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Winter Programs at DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation in East Boston have been listed.

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TREE LIGHTING AT CITY HALL



The Tree and lights surrounding Revere City Hall were turned on last Saturday evening with the help of Santa and Revere's elected officials. See more photos on Page 5.

City Council approves special permit for Mountain Avenue townhouses

By Adam Swift

The City Council recently approved a special permit allowing for the construction of two townhouses at 355 Mountain Ave.

At last week's council zoning subcommittee meeting, Ward 4 Councilor and committee chair Patrick Keefe said the proposal by Mario Zepaj of Middleton should bring more home ownership opportunities to the neighborhood.

Zepaj stated that by right, he could build two two-family houses on his adjoining lots, but needed a special permit to build the two townhouses.

He said both would create four units with eight parking spaces, but that the townhouses would be owner occupied rather than rentals.

"When we had our public hearing, there was no one in opposition, everyone was in support," said Keefe. "I spoke to all the adjoining abutters, and a few have emailed me since regarding some of the beginning of the work with the site clearing, and all of them have been happy with Mr. Zepaj's work, to the point where they have called to thank him for his consideration of the neighborhood."

Keefe said Zepaj took care of issues involving some trees on the property, as well as making sure the work was done safely in the neighborhood.

Keefe added that Zepaj could have built the two two-family houses on the lots rather than the side-by-side townhouses.

"Typically, two families, there is nothing wrong

with them, but they tend to be rental properties," said Keefe. "Turning them into townhouses, those tend to be home ownership. I was in favor of that change, even though it is outside the zoning for that area."

"Ultimately, I like the fact that people will be hopefully buying homes and living there permanently."

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he supported the special permit, but just wanted to ensure that the building was done in a clean manner with a minimum of disturbances for the neighborhood.

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino cast the lone vote against granting the special permit.

In other subcommittee business, the council held

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Now on the other side of the desk, RHS alum Elizabeth Lake returns to the classroom

By Melissa Moore-Randall

In 2017, Elizabeth Lake crossed the graduation stage at Harry Della Russo Stadium capping off four years of academic

and athletic success. After graduating from Revere High School (RHS), she continued her education at Boston College pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education/English

and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction through a fifth year program.

Lake grew up in Revere and comes from a very large close-knit family. At RHS, she was a member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies, and only one of three recipients statewide of the prestigious Hood Sportsmanship Scholarship as well as many other academic scholarships.

In addition, she was part of the RMA percussion ensemble under the direction of the great Tom Maffucci. She was also a varsity basketball and softball player. She was also able to continue playing basketball at Boston College on the BC



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Council approves initial deposit to opioid recovery trust fund

By Adam Swift

More than \$250,000, the initial payment in a statewide opioid settlement, has been transferred to a special trust fund in Revere.

Monday night, the City Council approved transferring the \$254,470 for calendar year 2022, the first year of the settlement, to the new Opioid Recovery and Remediation Trust Fund. Revere is slated to receive over \$1.2 million

as a result of the settlement through 2038.

The council had the option of reviewing the transfer in subcommittee, but unanimously voted to move ahead and approve the transfer to the trust fund.

"I have no problem whatsoever, we talked about creating the trust fund at our last meeting, and it just makes perfect sense to fund it," said

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TENTH ANNUAL SANTA PARADE



Mayor Brian Arrigo and his son, Jack, give an onsite interview for RTV at the RHS parking lot, the starting site of the tenth annual Santa Walk in memory of Priscilla Nickerson. See more photos on page 4.

Business Spotlight

Green Acres is the place in Revere for Christmas trees

By Cary Shuman

As the famous TV show theme song goes, Green Acres is the place to be - for your Christmas tree.

Mike Colecchia, owner of Green Acres Nursery, 125 Squire Road, has been serving up Christmas trees at his business to the delight of Revere residents for the past 13 years. The 25-year-old business is also known for its landscaping services.

"We have Christmas trees, wreaths, and all the holiday stuff (candle centerpieces, for example)

that goes with it," said Colecchia, whose property is situated between the Dollar Store and IHOP on Squire Road.

Colecchia works hard to make Christmas tree shopping a fun experience for children and families. He generously distributes free candy canes and special tree ornaments to all.

Colecchia has a steady base of 500 customers who visit him every holiday season.

"I'm 65 years old and I've lived here my whole

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to different locations by car or on foot. Appropriate for adults and teens. Dress for the weather including possible ice on the ground. Programs are cancelled during inclement weather. Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh. Meet at DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston [BB(1)] [N(2)] [BB(3)] [N(4)].

Note that this program meets every month of the year on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month except when the Saturday is a state or national holiday.

Winter Wildlife Detectives

9:00 am—10:00 am
Saturdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11 & 25

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Can you imagine living outside the entire winter like the coyotes do at Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston? Join a DCR Park Interpreter as we explore the trails of the marsh searching for signs (tracks, scat and chews) left by the wild creatures that are active during the winter. Appropriate for all ages. Dress for the weather including possible ice on the ground. Programs are cancelled during inclement weather. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh. Meet at DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston [BB(5)].

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees nearly 500,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by DCR Commissioner Doug Rice, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and en-

hance our commonwealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

CLARK RELEASES STATEMENT

Congresswoman Katherine Clark (MA-5) and a resident of Revere released the following statement on her election to House Democratic Whip for the 118th Congress:

"I am humbled and honored to be the next Democratic Whip, and I am proud to be a member of the team that will lead House Democrats through this moment of transition and renewal."

"House Democrats are united in our purpose: to bring people and solutions together. While the Republican agenda seeks to divide us — to secure power through chaos, to turn neighbor on neighbor — Democrats will meet the American people's most pressing challenges with demands for progress. We will fight for affordable child care and health care for every family. We will defend women's rights and reproductive justice for every person. We will demand clean air and clean water for every community. We will build coalitions and leave no one behind."

"Today is defined by hope and unity, and I stand ready to guide our Caucus as we continue America's march toward opportunity and equality for all."

ASSISTED LIVING LOCATORS URGES ADULT CHILDREN TO HAVE LONG TERM CARE PLAN

The holiday season is a time of giving and sharing special moments with your family. As you dec-

Councillor requests look at EV charging ordinance

By Adam Swift

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto wants to ensure the city is ahead of the game when it comes to safety for electric vehicle charging.

At Monday night's council meeting, Zambuto proposed the city draft an ordinance or special legislation establishing regulations for the licensure of the indoor storage of electric vehicles.

Zambuto said he was spurred to action by recent news reports of electric vehicle batteries combusting and causing fires.

"I'm sure that any of us that have watched the news have seen that this has become a serious problem," said Zambuto.

The problem was especially acute following

Hurricane Ian in Florida in the fall, where a number of lithium ion batteries were damaged by salt water.

"Electric vehicles that have been submerged in water, especially saltwater, have a potential risk of experiencing a high-voltage electrical battery fire," stated Victoria Hutchison, a project manager at the Fire Protection Research Foundation, the research affiliate of National Fire Protection Agency. "First responders should be prepared to respond to a potential fire and should handle EVs that may have been submerged with greater caution."

In Revere, Zambuto noted the city governs the storage of flammable materials in garages.

"I just think that it is

time that we come up with an ordinance that is going to protect the people who have electric vehicles," said Zambuto. "We may be a trendsetter here if we come up with an ordinance that's going to make people safer, because people across the country are seeing their vehicles spontaneously combust."

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito said that while it is still very early in the process, the city also has to consider that a lot of the electric vehicle batteries are being charged with non-specific outlets, creating a greater potential for danger.

"There is a specific outlet that cars need to charge them indoors," said Morabito. "So that's something we need to look at, if someone is rewiring their house, if they have an in-

door garage, we have to look at that and how they are wiring it and if it's going to be specific for an electric car, as well."

In other business Monday night, Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri requested that the mayor ask the state delegation to refile a bond bill for the installation of sound barriers along Rte. 1 North and South if necessary.

"I spoke with state Representative (Jessica) Giannino on this and she let me know that she has put a motion in that they act on this, and if the administration doesn't by the first of the year, then it will have to be refiled," said Silvestri. "I just wanted to keep it up and moving, I know we are moving into a new administration and I just wanted to keep this relevant."

STUDENTS BRING HOLIDAY CHEER TO THE LIGHTHOUSE



COURTESY PHOTOS

Revere parents and A.C. Whelan students visited the Lighthouse Nursing Home bringing Christmas craft goods, treats and hot cocoa. The event was organized by Cheri Brangiforte.

orate the tree and bake those cookies, don't forget about an important gift you can give to your aging parent — the gift of a long-term care plan.

Assisted Living Locators Boston, a local senior placement and referral service, is urging adult children to have a very merry ... long term care plan to make sure their parents have personalized care and support when they need it.

As parents get older, many will turn to their adult children to help them in the next steps of senior living. Many of these adult children live

an average of 450 miles from their parents and are having to assume the role of a long-distance caregiver. According to the National Center on Caregiving, approximately 5 to 7 million adult children in the U.S. are long-distance caregivers.

Assisted Living Locators Boston Vice President of Placement and Aging Strategy John Moniz, a Marshfield resident, stated that adult children, especially those who are long distance caregivers, should use the holiday season as an opportunity to assess the current lifestyle of aging parents

and evaluate what can be improved to strengthen their loved one's health and happiness. "No matter what stage of life your parents are in, talking about long term care and creating a plan now for the future can help them live their life on their own terms," he explained.

"Assisted Living Locators is a free service that can help you explore and understand elder care options," said Moniz. "Our senior care advisors meet with each family to learn about their loved one's needs, living conditions, and personal preferences in order to build a care

plan."

He noted that Assisted Living Locators website also offers an easy-to-use Assessment Tool that can quickly give one insight if it's time to find a new environment and appropriate senior housing for your aging parent.

Moniz advises adult children to set these long-term planning goals in 2023:

- 1) Prepare and gather essential medical and financial documents for their aging loved one
- 2) Make a plan for paying for long-term care
- 3) Connect with the right kind of support and resources.

Elizabeth Lake //

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Women's Club Basketball team.

This fall, Elizabeth returned to RHS as an ELA Inclusion Teacher, where she co-teaches three classes: two classes of sophomore English and one senior class, specifically Senior Seminar: Fantasy and Research.

"Being a first year teacher comes with a lot of new experiences and many challenges. I am still very much finding my teaching style and

learning new strategies as I go. I work with many students who learn in a variety of ways, and it can be challenging trying to constantly learn how to explain content and adapt instruction to best support all of their needs. At times this can be overwhelming, but again, I do have a great support system and I love what I'm doing."

Lake said the best part of her job is getting to know the students. "RHS is made up of a diverse

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RHS Alum Elizabeth Lake who co-captained the 2017 Powder Puff Team.

student body, one I had the pleasure of engaging with as a student and now find myself immersed in as an educator. The students truly make the job what it is and the best part is that I get to smile and laugh everyday when I go to work. Even on days that aren't my best or where lessons don't go as planned, I can always count on at least one of my students to make my day better. They are inquisitive, personable, resilient, full of personality, humorous, and overall really good kids. RHS is full of talented young people and I'm grateful that I get to

work with them everyday. My colleagues also are wonderful and have been super supportive of me in every way."

"Another aspect of my job that I enjoy is observing student growth and seeing them be proud of their own progress. I love when I see a student's face light up because they finally understand the content that they were struggling with or they finally complete an essay they thought they'd never finish. I love seeing them find their confidence and potential."

At the moment, her future plans are to continue being the best teacher she can be and to keep learning/ evolving in her practice. More recently, she has been volunteering with the RHS girls basketball team which she hopes to continue staying involved in.

"I'm grateful for having grown up in Revere and for having had the opportunity to receive a wonderful education at RHS. Now I am on the other side of the desk, and I am glad to be in a position to give back and support students in reaching their goals in the same way that I was."

Revere TV
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SPOTLIGHT

The Annual Robert A. Marra Sounds of Christmas Concert is always the perfect way to get the city in the holiday spirit! Not only was it a free concert performed by the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra, but it was and always is a charity food drive. Spectators were asked to donate nonperishable food items upon admission. The concert streamed live on all RevereTV accounts and stays posted to social media. It is now replaying on the RTV Community Channel. However, Sounds of Christmas Concerts from past years are scheduled to replay every day at noon. These replays will culminate in a marathon of Christmas concerts on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Last Saturday was the City of Revere's Tree Lighting and Winter Festival at City Hall. Because of the weather, the day of activities had to be moved indoors. The activities included pictures with Santa and cookie kits for kids, then the tree lighting and a hot chocolate truck. RevereTV recorded the sights and sounds of this event. It will soon be playing on the Community Channel, but can be watched at your convenience on YouTube at any time.

In community programming, watch "Life Issues with Judie VanKooiman" on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. You can also watch reruns of "Sal's Show" on Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons. The weekly "Creature Feature" movie time slots remain on Saturdays starting at 2pm. Sundays are filled with some religious and other community-produced programs. The RTV Community Channel is 8/1072 on Comcast and 3/614 on RCN.

Government meetings are back in full swing up until the holiday break. December began with this month's Human Rights Commission Meeting. This meeting was translated in Spanish live on YouTube, and also offered a virtual option through Zoom. A "Talking Circle" form of communication was introduced at this meeting. You can watch replays of the Human Rights Commission Meeting on RTV GOV.

This week's other meetings included Legislative Affairs and Zoning Sub-Committees, Revere City Council, and the Conservation Commission. RTV GOV can be watched on Comcast channel 9, and RCN channels 13 and 613. You must subscribe to cable to watch RevereTV on television, otherwise you can view livestreams of meetings on YouTube.

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COMMONWEALTH BUYS REVERE'S HIGHWAY BOND

Ten Years Is Given To Repay
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FINANCES OF CITY SHOW MARKED GAIN

Outstanding Debts Now Total
\$300,000; Payroll To Be Met

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts yesterday purchased a \$92,000 bond issue from the City of Revere, making practically certain that city employees will be paid back wages prior to the Christmas holidays.

Payable in ten years, the issue will all for an interest payment at the rate of four and a quarter per cent. The money comprises an assessment due the State for Revere's share in local road construction, mainly the Ocean Avenue widening and the North Shore road improvement undertaken.

With the issue floated, the \$92,000 which otherwise would have been deducted from current tax receipts in the detriment of the municipal payroll, will be devoted to salaries and will go a long way towards the much due employees.

Last week \$56,000 in debts was wiped out through cash payments, among these being the \$48,000 payment on tax anticipation notes, which amount was not expected to be paid until the 15th of this month.

The debts now outstanding amount to approximately \$300,000 it is said, and with proper manipulation it is expected that these can be taken care of easily. Receipts from the issuance of liquor licenses coincident with the repeal of prohibition are expected to swell the treasury, and the prospective dividend payment of the Revere Trust Company will no doubt exact favorably for the city.

State officials and banking interests are reported well-pleased with Revere's financial progress and but little trouble is expected in the negotiation of sufficient loans after the first of the new year.

REVERE AMONG FIRST TO GET LIQUOR PERMITS

City's Quota of Forty-Five Licenses is Already Filled

One of the first cities in the state to issue licenses for the sale of "hard" liquors and high-powered beer and wine, Revere was the Mecca for residents of other nearby cities where liquor was not available Tuesday night, and ten merchants who received the first quota of licenses profited accordingly.

With the information released that the 36th State, Utah, had voted ratification of the repeal amendment, Mayor Andrew A. Cassassa issued the following proclamation shortly after four o'clock Tuesday:

"In compliance with the authority vested in me under the provisions of Chapter 373 of the Acts of 1933, I hereby authorize the granting of licenses for the sale in the City of Revere of all alcoholic beverages. The granting of such licenses and the

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PROMINENT MEN OF CITY STAR IN K. C. SHOW

Musical Comedy "Heads Up" to Feature Local Acting Talent

One of the most significant dramatic events of the year will be presented next week, Thursday and Friday, at Revere City Hall, by Revere Council No. 179, Knights of Columbus, a four act musical comedy, "Heads Up!" Proceeds will be used for Christmas charity work.

"Heads Up!" is similar in scope and theme to the popular Pulitzer prize play "Of Thee I Sing," and is particularly adapted to the ability of Revere musical and dramatic talent.

The locale of the action is the college town of Seven Fountains, Virginia, where the members of the I Wanna Tappa Keg Fraternity, whose president is being played by Francis Collins, plan to initiate one of the boys, Jack Barron (Paul Lewin) by running him for mayor of the town on an independent ticket. The campaign becomes necessarily serious as a measure to frustrate the plans of a group of crooks (Edward McCarthy, Albert de Napoli, Jerry Caparelli, and Carl Acquaviva) who attempt to ruin

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SIX HURT AS REVERE ENGINE, AUTO COLLIDE

Two Firemen on Injured List, Others are Shaken Up

Six persons, including two firemen, were injured or severely shaken up today when a fire engine and a sedan collided on Pleasant Street, Revere. All the injured were treated and sent home.

TURNING CORNER

The collision occurred at 1 a.m. Fire engine No. 2 of Revere was responding to a false alarm and was driven by Maurice Maniff, of 173 North Shore Road, Revere. The sedan was operated by Myles Sheridan, 25, Endicott Street, Peabody.

The fire engine was turning into Pleasant Street from Broadway, following engine 4 to an alarm from box 25. After the crash the engine ran up over the sidewalk. The driver, Maniff, was shaken up and injured about the left knee.

Fireman Joseph Lombardi of 139 Mountain Avenue was also shaken up.

In the sedan with Sheridan were John Moore of 11 Leavitt Street, Salem; Josephine Keating of the same address, and Winifred Phillips of Washington Street, Peabody. All were severely shaken. With the firemen, they were treated at the office of Dr. Arthur H. Viner, nearby.

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CWA SHIRKERS TO BE TAKEN OFF AID LIST

CHRISTMAS SEAL PLEA

TO THE PEOPLE OF REVERE:

I am again bringing to your attention the worthy work accomplished through the sale of the CHRISTMAS TUBERCULOSIS SEALS. One dollar spent by all who can possibly spare it will be the means of helping some underweight and undernourished child. I am asking each family who can send one dollar for the Christmas Seals to Mrs. Roland D. Horton, who is the Treasurer of this Fund. (Address, 43 Thurlow Avenue, Revere.) I know you will have a happier Christmas if you contribute this dollar to help some child to better health.

REMEMBER THE CHRISTMAS TUBERCULOSIS SEALS AND SEND YOUR DOLLAR TO HELP THE UNDER NOURISHED CHILDREN OF REVERE.

ANDREW A. CASSASSA,

Mayor.

Few Welfare Recipients Not Accepting Work Will Be Dropped

NEW PROJECTS AWAIT APPROVAL OF BOARD

More Sewerage Work Planned As Well As Building Repairs

Stringent measures will be taken against Welfare recipients who dodge labor under the CWA, according to a statement released yesterday by Louie B. Glixman, Welfare Department head and Civil Works Administrator for this city.

"Anyone physically fit who is on the welfare lists and who refuses to work on a Civil Works project will be immediately dropped from the aid roster," he said.

"Any man physically unfit to do the work called for will have no trouble. All these people have to do is get a doctor's certificate. If a man proves physically unfit he will have no trouble and we will not bother him."

Some cases have been encountered thus far, Glixman stated, where men well able to do strenuous work have refused employment on the projects already underway, feeling that they can get the Welfare money without any labor. These cases will be dealt with harshly.

"If there is any other ruling to this," the Administrator continued, "it will have to come from higher authorities."

Over four hundred men from the public aid list of the city are now on projects, and the first payroll was distributed last Saturday. Tomorrow will be another pay day, and at that time will be determined the exact number of men affected by the new program.

A list of additional projects was submitted to the State Board yesterday and acceptance of the list is expected momentarily. The work asked for specifies minor building repairs and additional sewerage work, and funds obtained will be in excess of the \$104,900 already approved.

REVERE TRUST DIVIDEND WILL BE PAID SOON

\$181,000 To Be Distributed Following Receipt Of RFC Funds

As the result of a loan through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, negotiated by John W. Corcoran, liquidating agent of the Revere Trust Company, depositors in the Savings Department of that institution are to receive a 20 per cent dividend, payment expected to be made sometime next week.

The dividend, approximating \$181,000, is the third to be made since the bank closed two years ago, and brings the total up to 46 per cent.

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Council Meeting Quiet; Budget Struggle Looms

City councilmen are evidently saving their strength and voices for the impending struggle with the 1934 budget, Monday night's meeting being a comparatively short affair although many interesting items came up for discussion, and some short but heated arguments were entered into.

The fight of Councilman Thomas U. Kelly to secure employment for 25 city workers who were laid off from the Public Works Department some time ago, and whose civil service ratings are threatened, was carried into the council chamber and he was successful in having motions passed looking after their interests.

Councilman Frederick H. Reinstein, and George Foley aided Kelly in his fight, backing his first motion which contained a request to the State Civil Service Commission asking that employment on CWA projects in this city be included in the commission requirement of yearly work.

Allowing this, it was stated, would insure their standing on the civil service lists. Under civil service rules workers on the list must be employed for a certain amount of time each year or their names are dropped.

Kelly's second motion was one requesting all officials connected with the CWA projects here to give the same 26 workers preference. Councilmen Reinstein and Foley then entered a motion that the city purchase a gravel pit, stating that the gravel could then be obtained for city use at a minimum and 20 men could be employed in the pit.

A communication from Mayor Andrew A. Cassassa seeking the appropriation of \$20,000 for the welfare

department, once turned down by the Council, was ordered held over until the next meeting after an objection to it was entered by Councilman Foley, who declared that further appropriations were unnecessary in view of the projects which will reduce welfare costs here.

A request for the appropriation of \$165 for the Licensing Board for clerk hire, printing, stationery, books and postage, for the month of December was objected to by Councilman Kelly and this also was ordered held over to the next meeting.

The standing committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred the application of Jacob Litman, leasee of property located near "Wonderland Park" and bordering on Kirby Street, for a rezoning of the property to a business district, last week recommended leave to withdraw but the matter was held over to this week. It fared no better, however.

Litman, the petitioner, was given the privilege of the floor and he explained the petition further raising the question of whether the Council can zone property on a street which is not laid out. He wanted justice, he told the councilmen, stating that Kimball Avenue is an accepted street, but that his property is not on Kimball Avenue.

Although Councilman Bodner moved to his defense, Councilman Doyle moved that the report be taken from the table and acted upon. The petition of Litman was defeated, six to three.

Complete council report will be found on page 6.

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A "Thanksgiving Party" was held at the home of Miss Frances Michaels, 220 Walnut avenue, Wednesday evening, November 29.

Besides dancing and enjoyable games, a delightful collation was served by the charming hostess, Miss Michael.

A gathering was held at the home of Miss Marion Sandler, Friday evening, December 1st.

Dancing and games were provided for by the guests.

The hostess, Miss Lander, served refreshments.

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10TH ANNUAL SANTA WALK IN MEMORY OF PRISCILLA NICKERSON

Last Saturday afternoon a hearty group of dedicated Santa walkers gathered in the RHS parking lot. This is to be the 10th Annual Santa Walk to Revere City Hall, dedicated to the founder, Priscilla Nickerson.

Despite the overcast

weather, it was a seemingly warm December day. Mayor Brian Arrigo with the help of the Revere Police Department and Action Emergency Services led the parade down Broadway and onto city hall.



Mayor Arrigo and the gang of the Tenth Annual Santa Walk in Memory of Priscilla Nickerson.



Mayor Brian Arrigo and Jack lead the 10th Annual Santa Walk down Broadway.



School Committee member Michael Ferrante and Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keeffe on hand for the Santa Walk.



Davi DeSouza waiting for the walk to begin.



RPD Traffic Officer, Sgt.. Chris Giannino discusses the safety of the Santa walk with the Action drivers.



Matt Lambert and Lisa Accettullo ready for a little rain on the parade.



Sal Ternullo gives a big wave as the parade moves along Broadway.



Michelle Ternullo and Sgt. Chris Giannino enjoy the festivities.



Thanks to Michael Zaccaria and the gang at Action Emergency Services the 10 Annual Sant Walk was a success.



A little rain and a long look down Broadway last Saturday afternoon.

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THE ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE TREE AT REVERE CITY HALL



Santa photo-op, School Committee member John Kingston, Councillor Ira Novoselsky, State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Jessica Giannino, Councillor Steven Morabito, Mayor Brian Arrigo with Jack and Joseph.

Last Saturday evening was cold and rainy, but that did not stop the lighting of the tree and the area surrounding Revere City Hall for the upcoming holiday season. The weather did play a part in the arrangement and Santa's plans for arriving for his annual visit to the children of Revere. An early arrival at 3pm allowed plenty of time for family photos and to get in last minute additions to their Christmas lists. Santa joined Mayor Brian Arrigo, State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Jessica Giannino and the Revere elected city officials on the steps of city hall at 5pm for the main event. With the help of Jack and Joseph Arrigo, Santa and



Joseph and Jack with a little help from dad(Mayor Brian Arrigo) push the switch to light the Revere City Hall Lights.

the gang turned on the holiday lights at city hall for everyone to enjoy during the season.



Waiting for Santa to light the tree, Chris Giannino, State Rep. Jessica Giannino, Councillor Steven Morabito, Debbie DiGiulio, Daveen, Joseph, Jack and Mayor Brian Arrigo.



Mayor Arrigo with the Senior Singers, directed by Ann Piccardi.



Santa took Zoro for a walk around the council chamber.



The Haas family, Bob, RJ, Leni and Nanci.



Dressed for the holiday, Aria, Vera and Eli Karshis and Olivia Ternullo.



The Correa family outside Revere City Hall at the tree lighting.



The Felton family with Santa.



Adrieanne Remick, Ava Luongo and Jacquel Ward pose with Santa.



Jayden Boyd and Jaysir Guillen have a photo-op with Santa.



Arai Fitzpatrick and Nicole Ritz enjoy a visit with Santa.



Leylah Lopez and Jamie Lemoure with Santa.



The Lopera family with Mr. Grinch.



The Senior Singers from the Rossetti-Cowan Center entertained the many visitors to Revere City Hall for the festivities.



Director of Elder Affairs Debbie DiGiulio, Dan Maguire, Sgt. Chris Giannino, Coach John Leone, and Councillor Morabito.



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A FITTING TRIBUTE TO ACE MCCARRICK

The naming last week by the City Council of the basketball courts adjacent to Harry Della Russo Stadium in honor of the late Robert "Ace" McCarrick is a fitting tribute to a man who devoted his entire adult life to the youth of our city and in particular, Revere's basketball community.

Ace not only was a star on the court for Immaculate Conception High in the mid-1950s, but he also was a superstar off the court, organizing local youth basketball programs for decades and serving as a mentor to hundreds of high school basketball players during his tenures as a coach at his alma mater, as well as at Revere High, Dom Savio High, and Pope John XXIII.

He was instrumental in creating the popular Revere Summer Basketball League, which was played on the courts that will bear his name, in the late 1970s and '80s, which proved incredibly popular not only for hoop players from this city, but which drew top-notch players from around the area.

For those of us who knew him from our playing days in the Revere summer basketball league, we recall Ace as a kind and warm-hearted man who truly loved what he was doing and who always had the youth of our city uppermost in his mind.

It is not an exaggeration to say that serving the young people of Revere was Ace McCarrick's calling, a purpose that he fully embraced and that he performed exceedingly well.

PEARL HARBOR WAS 81 YEARS AGO

It was 81 years ago this coming week that the nation of Japan launched its attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.

The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack as, "A day that will live in infamy," and asked Congress for a Declaration of War against Japan. Germany and Italy, allies of the Japanese who collectively were known as the Axis, then declared war on the U.S., setting the stage for what would become the largest conflagration in world history.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans would die in battlefields stretching from the European continent to the jungle islands of the Pacific over the next three and one-half years before the German and Japanese war machines finally were subdued.

For more than two years prior to the attack, America had stayed out of the war that already had engulfed most of the rest of the world in the aftermath of the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939. By the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hitler's Nazis had conquered all of continental Europe and much of Africa, while the Japanese had invaded almost all of Asia, save for the U.S. outposts in the Philippines and other small islands in the Pacific.

Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, separated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. Americans had no appetite for re-engaging in another conflict just 23 years removed from the memories of World War I that still were fresh in our nation's psyche.

But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. Although America had re-instituted the draft some months prior to Pearl Harbor and had ramped up our military production capabilities, the suddenness of the Japanese attack still came as a shock to every American.

Americans realized that thanks to the capabilities of modern armaments such as Japanese aircraft carriers and German U-boats, even the continental United States was not insulated from attack by a foreign enemy. Citizens on the West Coast braced for a Japanese invasion in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and curfews were instituted on the Eastern Seaboard.

Thanks to the countless number of documentaries and movies over the past 20 years that have told the stories of the brave Americans who fought in WWII, we are fortunate to have a living history of the sacrifices made by The Greatest Generation.

The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn't free -- and that we always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Dear Editor.

In a culture filled with lies about abortion rights and assisted suicide as an appropriate option for those suffering an illness of some kind, we need the message of the old classic film, "It's A Wonderful Life". The fact that one life can impact so many other lives and has value

is beautifully displayed in this film.

How many beautiful lives has our culture thrown away for immediate convenience and personal financial or political gain? What great impacts on society have we forfeited? How many through the action of suicide, whether physician assisted or through drug overdose have changed the course of other lives and history

itself? How many lives were cut short because of our culture of death?

We have such potential for good! God is the giver of life, and He has a plan for all of us to flourish and grow and to do good as we live in His world. His gift is life. What we do with it is a gift back to God. The "Golden Rule" of doing to others as you would want done to you came from Jesus. This message is lost in

a society that pushes God aside. And when removed, life becomes self-centered, meaningless and cruel, thus making abortion and suicide reasonable.

Christ came to redeem the lost, save lives and He brings purpose, hope and meaning. All human life has purpose and impacts others. With God, it's a wonderful life indeed!

Lucia Hunter

GUEST OP-ED

Christmas rest and peace

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Christmas is a good time to catch up on your pumpkin pie eating. Pecan pie seems readily available so this too is a good option. Try to drink one glass of eggnog during the season of joy. Eggnog does have some calories and fat grams but one glass won't hurt you too bad. I don't recommend drinking a gallon.

If you had turkey and ham for Thanksgiving, you may have it again for Christmas. There is nothing wrong with repeating the Thanksgiving meal especially if it was good. If it was bad then you might consider something else. The only time of the year that I eat much turkey or country ham is during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Be careful

eating too much of that smoked Turkey and ham because they can be a bit salty. You don't want to swell up like a balloon on Christmas.

Christmas should be a relaxing time. If you believe Santa Claus is coming then let him take care of the work. Surely, he will show up. Just ask him to bring dinner when he comes. Make sure he comes in the front door. I don't know about bringing broccoli casserole down the chimney.

If you are putting up lights, now is the time to do so. You want to have time to enjoy the lights and the more you string together and cover your house the more electricity you are using. This in turn creates a big electric bill but you are keeping the paychecks going for the

utility people.

The main thing is don't go crazy this Christmas. You don't have to buy everything. The stores love for you to max out your credit cards but you won't love it in February and March when you are paying it back. Use common-sense when it comes to the entire season. Eat a piece of pie but don't eat the pie.

Eat a slice of turkey but don't eat the turkey. Decorate if you wish but you don't have to spend a week putting up lights. They all have to come back down you know. Spend only what you can afford. If you can't afford much then don't press yourself to do what you cannot do.

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus but we often make it a day of bedlam. The birth of Jesus was in Bethlehem. His parents were poor. They had gone to an out of the way town to pay their taxes. There was no place for them to sleep. They slept in a barn and Jesus was born while they were there. Mary laid him in a cow's trough. They were poor, tired and life was not very easy for Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

Keep in mind that Jesus

came to save us from our sins. He came to give us peace. The Bible calls him the Prince of Peace. Most people need some peace and one way to have more peace is to focus on the baby of Christmas. Christ is comfort and peace.

You don't always find your peace at church. The church isn't Jesus. If your church is stressing you out, harping about money every Sunday, and pulling you in ten different directions then you might consider taking a step back and reevaluating.

The season of joy is here. Don't depend on others to create joy for you. Get alone with God every day and focus on him. You'll discover a peace and a rest that only He can provide.

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

Treasurer Goldberg receives the Freda Johnson Award

Staff Report

Northeast Women in Public Finance (NEWPF) along with the Bond Buyer will present State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg with the Freda Johnson Award at the Bond Buyer's Annual Deal of the Year Awards ceremony in New York City on December 6, 2022.

The Freda Johnson Award has been created in honor of NEWPF Founding Board Member Freda Johnson, whose highly successful career in public finance has been an inspiration to many people, particularly women in the industry.

The award recognizes a woman serving or who has served in a position for a public or non-profit issuer who exemplifies the qualities that Johnson brought to the financial industry as a trailblazer, leader, innovator, and mentor.

"Treasurer Deborah Goldberg is dedicated to improving the lives of the citizens of Massachusetts through both her public position and her non-profit work," said Freda Johnson. "She is a dynamo, a role model, and an outstanding mentor to women."

Since taking office in 2015, Treasurer Goldberg has brought an innovative leadership style, and an unwavering commitment to create opportunities for every Massachusetts resident. Her initiatives and programs have supported and advocated for policies that advance effective strategies and foster long-

term, sustained growth and stability for everyone.

"The Treasurer has demonstrated a commitment not only to public finance, but also to the women within it," said Vivian Altman, Managing Director of Northeast Women in Public Finance. "For her pioneering work and a highly accomplished career in public finance, for her unwavering dedication to diversity and supporting, promoting, and developing women in the industry, Massachusetts Treasurer Deborah Goldberg embodies all the qualities of the Freda Johnson Award. It is with the greatest esteem that we award her the 2022 Freda Johnson Public Sector Award."

In 2016, the Treasurer started the Women + Finance Fellowship, the first fellowship of its kind sponsored by a government organization. Understanding the importance of building a network and pipeline, the Treasurer wanted to identify and foster diverse talent for the financial industry, and advocate for the placement of women and non-binary people in leadership roles.

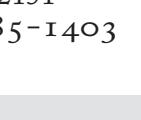
"To receive an award named after someone who was a tremendous trailblazer and overcame incredible barriers is an unbelievable honor," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "Freda exemplifies everything about staying the course, persevering, hanging in there, and then succeeding. So being awarded the Freda Johnson award is thrilling."

Mountain Ave. //

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a public works subcommittee meeting.

The subcommittee recommended the approval of several requests from National Grid which were later approved by the full council, with the usual caveats from several councillors that they would like to see better overall communication from Nation-

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Iovanna receives oath as Chief Probation Officer of Chelsea District Court

By Cary Shuman

Revere resident Jessica Iovanna received her oath as the new Chief Probation Officer of the Chelsea District Court during an impressive ceremony on Dec. 1 at the courthouse.

A Merrimack College 2005 graduate with a degree in Business Management, Iovanna, 39, began her career in the judicial system at Chelsea District Court in 2007 as a probation officer. In 2016, Iovanna, who is also a licensed social worker, was promoted to Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Chelsea.

Last Thursday, colleagues, friends, and family, including her parents, Andrew and Nancy Iovanna, sister, Karla Iovanna, and brother, Michael Iovanna, looked on proudly as First Justice Matthew Machera administered the oath of office to Iovanna, who in her esteemed position will oversee the Probation Department at Chelsea District Court. Janelle Reppucci-O'Brien is the court's Assistant Chief Probation Officer.

Assistant Clerk Magistrate Edward O'Neil welcomed the assemblage

to the ceremony, congratulating Iovanna on her well-deserved promotion.

"We are here for a wonderful occasion, the swearing-in of our new chief probation officer, Jessica Iovanna," said O'Neil.

Dr. Carmen Gomez, former chief probation officer at Chelsea District Court, said it was "an honor and a privilege" to speak at the ceremony.

Gomez commended Jessica's parents in her remarks. "Thank you [Mr. and Mrs. Iovanna], because you have raised somebody with great ethics, somebody with a big, big heart, somebody who understands the importance of this work, and somebody who from Day 1 has shown dedication and passion for the people we serve," said Gomez.

Crediting Iovanna's outstanding leadership and dedication to her responsibilities, Gomez said, "Jessica has done a lot of work to get to this point. I want to tell you how much I appreciate to know that I'm handing this over to somebody as capable and as committed and dedicated as Jessica is."

Justice Machera, the presiding judge of Chelsea District Court, also congratulated Iovanna on her appointment, stating, "I make a lot of decisions as a judge, but this ended up being one of the easiest decisions I've ever made. It's been a seamless transition, because everybody that knows you [Jessica], knows where you heart is."

Machera added that he received many positive recommendations about Iovanna. "They're too numerous to mention. It was a really competitive [candidates' application process], but at the end, this



Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna, with her proud parents, Andrew Iovanna and Nancy Iovanna, at the Oath of Office ceremony.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton and Revere Police Chief David Callahan congratulate Jessica Iovanna on her promotion to Chief Probation Officer of Chelsea District Court.

is your home, this is where you belong," Machera told Iovanna.

After receiving her oath and being accorded a warm, standing ovation from the audience, Iovanna delivered her first speech as the new chief probation officer.

"This isn't overwhelming at all," Iovanna began wittily. "Thank you all so much for taking time out of your schedule to come be here with me for my greatest accomplishment of my professional career so far. I'm truly honored and humbled by all the support and encouragement I've received from everyone."

Iovanna added, "Today, I make a commitment to honoring the values and the mission of the Massachusetts Trial Court and the Massachusetts Probation Service. I understand the position I hold is one of public trust and carries with it a responsibility that isn't to be taken lightly. I will work to ensure that every individual is not only treated with the dignity and respect they deserve, but also feels heard and valued as a member of our community."

In a heartfelt message to her family and friend on the momentous occasion, Iovanna offered, "I

wouldn't be who or where I am today, if it wasn't for your love, support, and guidance. Each of you have always been there for me, through the good times and the bad times. I have confidence that each of you know how much I love you, how much I appreciate you, and how special you are.

"To Mom and Dad, "I don't know where I would be if it wasn't for you. Thank you isn't enough to express my gratitude for all that you've done, and continue to do to ensure my success and happiness. By example, you have instilled in me the values of honesty, integrity, compassion, and respect, just to name a few."

A prolonged ovation,



Jessica Iovanna and Andrew Lauria of the Revere Police Honor Guard.



Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo and Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna.

seat.

The day was emblematic that dedication, professionalism, and excellence in your job can lead to tremendous accomplishments and immense stature in your field.



Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna, with relatives, from left, Haley Hanton, Mayor Brian Arrigo's Chief of Staff Kim Hanton, Vincent Cammarata, and Revere Journal Partner and Director of Marketing Debra DiGregorio.



Chelsea District Court Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna is pictured after the Oath of Office ceremony with her family. From left, are James Pettinicchio, Karla Iovanna (sister), Michael Iovanna (brother), William Ferullo (uncle), Marguerite Ferullo (aunt), Vincent Cammarata (uncle) DJ Canniff (nephew), Nancy Iovanna (mother), Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna, Andrew Iovanna (father), Olivia DeLuca (niece), Karen Dalton (aunt) Justine Petino (cousin), Maureen Waddell (aunt), and George Waddell (uncle).

Human Rights Commission models Circle Process in latest meeting

By Journal Staff

The Revere Human Rights Commission (HRC) held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening in the City Council Chamber.

Chairperson Janine Grillo Marra and fellow commissioners Kourou Pich, vice-chair Chai Hosaini, Rev. Timothy Bogaertmen, Fire Chief Chris Bright, Molly McGee, Rachid Moukhabir, and Dr. Lourenco Garcia were in attendance.

After starting with the usual Land Acknowledgment (in which the commission acknowledged the Pawtucket Tribe as "the original overseers of this land"), Marra read a poem, Respecting Differences, and led her fellow commissioners in a meditative exercise.

The commissioners then recited the HRC's Mission Statement:

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

The commission then proceeded to its principal business of the evening in which the commissioners modeled a Circle Process. The commissioners were informed about what a Circle Process entails at their November meeting by Irene "Strong Oak" LeFebvre, the executive director and founder of the Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle

Intertribal Coalition Inc., who was the HRC's guest speaker last month.

Marra noted that the commission is endeavoring to establish a Circle Process in the city. She then urged her colleagues to leave their usual seats in the council chamber and to take chairs that had been arranged in a circle closer to the public gallery.

Pich, who is familiar with the Circle Process, led the group in the exercise. A Circle Process essentially is a practice designed to bring people together, often in the context of conflict resolution. The HRC is seeking to engage members of the Revere community in the Circle Process in the hope of bringing about a greater understanding among the diverse groups and interests in the city.

The commissioners shared personal stories and discussed their reasons for becoming mem-

bers of the HRC during the Circle Process, which consumed almost all of the 90-minute meeting.

The commission then adjourned until its next meeting in January.

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Diane Cohane

Retired RMV Supervisor, known for her incredible cooking, sharp sense of humor and fiery personality



Funeral Services and interment were held for Diane C. (Nicotera) Cohane, 76, who died surrounded by her loving family at her residence on Revere Beach on Wednesday, November 30 following a two year long battle with cancer.

Diane was born on September 18, 1946 to her late parents, Orlando and Doris M. (Maggioli) Nicotera in Everett. She was one of three children and was raised and educated in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1964. After High School, Diane began working at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, where she worked in the transportation department retiring as a supervisor, after a career spanning over 40 years. During this time, she met and married the love of her life, Dennis P. Cohane. She and Dennis made their home in the Point of Pines Section of Revere and together they proudly raised their three children.

Diane was a loving woman who was known for her incredible cooking, sharp sense of humor and fiery personality. She loved entertaining and hosting holidays, especially Christmas, which was her favorite holiday.

She was famous for her

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Sadly missed by family May, Bobby, Sherri, David, Carol, Debbie, John, and great-grandchildren Jesse, Matthew, Sheridan & Chrishelle

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Robert Croce

Retired General Contractor and Carpenter

On November 28, 2022, Robert P. Croce, 79, died peacefully surrounded by his family, following a long illness.

Robert was born on October 14, 1943 to Charles and June Croce. He grew up in Beachmont, Revere and that fostered his love of the ocean, boats and lighthouses. His job at the local hardware store put him on the path to the job he was born to do: general contractor and carpenter.

Bob met his wife, JoAnn Lucca, in 1963 and they were married on October 25, 1964.

Together, they raised four children: Robert Jr., Brian, Patricia and Kevin in Wakefield in the house that he built for his family.

Although he was a very hard worker and often worked long hours, Bob always made time to make wonderful memories for his wife and kids, which included weekend trips and long vacations. Bob retired to one of his favorite vacation spots, Conway, NH, where he and JoAnn lived in another house he built.

The fact that his children all settled close by is a testament to what an amazing man he truly was.

Although he continued to work part-time as a "Family Handyman," Bob spent most of his retirement doing what he loved best: traveling with his wife and spending time with his grandchildren.

Bob was predeceased by his parents and two brothers, Charles Jr. and



David. He will be remembered by JoAnn, his loving wife and best friend of 58 years; his brother,

Danny and his wife, Dolly; two sisters and their husbands, Cathy and Frank and Joan and Ed; sisters-in-law, Barbara and Ann-Marie; his four children and their spouses: Rita, Megan, Sean, and Vicki; eight grandchildren: Jon, Sarah, Ben, Robin, Madeline, Katelyn, Courtney and Abby and four great grandchildren: Macio, Elena, Sofia and Paisley.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, December 6 in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Donations may be made to Visiting Nurses, Home Care and Hospice of Carroll County (<https://www.vnhch.org/>) and Jenn's Friends (<https://www.jensfriends.org/>).

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://vertuccioandsmith.com).

Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Anna Maria Alba Perrotta

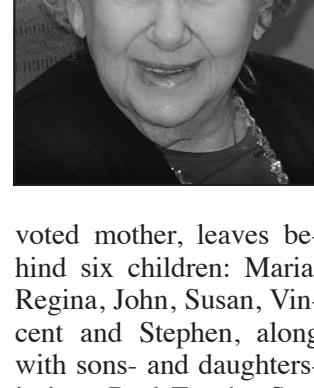
Loving and devoted mother

Anna Maria Alba Perrotta passed away peacefully on November 24 at her long-time home in Lanham, Md., near Washington, D.C.

She was born on July 20, 1924 in Revere, where she grew up. She joins her husband, Gino Perrotta, originally of Quincy, whom she married at Revere's St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in 1952. She also joins her parents, Vincenzo (James) Alba and Accursia (Lucy) Santangelo Alba, long-time residents of Cummings Avenue, Revere, along with siblings Anthony, Marie (Canty), Mary and Lillian, all of Revere.

Anna graduated from Revere High School in 1942 and Fisher College in Boston in 1944. She then worked in Boston for several years as an administrative assistant for Pitney-Bowes Co.

Anna, a loving and de-



voted mother, leaves behind six children: Maria, Regina, John, Susan, Vincent and Stephen, along with sons- and daughters-in-law: Paul Feucht, Sara Foresi Perrotta, Kevin Clauss and Laura Whitney Perrotta, 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Visitation at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Md. on December 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. will be followed at 11 a.m. by a memorial service and interment.

Council approves expanding Public Art Commission

By Adam Swift

The city's Public Art Commission has room to grow, giving the ability for the commission to create more subcommittees as it oversees public art projects throughout Revere.

Monday night, the City Council approved an ordinance change allowing the arts commission to have up to nine members. Currently, the commission, which was first appointed about two years ago, was allowed five to seven members.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, who also chairs the Public Art Commission, said the potential increase in membership is a sign of the activity the commission has undertaken in the past several years.

"Right now, we have six members of the Public Art Commission, and we don't have enough people to have subcommittees," said McKenna. "We have a couple of gigantic events coming up, and we don't have enough people to have the subcommittees."

Councillor-at-Large

Steven Morabito said he was excited to see so many people who want to become part of the art commission.

"It's amazing how many projects they are working on, and this is going to help create a focal point on these projects, so I am in full favor of this ordinance change," said Morabito.

McKenna noted that the art commission is a volunteer board.

"I think the Public Art Commission is really a tremendous move for the city of Revere, because these are people who are dedicated to making the city a better place," said Ward 5 Councillor John Powers, who chairs the legislative affairs subcommittee. "They are not looking for any salary, and I think when we have a committee like this with nine members, they are putting a lot of good ideas out there."

In other subcommittee business, the zoning subcommittee recommended

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Trust fund //

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Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo. "It just makes perfect sense to fund it, the funding is there, (city finance director Richard Viscay) shows where the money was allocated in the general fund and it's just a matter of sliding it over."

Last month, the council approved setting up the trust fund.

"The purpose of this trust fund, once established, will be to supplement prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs throughout the city," stated Viscay.

In July of 2021, state Attorney General Maura Healey announced a \$26 billion resolution with opioid distributors and Johnson & Johnson which will provide more than \$500 million to Massachusetts and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.

Per the state's revenue department, all the money collected from the settlement goes into a municipality's general fund unless a general law exists to spend it for a particular purpose.

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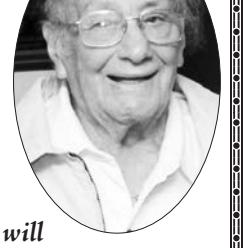
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ZBA rejects variance for Sewall St. single-family home

By Journal Staff

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) rejected a request by a developer for a variance in order to construct a single-family home on a vacant lot adjacent to a two-family home he owns on Sewall St. at its meeting last Wednesday.

The developer, Mario Zepaj, sought a variance from the parking requirements of the zoning ordinances. The exact language of his application -- which involved intricacies of the zoning ordinances that proved confusing even to members of the ZBA -- was as follows:

"Mario Zepaj requesting a variance of RRO Section 17.24.030(3)(a)(ii), parking requirements for existing lots in the HD Overlay Zone, to enable the appellant to construct a single-family dwelling on Lot 118 Sewall Street, because the existing developed lot, Lot 117 at 26 Sewall Street, cannot accommodate two off-street parking spaces as required by Section 17.24.030(3), the adjacent vacant lot, Lot 118 Sewall Street, is necessary to meet the parking requirements of the developed lot and the vacant lot is deemed unbuildable."

After Mr. Zepaj presented his application to the board, Louis Cavagnaro, the city's Building Commissioner, spoke in favor of the application.

"His variance, in my eyes, is asking for something that is minuscule," said Cavagnaro, who noted that many other homes in the neighborhood are built on lots of a similar size to Zepaj's, which consists of 3800 square feet.

Cavagnaro said that there will be no traffic or drainage issues, and further noted that "a nice home would increase taxes and improve the value of other homes in the neighborhood."

However, the board heard from a phalanx of

opposition from residents -- a letter was received from an abutter opposed to the application, as well as a petition in opposition signed by 45 neighbors -- and from three of the city's ward councillors.

John Stamatopoulos of 15 Sewall St., which faces the lot in question, spoke against the application.

"We're in a very-densely settled area and this is the only plot of grass on the entire street," said Stamatopoulos. "Drainage is a major issue. Water will go down the street and ultimately into my basement. We also have a parking issue on this street. This is a dense area that just can't sustain any more homes."

Another resident, Steven Powers of 4 Sewall St., also spoke against the application.

After initially citing a technical reason -- per the zoning ordinance -- for the board to turn down the application, Powers also discussed practical reasons for the board to reject it.

"We have problems with traffic and flooding," said Powers. "That lot is undersized. My fear is that the infrastructure that is underneath was built long ago and we don't have the proper drainage to put another structure there."

Ward 5 City Councilor John Powers was the first of the city council members to speak against the application.

"I'm here tonight to ask for your help not to allow a house to be built on a 3800 square foot lot," said Powers. "This is ludicrous. I've been down there when there is flooding on Sewall St. Now we're looking to make it a little worse? This is something that should not be built down there. This shouldn't happen."

"People down there are hard-working people and they pay their taxes," Powers continued.

"They deserve some help,

and the help they need is from this board. Please do not vote for this. It is the wrong thing for the city of

Revere."

Next up was Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro who made brief remarks in opposition.

"It is clear this is a bad practice for the city," said Cogliandro. "This lot is unbuildable. Whether we agree with the rules or not, they are the rules and hopefully, this board will do the right thing."

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna then took the podium.

"I've been a councillor for eight years and they have tremendous flooding and sewage problems," said McKenna, who noted that by removing the green space, there will be more flooding. "If we open this can of worms, every small lot that is not buildable will become buildable because we set a precedent."

Zepaj briefly responded to the issues raised by the opponents pertaining to parking and noted that his construction plan meets the setback requirements.

However, after the board heard the pros and cons of the application, Chairman Michael Tucker cast the matter as one that falls outside the jurisdiction of the ZBA strictly from a legal perspective.

"This is not even a zoning issue per the ordinance," said Tucker. "This is a moot point and we should not even be voting on it. This should not be in front of us at this point. We can't go against the ordinance."

After a brief discussion about the legal aspects of the application relative to the ordinance, Tucker and his fellow board members, Arthur Pelton, James O'Brien, John Lopes, and Aklog Limeneh, voted unanimously to reject the application.

The board continued the application of Evergreen Property Solutions, LLC, which came before the board requesting "a variance of RRO Section 17.24.070(A)(3), parking in the rear yard, to enable Evergreen to estab-

lish four off-street parking spaces in the rear of the property and meet the minimum parking requirements to convert the existing single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling on Lots 433 and 434 at 57 Stevens Street."

Joseph Catoggio represented Evergreen Property and presented the application to the board. He noted that the only variance requested pertained to parking and that there are other two-family homes in the area. He said there will be no enlargement of the existing structure and said that parking in the rear of the structure will not require a curb cut.

"This will allow the applicant to use the property for its best and highest use," said Catoggio, who added that the owner himself will be living there and that he simply is seeking to legalize a unit that previously has been rented without adding any bedrooms. Catoggio said three of the neighbors and the ward councillor had been contacted and had not expressed any opposition.

Ron Champoux, 88 Stevens St., opposed the application, stating that to allow parking in the rear of the building will devalue the nearby properties.

"This is a cascading event by adding another two-family home," said Champoux. "There are too many cars there now on Stevens St. This will create an incredible burden

on persons in the neighborhood."

Another neighbor, Richard Joyce, 178 Grover St., said he personally has been in contact with the ward councillor "and he (the councillor) indicated that he would send a letter sharing our concerns and opposition." (Tucker noted for the record that no letter had been received.)

Christine Joyce, also of 178 Grover St., spoke to the board and added, "Our neighborhood is getting congested with the parking."

However, the board voted 5-0 to continue the matter because, as Tucker had indicated at the outset of the hearing, the newly-revised plan submitted by the applicant had not been received by the board more than seven days prior to the hearing.

The board also continued the application of Robert Mahoney, who came before the ZBA requesting a variance of RRO Section 17.24.010, minimum lot frontage of 80', to enable him to construct single-family dwellings on Lots 142, 144, 146, and 148 Morris Street.

However, the board heard from two residents who opposed the plan.

"There is a major flooding problem on the street and the new homes will only add to the problem," said Mostafa Faddouli, a resident of 216 Breeden's Lane. "It does not make any sense to allow the

construction of four new houses in that area where we already have a storm-water drainage issue."

Faddouli noted that he and other homeowners presently are suing Mahoney, who also built their homes, in Suffolk Superior Court because of the drainage issues in their neighborhood, with Faddouli noting that the flooding is so bad, "children cannot even cross the street."

"We hope the board will make the right decision," said Faddouli, urging the board to reject the application. "If he will fix the drainage problem in the street, then we'll have no problem with his application."

Another resident, Domenic Testa, 21 Morris St., also opposed the application.

"There is precious little green space left in this city," said Testa. "Leaving it green would be an advantage not just for the city, but for the people in the area."

Testa, referencing the drainage problems in the area, said, "Residents are placing sandbags in their driveways and my daughter can't walk home from school without getting her feet wet."

The board continued the matter until its meeting on December 28 at the request of the applicant.

Councillor Patrick Keefe, who chairs the zoning subcommittee.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro said the owner has been a good neighbor and agreed to the list of special conditions for the project.

"Everything that is listed there has either been done or is being done," he said.

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the approval of a special permit for the operation of an auto body garage at 535 Broadway.

The recommendation was later approved by the full council.

The proposal met a long list of conditions requested in part by a neighbor on School Street, including no access to the garage from School Street, copi-

ous landscaping between the garage and School Street, soundproofing in the garage, and the requirement that the garage be used for auto body purposes only, not for automobile repair.

"The biggest part to me, the School Street access was probably the greatest concern, and that has been rectified," said Ward 4

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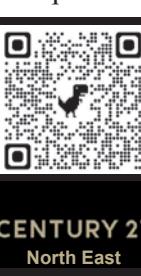
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Sports

RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago December 5, 2012

The RHS girls basketball team is readying for the upcoming season under head coach Katelyn Leonard. The Lady Patriot basketball program has been a bright spot for Revere High athletics the past few years, first under the direction of Diana DeCristoforo and last season under Leonard, who guided the Lady Pats to a fine 11-10 record, which included a berth in the post-season state tournament.

RHS head coach Rick Hayes greeted a group of 65 candidates for the 24 spots on the junior varsity and varsity squads last week for the start of the new campaign, forcing him to make many difficult decisions. The final 12 for the varsity roster include returning seniors Dom Boyce and Geo Gomez, who were elected the captains by their teammates. Senior Tom Sor, junior Mike Dreezen, and junior Jason Seigal, all of whom saw significant playing time last year and all of whom are excellent shooters, will complete the RHS backcourt. Junior Mike Ciambelli, junior Doug Zingali, and senior Paul Bedford will anchor the Patriots up front. Bedford is the tallest of the crew at 6-3, whom Hayes labels as a raw talent. Senior Chris Hinojosa, junior Ravi Ryland, junior Steven Selesnick, and senior Sean Leonard also figure to see significant action during the season.

With a new head coach assuming the reins, it's a new era for the Revere High hockey team. Joe Ciccarello will be taking over behind the bench for former longtime RHS mentor Jim Palumbo, a coaching legend who was inducted into the prestigious Massachusetts Hockey High School Coaches Hall of Fame a

30 years ago December 9, 1992

Former Revere High hoop star Patrice Misiano scored 21 points and snared 14 rebounds to lead the Bentley College women's basketball team to its 57th straight regular season victory, 60-50, in the championship round of the West Chester Dial Classic hoop tournament.

50 years ago December 7, 1972

The Immaculate Conception girls team defeated a Revere High girls team 22-0 Saturday in a flag football contest.

The RHS hockey team, rated a pre-season contender for the eight-team Metropolitan League title, overcame a 3-1 deficit to earn a 3-3 tie with Malden in the season opener. Ted Prizio scored two goals for the Blue and White, the second one coming with just 55 seconds to play. Harvey Terban also lit the lamp for Coach Gerald Moschella's team.

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RHS WINTER SPORTS GET UNDERWAY NEXT WEEK

The Revere High winter athletic season is set to get underway next week.

The girls and boys basketball teams will open their seasons next Tuesday, December 13, against Everett, which perennially is among the toughest of their Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals.

Coach Chris Porrazzo, who is returning for his second year at the helm of the girls' program, is enthusiastic about the coming season.

"We had great numbers for our program at tryouts and we have a full JV and varsity team this season," said Porrazzo. "We are hard at work practicing with each other and building a positive and inclusive culture on our team. We are focusing on the things that 'take no talent' in order to maximize our performance this year."

"We already have had

RHS SPORTS Roundup

a team outing to Endicott College to watch the women's basketball team take on Suffolk," Porrazzo continued. "This event was sponsored by the Revere PAL program and organized by Kris Oldoni. We traveled to Endicott's campus, spoke with some of Revere's finest, and ate a great brunch (including ice cream!). It was great to see the girls experience a college campus and bond together as a team.

"I'm proud of the work that the coaches and players have put in thus far. We are looking forward to a fun and successful season," added Porrazzo.

The Lady Patriots will travel to their Lady Crimson Tide rivals Tuesday evening and then will trek to Somerville next Thursday.

Porrazzo and his crew will play a 20-game schedule in which they will meet their seven GBL foes (Everett, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Somerville, Lynn English, and Lynn

Classical) twice each. Non-league opponents will consist of two games in the Milton High School Holiday Tournament, and single contests vs. Lowell, Peabody, Winthrop, and Hamilton-Wenham.

Coach David Leary's boys' squad will host the defending GBL champion Crimson Tide at 7:00 at Merullo Fieldhouse in their opener on Tuesday evening.

Leary and his crew likewise will meet their seven GBL rivals twice each. Their non-league opponents are two games with the Edward M Kennedy Academy for Health Careers, two games in the Winthrop Holiday Tournament (vs. East Boston in the opener and then either Winthrop or Woburn), and one contest each vs. Peabody and Hamilton-Wenham.

The Revere High swim team, under the direction of coach Chris Hill, also will open its 2022-23 campaign next Tuesday with a meet at Boston Latin Academy.

Hill and his crew will have a full schedule of nine meets against GBL foes Somerville (twice), Lynn Classical, Malden, Lynn English, and Medford. Non-league opponents are Latin Academy, Shawsheen Tech, and East Boston.

The RHS boys and girls indoor track teams will open the defense of their GBL titles when they host Everett next Wednesday evening, December 14, at the Merullo Fieldhouse.

The girls' squad once again will be led by Racquel MacDonald, while the boys will be helmed by new coach David Fleming, who is taking over the reins from long-time RHS coach Sam Ros.

The teams' dual-meet season will consist of contests against all seven GBL rivals every Wednesday through January 25, culminating in the league meet at the Reggie Lewis Center on February 3.

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10 years ago

December 5, 2012

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report indicating that heating oil users can expect to use 17 percent more oil than last year and to pay 19 percent more. However, if it ends up being 10

percent colder than expected, oil users will spend 32 percent more than last year. For natural gas users, they are expected to use 14 percent more fuel and

pay 15 percent more than last year. If it is 10 percent colder than expected, they could end up paying 28 percent more. Last year's mild winter was a gift for those who pay close attention to their heating bills, one can certainly not expect another such generous gift this year.

City councillors unanimously approved a Tax Incremental Financing Agreement (TIF) for the owners of the former Toys 'R Us property at Northgate Mall – under the auspices that the taxpayer investment would draw in a new, 80,000 sq. ft. Market Basket grocery store.

The Revere City Council is looking to change the city's zoning so as to block any medical marijuana dispensaries from locating in the city as a result of the approved medical marijuana ballot question from the Nov. 6 election.

After serving on the City Council for decades, it appears that Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky will get his first crack at Council President in the coming year. Novoselsky told the Journal it appears right now that he has at least eight votes from the Council to secure the spot. At the same time, it doesn't appear that anyone else is mounting a campaign for the powerful post.

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2, Silver Linings Playbook, and Skyfall are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
December 11, 2002

History was made this week when Andrea Cabral was sworn in as the first woman Sheriff of Suffolk County. Cabral succeeds Richard Rouse, who recently retired amidst a hailstorm of controversy.

Cabral is a former Assistant District Attorney and Attorney General.

The Licensing Commission has called the Wonderland Ballroom to appear before the board on December 16 to defend its right to remain open after two incidents of violence in recent months during events held there.

City officials estimate that the small hole in the oil tank at the Beachmont School that allowed oil to leak out has caused damage between \$225,000 and

\$500,000. School Supt. Paul Dakin said that the Commonwealth Tank company is cleaning up the mess and may be doing so for some time. Dakin also said he does not know where the schools will find the funds to pay for the clean up.

The McKinley School is observing its 100th anniversary this year. School Principal Frank Cammisa said that appropriate centennial celebrations are being planned over the next two years.

The Revere Police Department will conduct the annual DARE Santa parade this Saturday, beginning at City Hall and making various stops throughout the city.

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50 years ago

December 7, 1972

Revere High senior Maryanne Zerola has won the prize of a free pass to all Revere High athletic events for her winning entry in the contest to choose a nickname for RHS athletic teams, who henceforward will be known as the Patriots.

Athletic Director Silvio Cella came up with the idea for a contest to choose a school nickname. The significant emblem for the Patriots will be a lantern.

The carefree disposal of a cigarette in the company's record-keeping office caused \$55,000 in damage to the Arcade Bazaar on Revere Beach Blvd. The store managed to reopen for business within three days. This was the sixth multiple alarm fire in the city this past month.

The Revere School Committee has voted to request a one year waiver from the state Department of Education to initiate a kindergarten program.

60 years ago
December 13, 1962

Two Revere men, Walter H. Meuse and John Longo, received 20-year pins in recognition of their 20 years of employment with the H.P. Hood and Sons Co. Meuse is a trailer truck driver and Longo is a home delivery salesman.

Twenty altar boys of St. Theresa's Church recently became members of the Knights of the Altar, a national organization for altar boys with headquarters

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USPS ready for holiday season, provides shipping tips

Staff Report

The Postal Service is keeping up the pace as the hustle and bustle of the holiday season gains momentum. To ensure customers get their holiday packages on time, our letter carriers will be delivering as early as 6:00 a.m. in many major metro locations across the country. So, if you hear the sounds of an early morning package delivery, please know it's our way of helping Santa get an early start.

This month, our carriers will be out delivering in the early mornings in many communities. To help keep your letter carrier safe, we ask you to keep your porch light on, especially if you notice mail has not yet been delivered.

We have prepared all year to deliver certainty and continuity this holiday, and that means starting early in the morning.

Tips for a successful holiday mailing and shipping season:

- Use free Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes. They are available at Post Office locations or online at usps.com/freeboxes.

- Make it easy with the Click-N-Ship feature. You can create shipping labels and pay for postage online at usps.com/ship.

- Schedule a free Package Pickup when the carrier delivers your mail. It's free, regardless of the number of packages. Pickups can be scheduled at usps.com/pickup.

- Mail and packages that weigh more than 10 ounces or are more than a half-inch thick and use stamps as postage cannot be dropped into a collection box or left for a carrier to pick up. Instead,



A USPS Postal worker.

take them to a local Post Office.

- Sign up for Informed Delivery. Keep an eye on your deliveries by registering at informeddelivery.usps.com to see what packages are enroute and to receive daily emails showing what mail will be delivered.

- Monitor your front door. If you have a home security camera system, ensure it captures and saves activity at your front door and mailbox. If you catch any mail thieves in the act, save the video and alert your local Postal Inspectors. Video surveillance goes a long way in preventing crimes and catching the bad guys.

- Dec. 9 — APO/FPO/DPO (all ZIP Codes) Priority Mail and First-Class Mail

- Dec. 16 — APO/FPO/DPO (except ZIP Code 093) USPS Priority Mail Express Military service

- Dec. 17 — USPS Retail Ground service

- Dec. 17 — First-Class Mail service (including greeting cards)

- Dec. 17 — First-Class packages (up to 15.99 ounces)

- Dec. 19 — Priority Mail service

- Dec. 23 — Priority Mail Express* service

Additional news and information, including all domestic, international and military mailing and shipping deadlines, and tips to keep mail safe can be found on the Postal Service Holiday Newsroom at usps.com/holidaynews.

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

2022 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

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The Revere City Council is looking to change the city's zoning so as to block any medical marijuana dispensaries from locating in the city as a result of the approved medical marijuana ballot question from the Nov. 6 election.

After serving on the City Council for decades, it appears that Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky will get his first crack at Council President in the coming year. Novoselsky told the Journal it appears right now that he has at least eight votes from the Council to secure the spot. At the same time, it doesn't appear that anyone else is mounting a campaign for the powerful post.

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2, Silver Linings Playbook, and Skyfall are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

City leaders have sent out a third round of bids for development of the Surf Nightclub site. Previous efforts to develop the site have failed.

Revere resident Paul Pisani has completed a successful football career at Archbishop Fenwick High. Pisani threw 22 touchdown passes in the past two seasons.

Analyze That, Treasure Planet, and Die Another Day are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
December 11, 2002

History was made this week when Andrea Cabral was sworn in as the first woman Sheriff of Suffolk County. Cabral succeeds Richard Rouse, who recently retired amidst a hailstorm of controversy.

Cabral is a former Assistant District Attorney and Attorney General.

The Licensing Commission has called the Wonderland Ballroom to appear before the board on December 16 to defend its right to remain open after two incidents of violence in recent months during events held there.

City officials estimate that the small hole in the oil tank at the Beachmont School that allowed oil to leak out has caused damage between \$225,000 and

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The Sounds of Christmas: a musical holiday celebration

Special to the Journal

St. Anthony's church was filled with music,

joy, and generosity Sunday evening as the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra entertained hun-

dreds of patrons in the annual Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert and food drive.

With NSPO Music Director Robert Lehmann, soprano Malinda Haslett, and a surprise appearance by Santa Claus highlighting the night, the Sunday's concert continued a Revere tradition that dates back to 1976.

Concert patrons donated food that filled nearly 300 boxes that were delivered to the Revere Food Pantry Monday morning.

Concert organizers praised the volunteer effort of dozens of individuals who made the event a success.

Concert co-chair Robert A. Marra Jr. used a break in the concert program to praise members of the St. Anthony's Church Youth group who lug chairs and tables to set the stage for the evening concert, and members of the Revere High football team who volunteered to assist patrons carrying their food donations to the church, then loading and unloading and sorting the hundreds of food items.

Marra also thanked members of the St. Anthony's Holy Name Society for their efforts welcoming

the crowd and boxing the food donations.

"This concert comes together through a lot of volunteer effort," Marra said. He called out the concert sponsors, whose support creates free admission to the concert. "Because of the sponsors' generosity, you bring food to benefit the food pantry. It's a wonderful circle of people enjoying themselves while helping their neighbors."

The principal sponsors include Bocchino Insurance Agency, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Massport, Xfinity, Astound/RCN, and Action Emergency Services.



PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA

Members of the Revere High football team volunteered to help load, unload, and sort the food donated to the food drive held in conjunction with the Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" concert held Sunday, Dec. 4 at St. Anthony's Church. Donated food was delivered to the Revere Food Pantry.



Santa Claus joins guest soprano Malinda Haslett and North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra Music Director Robert Lehmann as they lead the audience in the Sing-a-long during the Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" concert held Sunday, Dec. 4 at St. Anthony's Church.

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at Notre Dame University.

Residents across the city are mourning the passing of Rev. John M. Cunningham, 70, who had been pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Beachmont since 1947.

Rev. Cunningham was a beloved figure throughout the city. Richard Cardinal Cushing celebrated the funeral mass and delivered the eulogy, praising Cunningham as one of the finest priests in the archdiocese who fulfilled the definition of a classic Christian gentleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Procopio were tendered a 50th wedding anniversary party at the Caruso Diplomat in Saugus by their 10 children. There were 130 guests in attendance. The couple have 20 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Bette Davis and Joan Crawford star in Whatever Happened to Baby Jane at the Revere Theatre.

70 years ago

December 11, 1952

Another riotous meeting of the School Committee was held, this time concerning the issue of

new acoustical ceilings for the four classrooms of the Carl Willard Mabie school in Oak Island. The Mabie PTA parents expressed their vehement opposition to the new ceiling tiles, insisting that plaster ceilings

be installed instead.

The School Committee proceedings came to a complete halt Tuesday when one of the members, Mrs. Catherine Collins, went into a frenzy of temper, hurling insults at fellow members and then refusing to be quiet at the request of Chairman Frederick Reinstein. Members of the audience sat in shock at the outburst by Collins, as Reinstein had to gavel the meeting to a sudden halt when Collins refused to obey his order to maintain order.

City Manager Edward C. Monahan reports that more than 400 gift boxes were sent to Revere men and women in the armed services this week. The boxes consisted of goodies from S.S. Pierce along with a Christmas card from the city.

Pvt. Bernard A. Kinnally, 26, son of Mrs. Catherine Kinnally of 44 North Ave., has been reported killed in action in Korea.

Pvt. Kinnally died from shell fragments on November 30. In addition to his mother, he leaves five brothers and two sisters, including his twin sister Bernadette.

Fire chiefs in many communities are ordering stores to take off their shelves a certain kind of hair spray that is highly flammable.

Gov. Paul Dever has

announced that \$15.5 million in aid from the state will be distributed to local municipalities before the end of the year which will reduce their tax rates substantially.

Dever said that the large distribution reflects the prosperity of business and industry in the state. The funds come from the business income tax, which recently was increased from 1.5 percent to 2.5 percent.

Esther Williams is the star of a new film by MGM, The Million Dollar Mermaid, which tells the story of Annette Kellerman, the young lady who was arrested on Revere Beach in 1907 for indecent exposure when she unveiled a one-piece bathing suit, similar to what men wore in that era, as she was about to embark for a marathon swim to Boston Light and back.

Kellerman eventually modified her suit after her trial in Chelsea District Court.

Rock Hudson stars in Horizons West at the Revere Theatre. The Revere Drive In has closed for the winter season.

80 years ago

December 10, 1942

President Roosevelt's statement that the Works Progress Administration (WPA) may be abolished by June 30, 1943, will have an effect here in Re-

vere, where we have about 450 persons employed on about a dozen different projects in the city. The city's tax rate can be expected to jump because local taxpayers now will have to pay for many of these projects, as well as the welfare costs for those who will be unable to find work.

Revere High Principal Augustine Whelan will be commissioned a lieutenant in the Navy when he reports for active duty at Quonset Point, R.I., next week.

Two Revere girls, Misses Adele Corsetti and Josephine Camerlengo, departed Sunday for the state teachers college in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where they will undergo training to become WAVES.

Rubinoff, the famed master of the violin, radio and movie star, known from coast to coast as a bon vivant, will perform two concerts at City Hall on Friday as a guest of the Revere Kiwanis Club. Rubinoff will appear with his million dollar Stradivarius and will perform many of his own compositions which he has performed on the Eddie Cantor Show on the radio.

Mickey Rooney stars in A Yank at Eton at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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National Grid recommends home prep ahead of winter

Staff Report

With colder weather and storm season approaching, including the likelihood of rain and strong winds later today, National Grid is encouraging customers to proactively prepare their homes and businesses for the weeks and months ahead.

Every day, National Grid works to ensure that customers receive the safest and most reliable energy service possible. National Grid has secured sufficient natural gas supplies to keep customers warm this winter, and is continuously inspecting, investing in, and upgrading critical infrastructure, performing vegetation management services to keep power lines clear of obstructions, and preparing our crews to respond to major weather events.

In 2021, National Grid made more than \$800 million in infrastructure and related investments across Massachusetts, including work that upgraded and secured critical facilities that help power and heat homes and businesses. These investments along with other efforts have resulted in National Grid having strong system performance so far in 2022, with our electric network operating at 99.995 availability -- a nearly 7 percent improvement over 2021 -- providing customers with reliable electric service day-in and day-out.

"As we head into the late fall and begin winter, the chance for inclement weather to potentially impact our customers in Massachusetts is greatly increased," said Tanya Moniz-Witten, Vice President of New England Electric Operations. "Ahead of storm season, we recommend all our customers make sure they are prepared in case of outages in their area. National Grid takes steps throughout the year to make our system more resilient, but major storms can cause significant damage. In the event of a power outage, our crews and support teams will be ready and working for as long as needed to safely restore service as quickly as possible."

Winter will also mean higher electric and gas bills. National Grid recognizes increased bills will pose challenges for many customers. In September, the company launched its Winter Customer Savings Initiative, which is designed to help customers reduce their energy use and lower energy costs, manage their energy bills and payments, and help them secure available energy assistance if they need it. More information about the initiative can be found at ngrid.com/heretohelp.

Before inclement weather brings challenges to the region, National Grid is offering customers the following tips and reminders:

Stay Safe:

• People who depend on electric-powered life support equipment, such as a respirator, should let National Grid know. To register as a life support cus-

tomer, call the company's Customer Service Center at 1-800-322-3223.

Prepare your home:

- Customers with generators are encouraged to conduct regular maintenance checks to ensure the generator is operating safely.

- If applicable, schedule a home's furnace tune-up to ensure it is in proper working order, and ensure it and any water heaters are properly vented.

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries every year.

- Remove dead or rotting branches on trees.

- Schedule a free Mass Save home energy assessment to learn ways to reduce winter energy use. Call 888-774-3167 to schedule an appointment.

Prepare a winter emergency kit in the event of a major storm with the following items:

- Water – the American Red Cross recommends one gallon of water per person per day.

- Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, plus a can opener.

- Battery-powered or hand crank radio.

- Flashlight and extra batteries.

- First-aid kit.

- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.

- Personal hygiene supplies.

- Extra cash.

- Cell phone with chargers.

- Emergency contact numbers.

Customers Should Stay Connected:

- Report power outages at www.nationalgridus.com or call 1-800-465-1212.

- Use a mobile device to track outage information and storm-related safety tips through National Grid's mobile site accessible at www.ngrid.com/mobile.

- Like National Grid on Facebook and follow on Twitter and Instagram; National Grid posts all the latest storm and restoration updates.

- Track outages and estimated restoration times at www.nationalgridus.com/outage-central.

- Make sure National Grid has updated email addresses and phone numbers on file. Update contact information at ngrid.com. Click on sign in/register.

- To stay connected during storms and outages, text to 64743 using any of the below commands.

- REG to sign up for text alerts

- OUT to report an outage

- SUM followed by your town, county, or state to get a summary of outages in your area

- HELP for the full list of commands

- Additional safety information may be found at <https://www.nationalgridus.com/MA-Home-Storm-Safety/>

For more information, please visit their website, Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and Instagram.

BEACHMONT TREE LIGHTING IN DOUGLAS CUMMINGS SQUARE

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Santa and Miss Claus arrived at the Beachmont Community Park in Douglas Cummings Square on a firetruck to commence the Beachmont Improvement Committee's (BIC) Annual Tree Lighting on De-

cember 4. Families greeted the jolly couple, who presented plushies and candy canes to children. New and gently-used coats, gloves, hats, and socks were also collected to benefit students at the Beachmont Veterans Memorial School.



Kristen and Emma Delisi, 2-years-old.



Santa and Mrs. Claus celebrating the lighting of a Christmas tree at The Beachmont Community Park.

Michelle and Henry Bell, 4-years-old.



Santa and Mrs. Clause drove to The Beachmont Community Park in a firetruck.



Yvette, Aivette, Camile, and Amelia Ngawe, and Ryan and Endurance Nkeh.



Cousins Joie Piccinni, Henry Bell, and Olivia and Jax DiPesa.



Mila, Desi, Harlo, and Sasha Desmond with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Katie Grahame and Madeline Schulte with Bailey.



A little one receiving a gift from Santa Claus.



Councilor Joanne McKenna with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



BIC member, Jim and Debbie Mercurio.



Casey, Penny, and Cora Sieck, and Courtney and Kim Lyons with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Retirement Board receives highest level of Public Pension Coordinating Council Standards Award

Staff Report

The City of Revere Retirement Board is pleased to announce they have won a Standards Award by the Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC), which highlights the important work done by public retirement systems in the United States. This was the first time the Revere Retirement Board applied for this award, and they received the highest level of the award during the first awards season.

The Revere Retirement Board is committed to excellence in management and administration and this award reflects that commitment, according to Retirement Administrator Sandor Zapolin.

The Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC) is a coalition of three associations that represent public retirement systems covering the vast majority of public employees in the US:

- National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)
- National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR)
- National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS)

which all defined benefit public plans should be measured. The retirement systems and the state and local governments that sponsor them are encouraged to meet these standards.

The Revere Retirement Board oversees retirement for over 1500 members and retirees from the City, School, Housing Authority and MNRECC and manages investments of over \$216 million. The Board is comprised of Chairman Richard Viscay and members Ida Cody, Sean Manion, James Cullen and Gennaro Cataldo. For more information about the Revere Retirement Board, please visit www.revere.org.

The Public Pension Standards are intended to reflect minimum expectations for public retirement system management and administration, as well as serve as a benchmark by

ATTORNEY GERRY D'AMBROSIO HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF D'AMBROSIO COUNSELORS AT LAW

Cary Shuman photos

Well-known Revere attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio hosted a Holiday Party on Dec. 2 at the Boston College Club celebrating the 25th anniversary of D'Ambrosio Counselors At Law.

More than 200 guests, including a large contingent of Revere officials and residents, enjoyed a buffet dinner and dessert, along with musical entertainment provided by Luciano Russo.

Gerry D'Ambrosio graduated magna cum laude from Boston University and cum laude



Michelle D'Ambrosio, Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, Mayor Brian Arrigo and First Lady of Revere Daveen Arrigo.

from Suffolk University D'Ambrosio Counselors Law School. He founded At Law in 1998.



Family and friends of Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, pictured at the holiday party and 25th anniversary celebration. Front row from left to right are Lilian Vega, Antonio D'Ambrosio (Gerry's father), Antonietta D'Ambrosio (Gerry's mother), Luigi Bianco and Antonietta Bianco. Back row are Juan Aguilar and Saber Abougalala.



Paul Buonfiglio and Gerry D'Ambrosio.



Gerry D'Ambrosio, Deputy Fire Chief Paul Cheever, and Jennifer Cheever.



Gerry D'Ambrosio welcomes State Rep. Jeff Turco and his wife, Melissa Turco, to the Holiday Party celebrating the 25th anniversary of the law firm, D'Ambrosio Counselors At Law.



Gerry D'Ambrosio, Joshua Verrengia, Ilenia Verrengia, and Mayoral Aide Gianni Hill.



Gianni Hill, aide to Mayor Brian Arrigo, and Revere Director of Elder Services Deb Peczka.



Assistant City Solicitor Cheryl McCormick, Denise Masiello, Gerry D'Ambrosio, City Clerk Ashley Melnik, and State Rep. Jessica Giannino.



Gerry D'Ambrosio, with the charismatic vocalist, Luciano Russo, who did a great job entertaining the guests with a selection of holiday songs and popular tunes.



Gerry D'Ambrosio and Office Manager Noelle Spagnuolo, who was the organizer of the holiday party.



Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe and Saber Abougalala, owner of The Good Diner, 361 Broadway, Revere.



Attorney Nancy O'Neil of D'Ambrosio Counselors At Law, with her father, Chelsea District Court Assistant Clerk Magistrate Edward O'Neill.



Gerry D'Ambrosio welcomes Ward 5 Councillor John Powers and his granddaughter, Madeline Case, to the Holiday Party held at the Boston College Club, 100 Federal St.



Gerry D'Ambrosio with his cousin, Paul D'Ambrosio, and Paul's guest, Jessica Donaghe.



Michelle D'Ambrosio and her daughter, Gabriella, who is a third-year student at Suffolk University Law School.



Gerry D'Ambrosio and his wife, Michelle D'Ambrosio, with Revere City Council President Gerry Visconti and his wife, Danielle Visconti.



Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio greets Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden as he arrives for the holiday party.

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Bass-baritone Ryan McKinney will star as Béla Bartók in the upcoming "Bluebeard's Castle."

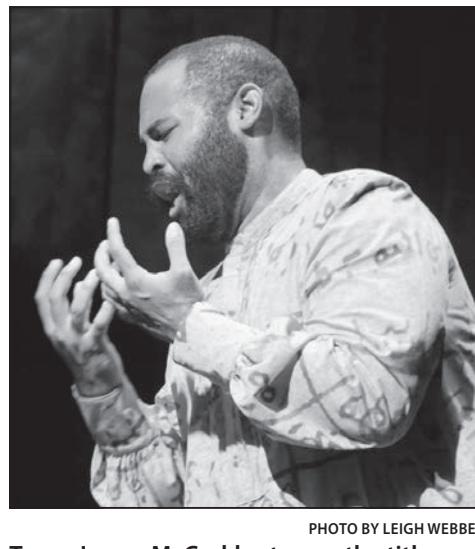


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Tenor Jamez McCorkle stars as the title character, Omar, in the upcoming performances of "Omar."

Boston Lyric Opera to present a new production of Bluebeard's Castle from director Anne Bogart

Special to the Journal

Casting and production announcements for Boston Lyric Opera's spring 2023 performances are being released today, including performers in BLO's premiere production of Bluebeard's Castle/Four Songs in March 2023 and the New England premiere of Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels' new opera, Omar in May 2023. Public tickets for both performances are on sale December 1.

BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE/FOUR SONGS

Bass-baritone Ryan McKinney stars as the fictional, fairytale character Bluebeard in Béla Bartók's one-act psychological thriller Bluebeard's Castle that will be paired with the dramatic song cycle Four Songs (Vier Lieder) by composer Alma Mahler (wife of Gustav). The highly anticipated production is directed by Anne Bogart, whose 2019 version of The Handmaid's Tale for BLO received universal acclaim and was one of BLO's best-selling shows. Naomi Louisa O'Connell sings the role of Judith, the bride who realizes she's gotten herself into a much different post-nuptial situation than she envisioned. O'Connell also performs Mahler's "Four Songs." BLO Music Director David Angus conducts. Bluebeard's Castle/Four Songs will play March 22-26, 2023 in an immersive, multi-genre

experience that includes a salon-like atmosphere, dance and more installed at The Terminal @ Flynn Cruiseport in South Boston.

A full list of the Bluebeard's Castle/Four Songs artistic and production team is available at <https://blo.org/bluebeard/>.

OMAR

Tenor Jamez McCorkle stars in Omar, the title role he premiered at the Spoleto Festival last spring and brought to LA Opera this fall. Omar is the story of Omar Ibn Said, a prominent scholar of the Islamic faith and many other subjects, who was born to a wealthy West African family.

Enslaved in South Carolina at 37 years old, Ibn Said escaped his first place of enslavement and headed to North Carolina where he lived as a slave until his death in 1864. His is the only known autobiographical essay written in Arabic by a Muslim man enslaved in America.

Grammy winner Rhiannon Giddens wrote the libretto and composed the music in partnership with film and orchestral composer Michael Abels for a production conceived by Kaneza Schaal. Classical Voice San Francisco called the production "a profoundly moving spectacle," and lauded McCorkle's performance as "a career-defining role." Michael Ellis Ingram conducts the BLO Orchestra and Chorus.

Additional casting announced for Omar in-

cludes Cierra Byrd in the role of Fatima, Omar's Mother and Daniel Okulitch playing the dual roles of enslavers James Owen / Johnson. BLO Emerging Artists (current and alumni) in principal roles include: Neal Ferreira as Auctioneer / Taylor; Emma Sorenson as Eliza, Little Daughter; Nicholas LaGesse as Abdul, Omar's Brother / Abe; and Fred C. VanNess Jr. as Amadou-Renty. Catherine Daniel plays Katie Ellen/The Caller. Omar plays May 4-7, 2023 at the Emerson Cutler Majestic Theater.

Additional casting for Omar and a list of the original production creative team is available at <http://www.blo.org/omar>.

Omar is co-commissioned by Spoleto Festival USA, Carolina Performing Arts, L.A. Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago and San Francisco Opera. It is inspired by Dr. Ala Alryyes's translation of Omar Ibn Said's autobiography in his book A Muslim American Slave: The Life of Omar Ibn Said.

Individual tickets for BLO's Spring 2023 performances of Bluebeard's Castle/Four Songs and Omar are on sale December 1. Two-show subscriptions, also available now, offer a 10% discount over individual tickets.

Subscriptions and individual tickets can be purchased online at blo.org, by phone at 617.542.6772 or by email at boxoffice@blo.org.

Public program honors Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at Charlestown Navy Yard

Special to the Journal

National Parks of Boston hosted a commemorative service and a wreath-laying ceremony at the USS Constitution Museum and on the World War II-era destroyer USS Cassin Young to remember and honor those who perished in the attack on the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The free three-part public program on Wednesday, December 7, was held in Charlestown Navy Yard, followed by an outdoor ceremony beside USS Cassin Young, and a return to the Museum for refreshments, generously sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Services.

Participating in the ceremony was National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey, USS Constitution Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand, USS Constitution Commander Billie J. Farrell, USN, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Affairs Cheryl Poppe, Boston Commissioner of Veterans' Services Robert Santiago, and other special guests including Kay Van Valkenburgh, great grandson of Captain Franklin Van Valkenburgh of USS Arizona. The program will include the USN Color Guard and rifle and cannon salutes from both Cassin Young and Constitution. The public will also be invited to participate in the Museum's "50,000 Letters of Gratitude" initiative to send letters of appreciation to veterans, active service members, and their families.

USS Cassin Young was named for U.S. Navy Commander Cassin Young, recipient of the Medal of Honor for his distinguished and heroic actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor, which initiated the United States' entry into World War II. As commanding officer of USS Vestal, which was moored to USS Arizona, Comdr. Young took personal command of his ship's three-inch anti-aircraft gun at the beginning of the attack. When the forward magazine of Arizona was hit, Cmdr. Young

was thrown overboard and incredibly swam back to his ship amidst burning oil on the water between the two ships. Despite the subsequent bombing of Vestral, Comdr. Young moved his ship away from Arizona to save the ship and countless lives.

Cassin Young has similarly served the country with distinction. It was built in San Pedro, California, typical of the many Fletcher-class destroyers constructed in the Charlestown Navy Yard during World War II. The ship was commissioned at the end of 1943 and first saw action in the Pacific Theatre in 1944. It took part in the landings in the Philippines, rescued survivors from the stricken carrier USS Princeton, screened the American force that sank four Japanese carriers in the battle of Cape Engano, and survived two separate kamikaze hits, one of which killed 21 crew members. No stranger to Charlestown, the ship was recalled to service in 1951 and underwent modernization at the shipyard on several occasions during the next decade before finally hauling down her commissioning pennant in 1960.

"It is fitting that we remember this day aside Cassin Young at Charlestown Navy Yard, one of the first of six Navy Yards in the country," said National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey. "Today, the National Park Service protects the Cassin Young and provides a home base for USS Constitution, to honor the service people of the United States Navy past and present, and provide current and future generations the opportunity to forge meaningful connections to these national treasures and iconic cornerstones of the American story."

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The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum's mission is to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice in the "Best History Museum" category and Boston Parents Paper's Family Favorites in the "Historic Sites & Tours" and "Museums & Attractions" categories. For more information, visit uscm.org.

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City Council gets high school project update

By Adam Swift

It's a busy holiday season for those working to build the new Revere High School.

A number of critical deadlines for the project are coming up by the end of the year, as consultants and engineers have been able to start analyzing the 33-acre Wonderland site that will be the site of the new high school.

Last week, the City Council got an update on the current status of the building project and the upcoming timeline from Brian Dakin, the senior project manager from Leftfield, the city's project manager for the new high school.

Within the next several weeks, the School Committee and the council will vote on approving the schematic plans for the project, essentially setting a budget for the project as it moves before the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for approval.

Over the beginning of next year, the MSBA will decide whether it will approve the plans and maximum budget, and also determine the reimbursement amount the city will get from the state for the project, according to Dakin.

"Tonight, we just want to give you an update on the high school project, there are no motions or votes associated with this,

but we will be back in two weeks to finish off the update," Dakin told the

council.

One of the highlights of the update was the news that the design and construction team have secured access to the Wonderland site within the past week and were on site on Monday.

"The project has consultants down on the site coordinating with some city engineers to do some initial survey work and geotechnical testing work and environmental testing work that is really going to set up the development ... in terms of the design and the budget," said Dakin.

"We all know there are a lot of restrictions on this site, possibly the biggest of which is the Eastern County Ditch .. which kind of bisects the site into two pieces."

Dakin noted that there will be environmental permitting through the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA) that could last more than a year.

One of the critical aspects of that permitting will be whether MEPA considers the old Wonderland track to currently be a wetland site. That ruling will determine where the new school complex is situated on the property, whether the site has one or two athletic fields, and how much land on the property will be left over for development by the city.

"Even though we have been talking about this project for a handful of years, we are still really



A rendering of what the front entrance of the new Revere High School could look like.

at the conclusion of schematic design, so we have another year to year and a half of design refinement and permitting," said Dakin.

The preferred site plan for the new high school includes the two playing fields, land left over for the city, and has the school building on high ground close to the old track site.

If MEPA determines the old track is a wetlands area, the complex would have to shift further away from the track site, limiting the acreage that could be used.

Both site options have parking under the building, and vehicles entering and exiting the site from the two signaled intersections with plenty of queuing onsite for separate bus and vehicle pick ups and drop offs, according to Dakin.

"It will probably take until the middle of next year to get far enough into the permitting process to know if we are going to have to avoid that potential wetland up at the track loop," said Dakin.

Where the building is located on the property won't affect the design of

the building.

The appearance of the building will follow a wave and ocean concept, with the four-story classroom wing resembling a wave.

As he presented the schematic plans for the exterior and interior of the new school, Dakin noted that the project is still in the schematic design stage, and there is still another 12 to 18 months of refinement of the plans in the works.

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While there is not a field house planned for the new high school, Dakin said the gym will be able to support indoor track activities.

Plans also call for a ninth grade cafeteria on the second floor, and a media commons on the third floor.

"If you drive around the back of the building, you would be at grade and able to get into the garage area," said Dakin. "Right now, there are 333 parking spaces."

Who will be using the parking spaces and the possibility of using the parking after school hours will be worked out by the school and the city, he added.

"We anticipate in two

weeks to present the results of the schematic design estimating process and to ask the city council to approve completion of schematic design," said Dakin.

Dakin. "It's not approving the design, the design's not done; it's not approving the final schedule, the schedule is going to evolve; it's not approving a final number, the estimates are going to continue to evolve."

In March, after the schematic plans and estimates are approved by the MSBA, Dakin said there will be a scope and budget agreement with the state that will be brought to the School Committee and council for approval.

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"We anticipate in two

budget, and we didn't really want to show up with nothing on the budget and say we are in the process of doing the estimates," said Dakin.

At the completion of the last phase of the preliminary design process, the Wonderland option for building was estimated to cost about \$390,000 million, not including land acquisition costs. The city council recently approved spending nearly \$30 million to acquire the Wonderland property.

That initial estimate had the MSBA covering \$154 million of the cost through a grant, with the city's total cost at \$236 million.

Due to skyrocketing construction costs, Dakin said the estimate that comes forward in two weeks will be higher than \$391 million.

"That's mostly driven by extraordinary market escalation in construction that continued to go above and beyond what all estimators in my industry were previewing through the first few years of Covid," said Dakin.

While the cost of the project should easily outpace the \$400 million mark, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly said there is some potential good news at the state and MSBA level.

She said the MSBA could potentially put a freeze on funding all smaller projects so that it can increase funding for larger core projects such as the new Revere High School.

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FAIR HOUSING PLAN BEGINS

CHELSEA - A new fair housing plan in the city aims to address housing discrimination and help identify needs and barriers to fair and affordable housing, and establish goals and strategies to break down those barriers.

The city's Department of Housing and Community Development is spearheading the effort, with funding from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Development Block Grant Program and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. The community development department will work in collaboration with residents, housing agencies, and community based organizations to make the plan a reality.

Housing discrimination and affordability has been a major priority for many city departments and organizations over the past several years, and an equitable fair housing plan was set as a major priority of the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance and Chelsea Black Community.

"We are pleased to announce the Fair Housing Plan, the results of an invaluable partnership with the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance and Chelsea Black Community," said Alex Train, Director of Housing and Community Development. "Against a backdrop of a housing crisis affecting residents across the community, the city is committed to ardently defending against discrimination of protected classes, to ensure all Chelsea residents have access to affordable and safe housing."

Train added that the plan will encompass substantial community input and help guide investments in affordable housing, community development, housing stability, and social services.

An advisory committee of residents, local housing specialists, and community based organizations held its first meeting earlier this month and will meet again in December. Additional focus groups, interviews, events, and meetings will be part of the community process.

"Community engagement is fundamental in this project," said Housing and Community Development Manager Erica McCarthy. "New and long-standing residents experience various housing realities. Folks with disabilities, seniors, children, teens, and families have unique housing needs."

Once complete the Fair Housing Plan will offer a roadmap for the city and partner agencies to tackle entrenched barriers to fair housing.

"While we as a society

have collectively navigated our way through a pandemic, one of the emerging impacts has been an even wider economic disparity in our communities," said Candace Perez, the city's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion officer. "The insecurity of our economy is felt in all levels of our society, and this disparity is even more apparent in the space of housing and equitable opportunities for a safe, affordable place to live. The City's Fair Housing Plan Initiative is focused on not only identifying the mitigating factors of housing inequality, but also advocating for the substantial allotment of quality housing developments in Chelsea and in our communities beyond."

She added that the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is a collaborator and partner in this endeavor, ensuring that all residents - regardless of their socioeconomic status - have access to obtaining equitable, affordable housing.

It's anticipated that the

plan will be completed by next summer. Anyone with input or questions can contact McCarthy at (617) 466-4197.

COUNCIL REMEMBERS RICHARD SASSO

EVERETT - The Everett City Council honored the late Richard Sasso with a moment of silence at Monday's Council meeting.

Mr. Sasso, who owned and operated the 8/10 Bar and Grille on Norwood Street for the past 16 years, died on Nov. 25. He was 62 years old.

"He was a wonderful man," said Councilor Wayne Matewsky. "Everybody knows what a great restaurant it is, with great food and great employees. And he was one nice guy."

Matewsky said that Mr. Sasso worked hard to build a successful business in Everett. "He opened a business here. He bought the building after opening the restaurant. His father, Attorney Joseph Sasso, is a former alderman in this city."

Councilor Al Lattanzi recalled his strong friendship with Richard Sasso.

"Richie and I were great friends - the last couple of years we got even closer when he had some issues with his health," said Lattanzi. "I used to call him all the time and check on him. My wife told me on Saturday morning that he had passed. I was in shock. Tears came to my eyes. He was such a nice guy. I'm going to miss him a lot. His dad and his mother are great people. I've been to their house."

"Richie had that wonderful restaurant on Norwood Street," continued Lattanzi. "It was a gathering place for most of the Council. His dad was a councilor in 1963-1964.

LA COLABORATIVA HOLDS FOOD GIVEAWAY

La Colaborativa held a massive food giveaway event under the Route 1 Viaduct at 63 Sixth Street. Over \$200,000 were distributed to all who came



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United States Senator Ed Markey (second from left) poses for a selfie with La Colaborativa staff members: Chief Operating Officer Dini Paulino, Director of Policy and Organizing and Chelsea City Councilor Norieliz DeJesus (second from right), and Executive Director Gladys Vega (right), with Chelsea City Councilor and business owner Tanairi Garcia.

throughout the day. United States Senator Ed Markey came to see the operation for himself and helped in the distribution.



City Councilor of District 7 Tanairi Garcia, with the help of Kenny Baez and Chabelo Plaitez, moves a pallet of food packages to bring to elderly residents that she knew who needed food to be delivered to them.

park this far away from my house."

I love the design, I love the partnership with Eastie Farm, but it's getting to the point - it's really problematic - the parking," said Andryauskas.

Alexandra Zuluaga also expressed her frustration explaining that her father needs to search for almost an hour nightly to find parking in the area.

"Honestly, I know that you increased the amount of parking spaces by 30% - good job - for me, I mean, the minimum is a one-to-one ratio at this point. I mean, there's just no place else," said Zuluaga.

While parking is undoubtedly a significant issue, safety is another, considering the Donald McKay School is a direct abutter to the proposed development.

Jason Meland, the school's principal, outlined his concerns explaining that 90% of students live within one mile of the school, meaning many kids and their families walk to school.

Meland voiced that he wanted to hear plans for minimizing traffic disruption during potential construction in a high-traffic

Richie will be sorely missed. He was a great friend and I'm just broken hearted."

CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOUT NEW DEVELOPMENT

EAST BOSTON - Residents still have concerns about parking and safety regarding the proposed 9 McKay Place development as project representatives provided updated plans at the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) meeting on Monday, Nov. 28.

The proposed development, comprised of five stories and 41 units, was initially presented to the GSCA in February of 2021 and since then has seen some updates.

One of the most significant updates comes from a partnership with a popular East Boston non-profit organization. The project would commit 1,200 square feet of the ground floor for Eastie Farm.

"We don't really have indoor space. We kind of walk around with our laptops looking for a café or somewhere to sit and have our meetings - but it would be nice to have

some indoor space which is offered here, so we appreciate that," said Eastie Farm Director Kannan Thiruvengadam.

Not only would this partnership benefit the non-profit, but it could also benefit the community as a whole, as Eastie Farm would have more space to store food that it gives out and be an area to teach residents about cooking and more.

Other updates include increasing parking spaces from 27 spaces to 36 as well as kicking back the fifth story of the building to alleviate the building's sense of size. Maneuvering the fifth story also allows room for a rooftop garden patio.

Although some who attended the GSCA meeting praised aspects of the project, some still maintained that parking is a huge issue.

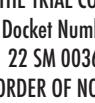
Citing the addition of cars as more units come to areas like Cottage Street, Kaitlin Andryauskas explained that there are just not enough parking spots, especially if this project were to be approved.

She also mentioned it is a safety issue saying, "When I come home late at night, it starts getting unsafe when I have to

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area with kids making their way to and from school.

He also mentioned apprehensions about dust production during construction as students spend

a lot of time outside in a recess yard right behind the job site.

"As the school principal, my primary responsibility is the safety of our school, our students,

and their families," said Meland.

Susan Huang, the Director of Operations at the Donald McKay School, echoed Meland's sentiment saying, "I do think

the size and scope of the project raises safety concerns for our students and families, and I just hope that the developers will take these points into consideration."

Overall, the project seems to have made some moves to quell concerns, but it is clear that residents are still worried about the issues it could cause.

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Goncalves, who presented the updated plans, took all the feedback Monday and emphasized that this meeting is only the beginning of a community discussion.

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RPS Fine Arts Director, Kelly Williams, looking to use art education to increase academic success

By Melissa Moore-Randall

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Williams, who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design, photography and communications, a Master's Degree in Art Education, and an Education Specialist Degree (CAGS) in Leadership, previously has taught art for 15 years.

Kelly's calling to be an art teacher began in high school in a typography class. "It was that year that I realized college was actually a possibility for me. My drive to become a teacher rather than a graphic designer stemmed from the need to be the same inspiration to one student the way Mr. Harney was to me. That drive landed me at Lesley University realizing my calling was to be an art teacher."

According to Williams, "The vision of the RPS Fine Arts Department is aimed to encourage understanding and appreciation for the visual and performing arts world by all RPS students through arts education that embodies equity, diversity, and inclusion. A department that celebrates all."

"Since my first year teaching I have always dreamt of having a leadership position based in the Arts. During my education in leadership I focused on schools that used the arts as motivation and tools to teach all subjects and curriculum. Author and Educator Linda F. Nathan has been an inspiration since her days as the founding Headmaster at Boston Arts Academy."

"I strongly believe that increasing arts education opportunities for all students can lead to increased academic success, while encouraging student confidence and bravery. Strong art education programming empowers students



RPS Fine Arts Director Kelly Williams and her family.

to express themselves and their emotions. Arts education provides tools to advocate, communicate and engage the community. Now more than ever students need the arts. It is my commitment and intent to lead and support RPS in growing our arts programs for all students

in Revere. Revere is a very special place and the students here deserve nothing less than the chance to find success and happiness through the arts."

The core responsibilities of the Director of Fine Arts is the development of curriculum, promotion of innovative instructional practices, and the coordination of the teaching and learning activities for fine arts programs, collaborating and implementing the coordination of yearly showcases of student art, music and theater, build and sustain coherent instrument and choral programs, comprehensive theater arts and art pro-

grams, and provide leadership to ensure that instructional strategies and materials meet the needs of Revere's diverse student population, including but not limited to differences of ability, developmental level, gender, interest, race, ethnicity, and experience.

The Department has many exciting projects in the works. The new Citylab Innovation High School just held its first community art show.

There will also be theater productions of Matilda at the Hill, Alice in Wonderland at the RMA, a theater show about Decades at SBA and the musical production of In the Heights to kick off the return of the Revere High School theater program. There will be a district wide art exhibit this spring featuring art work and performances from across our schools.

"Our visual and performing arts teachers work

extremely hard and with this position being added they are able to focus on providing learning opportunities for our students through the arts without feeling alone. I plan to be there to support their student centered showcases and encourage them to do what they do best while increasing their resources and access to arts curriculum, professional development and programs."

"You can follow @arts_rps on Instagram and Twitter for updates and postings. A successful arts program starts with community support. "Our department is extremely grateful for the support that has been shown this year so far. I am always looking for ways to connect and find artists in our community," added Kelly.

Williams and her husband, Kevin, a Jamaica native, are the parents of three sons; Kayden 11, Kyan 8, and Kingston 5.

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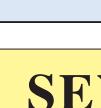
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