karshis. FMP Productions has been the manager of the highly acclaimed event – also widely known as the “Sandcastle Festival” – for 15 of the 18 years the event has been held.

“We’re excited to get back to our pre-pandemic event and have things back to normal on the beach,” said Sacco-Maguire.

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, State Rep. Jeff Turco, and State Rep. Jessica Giannino said they will be attending the annual event with their respective families and friends. The three officials are excited about the annual event that brings international tourists and visitors to the boulevard located in front of the nation’s first public beach.

“We are so excited to welcome everyone to Revere Beach for the 18th Annual International Sand Sculpting Festival,” said Mayor Brian Arrigo. “As the first public beach in America, Revere Beach has always been a destination spot for visi-



The first truck arrives from New Hampshire early Friday morning at Revere Beach for the International Sand Sculpting Festival.

tors. We’re thrilled to see that this year’s festival will have all the festivities as in previous years - with live entertainment, fireworks, and access to enjoy food from local businesses. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.”

Said Turco, “This is a great opportunity to showcase Revere Beach, the city of Revere, and all of the changes

that have occurred from the economic development that’s happened in the city, but also to showcase America’s first public



Matt Martorelli (left) and Carl Festa of Martorelli Landscaping welcome William Jubinville (right) of WRJ Trucking, who delivered the first load of sand for the festival.

beach and how 126 years later, it remains a treasure for the city and its residents.”

A lifelong Revere resident, Giannino said, “I am so excited for the City of Revere’s Sandcastle Festival. This festival is an opportunity for the

city to showcase all that we have to offer to the rest of the Commonwealth while getting to enjoy our beautiful public beach. It is a wonderful event filled with great food, amazing talent from around the world and something for everyone to enjoy.”



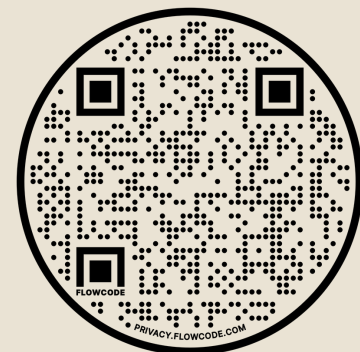
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REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND

One of the premier events (if not THE premier event) of the summer season in the Metropolitan Boston area will take place this coming weekend with the 18th annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 22-24.

The theme for this year's festival is "Wonders of the World" and will feature an event centerpiece depicting the world's most famous landmarks.

As always, the festival will be highlighted by a competition among 15 master sand sculptors from across the country and the world -- this year's competitors will come from as far away as Poland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Japan, and Hawaii -- who will vie for the 2022 title and prizes. There are awards both from a panel of judges and the peoples' choice, who will choose from a dazzling display of artistic creations that truly will amaze and transcend what one might think of as being possible with sand and water.

All three days will feature live musical entertainment, food trucks, specialty food vendors (as well as Revere's Beach's own iconic establishments!), exhibitors, and amusement rides that will provide fun for the entire family starting at 10:00 a.m. each day.

A spectacular fireworks display will be the climactic event of Saturday evening's festivities at 9:00 p.m.

It is estimated that with the good weather that is being predicted for the weekend (as we are writing this, sunny and hot is the forecast for all three days), up to one million visitors will journey to Revere Beach to partake of this truly unique event.

Needless to say, the best means for getting to the festival will be via the MBTA. The Blue Line will bring festival-goers to the Revere Beach and Wonderland stops, which are just a short walk (literally a few minutes) to the sands of Revere Beach itself. In addition, free parking and shuttle service to the T will be available at Suffolk Downs.

As always, the Sand Sculpting Festival, which is spearheaded by the Revere Beach Partnership in cooperation with the City of Revere and the DCR, is free-of-charge.

We urge all of our readers to make the trek to Revere Beach, our nation's first public beach, this weekend with their friends and family to partake in the fun of this unique event that will create memories that will last a lifetime.

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By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Brittney Griner is an American basketball star on trial in a courtroom outside of Moscow. She is a prisoner of Russia and is facing a possible prison sentence on drug charges.

Griner recently pled guilty after Russian authorities accused her of having a vape cartridge with hashish oil in her luggage at an airport near Moscow on February 17, 2022. The guilty plea could potentially accelerate her case's conclusion, clearing a path for either a deal with the United States to free her or, perhaps, a request for clemency.

The harshest outcome could be a 10-year sentence in a Russian penal colony despite the contention by Griner's lawyers that she packed the smoking cartridges by mistake.

Brittney Griner is an American professional basketball player for the Phoenix Mercury of

the Women's National Basketball Association, WNBA. She played College basketball for the Baylor Lady Bears in Waco Texas. She is the only NCAA basketball player to both score 2,000 points and block 500 shots. In 2012, the three-time All American was named the AP Player of the Year and the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four.

In 2009, Griner was named the nation's No. 1 high school women's basketball player by Rivals.com. In 2013, Griner signed an endorsement deal with Nike. She is 6 ft 9 inches tall and wears a men's U.S. size 17 shoe.

Griner was on the United States women's Olympic team in 2016, and led them to victory at the Rio Olympics. In 2020, Griner protested the Star-Spangled Banner and stated she wouldn't be on the court while the national anthem was played during game

openers. In 2021, Griner was named to the United States women's national team for the 2020 Olympics where she won her second gold medal. (Wikipedia)

Griner is one of 11 women to receive an Olympic gold medal, an NCAA championship, a FIBA World Cup gold medal and a WNBA championship.

In February 2022, Griner was detained by Russian Customs after cartridges containing hashish was found in her luggage. She had been entering Russia to play with the Russia Premier League during the WNBA offseason. Her trial began on July 1, and she pled guilty to the charges.

Paul Whelan is another American citizen currently held as a prisoner in Russia. On June 15, 2020 he received a 16-year prison sentence with the possibility of time in a labor camp. He is described as

a corporate security director.

There is conversation that a prisoner swap could be a possibility for freeing Griner and Whelan. Most Americans are not excited about releasing a dangerous criminal. However, we are prayerful that something will be worked out for Griner and Whelan's release.

I would hope all Americans might consider staying out of Russia. The prospects of any financial reward or seeing new geography are not worth the consequences.

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GUEST OP-ED

Tick Talk

have woodpiles or stone walls where they can set up housekeeping. Ticks love to attach to rodents.

- Move any bird feeders or bird baths as far from the house as possible. Birds are lovely to look at, but immature ticks hitch rides on them. Use binoculars to watch the birds from afar.

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(<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/tick-management-around-the-home>)

(https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/in_the_yard.html).

I won't attempt an exhaustive list of all the tick-borne illnesses. However, the black-legged (deer) tick carries Lyme disease. All the tick-borne illnesses have common symptoms: fever, headache, fatigue, muscle aches. Since all those symptoms can be linked to any number of ailments, it is best to see your healthcare provider. He or she can evaluate if the symptoms are tick related.

(<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/diseases-spread-by-ticks>).

How should one prepare to go outside during tick season? It's not welcome news to hear "wear long sleeves and long pants" during summer

weather. However, there are precautions (and compromises) one can make when venturing forth into the great outdoors:

- Wear light-colored clothing, on which ticks are more visible.

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, with white socks pulled up over the pants bottoms (bad for fashionistas, good for tick avoidance).

- Treat clothing with the chemical permethrin (EPA approved for tick repellent, on clothing only).

- For any repellent, always read product labels before applying, to ensure proper use and effectiveness.

When returning from your outside excursion, check your body for ticks. Check children and pets as well. Ticks gravitate to areas of the body that are warm and dark, such as in or around hair, belly buttons, ears, underarms, groins, waists, etc. Talk to your vet about tick prevention products for your pet.

(<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/index.html>).

If you follow all the above instructions, and you find a tick with its jaws attached to your flesh anyway, don't panic. There are a few things to remember when removing a tick.

Don't coat it with pe-

troleum jelly or touch a recently blown-out match head to its body. Ticks have delicate nervous systems, and when stressed by suffocation from Vaseline or barbecue by matchhead, the critters react by regurgitating their saliva into your bloodstream. This is in effect the tick vaccinating you with any number of tick-borne diseases. This is to be avoided.

The correct way to remove a tick, from either yourself, a child, or your pet:

- Get clean tweezers.
- Grab hold of the tick as close to the skin as possible.

- Pull straight up, slowly, and steadily. Twisting will behead the tick with his jaws still under your skin.

- After removal, wash the area with alcohol, iodine or soap and water. (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/personal-protection-against-ticks>).

You are now equipped with all you need to know for a safe, tick-free rest of the summer!

Don't forget the sunblock!

Marianne Dalton, RN, is a member of the Winthrop Board of Health.

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served for ten terms on the Council before finishing second to Al Fiore in the Ward 5 race in November. Fiore stepped down from the position, necessitating a special election for the seat.

City Clerk Ashley Melnik will administer the oath of office to Powers who will attend his first meeting as the newly elected councilor on Aug. 22.

Tuesday's special election was the first conducted under the leadership of the city's new Election

Commissioner Paul Fahey.

Reps. Giannino, Turco offer congratulations
State Reps. Jessica Giannino and Jeff Turco both extended their congratulations to Powers Tuesday.

"As a former City councilor-at-large and current state representative for Ward 5, I wish John the best of luck this upcoming year," said Rep. Giannino. "Although, due to redistricting I will not have the pleasure of rep-

resenting Ward 5 in 2023, it has a special place in my heart. I know Councilor-Elect Powers, working alongside Rep. Turco, will ensure the needs of constituents in Ward 5 are met."

Turco said, "I want to congratulate John Powers on his victory. I look forward to working with him as one of the councilors that represents a portion of my district in Revere. I look forward to seeing the long-awaited Point of Pines Fire Station getting built."



Ward 5 Councilor-Elect John Powers is pictured with his proud family (from left), great granddaughter Jasmine Napoli, daughter Charlene Theodore, granddaughter Madeline Case and great-grandson Gavin Stone.

John Powers said at the event, "I want to thank

all of my supporters, and I look forward to serving them on the City Council

and continuing my work on behalf of my constituents."

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pliances rather than turning on the oven to make batches of favorite ingredients like chicken, salmon, or sweet potatoes that will be the basis for future meals.

Finally, we may opt to buy a rotisserie chicken, order an extra take-out dish, or use something like canned tuna or salmon rather than cook on hot days.

To Theme or Not to Theme

Cool summer buffets can come together with a theme. Our favorite approaches to this are tacos, sandwiches, grain bowls, charcuterie, bruschetta, or crudites. If your plan in-

cludes some takeout, you can use your choice from the restaurant as a theme. For example, if you order kabobs from a Middle Eastern spot, you could make an array of mezze or a big salad to round out the meal. A quick look in our refrigerator would find olives, roasted peppers, feta, yogurt, and most likely some hummus ready to move to the table.

Marinated Foods

Jenny McGruther, writing in her blog Nourished Kitchen, gave us a great idea when she wrote about marinated chickpeas. She explained that her chickpea recipe is just that,



A hearty vegetable dish like this fattoush salad from Tatte could be a great addition to a cool summer buffet.

"Olive oil, vinegar, garlic, green onions, and plenty of fresh parsley come together with chickpeas in a recipe that takes less

than 15 minutes." While she chose chickpeas, you could do the same with any legume or pulse.

Today, you can buy

precooked lentils, grains, and minimally processed beans in any supermarket. Add a flavorful marinade, and you have a delicious no-cook dish.

Food Safety

Of course, we all have to consider food safety when we arrange a selection of food on a table for friends and family to enjoy. Follow the guidance from the CDC to make your cool summer buffet a safe meal. They recommend:

"Keep hot foods hot at 140°F or warmer. Use slow cookers, chafing dishes, and warming trays to keep food hot on the

buffet table."

"Keep cold foods cold at 40°F or below. Use small serving trays and replace often with fresh platters from the refrigerator, or place serving dishes in bowls of ice so they stay chilled."

"Leftover foods should be refrigerated at 40°F or below as soon as possible and within 2 hours of preparation." And, they cut that time to one hour if the ambient temperature is more than 90 degrees.

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

Suffolk Downs // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

family-sustaining career opportunities at a scale never seen before," said John Moriarty of John Moriarty & Associates.

"The Project Labor Agreement (PLA) at Suffolk Downs will create family-sustaining careers for thousands of construction workers across every neighborhood of Boston and Revere for the next decade and beyond, illustrating the importance of shared economic prosperity through responsible development," said Brian Doherty, General Agent and Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions. "We're excited to partner with The HYM Investment Group and John Moriarty & Associates to

make advancements in equity and inclusion as we recruit and train the next generation of construction workers."

The HYM Investment Group, Building Trades Union, John Moriarty & Associates, and North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters announced in January of 2020 the signing of an unprecedented Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the construction of the Suffolk Downs Redevelopment. The agreement will ensure Suffolk Downs is union-built and creates 18,000 construction jobs, while designing and constructing more efficiently to allow housing to be built more affordably. As part of the agreement,

HYM announced \$2 million in investments that will go towards building an employment pipeline to quality, union jobs, and to prepare local residents to join the future workforce at Suffolk Downs. The PLA also creates a new cost structure and a model that sets forth several equity and inclusion provisions that will bring more workers into the trades. This innovative approach will further increase the number of women and people of color who benefit from the career opportunities generated by the project while lowering the overall cost of residential construction.

The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions

represents 35,000 working families in the Metropolitan Boston region. The building trades unions advance social and economic justice by providing family-supporting wages, healthcare benefits, and dignified retirement benefits to workers and their families in the construction industry.

The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, an umbrella group of 20 local construction unions, in partnership with more than 3,300 union contractors, provides the highest standards for workers in the construction industry. It is through collective bargaining and the Labor-Management partnership that workers achieve

the highest levels of training, safety, and economic security throughout their careers. www.MetroBTC.org

The HYM Investment Group is a premier development company that is leading the development of more than 20 million square feet of real estate throughout Greater Boston. The company creates mixed-use communities that strive to push the needle on sustainability, creativity and technology for a more productive and resilient future.

The team has an unparalleled knowledge of the development process that allows the company to bring complex projects to market through com-

munity input and support. Through experience, relationship building, and transparency with all stakeholders, HYM is able to deliver projects on-time and on budget in order to bring a material return for its investors.

With a team made up of 50% women and 30% people of color, HYM is committed to building projects that prioritize inclusion and embrace Greater Boston's rich diversity. From projects like Suffolk Downs to Bulfinch Crossing, the team is leading the industry on creating some of the most thriving neighborhoods in the region. www.hyminvestments.com

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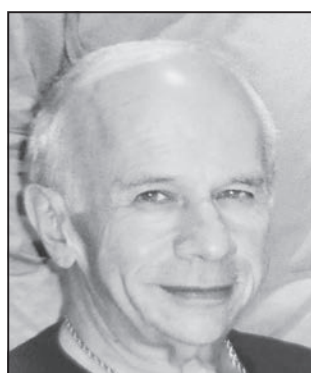
Robert Carrao

August 26, 1938 - July 17, 2022

Robert A. "Bob" Carrao of Revere died on July 17.

Bob proudly served his county in the United States Army.

Born in Boston on August 26, 1938 to the late Frank Corrao and Jenivive (DeVito), he was the loving brother of Debbie D'Ambrosio and her husband, Ernie, Joanna Conroy and her husband, Jim, and the late Catherine Corrao, and Frank "Lefty" Corrao; dear uncle of Marc D'Ambrosio and his wife, Jean, Kenneth D'Ambrosio and his wife, Darlene, David D'Ambrosio and his wife, Michele, Jaimey D'Ambrosio, James Conroy III and his wife, Melissa, Johnathan Conroy and his wife, Lauren, Susan Coleman and her husband, Michael and Jennifer LeClair and her husband, TJ; beloved great uncle to Marc Jr, DJ, Kenny Jr, Dante,



Jack, Emily, Ava, and Madeline and companion to the late Carol Callahan. He is also survived by many other loving relatives and friends. Funeral from the Paul Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Friday, July 22 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Patrick Michael Powers

Will be missed by all

Patrick Michael Powers, 48, of Revere passed unexpectedly on June 7 at home. He was born in Boston and grew up in DeLand, Florida, although he always stayed true to his New England sports



teams. He had a heart of gold and those close to him know that he cared more about others than himself. He enjoyed the simple things in life: surfing, fishing, shooting pool, spending time with his family and friends and giving all his extra love to his loyal companion, "Pepa". He will be truly loved and missed by all. Till we meet again, forever in our hearts.

He is survived by his two younger sisters, Irene Elizabeth Cagliuso, 39, and Bailey Anne Cagliuso, 33; his grandfather, John Powers; niece, Delaney and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Deborah Ann Cagliuso and Joseph Paul Cagliuso and his grandmother, Maureen Powers.

A visitation will be held Saturday, July 23 at Paul Buonfiglio & Sons ~ Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere from 2 to 4 p.m. followed by a Prayer Service at 4 p.m. For guestbook, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Laurence Robert "Larry" McWilliams

Dedicated Revere Junior and Senior High School teacher for more than 30 years

Laurence "Larry" Robert McWilliams, 78, of Revere passed away peacefully at Mass General Hospital on Sunday, July 10. He was surrounded by his wife, Jan Sculla, his surviving children, Jenessa Dailey and Lauren King, and his furbaby, Coco-Pax, who was lying on his chest when he closed his eyes.

Larry grew up in East Boston and was predeceased by his parents, Maude and Richard; his sisters, Jean Torgersen and her husband, Ernie and Marie Farley and her husband, Tom, as well as his brothers, Dick and his wife, Jo, Red and his wife, Cookie, Danny, Bobby and his nephews, Bobby and Dick. He is survived by his beloved relatives, including his sons-in-law, Geoff Daily and Michael King, his big brother, Jerry, numerous nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews and his precious grandchildren, who fondly called him "Papa Larry" and "Popeye.": Vincent, Delia, Jax and Brooks Dailey, Sean, D.J. and Riley King and his foster grandchildren, Isabel, Sofia and Chris.

Larry always had a thirst for learning. He ultimately decided he wanted to be an educator after attending B.C. High School and graduating from East Boston High. He also graduated from Mass. Bay Community College and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree at U. Mass. Boston as well as his Master's Degree and Certificate of Graduate Studies.

Larry was a dedicated Junior and Senior High School teacher in Revere for over thirty years. Not long after his retirement, he missed his vocation so much that he went on to teach for another few years in Marblehead.

He loved his students and hoped to instill in them the same love of science and math he had through his weird science experiments, humor, jokes and satire—ask any of them and they will regale you with some funny stories. He also taught at Project Check, where he worked with struggling students; his goal was to

help each one of them to succeed. Although he had many opportunities to climb the proverbial ladder, he chose to work side by side with the kids he loved.

Larry was a nature enthusiast and spent much of his free time near mountains, ocean and lakes. One of his passions was taking an annual vacation to the National Parks and Alaska with his beloved son, Derin, who sadly passed away in May of 2012. Larry could often be found skiing in New Hampshire, tobogganing in the Berkshires, swimming in Maine or eating clams in Gloucester with his nieces and nephews and family and friends.

He was also the neighborhood mentor to many of Derin's Point of Pines friends, whether it was taking them camping, teaching them how to ski and skate or introducing them to horseback riding.

He instilled a love of adventure in each of his children, whether it was through accompanying them on Father/Son or Father/Daughter weekends at North Shore Christian School, taking them mountain climbing (whether or not they wanted to go) or teaching them to swim the old-fashioned way by just throwing them into the pool!

Larry was a true force of nature, causing mischief wherever he went. He was known as an outgoing joker and was adored by many. He always talked about how he had the luck of the Irish, even kissing the Blarney Stone on a recent trip to Ireland. Thirty years ago, he was given a year to live after contracting a virus that attacked his heart. The prognosis was grim, and he was told that if he did survive, he would probably be bedridden or very limited in his activity. Thanks to his dedicated team of doctors at MGH, his wonderful friends and family, his determined wife and his stubborn nature, he not only survived but thrived.

He wasn't much for listening to any kind of advice, so he just kept doing the opposite of what he was told to do. No strenuous exercising meant storming down the mountain on skis. No running meant hitting the courts with his tennis buddies. He ended up with two mechanical heart devices, yet he still beat the odds. When he was diagnosed with Merkel Cell Carcinoma three years ago, the news was devastating; but



he took immunotherapy and radiation treatment and once again shocked his doctors by beating it. There's something to be said about that stubborn Irishman—his Italian mother-in-law, Delia, often called him 'Gabadost'!

Many have asked how an Irish boy with five brothers and two sisters could end up marrying an Italian girl who is an only child, and stay married for 51 years. Well, it wasn't always easy, but their common interests ended up sealing the deal. They both had dreams of having a blended family through birth and adoption and that dream was realized when Jenessa was born, Derin was adopted from El Salvador at five months old three years later and, after seven years, Lauren came along at age three from Texas.

Before they had children, both of them thrived on spending as much time as they could with their young nieces and nephews and both were dedicated educators. When he wanted to take forty ninth-graders to Italy for a school field trip, they both went. When she started the Business Professionals of America Club in Roxbury to give her inner-city students the opportunity to compete in Speech, Business and Computer competitions locally, state-wide and as far away as Texas and Florida, they both went and even took their children.

Both of them were activists, involved in anti-war protests, civil-rights marches and anti-poverty campaigns and both of them had disdain for racism and discrimination.

They also shared a strong love of travel, engaging in volunteer trips to the Dominican Republic and Cuba and traveling together to China, Turkey, Costa Rica, Europe, etc.

A common love of music, theatre, skiing, biking, hiking, tennis, swimming and their many cats, dogs and their bird, Connie solidified their relationship.

They traveled with both of their families throughout the United States; and when their children came along, they traveled with them on several cross country trips as well as to Mexico, Canada, Italy, France and England. The fact that they were both educators gave them time during the summer to teach their children tolerance and an appreciation of other cultures, foods and people through their wanderings.

Larry fought hard to overcome his latest health challenges in order to have as much time as possible with his family and friends and, in particular, with the grandchildren he adored. In between hospital visits, he managed to spend six magical days on Anna Maria Island at their condo in Florida with Jan, their children, and all ten grandchildren at a Celebration of Life for Derin, who passed away ten years ago on Memorial Day Weekend in 2012.

On the night before he passed, a random fireworks display showed up over Revere Beach and a couple of nights later, a blood moon glistened over the ocean—and when he brought Derin's ashes home ten years ago, a double rainbow surrounded our home. Surely they are both together right now, pain-free and happy, watching over the rest of us.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Larry's Memorial Mass on Thursday, July 21 at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St, Revere. There will also be a Celebration of Life on Thursday, July 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Point of Pines Yacht Club, 28 Rice Ave, Revere, with light refreshments served.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Derin Sculla McWilliams Scholarship Fund. Please send donations to Revere High School, Attn: Rose Gordinas, 101 School St, Revere, MA 02151. Checks should be made payable to Revere High School and note at the bottom, Memo: Derin Sculla McWilliams

Scholarship Fund, or go to <https://gofund.me/a169e87b>.

Arrangements are by the Solimine Funeral Home, Lynn. Directions and guestbook at www.solimine.com.

Merton Stewart, Jr.

Retired Amtrak Electrician

Merton J. Stewart, Jr., 94, died on July 11 at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. He was the husband of the late Margaret E. (Durgin) Stewart.

Born in Winthrop and raised in Revere, the son

of the late Merton J. and Ruth M. (Ewing) Stewart, he was an electrician for many years with Amtrak, Mr. Stewart retired to Falmouth. He enjoyed painting and served with the United States Marine Corps during World War II.

Mr. Stewart is survived by his children; Robert Stewart of Falmouth and Laurel Cifuni and her husband, Stephen of Revere, two grandchildren, Rachel and Stephen. He was the brother of Priscilla Ethel Moore and her husband, Robert of Falmouth.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Waquoit Bay Reserve @ waquoitbayreserve.org.

A Celebration of Life is planned for the future. For condolences: www.BisbeePorcella.com.

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

In Loving Memory Of
NANCY M. MAFFEO
 14th Anniversary
 July 24, 2022

Mom, another year has gone by and since November 2012 Dad is with you. The world is changing but we still do as you both taught us: Smile, be humble and respectful, love and continue on. For those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

*Love Always,
 Michael Angelo III & Lori, Renee & Ray & grandchildren Makayla & Michael IV.*

9th Anniversary
 July 21

Louise 'Lou' Sarro
To know her was to love her Both for family and for friend And the sweetness of her memory. Time can neither dim, nor end.

Lovingly remembered, sadly missed
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Happy Heavenly 50th Birthday
John T. Diliegro

We love you and miss you so much

The Diliegro family & Candice Borden
 xoxoxoxo

OBITUARIES

Mark Levy

Of Swampscott, formerly of Revere

Mark Levy of Swampscott entered into rest on July 15 at the age of 59.

He grew up in Revere, graduated from Revere High School and later went on to graduate from UMASS Boston where he obtained an undergraduate degree and then received a Master's Degree from Suffolk University. He raised his family in Swampscott and worked in several payroll departments as a manager.

He was a dedicated member of Temple Shirat Hayam and volunteered for many years as assistant coach in a youth baseball league.

He loved his family and his friends, playing basketball and enjoyed watching all New England sports teams. He was an avid fan of all New England teams including high school and college teams.

The beloved husband of Marla Levy, he was the

devoted father of Dylan (Helene) Mitchell-Levy and Rachel Levy and the loving dog owner of Mercci; cherished grandfather of Abigail Levy, brother of Roberta Levy and dear son of the late Harold and Sylvia Levy.

A private graveside service was held on Tuesday, July 19 at Shirat Hayam- Beth EL section, 506 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA 01960. Shiva was held at Summit Estates Clubhouse, 1000 Paradise Road, Swampscott, MA 01907 following services.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in his memory to Leukemia and lymphoma society, P.O. Box 22324 New York, NY 10087 www.lls.org

For more information or to register in the online guestbook, please visit www.stanetskyhymanson-salem.com.

Lt. Col. Sean T. Connolly, USMC

Retired and came home to Beachmont to be near the ocean that he loved



Lt. Colonel Sean T. Connolly, USMC (retired), of Beachmont-Revere, 72, died suddenly on July 2.

The son of the late George T. and Eleanor (Russell) Connolly, Sean lived a number of places including Okinawa with the Marines, but he returned finally to Beachmont to be a block from the ocean he loved where he swam, boated, fished and found solace.

He is survived by his wife, Margery Sturdevant Connolly of Stafford, VA, sons: Anntoin, also of Stafford, VA, Andrew of Revere, Mitchell of Arlington, VA and daughter, Mhairi Hayes and her

husband, Ramsey and granddaughter, Cora, all of Kailua, HI. He is also survived by his sisters: Kathryn Connolly Chase of Scituate, Lee Connolly Moschella of Reading and his brother, George of Southport, NC.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach Street, Revere on Tuesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.

In keeping with his wish to be "buried as a Marine," interment will follow with honors at the VA National Cemetery, Bourne at 1:15 p.m.

Arrangements by Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, Saugus. For condolences www.BisbeePorcella.com.

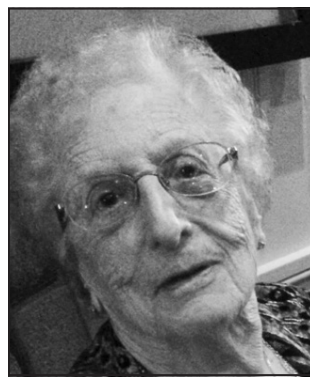
Rose Vecchia

The highlight of her life was spending time with her family – especially her grandchildren

Rose M. (Puopolo) Vecchia of Revere, passed away on July 13, 2022 at the age of 94.

Spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, was the highlight of Rose's life. She also enjoyed watching TV game shows and the occasional trip to Foxwoods.

The beloved wife of Frank M. Vecchia, Jr., with whom she shared 68 years of marriage, she was the devoted mother of Joanne Connors and her husband, Michael of Tewksbury, Frank Vecchia III and his wife, Johanna of Woburn and the late Janet Spano and her surviving husband, Joseph of North Reading; cherished grandmother of Christopher and Jeffrey Spano, Courtney, Cameron, and Caden Connors, Jillian and Andrew Vecchia and great-grandmother of Rosalie Spano; dear sister of Elizabeth Fiorentini and the late Mary Mosca, Emilio, Joseph "Butchie" and Nicholas Puopolo. Rose is also survived by



many loving nieces and nephews. Spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, was the highlight of Rose's life.

Her Funeral was held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons ~ Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, on Tuesday, July 19 followed by a Funeral Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church, Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rose's memory to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org For guestbook, please visit www.buonfiglio.com

REVERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING EVENT AT BIANCHI'S AT THE SAND BAR

Photos by Cary Shuman

The Revere Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Executive Director Amanda Schepici-Portillo, held a networking

event July 13 at Bianchi's At The Sandbar, 381 Revere Beach Boulevard.

The guests enjoyed a night of excellent food and networking opportunities.



Executive Director Amanda Schepici-Portillo (right) with her daughter, Layla Portillo (center) and her mother, Cheryl Schepici (left).



Revere resident Alberto Vasallo III, president and CEO of El Mundo Boston, greets Amanda Schepici-Portillo, executive director of the Revere Chamber of Commerce, at the Chamber's networking event held July 13 at Bianchi's At The Sandbar.



Guests at the RCC networking event, Gertrude Mageza, Julia Bisconti, Cynthia Graff, and Francisco Rosa.



Grace Umaña, Marta Flores, Amanda Schepici-Portillo, and Selene Gomez of Homebridge Financial Services.



Taylor MacRae and Jason Bonenfant.

Mentorship // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

vard College as well as Sarah Yepes, who attends Excel Academy Charter School. Yepes will also take part in a NBCUniversal internship program.

"These students' personal growth and successes encapsulate what we do at Minds Matter," said Kanter. "Their determination and talent, coupled with the support and advice of their mentors, helped them excel in school and develop a sense of community. The opportunity to experience college life and college courses while still in high school will prepare them for the next stage of their education and beyond."

Minds Matter Boston is a mentoring organization devoted to connecting driven and determined

students from low-income backgrounds with people and opportunities to support success in college and beyond. At MMB, these students are provided with intensive 2:1 mentoring, professional ACT and writing instruction, wide access to college-immersion summer programs and personalized college advising to ensure that these promising students earn their college admission and experience college success. The program, which introduces students to new experiences and acts as a catalyst for their enthusiasm to pursue a four-year degree, is just one of many impactful Minds Matter programs conducted in cities across the United States.

Volunteers from various

Boston businesses and organizations dedicate hundreds of hours over three years to guide their mentees through college prep, as well as helping them to navigate the college application and grant and scholarship application

processes. This commitment has resulted in 100% of MMB graduates gaining admission to four-year colleges. In addition, \$1.4 million in scholarships was awarded to MMB graduates in 2021 alone.

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MAYOR BRIAN ARRIGO AND THE CITY OF REVERE PRESENT THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The second week of the Summer Concert series on the Legion Lawn continued last Sunday. Trifecta was the entertainment, and the crowd was just that, entertained.

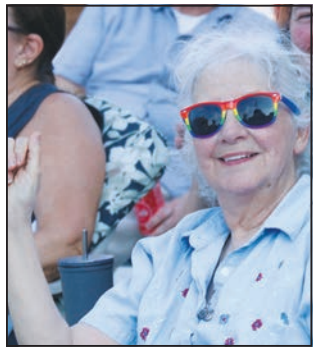
Trifecta brought a wide variety of songs and crowd participation. Despite the heat, the crowd was ready to dance and sing along to the songs of the 70's, Ste-



Live and on stage, a favorite of the Revere Senior Center, Joy Granta, taking the lead on a popular tune.

vie Wonder, Travares, Elvis and many more.

Next Sunday, July 24th, a local favorite, Smokin Joe and the Henchmen, start at 6pm. Food may be purchased from 5-7pm from the American Legion Post BBQ.



Sandi Lozier styl'n her new sunglasses.



Irma Accettullo and Dan Vallucci hit the dance floor.



Bobby Misiano and Elizabeth Bienkiewicz.



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Week two had Trifecta on center stage and the crowd had a great time.



Commander of the American Legion Post Jim Sinatra, (right) President of the Auxiliary, Anita Sinatra and James Wolfgang and Julie Sinatra.



Paul and Dawn Lescovitz had a great time.

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- ❖ Sonny Meyers Park on Beach Street, (lunch 11am -1pm)
- ❖ Hill School, rear entrance, stadium side, breakfast 8am-9am; lunch 11am-1pm)
- ❖ Paul Revere School, rear entrance, (Monday-Thursday), breakfast 8am-9am; lunch 11am-1pm)
- ❖ Garfield School (front entrance) (Monday-Thursday) Lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm
- ❖ RHA Rose Recreational Center on Rose Street (lunch 11:30am-1pm)
- ❖ RHA Adams Court Recreational on Adams Street (lunch 11:30am-1pm)
- ❖ Ciarlone Park on Newhall Street (lunch 11:30am-1pm)
- ❖ Louis Pasteur Park on Endicott Street (lunch 11:30am-1pm)
- ❖ Revere Farmer's Market on Broadway at American Legion Hall (FRIDAYS only, lunch 12-1:00pm)

Programs will serve meals Monday thru Friday except where noted.* Location: may be subject to close due to inclement weather and/or participation.

For Updates go to



Diana Poto (left) and Rose Pellegrino enjoying the concert last Sunday.



Early arrivals, Mary White, Patti Epsimos and Pattie Manzo.



Michael Firicano from the MFS Band and his mom, Annamaria were in attendance.



Robert Haas Jr. and his daughter, Leni, were having a great time.

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Tammy Frongillo with her mom, Lona Frongillo and Mary Ann Silva.



Rich and Maryjane Bruno and Dr. Cyndy Evans were enjoying the show.

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Sports

MEET THE REVERE MAJOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS



Titans' catcher Anna Doucette makes a crashing tag for the out on a Patriot's runner at home plate.



Zizi Kalliavas gets a base hit to advance the runners. See more photos on Page 12.



The 2022 Major League Softball Champions, the Patriots. Coached by Corrie O'Neil and Colleen Fortin, sponsored by Quality Landscaping.

REVERE MINOR SOFTBALL PLAY-OFF, THE REVERE ROCKETS VS. THE PINK PANTHERS

Last Thursday evening the Revere Rockets sponsored by Gentle Dental and coached by Sarah McCabe faced off against the Pink Panthers, sponsored

by Spinelli's Function Facility. The girls put on a great show for the many spectators that were at Griswold Park at Adagna Field.



Head Coach of the Pink Panthers Mark Adreani sponsored by Spinelli's Function Facility and the 5-8 year old Revere Pink Panthers.



Head Coach of the Sarah McCabe and the Revere Rockets 5-to-8-year-old Minor League softball team sponsored by Gentle Dental.

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MEET THE REVERE MAJOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

Last Wednesday evening the Revere Patriots faced off against the Revere Titans for the 2022

Major League Softball Title at Griswold Field. The Patriots had a one game lead of the best of

three, beating the Titans on Tuesday for the title.



The graduating 12-year-olds' from the program, Gianna Chiodi, Chloe O'Neill and Kaylee Sursen with Coaches Corrie O'Neil and Colleen Fortin.



Coach Joe Scoppettuolo with the Revere Titans, sponsored by Dacey HVAC.



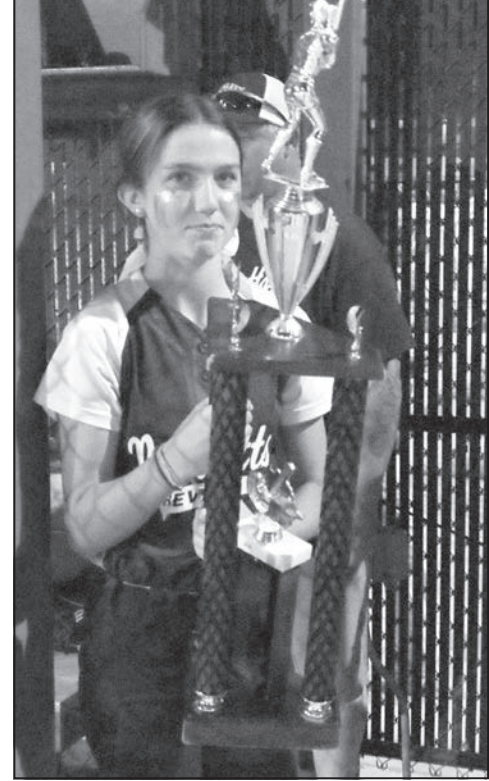
On the mound for the Titans, Genevieve Zierten.



Patriots Ace, Ava Teabagy had control of the game from the start.



Cali O'Neil on third based looking for a base hit to bring her home.



Chloe O'Neil takes the championship trophy out to home plate.

Mass. Gaming Commission releases June 2022 gross gaming revenue

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported that the month of June 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$93 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocat-

ed to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately \$1.127 billion in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.



REVENUE REPORT

JUNE 2022

GROSS GAMING REVENUE

TAXES

Facility	Game Type	GGR	Taxes
MGM SPRINGFIELD SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	TABLE	\$4,209,619.31	
	SLOTS	\$16,936,388.21	
	TOTAL	\$21,146,007.52	\$5,286,501.88
ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	TABLE	\$28,589,032.87	
	SLOTS	\$31,468,282.71	
	TOTAL	\$60,057,315.58	\$15,014,328.90
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES	SLOTS	\$11,967,439.63	
	TOTAL	\$11,967,439.63	\$5,864,045.42
TOTAL TAXES			\$26,164,876.20

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REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago July 18, 2012

Building a new McKinley School has become that kind of frustrating process, as designers indicated there is no easy solution, and members of the community are squaring off with equally valid concerns. Monday night, a very lively School Building Committee meeting convened and the delicate situation soon erupted into frustrated and loud discussion between Mayor Dan Rizzo and the long-established Hill Family – mostly due to the possible use of Hill Park as the new site of the new McKinley. Although many say that the ideal solution would be to locate the new McKinley on the site of the present Harry Della Russo Stadium, there is no available land to relocate the stadium, leaving Hill Park, which is named after James Hill, one of the two Hill brothers who gave their life in WWII, as the next-best choice.

Mayor Dan Rizzo's administration is about to take a major step towards revolutionizing the way the city does budgeting, and officials said it would be a major change from the way that money is allocated now. The city recently learned that it was the beneficiary of a grant to help implement performance-based budgeting – often known as CitiStat – through a grant administered by the Mass. Municipal Association.

Everett State Rep. Steven 'Stat' Smith is scheduled for a criminal hearing in Chelsea District Court this month for not conforming to the orders of the Revere Fire Department. Revere Chief Gene Doherty said that Smith is scheduled to have a hearing in Chelsea District Court with the Fire Department on July 26th at 10 a.m. Doherty indicated that Smith still has not produced a plan or a contractor to conform to the demand by the Fire Department to install a new fire system in his properties on Yeamans Street in Revere.

There was no shortage of fun and excitement last weekend at this year's Sandsculpting Festival on Revere Beach, which drew huge crowds over the sizzling summer weekend. Whether it was a fire-breathing man in the surf (top) or a steady gaze at the many sand sculptures, there was something on the Beach for everyone.

The Dark Knight Rises and Ted are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

mas.

20 years ago July 24, 2002

The steep dip in the stock market the past two years has resulted in a loss of more than \$6 million in the Revere Retirement fund, which has fallen from \$69 million to \$63 million, according to Retirement Board Chairman Andrew Bisignani. The drop of 5.06 percent in 2001 marked the first negative return for a full calendar year in many years. Bisignani said that the Revere fund has averaged a gain of 9.3 percent since 1985. The Revere retirement system presently has 1145 active and retired members.

Suffolk County Sheriff Richard Rouse said that staffing cuts at the county jail have been necessitated by budget reductions at the state level. Corrections officers have complained recently that the cutbacks are jeopardizing safety at the South Bay facility.

City Councillor John Powers is questioning the need by the NECCO candy factory for a co-generator power plant on its premises, which is something Powers said was never mentioned by the firm when it came forward with its plans to locate in Revere.

The Revere Board of Health held a public hearing on the new city ordinance that would ban smoking in restaurants. About 30 persons showed up to support the ban, but none opposed it.

The four hotels in the city, the Comfort Inn, Courtyard Marriott, Hampton inn, and the Sheraton Four Points, all report that they have bounced back from their post 9/11 downturn and that their occupancy rate is in the low-80 percent range. By contrast, Boston hotels report that they still are only in the 50 percent range for bookings.

Three new proposals have been received for the development of the former Surf Club site on Ocean Ave.

Lilo and Stitch, My Big Fat Greek Wedding, and Road to Perdition are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago July 22, 1992

The dedication of the newly-redone playing field at Harry Della Russo Stadium in honor of John McCarthy, a founder of Revere Pop Warner, will take place Sunday. The stadium has undergone \$250,000 worth of renovations under the auspices of the Revere Junior Patriot Football program.

Saturday's Row, Row, Row to Revere event raised \$58,000 for spina bifida research. A field of nearly 200 canoeists made the 2.5 mile paddle from Nahant to Revere Beach. Bob Colella and Steve Fasoli were the overall winners in a time of 33.68, just edging out the team of Jeff Allen and Mike Mello, who finished in 33.98. Angela Simpson and Jamie Ludensky were the female winners in 49.18.

A fire at 73 Roosevelt St. caused \$70,000 in damage. The legislature has overridden a veto by Gov. William Weld of \$189 million for local aid for education, which will mean a \$500,000 infusion of funds into the Revere schools, thereby averting teacher layoffs.

Death Becomes Her and Buffy the Vampire Slayer are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago July 21, 1982

David LaValle won the 4.5 mile Revere Road Race Sunday in a time of 21:25. Donna Weeder won the women's division in 27:35. A field of 271 runners completed the course.

A 27 year old Jamaica Plain man who was taken into protective custody by the Revere Police because of alcohol intoxication was found dead in his cell later that morning. The man apparently had tied a belt around his neck and attached it to a brace on the bunk in his cell which was out of view of the security camera. The victim was not seen with a belt when he was booked.

Former Mayor William G. Reinstein made his first public appearance in five years by speaking out against a proposal that would call for the city to abandon the city steps that connect Endicott Ave. to Bellingham Ave. in Beachmont. Reinstein joined many Beachmont residents in speaking out against the plan before the City Council, saying that for the city to abandon and remove the stairs would create a hardship for residents. The City Council voted unanimously against abandoning the stairs. Reinstein recently was acquitted of charges that he took bribes in connection with contracts for the new Revere High School when he served as mayor from 1972-76. A series of mistrials and other delays caused his final trial to be put off until this

DO YOU REMEMBER?



The 1991 Revere Moose Lodge Installation of Officers. Seater from left to right, Joe Marshall - Jr. Past Governor, Frank Strecker - Gov., John Walsh - Jr. Gov., Joseph Myette - Prelatt. Standing from left to right, Buster Grayson - Outguard, Angelo Romano - Treasurer, James Jenkinson - Sgt-at-Arms, Richard Norris - 3 year Trustee, Sal Peluso - 2 Year Trustee, and John Wentworth - Trustee.

past year.

A rapidly-spreading fire killed 11 horses and destroyed several barns at Suffolk Downs.

The grand opening of the new 10 screen, Showcase Cinemas complex on the site of the former Revere Drive In is set for Friday. Among the movies for the first week are The World According to Garp and The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.

50 years ago July 20, 1972

The Revere East Little League All-Star team advanced to the finals of the District 10 tournament with wins of 4-1 over Chelsea and 4-3 over East Boston. Bimbo Martelli and Tom Dawley were the hitting stars in the Chelsea victory. Martelli also delivered a key double and scored the winning run in the triumph over Eastie.

Dr. C. Frederick Kelley, who was ousted as Superintendent of Schools in April by a majority of the School Committee despite a public outcry in support of Kelley, has turned down the offer to become superintendent of the Lawrence school system. Kelley was the top choice of the Lawrence School Committee, having been selected from among 55 candidates for the position, but said he has decided to seek a job in a suburban school setting. Meanwhile, the Revere School Department has received 25 applicants to succeed Kelley. Mayor William G. Reinstein, who sits on the School Committee and had voted to oust Kelley, has appointed a citizen advisory committee to assist in the selection process.

Angelo R. "Butch" Cat-

aldo has announced his candidacy for the State Representative seat presently held by Mayor William G. Reinstein, who is stepping down from the State Rep. post.

Clint Eastwood stars in Dirty Harry at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago July 19, 1962

Revere's tax rate is expected to increase by \$8.00 to \$97.00. Salary increases for teachers of \$177,000 and for other city employees of \$148,000 are the chief reasons for the increase.

The Board of Health has taken under advisement a request by the M&M Disposal Company for a permit for the operation of a sanitary landfill dump on 3.5 acres of land on No. Shore Rd. Martin McDonough was the only speaker to support the idea., while about 40 residents from the Point of Pines and Oak Island areas expressed their vehement opposition to the proposal.

James Stewart and Maureen O'Hara star in Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago July 24, 1952

Revere residents of all ages were saddened this week when they learned of the news that popular 19 year-old resident Richard Fox, who had been a star football player for Revere High last fall and who graduated this spring with the Class of 1952, died when he dove from Holt Pier and is believed to have struck his head on a rock or other object. Fox had been captain of

the RHS football team and planned to attend Bates College in the fall. He is survived by his two parents, two sisters, and a brother.

Morris Richmond has been named the Jimmy Fund Chairman for Revere by Bill Sullivan, the public relations officer for the Boston Braves.

Despite the vocal protests of a noisy audience, the City Council refused to reconsider its decision to seek federal funding for the redevelopment of Roughan's Point. Residents of the area were adamant in their opposition to any use of federal funds for an urban renewal project that might evict them from their homes.

Doris Day and Ronald Reagan star in The Winning Team at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago July 23, 1942

Alfred F. Gardella was installed as the new President of the Revere Rotary Club in ceremonies held at the General Edwards Inn.

Letters from foreign lands written by Revere boys in the service continue to arrive daily to the homes of their loved ones, bringing cheer and joy to those on the home front, knowing that their sons, husbands, and siblings are alive and well.

A Revere man, 22 year-old Robert MacDonald of 69 Glendale St., is being hailed as a hero after he tackled a gunman who was attempting to rob a couple in Lynn and subdued the gunman until police arrived.

Rita Hayworth and Victor Mature star in My Guy Sal at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

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million in past taxes owed to the city.

The building was the scene of a three-time fire on June 21. During the blaze, Revere firefighters rescued two residents who were on an eleventh-floor balcony and had become trapped by the heavy smoke conditions. City officials condemned the building for code violations. More than 100 residents have been displaced.

Arrigo said that a hearing on the matter was scheduled for today (Wednesday) at Chelsea District Court.

City officials tour building, press conference held

Mayor Arrigo, Fire Chief Christopher Bright, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, and the city's inspectional services team toured the 370 Ocean Ave. building July 14 to determine the current conditions. Fol-

lowing that tour, Mayor Arrigo spoke at a well-attended press conference held across the street from the building. Virtually every Boston TV news station, along with WBZ-AM Radio, was present, with some reporters doing live on-site reports.

Arrigo didn't mince words about his displeasure about the deplorable conditions inside the apartment building.

"The decision to go to court and impose receivership is one that we made after years of dissatisfaction with the Carabetta family and Carabetta Properties," said Arrigo. "And that dissatisfaction has only been exacerbated by their inability to step up to the plate for our residents during one of the hardest times anybody can go through - being displaced out of their homes.

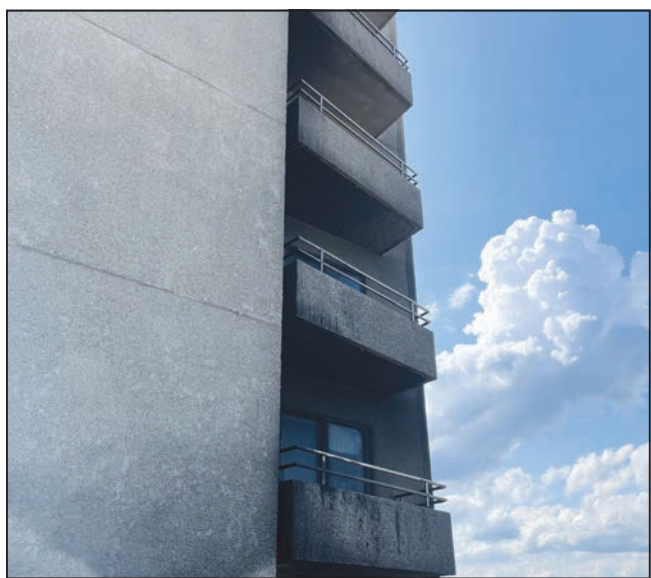
"What I can say about what we saw [during the tour of the building] is that



The exterior deck of an apartment at 370 Ocean Ave., the site of a three-alarm fire on June 21.



The interior of an apartment at Water's Edge, 370 Ocean Ave.



A photo showing the charred conditions of the side of the building that was the scene of a three-alarm fire on June 21.



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the conditions are absolutely deplorable," continued Arrigo.

The mayor announced that the City will be utilizing emergency funding to assist all of the displaced residents. Arrigo said he would be meeting with the displaced residents to provide an update on the housing situation.

DA Hayden said he "applauds Mayor Arrigo, the Revere Fire Department, and the entire City of Revere for the work that they've done to assist these residents and help them in this situation, where they are locked out of their homes."

(Information from a City of Revere-issued press release on the issue was used in the compilation of this story).



Mayor Brian Arrigo speaks at the press conference.



Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden speaks at the press conference.



Revere Fire Chief Christopher Bright speaks at the press conference.

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In addition to the filing, the City has already moved to foreclose on all three properties (370

Ocean Ave., 364 Ocean Ave., and 388 Ocean Ave.) owned by the Carabetta family for outstanding tax title issues. Currently the

property owners have \$1.9 million in past taxes owed to the city.



Mayor Brian Arrigo responds to a question from a reporter at the press conference about the deplorable conditions at the Water's Edge apartment building on Ocean Avenue.

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The Point of Pines Beach Association (POP-BA) hosted an event for collecting and painting seashells on June 18, 2022.

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Charlie and Isabelle.



Even the youngest participated. Stephanie Cook along with her beautiful 11 month old daughter, Anya.



Neighborhood children take a break from painting and enjoy some chips.



President Angela Sawaya & Board Member Rosetta Cannizaro.



Board Carmen Menezes, ward 5 Council Candidate, Linda Rosa who came out to help, Deborah Boisvert, resident; President Angela Sawaya, Secretary Suzanne Liberatore, and 2nd VP Laurie Nalesnik.



Neighborhood children enjoy the time out by the beach.



Anthony Ferraragamo, Avery Griffin and the Rizzuto family.



Averi Griffin waiting to try cake with kalen Doherty right behind her.



Sophia paints.

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MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT ALERT

July, 2022

DROUGHT STATUS
The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has declared a **Level 2—Significant Drought** in the Connecticut River Valley, Central, Northeast and Southeast Regions, and a **Level 1 – Mild Drought** in the Western and Islands Regions. Cape Cod is Normal.

CURRENT CONDITIONS
With over four months of below normal rainfall, drought has spread to 90% of the state, and intensified in many regions. Streamflow is severely impacted with dry stream beds and ponding visible in many locations. Fire danger especially in the northern half of the state is steadily on the rise, with noticeable drought stress on foliage in shrubs and grasses. Also, drought conditions are starting to impact our farms, with losses in soil moisture, more heavy irrigation needed in some areas due to lack of precipitation, and some initial signs of crop loss.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
Be mindful of your water use to ensure essential needs, such as drinking water and fire protection, are being met, and habitats have enough water to support their natural functions. Exercise caution when using charcoal grills, backyard fire pits, & other open flame outdoor activities to prevent outdoor fires.

Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs: Bethany A. Card
Acting Director of MEMA: Dawn Brantley

For Information on Water Conservation click [here!](#)
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In Level 2-Significant Drought Areas	In Level 1-Mild Drought Areas
Residents & Businesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimize water use Limit outdoor watering to hand-held 5:00 pm - 9:00 am Conserve water indoors Fix Leaks Be careful w outdoor flames 	Residents & Businesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus water conservation indoors; fix Leaks Reduce any outdoor watering to one-day/week 5:00 pm - 9:00 am
Cities & Towns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit outdoor watering to at least hand-held only 5:00 pm - 9:00 am Limit new landscapes and outdoor washing Implement drought or seasonal water rates Establish water use reduction targets Establish a leak detection program 	Cities & Towns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit any outdoor watering to no more than once a week and from 5:00 pm - 9:00 am Limit new landscapes and outdoor washing Implement drought or seasonal water rates Check emergency connections Develop local drought plan for water supply

Learn more at www.mass.gov/ma-drought-management

WEEKLY CRIME Report

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Revere Police Department responded on the listed dates. The log is a public record and available for review. All persons who are arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

0005: Noise disturbance on Ward St. The officer provided assistance.
 0104: Parking in a handicapped spot on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer provided assistance.
 0132: Missing person on Arcadia St. The officer provided assistance.
 0132: Noise disturbance on No Shore Rd. The officer provided assistance.
 0224: Noise disturbance on Ward St. The officer restored the peace.
 0335: Assault on No. Shore Rd. The officer filed a report.
 0626: Blocked driveway on Suffolk Ave. The officer issued a parking ticket.
 0659: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Revere Beach Blvd.
 0937: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from the Revere Beach Parkway.
 1125: Unwanted person on Garfield Ave. The officer spoke to the party.
 1223: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Broadway.
 1256: Disturbance on Ocean Ave. The officer provided assistance.
 1310: Disturbance on Cushman Ave. The officer restored the peace.
 1318: Citizen complaint on American Legion Highway. The officer filed a report.
 1359: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Ward St.
 1421: Motor vehicle accident on Broadway. The officer will file a report.
 1425: Motor vehicle accident on No Shore Rd.. The officer will file a report.
 1509: Officers who were following up on an investigation at Brown Circle issued motor vehicle (MV) citations to: a 41 year-old Lynn woman for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of an MV and for the civil infraction of speeding; and to a 39 year old Chelsea man for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of an MV and for the civil infraction of speeding.
 1515: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on American Legion Highway and restored the peace.
 1701: Disturbance on Ocean Ave. Officers arrested Alexa Morgan Zell, 27, of 500 Ocean Ave., for the criminal offenses of: larceny of property with a value less than \$1200 by a single scheme; carrying a dangerous weapon; and three counts of assault by means of a dangerous weapon.
 1932: Motor vehicle accident on Yeamans St. The officer will file a report.
 1955: Noise disturbance on Proctor Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2133: A motor vehicle was reported stolen on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.
 2135: Noise disturbance on Walnut St. The officer provided assistance.
 2206: Noise disturbance on Proctor Ave. The officer provided assistance.
 2215: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
 2232: Noise disturbance at Grover and Sigourney Sts. The officer restored the peace.
 2246: An officer stopped a motor vehicle in Orr Sq. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
 2253: Motor vehicle accident on Charger St. The officer will file a report.
 2258: Noise disturbance on Florence Ave. The officer restored the peace.
 2300: Noise disturbance on Arnold St. The officer restored the peace.
 2304: An officer provided assistance to another agency at Park Ave. and Broadway. A motor vehicle was moved.
 2310: Noise disturbance on Furlong Dr. The officer restored the peace.
 2315: Noise disturbance on Essex St. The officer restored the peace.
 2325: Noise disturbance on Essex St. The officer restored the peace.
 2329: Unwanted person on Fenno St. The officer restored the peace.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

0008: Disturbance on Campbell Ave. The officer restored the peace.
 0012: Noise disturbance on Ward St. The officer restored the peace.
 0014: Noise disturbance on Tuckerman St. The officer restored the peace.
 0015: Abandoned motor vehicle (MV) on School St. The MV was towed.
 0015: Noise disturbance on Winthrop Ave. A motor vehicle was moved.
 0050: Disturbance on Garfield Ave. The officer provided assistance.
 0056: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Sargent and Newhall Sts. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
 0100: Noise disturbance on Orvis Rd. The officer restored the peace.
 0118: Disturbance on Garfield Ave. The officer spoke to the party.
 0123: Noise disturbance at Lee and Ambrose Sts. The officer restored the peace.
 0202: Noise disturbance on Goldie St. The officer restored the peace.
 0329: Disturbance on Garfield Ave. The officer filed a report.
 0427: Unwanted person on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer provided assistance.
 0501: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Beach St.
 0623: Hit-and-run motor vehicle accident with property damage on Ocean Ave. The officer spoke to the party.
 0744: Blocked driveway on Park Ave. The motor vehicle was moved.
 0834: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on No. Shore Rd.

0911: Noise disturbance on No. Shore Rd. The officer spoke to the party.
 1022: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Shirley Ave.
 1102: Parking complaint at Adams St. and Constitution Ave. The officer provided assistance.
 1259: Disturbance on Broadway. The officer spoke to the party.
 1325: Motor vehicle accident on Rt. 1 at Copeland Circle to Lynn St. The officer issued a motor vehicle (MV) citation to a 43 year old Chelsea man for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of an MV.
 1433: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Squire Rd.
 1510: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.
 1520: Motor vehicle (MV) accident on Overlook Ridge Drive. An MV was towed.
 1530: Assault on Furlong Drive. The officer filed a report.
 1639: Investigation at Brown Circle. An officer issued a motor vehicle (MV) citation to a 36 year-old Revere man for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of an MV and for the civil violation of failing to stop or yield for a traffic control sign or signal.
 1745: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on No. Shore Rd. for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
 1752: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Revere Beach Blvd.
 1756: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on No. Shore Rd. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
 1802: Blocked driveway on Sigourney St. The officer provided assistance.
 1819: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on No. Shore Rd. for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
 1836: Motor vehicle accident on Squire Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
 1921: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Vera St. and restored the peace.
 2000: Suspicious activity at the Revere Beach Parkway and Suffolk Downs Rd. The officer restored the peace.
 2059: Unwanted person on Ocean Ave. The officer restored the peace.
 2115: Noise disturbance on Jones Rd. The officer restored the peace.
 2117: Disabled motor vehicle on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer provided assistance.
 2219: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Overlook Ridge Drive.
 2220: Noise disturbance on Tuckerman St. The officer restored the peace.
 2243: Suspicious activity on Overlook Ridge Drive. A motor vehicle was towed.
 2309: Noise disturbance on Sigourney St. The officer provided assistance.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

0001: Noise disturbance on Thornton Ave. The officer provided assistance.
 0025: Noise disturbance on Morris St. The officer provided assistance.
 0041: Missing person on Proctor Ave. The officer provided assistance.
 0136: Suspicious motor vehicle on Grand View Ave. The officer spoke to the party.
 0155: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Revere Beach Blvd.
 0216: Breaking and entering into a building on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer filed a report.
 0305: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Ward St.
 0312: Threats on Billow Ave. The officer filed a report.
 0319: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Broadway.
 0324: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Rose St.
 0334: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from the Revere Beach Parkway.
 0920: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on Squire Rd. The MV was towed.
 0948: Blocked driveway on Arnold St. The MV was moved.
 1129: Traffic complaint on Squire Rd. The officer spoke to the party.
 1133: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Ocean Ave.
 1145: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway and filed a report.
 1312: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer spoke to the party.
 1348: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on Pratt St. The MV was towed.
 1423: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from the Revere Beach Parkway.
 1436: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) at Central Ave. and Broadway. The MV was towed.
 1450: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.
 1551: Motor vehicle accident at the Revere Beach Parkway and Harris St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
 1627: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on No. Shore Rd. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
 1640: Motor vehicle accident on Everett St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
 1742: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Patriot Parkway and Rumney Rd. and ordered the MV to be towed.
 1751: An officer kept the peace on Fenno St.
 1804: Larceny on Furlong Drive. The officer restored the peace.
 1843: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Ocean Ave.
 2000: Disturbance on Broadway. The officer restored the peace.
 2118: Traffic complaint on Sargent St. The officer provided assistance.
 2140: Disturbance on No. Shore Rd. The officer restored the peace.

ed to a hang-up call on Garfield Ave. and arrested a 39 year-old Revere resident on two outstanding warrants.
 0041: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Lowe St.
 0051: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on Park Ave. The officer provided assistance.
 0055: Disturbance on Adams Ct. Officers arrested three persons, a 30 year-old Revere woman, a 70 year-old Revere man, and a 40 year-old Revere man, on outstanding warrants; and they issued a summons for a court hearing to a 31 year-old Revere woman for the criminal offense of illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance.
 0106: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Lowe St.
 0112: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Lowe St.
 0506: Officers following up on an investigation on Rumney Rd. arrested a 22 year-old Malden resident on an outstanding warrant.
 0627: Motor vehicle accident on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
 0704: An officer provided public safety services on Taft St. and filed a report.
 0821: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Beach St.
 0842: An officer provided assistance to another agency at Dix St. and Garfield Ave.
 0854: A motor vehicle on Garfield Ave. was towed and held.
 0943: Blocked driveway on Bellingham Ave. The officer issued a parking ticket.
 1003: Suspicious activity on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer spoke to the party.
 1019: Unwanted person on Park Ave. The officer restored the peace.
 1049: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Ocean Ave.
 1059: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway and filed a report.
 1128: A motor vehicle was reported stolen on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.
 1202: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Dawes and Davis Sts. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
 1208: Abandoned motor vehicle (MV) on Leverett Ave. The MV was towed.
 1210: Motor vehicle accident at Mahoney Circle. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
 1232: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on No. Shore Rd. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
 1310: Missing person on Shawmut St. The officer filed a report.
 1101: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Squire Rd. and Charger St. for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
 1148: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Revere St.
 1150: Animal complaint on Overlook Ridge Terr. The officer provided assistance.
 1217: An officer provided assistance to another agency on the Revere Beach Parkway.
 1220: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Broadway for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
 1244: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Shawmut St. and filed a report.
 1401: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on VFW Parkway and arrested the operator, Alcadio Rivera, 40, of

report.
 1539: Motor vehicle accident on Squire Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.
 1559: Lost/found animal on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.
 1623: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Shirley Ave.
 1648: A motor vehicle that had been reported as stolen was recovered on Walnut Ave. The officer filed a report.
 1708: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Ocean Ave.
 1716: Motor vehicle (MV) accident on Beach St. An officer issued a motor vehicle citation to a 22 year-old Lynn woman for the criminal offense of operating an uninsured MV.
 1817: Suspicious activity at Albert and Overlook Aves. The officer filed a report.
 1818: Suspicious activity on Campbell Ave. The officer filed a report.
 2002: Disturbance on Furlong Drive. The officer spoke to the party.
 2157: Disturbance on Park Ave. The officer provided assistance.
 2221: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Revere Beach Blvd.
 2332: Motor vehicle accident on Squire Rd. The officer will file a report.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

0016: Noise disturbance on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer provided assistance.
 0204: Suspicious motor vehicle on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer provided assistance.
 0209: Hit-and run motor vehicle accident with property damage on Beach St. The officer provided assistance.
 0555: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Ward St.
 0606: Vandalism on Lincoln St. The officer filed a report.
 0849: Larceny on Shirley Ave. The officer filed a report.
 1010: Parking complaint on Walnut Ave. The officer issued a parking ticket.
 1039: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Copeland Circle for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
 1040: Missing person on Shawmut St. The officer filed a report.
 1101: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Squire Rd. and Charger St. for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
 1148: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Revere St.
 1150: Animal complaint on Overlook Ridge Terr. The officer provided assistance.
 1217: An officer provided assistance to another agency on the Revere Beach Parkway.
 1220: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Broadway for a civil moving infraction and issued a citation to the operator.
 1244: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Shawmut St. and filed a report.
 1401: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on VFW Parkway and arrested the operator, Alcadio Rivera, 40, of

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

0041: Officers respond-

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Visibility into Executive Branch workforce with expansion of Diversity Dashboard

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced updates to its state employee diversity dashboard that will increase visibility into the composition of the Commonwealth Executive Branch workforce and encourage further accountability as the Administration continues to prioritize efforts to promote diversity and inclusion.

The diversity dashboard, launched in October 2020, is an interactive, publicly available tool on [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) that visualizes data describing the Commonwealth's Executive Branch workforce. It was created to allow the public to better understand the employee demographics that make up the state government's various secretariats, agencies, and de-

partments.

The first phase of the dashboard included the total number of employees, total employees over the previous 12 quarters, and geographic distribution, racial demographics, and gender breakdowns of the workforce. This data could then be filtered by Secretariat, Agency, fiscal quarter, job category, and/or full-time/part-time status. Data is updated in April, July, October, and January, after the close of each fiscal quarter.

The upgrades rolled out today will triple the number of data fields displayed on the dashboard. The additional data will show Executive Branch employee promotions, hires, separations, salary bands, age bands, lengths of service, disability status, and veteran status. This data will also be able to be filtered

by the fields listed above.

"We recognize the importance of a diverse workforce and continue to work towards reflecting the diversity of Massachusetts in all facets and levels of government," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are proud to expand the diversity dashboard, which will give the public a more comprehensive view into the makeup of the Executive Branch and hold us accountable to our workforce goals."

"The enhancements to the dashboard we are announcing today reflect our administration's continued commitment to transparency and diversity in hiring," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We will continue to strengthen our efforts to ensure the Commonwealth's public workforce reflects the vibrant communities across the state."

Since taking office, the

Administration has made progress in diversifying the Executive Branch workforce. The overall net percentage of diverse employees has increased by 18%, with the percentage of women in the workforce increasing by a net 4.1% since 2015 and the percentage of People of Color in the workforce increasing by 5%.

"There have been measurable improvements in the diversity of the Executive Branch and we are proud of our accomplishments so far; however, we realize that more work is needed," said Chief Diversity Officer Sandra Borders. "We remain focused on increasing diversity and inclusion in all aspects of hiring and employment."

"The enhanced transparency that the updated diversity dashboard offers will not only ensure account-

ability on this critical priority but also provide a fuller view of our workforce demographics for those looking to join public service at the state level," said Chief Human Resources Officer, Jeff McCue.

"I would like to thank Governor Baker on the continued efforts to make data about the reality of our workforce available to our communities on a transparent, user friendly platform," said State Representative Chynah Tyler (D - Boston), Chair of the Black and Latino Caucus. "The Black & Latino Caucus was proud to lead in discussions with the Administration that led to these recent platform upgrades and additions. This workforce dashboard will help to make progress on diversifying state personnel and ensure equitable hiring and promotions."

"Today, Massachusetts moves forward with greater transparency that will lead to a better future for the state's workforce overall," said State Representative Russell Holmes (D - Mattapan). "It is imperative that the public see the diversity of the hiring, promotions, and terminations of the state's workforce segmented by department and at every level of government. Aggregating the workforce and comparing the workforce to the state's population can mask poor hiring and retention performance by department managers. Today's update to the dashboard lives beyond this administration and will ensure that masking is prevented for years to come."

View the updated diversity dashboard here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/state-employee-diversity-dashboard>.

Massachusetts House passes \$4.2 Billion Economic Development Bill

Special to the Journal

Last week, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed an economic development bill, which utilizes American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) surplus funds, and bonds to make significant investments across several vital sectors of the economy, and to give back to low and middle-income residents in Massachusetts by providing one-time rebates and significant tax relief beginning in 2023. Funded at \$4.2 billion, the legislation addresses disparities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic through one-time investments in health and human services, the environment and climate mitigation, economic development, housing, and food insecurity.

"As Massachusetts residents continue to face severe inflation and economic uncertainty, I'm proud of the action taken by the House last week that will provide low and middle-class taxpayers with much needed financial relief," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "Included in this legislation are several significant tax relief proposals, over \$2.5 billion worth of one-time industry targeted investments, economic relief rebates for qualifying taxpayers, and a newly established source of revenue to fund the state's early education and care system. These are vital forms of real, tangible economic relief. I want to thank Chairs Michlewitz, Cusack, Parisella, Gregoire, and Hunt, as well as all my colleagues in the House, for the hard work required to put this ever-important economic development package together."

"This well-rounded spending package makes significant, targeted investments will help support major sectors of our economy and make us more competitive with other states" said Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means. "By making these investments and offering much needed tax relief to our middle-class constituents, we will be giving a much-needed boost to our residents who were hit the hardest by this pandemic."

"As a member of House Economic Development Committee, I am proud to have worked on this legislation, as it will provide much needed relief for the citizens of the 16th Suffolk District", said Representative Jessica Giannino (D-Revere). "Thanks to Speaker Mariano's leadership, Chairman Michlewitz's support, and the

support from my colleagues in the House, I was able to secure \$8,100,000 in ARPA funds to be put towards infrastructure improvements in the City of Revere; specifically, improvements to the Riverfront District and Revere Food Hub. As for the Town of Saugus, \$28,000 in ARPA funds for equipment for both Saugus Fire Department and Police Department. Within this legislation, bonds have also been secured for the 16th Suffolk District, accruing to \$1,000,000 to be put towards local economic recovery efforts in the City of Revere. In addition, \$75,000 to be used for Cliftondale Square Planning and Zoning Review and local economic recovery efforts in the Town of Saugus. I am so grateful for what this important legislation will provide for Revere and Saugus."

"This bill represents a nearly once in a lifetime investment across all segments of our society. Sound permanent tax relief, immediate relief for those taxpayers that are paying the freight in this Commonwealth, permanent relief for families with children and renters. All of this coupled with significant financial investments in infrastructure in Revere. I am particularly proud to have secured \$100,000.00 in emergency repair funds for the historic Beachmont Post No. 6712 VFW and to be a part of the team that helped pass this important bill." said Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D-Winthrop).

"Last week, the House passed much needed relief for the citizens of the Commonwealth. The one-time stimulus program we adopted, along with the Essential Premium Pay Program from earlier this year, means that nearly three million residents will have received direct payments totaling nearly \$1 billion this year," said Representative Mark Cusack (D-Braintree), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue. "We are also making permanent changes to our tax system that will provide over \$500 million in relief every year going forward. I am proud to have worked with my colleagues to unanimously pass this unprecedented level of relief."

Earlier this session, the Massachusetts Legislature passed a bill appropriating \$4 billion in ARPA and FY21 surplus funds. Just over \$1 billion remains in ARPA funds, which must be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026.

Taxpayer Energy & Economic Relief Fund

Following \$500 million worth of premium pay bonuses for low-income

workers that were issued in March and June of 2022 under the Legislature's Essential Employee Premium Pay Program, the economic development bill passed last week by the House includes one-time rebates of \$250 for a taxpayer who files an individual return, and \$500 for married taxpayers who file joint returns that will be issued before September 30, 2022. These rebates are expected to be issued to about two million Massachusetts residents who reported earnings between \$38,000 and \$100,000 for individual filers, and between \$38,000 and \$150,000 for joint filers in 2021. The one-time rebates will not be subject to state's personal income tax.

Permanent tax changes

The bill passed last week makes significant changes to the Massachusetts tax code to provide structural relief to millions of residents across all income levels. These include:

- Increasing the Child and Dependent Care Credit from \$180 per child to \$310 per child, as well as eliminating the current cap of \$360 for two or more children. This is expected to impact over 700,000 families.

- Increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) from 30 percent to 40 percent of the federal credit. This is expected to impact about 396,000 taxpayers with incomes under \$57,000.

- Increasing the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit from \$750 to \$1,755. Currently, the Department of Revenue caps this credit at \$1,170 due to cost-of-living adjustments over the \$750 set in statute. Increasing it to \$1,755 in statute is expected to impact over 100,000 taxpayers who own or rent residential property in Massachusetts as their principal residence.

- Increasing the rental deduction cap from \$3,000 to \$4,000. This is expected to impact about 881,000 taxpayers.

- Increasing the estate tax threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million and eliminating the "cliff" effect which would tax just the value of the estate that exceeds \$2 million, not the entire estate. This is expected to impact about 2,500 taxpayers.

Online Lottery

In an effort to raise revenue for early education and care, Representatives adopted an amendment that would allow the Massachusetts Lottery to sell some of its products online. The new revenue collected from online sales will go to prizes for winners, for the administration and operations of the lottery, and to fund an Early Education and Care Fund. Revenue

for the new Early Education and Care Fund would be used to provide long-term stability and develop a sustainable system for high-quality and affordable care for families. This will include significant funding for subsidy reimbursement rates, workforce compensation rate increases, and support for state-wide early education and care initiatives, among others. The amendment requires the Massachusetts Lottery to use age verification measures to ensure that any users are over the age of 18.

"House leadership's efforts to create a new sustainable funding source for Early Education through a new online state lottery revenue is not surprising, but rather is indicative of the House's continued long-term leadership and commitment to the early education field and the children & families we serve," said William J. Eddy, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Early Education & Care.

One-time targeted investments Highlights include:

Health and Human Services

- \$350 million for financially strained hospitals
- \$165 million for nursing facilities workforce

needs

- \$100 million for supplemental rates for human services providers
- \$80 million for community health centers
- \$30 million to support Rest Homes across the Commonwealth
- \$25 million to address food insecurity across the Commonwealth
- \$15 million for grants to reproductive rights providers for security, workforce, and educational needs
- \$15 million for grants to non-profits and community-based organizations to address gun violence and gun violence related trauma

Environment

- \$175 million for state parks and recreational facilities upgrades, with \$25 million for communities of color
- \$125 million for environmental justice communities

- \$100 million for marine port development
- \$100 million for the Clean Water Trust Fund
- Economic Development
- \$300 million for the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund
- \$125 million for small businesses, with \$75 million for minority-owned businesses

- \$50 million for broadband investments in underserved communities

- \$75 million in grants to hotels across the Commonwealth who saw financial losses during the pandemic

Housing

- \$100 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- \$75 million for minority-owned housing development

Bonding

The House bill also includes \$1.26 billion in bond allocations to greater support the economic growth and stability of the Commonwealth. Highlights include:

- \$400 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Competitive grant program to support municipalities and other public entities support and accelerate housing production
- \$200 million for the Technology Matching Grants program that supports various organizations to help compete for federal innovation grants
- \$95 million for ADA compliance projects
- \$73 million for the Housing Stabilization and Investment fund

The bill passed the House of Representatives 154-0 and now goes to the Senate for their consideration.

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