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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**MBTA LAUNCHES ONLINE SPEED RESTRICTIONS DASHBOARD**

The MBTA launched a live, online Speed Restriction Dashboard that provides riders with up-to-date information on speed restrictions across the MBTA system. The dashboard reports on location, speed limit, when a restriction was put in place, and the reason for the restriction on the Red, Orange, Blue, Mattapan, and Green lines. The dashboard also provides the percentage of track under restriction, distance by individual line or systemwide, and total number of restrictions and can be viewed at [mbta.com/speedrestrictions](http://mbta.com/speedrestrictions). The dashboard is refreshed daily with data provided by the MBTA's enterprise asset management system and helps riders see where speed restrictions are located with maps they are accustomed to seeing. The speed restriction activity summary will help illustrate the ongoing work the MBTA is doing to clear restrictions within the system. Last month, the MBTA began to provide riders with speed restriction data by releasing a static dashboard that reported infor-

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## Council narrowly votes to request reconsideration of existing Revere High School site for new building



RHS Junior Maya Merino (above) leads a chant of "Scholars Over Dollars."

Right, RHS students protested the Revere City Council's decision not to build a new high school, and the Wonderland site is to be returned to its owners. Giada Caruso and Bella Stamatopoulos hold signs.



By Adam Swift

The latest round in the drama of building a new Revere High School took place at Monday night's City Council meeting, with the council voting to request that the current high school site be considered the preferred location of a new school for submission to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

The full council voted 6-5 in favor of the motion presented by Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti, despite its failing to garner a positive recommendation during an earlier ways and means subcommittee meeting on Monday.

The four councillors who have consistently

voted to move forward with the Wonderland site for a new high school – Patrick Keefe, Steven Morabito, John Powers, and Marc Silvestri – all serve on the six member ways and means subcommittee and voted against Visconti's motion. In the full council, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, who voted present to move the Wonderland schematics forward to the MSBA, also voted against Visconti's motion.

"A few weeks ago, the city council did not pass the schematic design at the Wonderland site," said Visconti at the beginning of the ways and means meeting. "It was evident that in order to move

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## Council wants state to provide some mitigation during tunnel work closure

By Adam Swift

With the Summer Tunnel slated to close for a big portion of the summer for reconstruction, some City Councillors would like to see the state's transportation department provide some relief for local commuters on the Tobin Bridge.

At Monday night's meeting, the council approved a motion from Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti requesting a representative from MassDOT and the state legisla-

tive delegation appear before the council to discuss plans for the tunnel closure. In addition, Visconti requested state officials not enforce the bus lane on the Tobin Bridge to help alleviate congestion for commuters.

"Any relief we can give travelers on that bridge would help the city, as well," said Visconti. "I would like to know what their intentions are, and what they can do to help the congestion on the bridge."

Councillor-at-Large

Dan Rizzo said he often drives over the Tobin Bridge and doesn't believe there is enough bus traffic to warrant all other vehicles being forced to use the left lanes. He added the city could discuss with the DOT making them HOV lanes to help with traffic while the tunnel is being reconstructed.

"That bus lane on the Tobin Bridge has really been a disaster for our community," said Ward 6 Councillor Richard Ser-

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## Correa tells Disabilities Comm. of city's commitment to inclusion

Staff Report

The Revere Commission on Disabilities held its regular monthly meeting on March 14 via Zoom. On hand for the meeting were chair Ralph DeCicco, vice-chair Pauline Perno, Asmaa Fouda, and Mario Grimanis.

Claudia Correa, the city's Chief of Talent and Culture, was the guest speaker. Correa briefly described the duties of her office and role in city government.

"Our main objective is to package everything together, working with all city agencies and commissions, toward a goal

of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)," said Correa, who noted that March is National Disabilities Month. "Diversity is not based solely on race or the color of our skin or nationality. We have to make sure that the city is as inclusive as possible."

Correa noted that DeCicco and she will be touring all of the city's buildings to assess their compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

"We have to do more than check a box," added Correa. "We have to be intentional about letting residents with disabilities know that they are wel-

come in our city."

"I really appreciate how you spoke," said Perno, "not merely about making things accessible, but getting the word out about accessibility."

Correa noted that conducting city government meetings via Zoom is an example of making city government accessible to those with disabilities.

"One thing that came out of COVID is that it showed that we can use the technology and we need to embrace the technology," added DeCicco. "This opens up an avenue for all persons to become

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## Human Rights Comm. adopts its Vision

Staff Report

The Revere Human Rights Commission (HRC) held its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, March 9, via Zoom.

Chairperson Janine Grillo Marra and fellow commissioners Kourou Pich, Rev. Timothy Borgertmen, Fire Chief Chris Bright, Molly McGee, and Rachid Moukhabir were in attendance.

The HRC's new Executive Director, Claudia Correa, who is the city's recently-appointed Chief Officer of Talent and Culture, also was on hand for the meeting.

After starting with the usual Land Acknowledgement (in which the commission acknowledges the Pawtucket Tribe as "the original overseers of this land"), Marra then led the group through a brief meditative session to "arrive and settle" prior to getting into the business of the evening.

Marra 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

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## REVERE POLICE SARGENT CHRIS GIANNINO HONORED



Sgt. Chris Giannino recently retired after his 33 years of service with the Revere Police Department. Sgt. Giannino worked in many roles at RPD but most notably as the Supervisor of the Traffic Division. Attendees at the time thank Giannino for your long time service and dedication to the community, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

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# ConsComm rejects application for duplexes at 6 and 14 Beverly St.

Staff Report

The Revere Conservation Commission (ConsComm) held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, March 1, in the City Council Chambers.

Chairman John Shue and fellow commissioners Joseph LaValle, Brian Averbach, Robert Cassidy, and Nicholas Rudolph were on hand for the meeting.

The principal portion of the meeting concerned an application for a Notice of Intent (NOI) to construct a pair of new duplex residences at 6 and 14 Beverly St. The project has come before the commission in the past under the previous owners of the property. Although the commission rejected the application on each occasion, the most recent rejection was appealed by the previous owner to the state Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP), which overruled the Revere commission's decision and issued an NOI.

However, that owner allowed the NOI to lapse, thus requiring the new owner of the property to come before the commission once again to seek an NOI.

An engineer from Hayes Engineering of Wakefield presented the application. He acknowledged the opposition of homeowners in the neighborhood, who contend that construction on the two vacant plots of land will exacerbate flooding problems in the area.

He said that the developer has proposed installing a pump and pipe that will tie into the city's stormwater drainage system on Arcadia St. and that will improve the drainage for the entire neighborhood.

However, that will require one of the homeowners on Arcadia St., whose properties abut the Beverly St. lots in the rear, to grant an easement for the pipe to run through their property to Arcadia St. In return, those homeowners would be able to tie-in their present basement sump pumps into the new pipeline to discharge into the city's Arcadia St.

stormwater drainage system (which flows into the ocean).

The engineer noted that the proposed pump-and-drain pipe system is not required for the project, but is being offered by the developer as a benefit for the entire neighborhood. He further noted that even without the pumping system, drainage from the site will be captured and contained in a large catch basin on the site itself.

Still, the proposal was met with questions from the neighbors.

"Every time it rains, the basin in front of my house just flows right to my house," said Anthony Parziale of 51 Arcadia St.

Lorena Lanza of 96 Arcadia St. noted that the ditch on Arcadia fills within two hours of a rain storm and that pumping more water up to Arcadia only will create more problems.

Steven Fiore of 3 Ellerton St. (which is located at the corner of Argyle and Ellerton) said, "What troubles me is that we're going to help our neighbors on Beverly St., but put more water onto Arcadia and Argyle Sts."

Ward 5 City Councillor John Powers spoke against the project.

"I've been coming before the Conservation Commission opposing development on that site since I've been on the City Council," said Powers. "Each and every time the Conservation Commission did not issue an Order of Conditions and I'm grateful for that. My feeling is no one down there should be impacted by stormwater. We just spent money for all of the catch basins on Arcadia, Ellerton, and York and tripled the capacity of the storm drains down there.

"We just cleaned the county ditch from Wonderland all the way to Arcadia St.," continued Powers. "I would hope that this gets continued in order to speak to the City Engineer in order to see what can be done for the residents of this area.

"If we're going to do this, then let's make sure we do it right," said Pow-

ers. "But if not, then it should be denied."

"I've watched the water in that field (of the proposed construction site) for 50 years," said Tony Chiulli of 50 Oak Island St. "That lot was full of water after a storm in January. None of the catch basins and storm drains on Oak Island St. (a roadway that is under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation) are in working order. The water runs down Arcadia into the catch basins there. The DCR is aware that their catch basins and storm drains don't work.

"The DCR should be contacted to see whether they'd be willing to do something to alleviate the problem on Oak Island St.," Chiulli added.

The commissioners then spoke on the issue.

"I've always opposed this in the past and am doing so this time," said LaValle, the senior member of the commission. "This project only will add to the problems that are there now."

"We have a project before us that has been approved by the state DEP previously," said Shue. "I've gone through the Wetlands Protections Act and I haven't found anything where this is not compliant.

"Does the project as proposed meet the standards of the act?" Shue continued. "I've looked at it and it does. This will not exacerbate the (water) situation for anybody there and the developer will be increasing the size of the retention area. The reality is that most of those houses in the area never should have been built."

Shue then offered a motion to approve the issuance of the NOI with an Order of Conditions pertaining to the leaching basin, increasing the size of the depression on-site, and, if there can be an agreement with the neighbors with the approval of the city, for a pumping system to Arcadia St.

However, the board voted 2-2-1 on the question (with Shue and Averbach in favor, Cassidy and LaValle opposed, and Rudolph abstaining), thus rejecting the application.

The developer now has recourse to appeal that decision to the state DEP, which has the ability to override the local commission, which the DEP has done in the past.

By contrast, the request for an NOI for a project at 465 Revere Beach Blvd. met no opposition from neighbors.

Rick Salvo Salvo from Engineering Alliance presented the application to the commission. He said that the long-time owner, Ramona Giuffre, is seeking permission for the re-construction of what presently is a five-unit apartment building into an 11-unit apartment building on the property.

"Almost 100 percent of this site already has been disturbed and is occupied by existing buildings and paved areas," said Salvo, who noted that the project has received a special permit from the City Council to alter a pre-existing, non-conforming structure to expand the non-conformity by increasing the height of the building and the number of units.

In response to a question from Shue, Salvo said that the project will be able to self-contain rainwater from a 100-year rain storm in order to handle up to eight inches of rain water in a 24-hour period.

The commissioners unanimously approved the issuance of an NOI with the usual conditions.

The commission also took up the matter of approving a modified plan for an apartment building on Salem St. which was necessitated because of paperwork errors in the original application.

The commission approved the project after the initial hearing, despite heated opposition from nearby residents, but none of the opponents showed up at this hearing. The commission unanimously approved the issuance of a new NOI.

In another matter on the agenda, the commission continued until next month taking action on an application by the city for an NOI pertaining to improvements at Leach Park in Beachmont.

The project involves the replacement of a wood fence, removal of tree stumps, construction of ADA-accessible entrance, the installation of an ADA-compliant 2200 sq. ft. walkway, and planting of a rain garden and indigenous trees.

City Planner Frank Stringi told the commission that this is "a public improvement to a passive park. There were three homes on the site prior to the Blizzard of '78, but FEMA brought out the homeowners and deeded the property to be used as a park in perpetuity."

The commission was unable to take a vote because of the need for updated plans that will be presented at its next meeting in April.

## Vision // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

everyone, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, have equitable opportunities, equal access, and are treated with dignity, respect, fairness, and justice."

In the Monthly Acknowledgements section, the HRC marked National Women's Day (March 8) and March as Women's History Month.

The members then took up a proposed Vision for the HRC, which was derived from submissions made during creation of the Mission Statement:

"A thriving Revere where all community members live free of racism, poverty, violence, and other systems of oppression, and where everyone has equitable access, opportunities, and resources, as well as a sense of belonging."

McGee made a motion to accept the Vision which was seconded by Chief Bright. The commission members then unanimously adopted the Vision.

The commissioners then reviewed its Yearly Roadmap of Activities for which Marra presented a first draft, which consisted of a review of the events that the commis-

sion has undertaken thus far this year and those that it hopes to accomplish in the upcoming months

The items the HRC will be highlighting in the coming months include:

-- April: The 21-day Racial Equity Challenge in April, a celebration of Diversity Month, Arab-American Heritage Month, Cambodian New Year, and Autism Awareness Month;

-- May: National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Jewish-American Heritage Month, Haitian Heritage Month, Indian Heritage Month, and Older American Month;

-- June: Juneteenth Celebration and Pride Month (Tea Dance);

-- September: Hispanic Heritage Month;

-- October: Italian Heritage Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Indigenous People's Day;

November: Native American Heritage Month; and

December: Universal Human Rights Month.

The commission's next meeting is set for Thursday, April 6.

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mation from the previous month.

"Today's dashboard provides daily updates on our data based on activity from the previous day and was launched with the goal of providing transparent and timely information to our customers," said Interim General Manager Jeff Gonnevill. "The dashboard delivers information that is clear and will assist riders in better understanding why they are experiencing slower conditions while riding the T. As we continue to validate and address track deficiencies, we also expect that over time, this

platform will demonstrate the progress we're making to remove speed restrictions. We know these restrictions impact riders' daily commutes and we will continue to be transparent about the ongoing, daily work to improve our transit system."

Users of the dashboard will be able to see when speed restrictions were put in place starting from January 2023 and review a summary of changes over time. This dashboard will provide riders with the latest information available at the start of each day providing a new level of transparency.

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no. "What happens now is you take an entire lane of the Tobin Bridge, and now the traffic backs up to around Park Avenue and Mountain Avenue at times."

Serino said it would be nice to see the state give Revere a little consideration when it comes to traffic and other issues on

Rte. 1.

"As always with the state, we get screwed when it comes to Rte. 1 in terms of the transponders, the tolls, and no sound barriers," said Serino. "The least they can do is suspend the bus lane, and, I would argue, get rid of it because it was a stupid idea in the first place."



RevereTV went beyond the concert celebration for St. Patrick's Day at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center. Along with the event coverage that has been playing over the past week, you can now watch a highlight reel with interviews from seniors and local representatives at the event. Check it out on the Community Channel or at any time on YouTube.

If you missed it, you can still watch the coverage of Congresswoman Katherine Clark meeting with local Revere representatives and community workers about the Riverfront project. In the video package, you will hear about the initiatives of the project which include new living space, public parks, and shore restoration. This project is in the neighborhood by Gibson Park at the interior of the Point of Pines. From the pictures shown during the press conference, the tidal and storm flooding is evident and the plans being discussed will revitalize the area. Watch now as it replays on RTV GOV in between meetings over the next few weeks.

"Amplify Student Voice" is a show that was started last year and began with Revere High School students. It ended up with just that one episode last year but it is back! This new episode features fourth grade students and includes interviews for their perspective on various topics about their school community. This program will serve to do just as it is titled, to amplify and spotlight the voices of Revere's students. It is created and produced by students and the Student Voice Committee of the Revere Equity Board. Episode two of "Amplify Student Voice" is now playing on the Community Channel at 8:00am and 2:30pm this week. It will remain playing on the channel for a few weeks, but can also be found on YouTube.

The Susan B. Anthony Middle School Drama and Band performance is now playing on the Community Channel and is posted to YouTube. Enjoy the entertainment as SBA students take you back in time with Decades the Musical. The show included musicals and songs from the 1950s to 2020s. Some popular tunes were songs from Grease, The Beatles, Mamma Mia!, High School Musical, and more. Watch the middle school performance as it replays on RTV over the next few weeks.

This week on "In the Loop," you are reminded to fill out your annual census! The Revere city census is sent to household's every year and is important to complete so the city can keep accurate records. The census also keeps your voting records active and up to date. Please complete, sign, and return your census form as soon as possible. Watch this message from "In the Loop" in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or Arabic on RTV's YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

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## Bill Is Filed For "E" Control of Local R. R.

### Result of Ten Years' Efforts

The Gilman-Airola bill providing for the purchase of the Chelsea division of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway at a stipulated price of \$2,000,000 will be filed in the Legislature on Monday.

The bill amends the Elevated Control Act of 1921 by authorizing the Metropolitan Transit District to make the purchase through Elevated bonds, the cost of which will not be reflected on Revere.

A special meeting between Mayor Andrew A. Casassa, Mayor Lawrence F. Quigley, William L. O'Brien, past president of the Revere Chamber of Commerce, and the officials of the Elevated Road and the Eastern Mass., along with the makers of the bill, was held Wednesday in the State House to discuss details of the bill.

The bill in its present form marks the climax of 10 years of effort on the part of Revere citizens to secure legislation necessary for the solution of the transportation problems of Revere.

The bill as it will be presented contains nine sections which outline the intent and purposes of the legislative consent that is necessary.

The bill will be referred to the Metropolitan Affairs Committee on its first reading. Both Representatives Gilman and Airola are members of this committee, the first named being chairman.

### STATE URGED TO BUY UNDERMINED HOUSE

A bill to buy the \$10,000 home of Mrs. Mary Murphy on Endicott ave., Revere, which was undermined as the result of the construction of a parkway in this city by the metropolitan district commission three years ago, was given its first reading in the Senate Monday.

Senator Conde Brodine of Revere, sponsor of the bill, emphasized that construction of the parkway left the Murphy home on a mound and that rains had so undermined the structure that the city of Revere was forced to prop it up. The city now holds an \$800 lien on the house for the work.

Because of the peculiar position of the house Mrs. Murphy is unable to rent it, Senator Brodine said. "This is a wrong which should be corrected," he said, "and it means only \$10,000." Senators James J. Twohig of South Boston and William F. Shanahan of Swampscott favored the measure. Substitution of the bill for the adverse report of the committee on metropolitan affairs prevailed by a vote of 13 to 10. The bill was given its first reading and then was referred to the ways and means committee.

India has a new divorce law under which Hindu women may divorce their husbands for laziness.

### BANK BOOK LOST

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### Garfield Dramatic Group To Present Play For Charity

The second time within a month, the Garfield Dramatic Group, under the direction of Miss Nellie N. Levine, will present "Her Part-Time Husband," a three-act comedy. This time it will be presented under the auspices of the Hebrew Ladies' Charitable Association on Wednesday evening, April 6, at the Hebrew Educational Centre. Mrs. Rose Olitsky is general chairman and she is ably assisted by her committee.

This play met with great approval when it was presented on February 26 at the Garfield School, and Miss Levine and the cast received much praise for its fine performance. The members of the cast and their coach have shown much enthusiasm in their willingness to present a benefit performance, the proceeds of which will be used to buy food and clothing for the poor and needy people in the community.

This is an opportunity for everyone, says the committee in charge, to help their less fortunate neighbors in this difficult period by buying at least one ticket for this performance.

The members of the cast are as follows: Jack Sandler, Alice Olitsky, Saul Adelstein, Helen Walker, Dorothy Hamel, Ethel and Frances Cohen, Eli Werman, and Sam Stranick.

### 14 Driven to Street in Early Morning Fire on Broadway

Fourteen persons were driven out in scanty attire and damage estimated at \$2500 was caused by a fire in a three-story wooden building at 377 Broadway, at 4:40 Tuesday morning, owned by John A. DiPesa of 25 Prospect ave. Sergt. John P. Starkey and Patrolmen John F. Hannigan and Whitman T. Zwicker assisted 10 children to safety.

The fire started in a closet of a store on the first floor, occupied by Pisano's Market, and spread to a barber shop next door and into the tenements above.

Among the families compelled to leave their homes were Mrs. Jennie Sparks and children, Harold, Fred, David and Lorraine; Mrs. Virginia Campatelli and children, Elinor, Alfred, Arthur and Inez; Mr. and Mrs. George Ginepra and children, George and Evelyn. They were cared for in a nearby lunchroom during the time of the blaze.

### MAN IS FOUND DEAD VICTIM OF MONOXIDE GAS

Believed to have been a victim of monoxide gas poisoning, Harry Gatchell, 42, married, of 211 Endicott ave., Beachmont, was found dead on Thursday afternoon, on the seat of his sedan in a private two-car garage at 205 Endicott ave. The body was discovered by another occupant of the garage. He notified the police, who found that the switch in Gatchell's car was turned on and that the engine had probably run until it had exhausted the gasoline supply.

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS CLUB

Dist. Atty. William J. Foley gave an interesting talk on the conduct of his office at the weekly luncheon of the Revere Kiwanis Club, Wednesday noon in Legion Memorial building on Broadway. He also touched on the jury and ballot systems and his handling of juvenile cases.

### MISS BOND ELECTED

Miss Louise Bond, well known in this city, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Jeckeron Maine Club of Boston, which celebrated its 25th anniversary with a banquet and reunion in the Hotel Somerset, Boston, Wednesday.

# Easter

Silently, yet swiftly,  
The pulsing breath of spring  
Is lending life and beauty  
To every living thing;  
Opening bud and blossom  
Along each walk and way,  
Spreading gladness and delight  
To greet the Easter day.

Tinting skies with sapphire,  
Streams with silver bright,  
Sending little winds abroad  
Through the day and night,  
Coaxing fragrant blossoms  
From the bursting sod,  
Crying out a welcome  
To the risen God.

Prompting feathered songsters  
On each leafy bough  
To herald out the tidings:  
"Spring is with us now!  
Let your hearts be happy,  
Throw all cares away,  
Join in nature's symphony  
On this Easter day."

—Katherine Edelman

## Work on "Oil Farm" Promised Very Soon

### Council Grants A New Permit

Revere City Council at their regular meeting Monday night went on record against prohibition and in favor of 4 per cent beer, in support of a recent measure sponsored by Senator Bingham of Connecticut and now pending in Congress.

Councilman Frank M. Bodner introduced the resolution which opposed the spending of millions for enforcement of the prohibition law with its "thousands of spies, sneaks, snooters and smellers." The resolution was passed by a vote of 6 to 3, with Councilors Sweeney, Robertson and Gilfix as opposed.

The transfer of the rights of lot No. 1 of the Boston Port Development Co. to the Tide Water Oil Sales Corporation was approved by the Council. These rights permit the storage on Lot No. 1 of 860,000 barrels of petroleum products in above ground steel storage tanks, and appurtenant wharf, loading racks, pipe lines and handling structures.

Mayor Casassa requested that the Council approve House Bill No. 1246 without delay in order to facilitate the raising of money for overdue as well as current expenses. The City Council responded by passing this bill unanimously.

Mayor Casassa returned without his approval the application of David J. Hartigan, patrolman, for a pension, stating that according to law the applicant must be at least 50 years of age, and since Patrolman Hartigan has not reached the required age he is not eligible for pension. Several petitions were referred to the committee on licenses and permits and these were granted.

### The Mayor's Veto

"I am returning without my approval your order No. 99, application of David J. Hartigan, patrolman in police department for a pension."

Councilman Bodner claims that petition as presented by Mr. Hartigan was under provisions of Chapter 32, section 57 of the General Laws.

He moved that veto of the Mayor be not sustained, which was acted favorably upon by the council.

Communication from the Mayor: "I am transmitting herewith the copy of House Bill 1246: An emergency bill providing for advance payments on account of taxes for the current year in certain cities and

towns; Chapter 94 of the Acts of the year 1932. In accordance with Section 5 in this bill, you will note that it must be accepted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor. I hope that you will act upon this bill this evening as it will be of assistance to us in raising money for current expenses."

It was ordered that the provisions of House Bill 1246, be accepted and adopted on a roll call; nine in the affirmative and none in the negative.

### Opinion on Tax Bonds

Communication and advice from City Solicitor Wendell P. Murray:

"I have your inquiry of March 10, 1932, which is in the following form: 'On motion presented by Councilmen Robertson, White and Gallagher, that the City Solicitor be requested to render an opinion as to the legality of the City Employees accepting tax bonds as payment for salary and labor in order that they might establish their credit with stores and landlords of the City.'

"The difficulty seems to be whether the City Collector would be required to accept these notes in payment of taxes. My own opinion is that there would be no impropriety in his doing so.

"Suppose, for example, that the City Treasurer, being authorized so to do by the Council, should issue a promissory note of the City representing wages overdue; that thereafter at its maturity the holder of such note should present it to the City Treasurer, receive payment in cash, would pay such cash to the City Collector on account of taxes, and that the same money should be returned to the City Treasurer. This would appear to be a perfectly proper transaction.

"In my opinion, the same result would be reached if the amount of the note were credited on the tax bill, in which case the tax payer comes in with a note and goes out with a receipted tax bill.

"However, it seems to be the current opinion that the City Collector is not obliged to receive the notes in payment of taxes, and for this reason the Slowey bill was introduced by the Mayor of the City of Lowell, and I am informed that the bill has not been amended into a very different form than that in which it was originally presented. As it now stands, and is apparently likely to be passed, the bill will permit tax payers to pay the City Collector an amount not exceeding 90 per cent of the anticipated taxes on their prop-

## City Gets Loan of \$250,000

### Employees Rejoice at Prospect of Pay-Day

### Good News Is First Break In Gloom Clouds

Cheerful news for the employees of the city of Revere was received today with the announcement by Mayor Andrew A. Casassa that he has been successful in negotiating a loan of \$250,000, on tax anticipation notes, through banking institutions and that all city employees would receive their pay in full.

Ever since the budget was passed, the Mayor has consulted with the large tax payers of the city and with bank and government officials as to ways and means of raising the necessary money. Receipt of this money attests to the sound financial position of the city and that with the return to normal business conditions throughout the country Revere will have no difficulty in negotiating loans of a similar character.

Mayor Casassa expressed his pleasure in the splendid co-operation shown by all the employees of the city in accepting reductions in their salaries and in making voluntary contributions to the Welfare Department. This attitude on the part of the employees proved to be a most important factor in arousing the interest and confidence of the banking institutions who advanced this loan to Revere.

During this most trying time Governor Ely has constantly shown his belief in the soundness of Revere's financial situation and proved to be a material factor in obtaining financial assistance for Revere from the banks.

Mr. Frank D. Comerford, President of the New England Power Company, Revere's largest tax payer, has been of real constructive help. He has devoted much of his valuable time in helping the city secure the loan.

How or where the city has been given credit for the money now available for employees' salaries and wages, the news is the most heartening that has come to this city for many months, and yesterday it was the sole topic of conversation in the home or on the street.

### CHISHOLM DENIES STORY

A story in the Boston Post of Friday, in which it was stated that the Revere loan had been "arranged with the Suburban Gas & Electric Company through Colin F. Chisholm, its Revere manager," was flatly denied by Manager Chisholm Friday morning.

Mr. Chisholm told The Journal that he had informed a "Post" reporter late Thursday evening, when called on the phone, that he had nothing to say about the reported loan, nor could he tell the reporter where

he could find out about it. Mr. Chisholm frankly admits that he did say that "the city employees of Revere will be very happy tomorrow if the money is secured to pay their salaries."

### Kelley and Dreyer In Campaign To Improve School Grounds

Councilman Thomas U. Kelley, in conjunction with School Committeeman Charles Dreyer, is working to improve the grounds about the Louis Pasteur School, according to advice received here.

There has been considerable criticism made during the last few months concerning the site of a dumping spot on Leverett ave. next to the school grounds.

Councilman Kelley and Committeeman Dreyer plan to have the dump filled in, covered with dirt, turfed, and converted into a playground for the children. If these plans succeed, several other unfavorable conditions about the school will also be corrected. We hope that these changes are made, as it will give the school children a larger playing area, and will remove an eyesore which should not exist so near a school.

### BILL OF CITY TREASURER O'BRIEN GETS HEARING

The Amortization Bill of City Treasurer James M. O'Brien which provides for the setting aside each year of \$45,000 for next ten years to meet payment on tax anticipation notes was given a hearing before the committee on municipal finance Wednesday morning at the State House.

The bill was drawn up by Treasurer O'Brien as a means of lessening the payment of these notes which otherwise have to be met in one year.

### MAYORS' CLUB WILL HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

Hon. Andrew A. Casassa, secretary of the Mayor's Club of Mass., announces what will surely prove to be an interesting meeting at the Parker House, Boston, this afternoon. Instead of inviting a guest speaker, members will give ten-minute talks.

Mayors Ashley of New Bedford, Carriere of Fitchburg and McGrath of Quincy will discuss municipal finances; and Curley of Boston, Murphy of Somerville and Peterson of Woburn will talk on public welfare.

### REPUBLICANS MEET MONDAY

There will be a meeting of the Revere Republican City Committee in the basement of City Hall next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when the speaker will be Mrs. Jennie Loitman Barron, a former member of the Boston school committee.

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# REVERE LODGE OF ELKS 1171 PRESENTS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND HONORS

The Revere Lodge of Elks 1171 on Shirley Avenue held their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner last Friday evening. Along with a delicious dinner for all its members and guests,

the lodge recognizes a Revere Citizen of the Year, and awards plaques to its officers that server above and beyond throughout the year.



Ward 2 Revere City Councillor and Revere Elk, Ira Novoselsky presented Patricia Ciulla a Revere City Council Certificate of Commendation for her dedication to her job in the 911 system and to her community as Citizen of the Year.



Gregory Donnelly was proclaimed the Elk of the Year, presented by Exalted Ruler Sandra Rodriguez.



Patricia Ciulla was presented the Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award by Exalted Ruler Sandra Rodriguez.



District Deputy Laura Evans (right) shown with Exalted Ruler Sandra Rodriguez spoke on how the Revere Lodge exceeded their quota of membership by bringing in 49 new members, the highest in the district. Evans also congratulated Rodriguez for her exceptional job as Exalted Ruler, as her 1 year term comes to an end.



Annessa Schena received the 2022-2023 Outstanding Service Commendation for her tireless dedication to the 1171 Lodge, its members, and the community it serves. Officer Gene Hannon (not pictured) also received an award for his dedication to the lodge. Revere Lodge of Elks 1171 Officer of the Year was Laura Smith (not pictured).



Carolyn Maloney was presented this beautiful red, white, and blue hand knitted blanket for her continuous support of the lodge and to Exalted Ruler Sandra Rodriguez.

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## Revere man pleads guilty to animal cruelty charges after tying dog to steel rod on beach

A Revere man pleaded guilty to one count of animal cruelty by custodian and one count of dog tethering/confining violation for abandoning and tying his dog to a pole on a Revere beach below the high-water mark, Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Judge Jane Prince sentenced Elias Pacheco-Osario, 29, to one year in jail, suspended for two years with the conditions that he pay restitution, complete the Benchmark Animal Rehabilitative Curriculum (BARC) program, and not own any animals.

On August 29, 2021 at approximately 12:15 pm, members from Revere and State police responded to Short Beach in Revere.

Upon arrival, officers located a brown Pit Bull mix chained to a metal pole located near the shoreline. The dog had a thick metal chain around his neck with a heavy boulder attached to prevent the dog from escaping. The secluded section of the beach is usually submerged at high tide, meaning the dog would have likely drowned had it not been rescued.

A witness on scene stated he observed a male, later identified as Pacheco-Osario chain the dog to the pole 40 minutes prior to police arrival. Video surveillance shows Pacheco-Osario walk down the beach ramp with the dog and does not come back up. Video also shows a metal chain collar and

leash attached to the dog are consistent with the collar and chain attached to the dog on scene.

"Many of us may have pets for different reasons; the main reason is the joy they bring to our lives. If someone can no longer care for their pet, there are ways to rehome them, such as bringing them to an adoption center. This man made a cruel and irresponsible choice and he's being held accountable for it," Hayden said

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea,

Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

**Jimma Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund**



Please join us for a buffet fundraiser in memory of Jimma Nelson who passed away suddenly one year ago.

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involved with city government.”

Correa also highlighted the efforts of her office in ensuring that DEI is being applied across all aspects of city government.

DeCicco noted the recent passing of Judy Heumann at the age of 75, a person who was a tireless advocate for persons with disabilities. Heumann, who was wheelchair-bound after contracting polio as a youngster, was a fierce American disability rights activist who was known as the “Mother of the Disability Rights Movement.”

Heumann went to Washington, D.C., in 1993 to serve as the first Assistant Secretary in the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation in the Clinton administration and also worked in the Obama administration as the first Director of Disability Services.

Perno provided updates regarding monthly future guest speakers and her research into obtaining therapy dogs for the city’s schools.

DeCicco presented an update of the CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) monthly Zoom meeting that was held on March 1.

He said two announcements were made at the meeting:

“The Massachusetts Statewide Independent Living Council is having its IL Education Day at the State House and remotely on March 23. You can find out more information by visiting their web site which is <https://ma-silc.org/independent-living-education-day-2023/> or Call the Independent Living Council at 508-620-7452,” said DeCicco.

“Up on Beacon Hill, committees have been assigned, which means bills and budgets will start getting moving soon,” DeCicco continued. “The Disability Policy Consortium’s (DCP) main focuses this session are

on housing affordability and accessibility, parental rights in DCF cases, wheelchair repair, health-care nondiscrimination, and communication access at the State House.

“We have put together a survey for Deaf, Deaf Blind, Deaf Disabled, Hard of Hearing, and Late Deafened people in Massachusetts,” DeCicco added. “If you want to contribute to any of that advocacy, please contact R. Freeman at DCP directly. Their website is <https://www.dpcma.org>.”

DeCicco added that during the meeting, there were two discussions.

“The first was a discussion regarding filling seats and term length for Disability Commissions in various cities and towns,” said DeCicco. “Most places count the beginning of the term from the person’s swearing-in date, but it seems like some cities back-date it to a particular date such as Jan 1 or July 31.

“Another discussion was held regarding accommodations at large events for people who are blind or who have low vision,” DeCicco added. “The general consensus was that it’s important to put information on how to request accommodations and alternative formats on all event announcements, in the minutes, etc.

“It is the ADA coordinator’s job to ensure those notifications are posted, and to respond to them (not the Commission’s). That said, if it’s something big like an annual town meeting, it’s not a bad idea to have some large-print copies of handouts on-hand,” DeCicco concluded, noting that this is the sort of proactive measure being advocated by Correa.

The commissioners discussed the draft letter drawn up by Perno asking the City Council to increase the fine schedule for violators parking in handicapped spaces. In

addition, the commission is seeking to have the fines be directed to the Commission on Disabilities in order for it to implement programs and infrastructure improvements for the benefit of persons with disabilities.

DeCicco pointed out that the maximum fine allowed by state law is \$300. Revere presently has a schedule of escalating fines, starting at \$100, for first, second, and third offenses, but DeCicco noted that many cities and towns simply are assessing the \$300 fine for every offense.

The commissioners will draw up a final version of the letter at its next meeting.

DeCicco reminded the community that the Registry of Motor Vehicles, not the city, is the issuing authority for handicapped parking placards.

The meeting concluded with DeCicco reading the the commission’s monthly reminder for all residents:

“The Commission on Disabilities Office works remotely. Residents can speak to staff from our 311 Constituent Service Center Monday through Friday when you call our office at 781-286- 8267. They will be able to answer most questions, but if they are unable to or if you would like a call back from our department, please ask to be transferred to the Disability office’s voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

“As always, please let us know if you would like something discussed or brought up and added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can let us know if you would like to speak on any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist all the disabled residents and families of Revere.”

The commission’s next meeting (via Zoom) is set for Tuesday, April 11, at 6:00 PM.

# RHS SENIOR GAVIN RUA HONORED AT MASS. JEWISH VETERANS BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST



Revere High School senior Gavin Rua (center) was the recipient of an award for his outstanding leadership, character, community service and brotherhood during the Mass. JWV “Classmates Today-Neighbors Tomorrow” Breakfast March 19 at Lombardo’s in Randolph. Pictured with Gavin, from left, are Past National JWV Commander and Breakfast Co-Chair Ira Novoselsky, Gavin’s parents, Gregory Rua and Erin Rua, and Revere JWV Post 161 Commander Joseph Cole.



Right, past National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Ira Novoselsky greets former U.S. Marine and Retired State Trooper Daniel Clark (right) and his wife, Mary Colarusso, who were the vocalists at the 68th annual Mass. Jewish War Veterans Breakfast at Lombardo’s in Randolph.



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# Forum

## ANOTHER WEEK -- ANOTHER MASS SHOOTING IN AMERICA

The news this week of yet another mass shooting, this time in a private school in a wealthy neighborhood of Nashville, Tennessee, in which six persons (including three, nine year-old children) were killed, once again has highlighted the need for our federal government to ban assault-style weapons.

America stands alone in the world for this sort of self-inflicted carnage. In no other country can heavily-armed individuals wreak tragedy upon families and communities because of easy access to military-grade weaponry.

Australia, a country with a Wild West mentality similar to ours, banned assault-style weapons in 1996 after a mass shooting in a cafe in the city of Port Arthur in which 35 people were killed and another 13 were wounded. The tough new laws banned the sale and importation of all automatic and semi-automatic rifles and shotguns; required individuals to present a legitimate reason (and wait 28 days) to buy a firearm; and called for a massive, mandatory gun-buyback. Australia's government confiscated and destroyed nearly 700,000 firearms, reducing the number of gun-owning households by half.

The result? Since 1996, there has been one mass shooting in Australia.

New Zealand enacted similar laws in 2019 after a mass shooting in a mosque in Christchurch and since that time, there have been no mass shootings.

The U.S. banned the sale of assault-style weapons in 1994 as part of a wide-ranging anti-crime bill, but that provision of the legislation expired in 2004.

And that's where we stand today -- with mass shootings now a regular part of American life.

With politicians in both parties subservient to the small minority of vocal, one-issue voters, the chances of enactment of common-sense laws regulating the types of guns that can be sold in this country are just about zero, even though a majority of Americans support such laws.

Even more depressing is that laws in states such as Massachusetts that regulate gun ownership and possession soon may be struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

To paraphrase the last line of the Star Spangled Banner: America is the land of the free -- and the home of the dead.

## THE IRAQ WAR -- NEVER AGAIN

Last week marked the 20th anniversary of the American invasion of Iraq, a conflict that was broadcast into our living rooms on our TV sets in great detail thanks to the many reporters who were allowed to become "embedded" with U.S. troops as they made their way across the battlefields of Iraq.

Some commentators today refer to the War in Iraq as a mistake, but that implies a mere error in judgment. However, that assessment completely ignores the simple fact that the war was predicated on a deliberately-false narrative.

It now has become common knowledge that the war was based on nothing less than complete and total fabrications by the administration of President George W. Bush. When Secretary of State Colin Powell went before the United Nations to claim that Iraq was harboring terrorists from 9/11 and had weapons of mass destruction, those assertions -- as Powell himself later admitted -- were based on deliberately false intelligence.

Unfortunately, with few exceptions, the U.S. Congress fell hook, line, and sinker for this fabricated intelligence narrative -- and we plunged into a war that had no purpose and accomplished nothing to improve the security of either the United States or the world in general.

In fact, the war had just the opposite effect: The ensuing destabilization of the Middle East allowed terrorist organizations such as ISIS to thrive and spread around the world.

This is by means to deny the incredible bravery of the American men and women who served in that war. As soldiers always do, they did their duty, bringing great honor to themselves and their country. Even as our lying politicians were doing their worst, our men and women in uniform were doing their best on the battlefield.

But the bottom line is that millions of innocent Iraqis were caught up in the chaos of war, with nearly a million dead and many more millions displaced. American casualties in the war totaled 4,203 dead and tens of thousands maimed and wounded. In addition, the well-documented psychological scars of that war will endure both for the soldiers themselves and their families for the rest of their lives.

The war in Iraq was an enormous tragedy for all who were touched by it, with its after-effects still reverberating today.

Hopefully, we'll never again be led into a war by duplicitous politicians whose true motives to this day are known only to themselves.

## BEEN THINKING ABOUT MARXISM

To the Editor,

There are eight levels of control that must be obtained before one is able to create a socialistic state:

1. Healthcare-control healthcare and you control people.

2. Poverty- increase the poverty level as high as possible and poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything else to live.

3. Debt- increase the debt to an unsustainable level so that you will be able to increase taxes which then produces more poverty.

4. Gun Control- remove people's ability to defend themselves from the government and crime in general and that way you will be able to establish a police state.

5. Welfare- take control of every aspect of people's lives: food, housing, and income..

6. Education- control what people read and listen to and control what children learn in school.

7. Religion- remove the belief in God from government, schools and the public square.

8. Division- divide people into wealthy and poor, creating discontent between people, thus making it easier to take from the wealthy and having support from the poor.

Does this sound familiar to what is taking place here? Saul Alinsky, an Activist Marxist listed these in his writings, and these steps have been incorporated into the Democratic playbook.

We need to see that this is a war between "progressive" marxist ideol-

ogies which enslave, and traditional principles of faith, family and liberty, allowing opportunities for individuals to better themselves.

What lense do you see through?

Lucia Hunter

## SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE

To the Editor,

Molly O'Hara's letter that appeared in the March 22 issue states well some of the issues needlessly denigrating our Public School System. She also appears to be one of the most concerned and productive PTO volunteers. Yet one of the most likely to withdraw. My sympathies are with you Molly, and all other parents appropriately concerned for reasonability.

I made sure that my kids never stepped foot in public school. You should have the same opportunity. My advice, vote for candidates that support a school voucher format. Candidate President Trump among others supports school choice.

John D. Riccio

## WHY DID MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL DO WHAT THEY DO?

To the Editor,

At the March 27th City Council meeting we saw:

How fear and pettiness gets in the way of logic and reason.

How fear of the unknown produces illogical decisions.

How pettiness can trump humility at the expense of seeking a positive outcome.

## LETTER to the Editor

How negative thinking that focuses too much on "why we can't" vs. "how we can" prevents us from moving forward.

How the acts of the powerful can use the civic process to block a logical path forward to developing a collaborative dialogue and solving problems.

Previous to the City Council meet the Ways & Means Committee's voted not to advise the city council to approve the motion for pursuing a feasibility study at the Existing RHS site. The city council decided to ignore that vote and approved it anyway. For a moment, there was a ray of light indicating that logic and financial sensibility would prevail. And then the light was completely snuffed out. Why did this happen?

One councilor expressed his understandable and, based on his comments, legitimate frustration with the city administration and school administration officials collaborative efforts. He went on to say that he didn't think we could afford either the Wonderland site or the Existing High School site, and that we needed to go back to the drawing board.

I too believe that there could be better communication and collaboration amongst all parties concerned. But, the action on the part of the council amounted to "throwing the baby out with the bath water" and leaving the baby (the future of the city's educational program) out in the cold.

I too am frustrated. I am frustrated with the inability of all involved to work together for a positive

outcome. I am frustrated with councilors who ignore our pleas to take logical actions that can move collaborative discussions forward. Who instead are taking negative steps that will throw the project and the city's educational future into a state of disarray for years to come.

The proper action for the council in February would have been to say, "we aren't happy with the collaborative efforts, we have many questions regarding the costs, and we plan to withhold our approval of the plan until that happens. This would have added months to the project not years. It would also have provided some opportunity to work on cost reductions, resolve outstanding questions and dispel any misinformation that existed.

I don't know why that didn't happen, and I may never know why. What I do know and what I truly believe is that what we have experienced, has been a total breakdown of logical discourse and inability to take positive actions to logically and responsibly resolve this issue. It appears the that enough members of the city council who are hell bent on venting its anger with the City Administration and School Department, and who would rather pursue goals of trying to make money at Wonderland Park, have trumped all efforts to develop a positive path forward to protect the city's educational future.

I am angry.

I am trying very hard to forgive (it may take a while).

But, I will never forget.

Edward Deveau

## Meet Boston to host Regional Career Fair this April 11

Meet Boston, the official destination marketing and sales organization for the Greater Boston area, will host a second annual Regional Career Fair on April 11, 2023, at The Hyatt Regency Hotel in Boston. The fair will connect over 200 students and job seekers with nearly 70 top hospitality employers in the region, providing a valuable opportunity to explore exciting career options and connect with industry leaders.

As part of their post-pandemic recovery efforts, Meet Boston is committed to supporting the regional hospitality industry through initiatives like this career fair. Hotel occupancy numbers, which plummeted to 25% in Boston and Cambridge in 2020, reached 68% in 2022 and are projected to

exceed 74% in 2023. According to US Department of LaborJobs Reports for January and February, the US economy has gained over 800,000 jobs thus far in 2023 and nearly a third of them are in leisure and hospitality sector.

"As the hospitality industry continues to rebound, Meet Boston is thrilled to bring together members of our community to support its workforce and propel its growth," said Martha J. Sheridan, President & CEO of Meet Boston. "With new non-stop routes from Boston Logan International Airport to South America, Canada, Europe and Asia, we will see a surge in international visitation this summer as well. This is the perfect time for job seekers and employers to connect and explore the

exciting career options available in this industry."

The April 11 event will be the second career fair that Meet Boston hosts in collaboration with Tourism Diversity Matters (TDM). TDM is Meet Boston's strategic partner in pursuing and advanc-

ing diversity and inclusion goals for the travel and hospitality sector in Boston and beyond. Last year, the two organizations joined forces to present a Town Hall and Career Fair, while also launching

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# Arkansas man stopped with four guns, 230 rounds of ammo held on \$5,000 bail

Special to the Journal  
An Arkansas man is being held on \$5,000 bail after state police stopped him for driving with an expired registration and found in his vehicle four loaded firearms and 230 rounds of ammunition, for which the man had no Massachusetts license, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Tayvian Chamberlain, 20, of Bentonville, was charged on Tuesday in Central BMC with four counts of carrying a firearm without a license, four counts of carrying a loaded firearm without a license, three counts of possessing a high-capacity magazine, one count of possessing a high-capacity feeding device, numerous counts of illegal ammunition possession and illegal firearm and ammunition

storage, and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Judge Paul Treseler set bail at \$5,000 and ordered Chamberlain to sign a waiver of extradition if he leaves Massachusetts. Chamberlain will return to court May 17 for a probable cause hearing.

At about 12:15 a.m. on Sunday a Massachusetts State Police trooper pulled over a black Dodge Durango for an expired registration. The driver, Chamberlain, informed the trooper he had a firearm out of its holster and under his leg for "protection." Chamberlain told the trooper he had other firearms within reaching distance. Chamberlain stated that Arkansas law does not require a license to carry firearms in a vehicle. He also stated that the firearms were not reg-

istered to him because in Arkansas if weapons are bought from a gun show they do not have to be registered.

After troopers removed Chamberlain from the vehicle they found a Canik 9mm pistol with 18 rounds in the magazine, a Glock 43 9mm pistol with six rounds in the magazine, A Glock 41 .45-caliber pistol with 13 rounds in the magazine, and an AR .223-caliber pistol with 70 rounds in a drum magazine. Troopers also found 126 loose rounds of ammunition in the car.

Also in the car were three dogs. Chamberlain said he was transporting the dogs but did not provide a name or address of the recipient. Boston Animal Control officers took possession of the dogs.

Hayden, who earlier this

week reiterated his call for unified national standards on gun purchases, pointed to Chamberlain's arrest as a "fresh example" of the need for such an approach.

"While we have no evidence that this man intended to sell these weapons here, the scenario provides a fresh example of how lax gun laws in one state can impact states with stricter gun laws, like Massachusetts. As he told troopers, weapons purchased at a gun show in Arkansas don't even have to be registered. It's all too easy for a person to buy weapons at such a show, transport them to another state, and sell them on the street without fear or worry of them being traced back. This patchwork regulatory approach must change if we hope to have any chance of reduc-

ing the flow of illegal guns into our neighborhoods," Hayden said.

Hayden's office last year released data showing that most illegal guns seized in Suffolk County in 2021 came from Maine, New Hampshire, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Guns were also traced to Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Ohio. Of the 441 traceable guns seized in Boston that year, 271, or 61 percent, originated in those nine states; 67, or 15 percent, originated in other states, and 103, or 23 percent, originated in Massachusetts.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's

office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

## School // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

progress forward ... we would have to move to the existing high school site."

The council initially voted to select the 33-acre Wonderland site as the site of a new high school over a year ago, but increasing costs for the project led to several councillors, including Visconti, to state that the council made the initial site selection vote without having proper and up-to-date financial numbers in place.

During Monday night's subcommittee meeting, Morabito said he continues to stand by the Wonderland site as the best location for a new high school and would not vote for Visconti's motion.

Silvestri said he also believed it was the wrong decision to back off from Wonderland after years of professional design and review of the project.

"At the final moment, we voted to put the brakes on the project, and I don't think it's the right decision for the city," said Silvestri.

Keefe said a decision to go back to the existing site would essentially mean the city was going with its second choice for a location.

"Revere is a first class city, and going with the second choice is not an option that I'll be considering," said Keefe.

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto noted that the Wonderland schematic design was voted down and is no longer an option.

"The schematic design is dead at Wonderland," said Zambuto. "The only option on the table tonight is to go back to the original site, so if you truly want a new high school, I suggest you vote for this motion."

During the subcommittee meeting, several students, school officials, and residents spoke in favor of reconsidering the Wonderland option. Several res-



Carol Tye, former Superintendent of Revere Public Schools and now a long-time member of the Revere School Committee joined the RHS students, showing her support of the new school.

idents who live near the current high school also expressed concerns about building in their neighborhood, as well as the potential for the taking of land by eminent domain.

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino noted that in 2021 during the site selection process, the plan for the current high school did not call for the taking of any property by eminent domain.

However, owner's project manager Brian Dakin of LeftField stated that there could not be a solid guarantee that the plan at the existing site wouldn't require additional land. To build the new high school on the existing site, it would have to be built on Erricola Park, with the park then being rebuilt after the building was completed.

Under state regulations, the state legislature would then decide if the park land would be replaced at a one-to-one ratio or if more land would be needed.

While several councillors noted that it is unlikely the city would need additional land, Dakin noted that there was no guarantee, since there have been recent occasions when the state has required municipalities to build back parks and fields at a higher ratio.

Several councillors also

raised issues about potential contamination of soil at the Wonderland site that could lead to even higher project costs.

"I just want to note that there is underground soil contamination risk at both of these sites," said Dakin. "From the studies we've done so far, the problem exists at both sites."

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Richard Gallucci said the financial impact of building on the existing high school site would be much higher in the long run because of the need to create space for elementary and middle school students.

By building at Wonderland, Gallucci said the existing high school could be used down the line as a middle school. That, in turn, would open up space



RHS student Matthew Terrell a member of the RHS Student Senate addresses the students.

at the district's elementary schools that currently share space at complexes with middle schools.

"It is significantly more expensive down the line to search for land for a new middle school, which we'll never find in the city," said Gallucci.

During the regular council meeting, Zambuto offered a minority report from the subcommittee asking for a full vote from the council on Visconti's motion.

Prior to the vote, Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro talked about his disappointment in the city administration with his efforts to meet with them to go over the finances for the proposed Wonderland option. He said he

requested a meeting with Mayor Brian Arrigo and finance director Richard Viscay, but was later told he had all the information he needed from the administration.

"My risk has always been to take Wonderland off the tax roll, and my stance has always been that I don't want this at the existing site," said Cogliandro. "It's never been about the cost for me, I don't care if it costs \$2 billion to build this school, I care if we can afford it. And the truth is, we can't; we can't afford it at Wonderland and we can't afford it at the high school."

Cogliandro said he isn't willing to add new taxes or things like trash fees or

to cut from other city department budgets. He added that many people are already being priced out of the city.

"We need to go back to the drawing board, because we need a school, and we need to be able to afford this school," he said.

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# Council approves additional funding for new Point of Pines Fire Station

By Adam Swift

The City Council unanimously supported a \$6.4 million loan order that will allow construction of the long-awaited new Point of Pines Fire Station to get underway.

The council initially approved a \$9.2 million loan for the fire station in 2019, but the construction was delayed by some DEP issues and the Covid pandemic. The city's finance director, Richard Viscay, has stated that the \$15.6 million will cover the entire cost of the planned construction.

Revere Fire Chief Christopher Bright noted that during the past several years, the pandemic and supply chain issues across the globe have driven up construction costs.

"It's critical for the public safety," said Bright. "The station is essential not just for the Point of Pines, but for response times throughout the city."

Revere Fire Captain and Local 926 President Kevin O'Hara said the push for a new Point of Pines station has been underway for almost the entire two decades he has been with the department.

"We are one of the fastest growing cities in the state, and we are number two in fires in the state," said O'Hara. "It goes Boston, then Revere."

O'Hara said the city had 14 multiple alarm fires two years ago, and that the total number of calls to the fire department has doubled over the past 15 years. He added that Revere also provides mutual aid for surrounding communities.

When apparatus is pulled to other areas of the city or other communities, especially when Engine 5 is in use in other areas, O'Hara said the response time to the Point of Pines and Riverside areas increases to eight to 10 minutes.

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers has worked for years to help make the new fire station a reality.

"There was talk of opening up the old fire station before we tore it down, and we did an inspection there and it would have put another \$3 million into a losing proposition," said Powers. "I say a losing proposition because we could never put a ladder into that fire station."

The new station will have three bays as opposed to two bays in the older station, and it will also allow for a tower or ladder truck, which could not fit in the older station.

There will also be room for a watercraft, allowing for markedly faster response times and can be used in four feet of flood water. In addition, there will be a community and training room at the new station.

"This will bring Point

of Pines closer into city government, closer to city government," said Powers. "Down in the Pines, they always had a fire station, a church, and a school, and all of that is gone now. So this fire station is going to reactivate the community presence in the city."

Powers thanked his fellow councillors for unanimously supporting the initial loan authorization vote in 2019, as well as Monday night's loan order vote.

"We've got a really good group of firefighters out there every day, protecting the citizens but you have to give them the equipment to do the job, and that's part of what we are doing with this," said Powers.

With the loan authorization and bids for the Point of Pines project in place, Powers said he is hopeful that construction can get underway early this spring.

## OBITUARIES

### Alida Marino

Retired General Manager of Hy-Sil in Revere

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours in the Vertuccio, Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere on Friday, March 31 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for Alida G. (Campatelli) Marino who passed away on March 16 at 89 years old. A

Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere at 11:30 a.m. Interment will immediately follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Born in Everett, she was the daughter of Augustus E. and Marjorie (Carroll) Campatelli. Following high school, she married John F. Marino on June 19, 1954 and the couple began a long, loving 64 years of marriage before John's passing in June of 2018. Alida was also the General Manager at Hy-Sil in Revere, working there up until her retirement.

She has been a long-time resident of Wakefield, moving there in 2002 from Chelsea. Alida loved spending time with her family, particularly her grandchildren and the family's dogs. There's nothing Alida would not do for her family and friends and those who were lucky enough to be in this exclu-



sive group will carry her generosity and love until the end of time.

Alida was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and friend and was unquestionably the "boss".

The beloved wife of the late John F. Marino, she was the loving mother of the late John A. Marino and mother-in-law of Regina M. (Mazzetti) Marino of Lexington; cherished grandmother of Nicholas J. Marino and his wife, Eunji Cho of Wakefield and Julia Feeney of Lexington and the dear sister of the late Eugene Campatelli. She is also lovingly survived by her cousin, Linda Clerico of Chelsea.

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

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

## Lynn man facing drug, weapons charges following Revere arrest

A Lynn man was ordered held on high bail last week after Revere Police found large quantities of drugs, cash and a smoke grenade in his vehicle on Monday, March 20, according to Suffolk County Attorney Kevin Hayden.

John Fleury Jr., 53, was charged in Chelsea District Court with possession of an incendiary device, miscellaneous municipal ordinance/bylaw violations, trafficking methamphetamine 18-36 grams, and possession with intent

to distribute class A and B substances.

At about 7:19 pm on March 20, Revere Police responded to a call for a possible overdose. Upon arrival, officers observed a male, later identified as Fleury, slumped over in the driver's seat of a vehicle. Fleury initially did not respond to officers and his speech was slurred and lethargic, according to Hayden's office.

As he exited the vehicle, officers observed a black folding knife hang-

ing from his pocket, according to the DA's office. They also stated that officers searched Fleury and found \$7,002 in cash and a large quantity of drugs, including suboxone strips, cocaine, fentanyl pills, and oxycontin pills. Officers also recovered drug paraphernalia, a smoke grenade, three cellphones, a lock picking device, a black ski mask, a pair of black gloves, and a red dot laser intended to be mounted on a firearm.

Judge Holly Broadbent

set \$75,000 bail without any conditions and ordered Fleury to return to court on April 19 for a probable cause hearing.

"It's all too common to find firearms in drug arrests, but pretty rare to see a smoke grenade," stated Hayden. "We have no idea what this man was intending to do with this device, but I'm grateful he was apprehended before we found out."

## Fair // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

an Apprenticeship Program that will diversify the travel and hospitality industry through robust workforce development initiatives that emphasize the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in this industry.

"We're proud once again to collaborate with Tourism Diversity Matters on this important event," said Hilina D. Ajakaiye, Executive Vice President, Meet Boston. "We believe that our continued partnership will have a substantial impact on how we strategically think about diversity, equity, and inclusion

in the tourism sector."

Meet Boston's Regional Career Fair will showcase a diverse range of career options within the hospitality industry, with confirmed employers spanning hotels, restaurants, universities, attractions, event management companies, and more. The festivities begin with an invite-only reception the night before, bringing together diverse hospitality workers. Then on Tuesday morning, job seekers will have the opportunity to hear from notable speakers during the Business Leadership Workshop,

which both Governor Maura Tracy Healey and Mayor Michelle Wu have been invited to attend.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to:

- Participate in professional development workshops
- Get a free headshots
- Network with industry professionals
- Schedule on-site job interviews and more

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## REVERE Through the Years

### 10 years ago March 27, 2013

A 14-year-old youth was badly-mauled by two Rottweiler guard dogs at a construction demolition yard behind Northgate Mall. The victim's 12 year-old companion, who was on the other side of the fence, was able to call 911, which brought police and fire personnel to the scene. "Tell him to cover his ears and his head and get in a fetal position," instructed Calltaker Lauren O'Hara. "I want you to tell him to cover his ears and head, can you tell him that." Officers found the youth lying face down in the mud, unresponsive, inside the secure fencing of the company Two Rottweiler guard dogs were on top of him, one mauling his head and another his leg. Officer Michael Mullen apparently fired first on one of the dogs from the other side of the fence, hitting it in the rear end. That's when firefighters made good use of improvisational thinking by turning on a fire hose and letting it loose on the dogs, protecting the boy and driving the dogs away. Mullen had already scaled the fence, cutting himself badly, and gone forward to rescue the boy as the dogs circled him. Once through the fence, ambulance personnel took charge of the boy and rushed him to the hospital. His injuries were critical, reportedly having parts of his skull exposed from the attack and his leg severely injured. So far, the young man has survived his injuries and has undergone surgery this week. He reportedly will have a great deal of plastic surgery necessary in the near future. The dogs, Sonny and Bella – who have long-guarded the demolition construction yard – were voluntarily put down after the incident. The youths apparently had been going over to the yard to pet the dogs through the fence. However, on this occasion the victim climbed the fence, thinking he could play with the dogs. Public safety officials who are scheduled for public commendation for their actions are Officer Mullen, Calltaker O'Hara, Fire Capt. Dave Rossetti, Firefighter Chris Mirasolo and Firefighter Mike O'Hara.

The Way, a new program being offered at Immaculate Conception Church, offers many Catholics a way back to their faith. About 70-100 people gather twice per week in the lower hall of the church, ranging in age from children as young as 11 to adults as old as 60, were to listen to the presenters – also known as catechists – intent on learning something new about God, one that is being built at IC on the idea of evangelization, returning those to the church that have left over the last several years, and finding new people who are seeking faith. In addition to learning about scripture, the class gets together and they also conclude the process at a unity-building weekend retreat.

GI Joe: Retaliation and Tyler Perry's Temptation are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago April 2, 2003

City officials received grim news this week in a meeting with state and MDC officials, who said that because of budget

cutbacks, the bathhouse at Revere Beach may not open this summer, there may be no lifeguards, and the MDC police presence will be minimal because Gov. Romney has recalled extra funding for police patrols.

The new NECCO candy factory in Revere sprang to life this week, with the storied candy company making its first candy pieces at a site other than its former Cambridge factory since 1927.

New fees will be instituted in the Revere schools to make up for some of the funds lost to state budget cutbacks, School Supt. Paul Dakin announced this week. There will be new fees for such items as school buses and student parking.

City of Revere employees who have been called up to fight the war in Iraq will not lose their pay or benefits, similar to what was done for soldiers who fought in Desert Storm in 1991.

Revere High grad Mike Procopio has been hired by the Boston Celtics as a basketball operations assistant.

Recent statistics reveal that the city's unemployment rate stands at 7.7 percent, up from 6.3 percent in October.

Dreamcatcher, Willard, and Cradle 2 the Grave are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago March 31, 1993

The administration of Pres. Bill Clinton has pledged federal funding of \$100 million for the Boston Harbor cleanup costs. However, if approved by Congress, the sum would save ratepayers only \$40 annually.

Ol' Man Winter refused to go away, as the ninth storm of the season dumped six inches of snow on the city last week. DPW Supt. John Barrett said the city has spent \$217,871, of which \$53,000 was spent for the blizzard of March 13. The total figure for snow removal far exceeds the \$38,000 that the city had budgeted for snow removal for this fiscal year.

School officials have stated they will begin screening school children for tuberculosis in the wake of a report by the State Department of Public Health that Revere is a city at high risk for spread of the dread disease.

At a tri-installation of officers at Tifereth Israel, Edward Elfman was installed as President of the congregation; Leonard Ginsburg as President of the Brotherhood; and Peppi Kanter and Anne Miller as co-presidents of the Sisterhood.

The Crying Game, Unforgiven, and Fire in the Sky are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago March 30, 1983

Police and firefighters picketed City Hall this week to protest the lack of a new contract and lack of pay raises for the past two years.

Licensing Commission Chairman Marion Hamel said that several businesses and organizations who have not paid their back taxes will not have their licenses renewed.

The Revere Housing Authority has approved the request by Mayor George V. Colella to name the Ocean View Towers in the memory of former

City Councillor and Housing Authority Board member Alfred C. Liston.

Ghandi, Monty Python's Meaning of Life, and 48 Hours are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 50 years ago March 29, 1973

MDC Commissioner John Sears gave a huge boost to the plans by the Atlantic Savings Bank for a \$300 million redevelopment of Revere Beach by announcing this week that the MDC will cooperate fully to ensure the success of the project. The MDC controls one-third of the land area for the proposed project.

The City Council has asked State Senator Joseph J.C. DiCarlo to come before the council to explain a bill introduced by DiCarlo that would allow contractor Martin DeMatteo to obtain a permit to fill 100 acres of land he owns on the west side of Route 107 in Saugus with residue from a proposed rubbish incinerator in Saugus. The council voted 9-1 to approve a resolution opposing the plan, but Mayor William G. Reinstein vetoed the resolution.

Residents are mourning the sudden passing of longtime city official Harry Della Russo, who served as a City Councillor, State Representative, and State Senator. Della Russo also operated the Frolic nightclub on Revere Beach with his family. He was 65.

City Councillor Edward O'Hara caused another uproar this week when he resigned his chairmanship of the City Council's Public Safety Committee after the City Council voted to increase the number of officers in the Police Department without first bringing the matter to his committee to conduct hearings. O'Hara said the increase in officers is unwarranted and "just a big political play...with members of the Police Department knuckling members of the City Council."

Humberto Cardinal Medeiros made his first visit to Revere this week, saying a Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

Diana Ross stars in Lady Sings the Blues at the Revere Drive In.

### 60 years ago March 28, 1963

State Senator Harry Della Russo and State Rep. Ray Carey gave state and MDC officials a grand tour of Revere Beach this week, pointing out the areas of the beach that need fixing up and why there is a need for additional manpower this summer.

The City Council voted to approve a \$4000 appropriation to allow Revere to participate in a four-city program for a child guidance clinic located in East Boston. The clinic will provide psychiatric evaluation and treatment for emotionally-disturbed children.

The School Committee has reaffirmed by a 5-2 vote its previous decision of last November to terminate School Supt. Dr. John E. Sullivan effective in June. Sullivan is in the midst of a three-year contract with the Revere School Department and has vowed to take legal action to uphold his contract.

An 81 year old Bosson Street woman, Mrs. Anna Vegere, was struck and killed by an automobile on

Revere Street late Tuesday night.

More than 1000 visitors thronged the Revere High Science Fair this weekend to view the 525 projects that were on display by the students. Arthur Cataldo and Thomas Ayers won first place prizes in the physics category; Fred Cecere won the chemistry division; Vincent Antonelli was the biology winner; and Marc Shaffer won the general science division.

Tony Curtis stars in Taras Bulba at the Revere Drive In. Tab Hunter and Frankie Avalon star in Operation Bikini at the Revere Theatre.

### 70 years ago March 26, 1953

Cecil Deskin has been elected the new Commander of Prince-Strauss Post 161, Jewish War Veterans.

Police Chief Colin A.W. Gillis has issued a stern warning to all members of his department that they will be held responsible for the proper enforcement of all liquor and gambling law violations and that he will tolerate no laxity on his part. Gillis made his announcement after meeting with the new Suffolk County District Attorney, Garrett Byrne, who told Gillis that cleaning up Revere and Revere Beach of the criminal element will be a top priority for his office.

The home of City Manager Edward P. O'Toole was ransacked while he was away on vacation in

Florida with his family.

Although all of the City Council members agreed that something must be done to correct the traffic problems at Revere Beach for the coming summer season, no ready solution was apparent. Councilor Harry Della Russo suggested using members of the Women's Police Auxiliary at areas where there are traffic bottlenecks, but his idea was opposed by his colleagues.

Ralph Permatteo is the new Commander of the Beachmont VFW.

Pat O'Day, a 1952 RHS grad who lives with her parents at 22 Fowler Ave., will sing on the Chance of a Lifetime TV show tonight at 8:30 on Channel 7. Miss O'Day is heard regularly on the Ray Dory Show from 7-9 a.m. on radio station WHDH. During her years at RHS, she was one of the outstanding actresses with the Dramatic Club.

Tyrone Power and Cameron Mitchell star in Pony Soldier at the Revere Drive In. Lana Turner, Kirk Douglas, and Dick Powell star in The Bad and the Beautiful at the Revere Theatre.

### 80 years ago April 1, 1943

Inductees from local Draft Boards 128 and 129 entered the Army this past week, fulfilling the city's quota.

Roy Thornton, 23, of 21 Page St., who has taken part in four major naval engagements, has returned

home with an honorable discharge because of the severe wounds he has received. He was slightly wounded in the attack on Pearl Harbor, but returned to fight in the battles of Midway and the Coral Sea. However, he was severely wounded during the invasion of Guadalcanal.

Signalman Ernest Tillinghast has received the Navy and Marine Corps medal for heroic service while on active duty at sea. Tillinghast, who was a member of a Navy gun crew aboard a Merchant Marine vessel, rendered invaluable aid to the other members of his lifeboat after his vessel had been sunk by a German sub. Although Tillinghast himself was ill at the time with what later proved to be an appendicitis attack, he is credited with saving the life of at least one member of his party.

Police Chief Edward Tighe is warning all drivers that the wartime speed limits will be strictly enforced and that automobile owners who allow the paint or other covering on their headlights to chip off also will be dealt with strongly.

More than 300 plots of city-owned land have been assigned to local residents who wish to plant Victory Gardens this summer.

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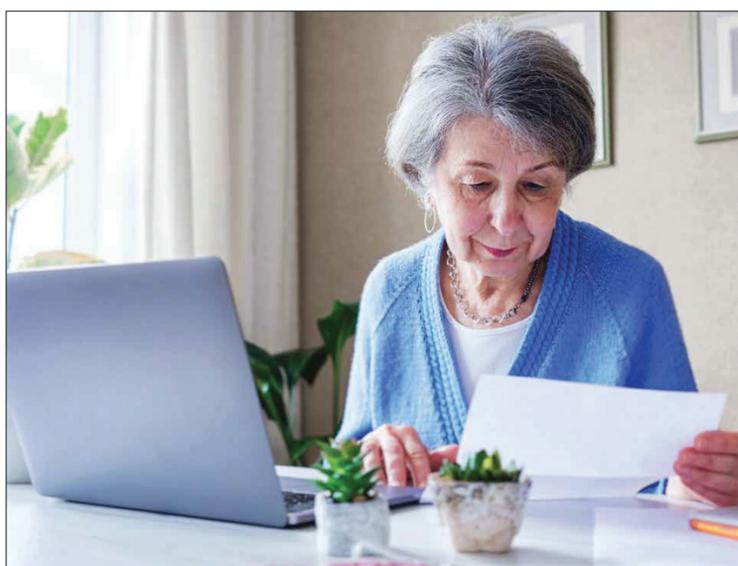
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#### BUDGET CALENDAR

This straight-forward money-management tool provides a visual aid when dealing with finances. Begin with an honest accounting of all savings and income, then write in when regular expenses come due on a month-by-month basis. Fixed expenses will include rent or mortgages, insurance premiums and any debt payments. Flexible bills include food, utilities and transportation expenses. Those with progressive or chronic illnesses should also build in an expense cushion for regular medical care. Leave some room



for personal care, repairs and maintenance and entertainment costs, too. Now you're ready to more closely track expenses and income.

#### SETTING GOALS

Now that you have a better idea of how much you're spending per month, compare that with how much income

and savings you have on hand.

The idea is to stretch these funds through the entirety of your retirement — so you may need cut back. The ideal expenditure levels for everyone follow the 70/30 rule, a budgeting formula that guides spending decisions by limiting them to 70% of total income.

During your working life, that leaves

30% for savings. As a retiree, these savings simply remain in reserve for later use. When you find your expenses moving past 70% of what you've budgeted, consider whether you actually need this item or activity — or if it's simply wanted. Is it time to down-size? If you can't immediately reach the 70/30 goal, make it a near-term goal.

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The Boston Strong All-Star Team skated in a benefit game versus the Boston Bruins Alumni team March 26 at Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzione Center in Winthrop.

State Auditor Diana DiZoglio dropped the ceremonial first puck for a faceoff between Boston Strong All-Stars Captain Kevin Chiles Sr. and Bruins Alumni Team Captain Frank Simonetti.

During the pre-game ceremonies, Chiles, the game organizer, presented a \$25,000 check to the Bruins Alumni team for Boston Children's Hospital.



Former Revere High School hockey player Christian Eaves (left) helped coordinate the Bruins Alumni Game with Boston Strong All-Stars Team Captain Kevin Chiles Sr.



Mass. State Auditor Diana DiZoglio drops the ceremonial first puck for the faceoff between team captains Bob Beers and Kevin Chiles for the Boston Bruins Alumni Game March 25 in Winthrop. Also pictured are Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky, Sen. Lydia Edwards, City Council President Patrick Keefe, Rep. Jeff Turco, and Rick Middleton.



Pamela Anderson and U.S. Navy veteran Tom Miller.



Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky, City Council President Patrick Keefe, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, and Winthrop resident Ed Cash.



Pictured at the check presentation ceremony are from left: former Boston Bruins player Bob Beers, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Sen. Lydia Edwards, City Council President Patrick Keefe, Rep. Jeff Turco, Boston Strong All-Stars Team Captain Kevin Chiles Sr., and former Boston Bruins player Rick Middleton.



City Council President Patrick Keefe and former professional wrestler Ronald DeStefano.



The Boston Strong All-Stars Team and the Boston Bruins Alumni Team, pictured before Sunday's benefit hockey game in Winthrop.



From left: City Council President Patrick Keefe, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky.



Pictured in the lobby at Larsen Rink before the game are Paul Solano, Kevin Chiles, and Revere City Council President Patrick Keefe.

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# Healey-Driscoll administration appoints Phillip Eng as MBTA General Manager

Governor Maura T. Healey, Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll and Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca announced that, after a comprehensive search, they will be appointing Phillip Eng as the next General Manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). Eng is an engineer with nearly 40 years of experience in transportation, including as President of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) Long Island Rail Road and Interim President of New York City Transit.



Phillip Eng.

is that everything he does is driven by his commitment to customer service," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "He understands that the success of our public transportation system relies on the trust of the public, and that transparency, communication and reliability are the keys to earning that trust. I'm confident that he is the right leader for this transformative moment for the MBTA."

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Phil Eng to the position of MBTA General Manager. Phil has a record of achievement in delivering world class transportation services in New York State, managing billions of dollars in capital projects, and launching initiatives to improve the customer experience," said Secretary Fiandaca. "Most

importantly, Phil has excelled at finding solutions to challenging problems. It's clear he is focused on customer satisfaction, operational excellence, and championing a safe, reliable transportation system. He has wide ranging experience as an executive manager for mass transit, highways, ports, waterways and aviation facilities. We look forward to having Phil guide and support improvements and innovations at the MBTA."

"The MBTA is in crisis, and it's time for bold leadership at the top to turn the situation around while centering equity, climate resiliency, and increased frequency," said Caitlin Peale Sloan, Vice President of Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) Massachusetts. "Phillip is an excellent choice to lead the T at this critical time. The thousands of people who depend on the T to get around the region deserve a safe, reliable system, and CLF will be at the table with new leadership to make sure that happens."

"It's time for a new way of doing business at the MBTA. As an engineer, a transportation professional for 40 years, and a commuter myself, I'm laser focused on finding innovative solutions to complex

problems and approaching them with a sense of urgency that always puts the customer first," said Phillip Eng. "I'm also committed to supporting the hardworking employees who keep the MBTA running and ramping up hiring to ensure that we have the workforce in place to deliver the reliable service that riders deserve."

Eng worked his way through the ranks of the New York State Department of Transportation beginning in the '80s, ultimately serving as Executive Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer from 2013-2017. He then served as Chief Operating Officer of the MTA, where he oversaw successful efforts to improve performance and efficiency across all agencies, including the NYC Transit Authority, Metro-North Railroad, Long Island Rail Road and MTA Bridges and Tunnels. He led the procurement and awarding of a \$540 million contract to modernize the MTA's mobile ticketing system and improved the MTA's contracting methods to better ensure that projects would be completed on time, with reduced costs and with improved quality and durability.

Eng was then tapped to

serve as Interim President of NYC Transit, where he led a workforce of 50,000 employees and was integral to initiating and implementing the \$836 million Subway Action Plan to fix aging infrastructure and improve performance across the system.

From 2018-2022, Eng served as President of the MTA Long Island Rail Road, where he managed a system of 7,600 employees and a \$1.6 billion operating budget. He transformed the system from having the worst on time performance in decades to having the most consistent on time performance in the railroad's history. He oversaw the implementation of new technology that improved the accuracy of train arrival time estimates on platforms and led to the release of the new and improved LIRR Train-Time app, which provides the public with up-to-date service information. He also focused on improving relationships with customers, workers, labor, elected officials, local businesses and community leaders through consistent communication, including the launch of "Customer Conversation" forums and "Meet the Manager" station settings.

Since June, Eng has

served as Executive Vice President of the LiRo Group, where he advises public and private sector clients on engineering, transportation and infrastructure projects. He has worked with a number of public transportation clients across the Northeast, including the MBTA, on construction management and quality design, assurance and control inspections.

He lives in Smithtown, New York with his wife Carole and will be relocating to Massachusetts to begin his new role on April 10.

Interim General Manager Jeff Gonneville will remain with the MBTA and assist with the transition to new management.

"I'm deeply grateful to Jeff Gonneville for his 22 years of dedicated service to the MBTA and for rising to the challenge as Interim General Manager during this critical period. He has ushered in a new era of transparency and communication at the MBTA that I know that Phil Eng will continue to build on. We are pleased that Jeff will continue his service to Massachusetts," said Governor Healey.

## Suffolk Downs to host annual Marathon Daffodil Dash

Looking for a family friendly way to kick off the Boston Marathon weekend? On Saturday, April 15, The HYM Investment Group LLC, "HYM," will host the second annual Marathon Daffodil Dash from 10am-1pm at The Track at Suffolk Downs. The Daffodil Dash is hosted in partnership with the Revere Parks and Recreation Department and the Marathon Daffodil Project.

The Marathon Daffodil Project began after the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013 with the yellow daffodil used as a symbol of strength and hope. In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Boston Marathon Bombings, The Track at Suffolk Downs will be

filled with the 'Marathon Daffodils' that line the streets of Boston leading up to the Boston Marathon finish line.

The Daffodil Dash will feature three 50-yard dash races for grades K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8 followed by a mile run for grades K-8. Following the races, all participants and families are encouraged to hang out in The Paddock and enjoy kids activities by ForKidsOnly, music, lawn games, face painting, flower crown making, and our local vendors Boards-ByMo and Sweet Treats by Maria.

"As we approach the 10th anniversary of the Marathon Bombings, we are proud to host the 2nd Annual Daffodil Dash at Suffolk Downs, an event

that celebrates strength and hope across our City," said Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of HYM. "The Track at Suffolk Downs welcomes neighbors from across the area to come together to have fun, enjoy the outdoors, and engage in simple acts of kindness."

Registration for the Daffodil Dash is free but required to participate in the race events. The Track at Suffolk Downs is located at 525 McClellan Highway, Boston MA 02128. Parking is free and available on-site. The Track is also accessible from the MBTA's Beachmont and Suffolk Downs Blue Line stations.



Area children enjoying last year's Daffodil Dash.

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# Massachusetts Legislature passes \$388.6 million supplemental budget

The Massachusetts Legislature on Thursday passed a \$388.6 million supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). The legislation funds vital services that support vulnerable populations and address food insecurity, housing instability, the state's long-term COVID-19 response, economic development, essential support services for incoming immigrants and refugees, and more. Notably, the bill extends initiatives first implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as outdoor dining, remote public meeting access, and support for assisted living residences. The bill further authorizes \$740.3 million in bonding to bolster the Commonwealth's clean water and other public works projects for cities and towns, as well as to support the Commonwealth's ability to compete for competitive federal grant funds.

"This supplemental budget ensures that our Commonwealth continues to support the most vulnerable among us while also building on the lessons we learned during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "I'm proud to say that the Legislature has proven once again that it has the courage to chart a course that leaves no place or person in the Commonwealth behind. I would like to thank our partners in the House, as well as Chair Rodrigues and his dedicated team at Senate Ways and Means, for their hard work and contributions to this supplemental budget."

"I'm proud that, among several critical investments, this supplemental budget provides support

for many of the most vulnerable residents and communities in Massachusetts through funding for free school lunches, financial assistance to homeless shelters facing an increase in their migrant population, and extended enhanced SNAP benefits," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz and all my colleagues in the House, as well as our partners in the Senate, for prioritizing this important legislation."

"In partnership with the House, the Legislature has taken the necessary steps to keep the economy of the Commonwealth on a firm footing as we continue to emerge from the pandemic. The passage of this supplemental budget today utilizes robust tax revenues to its fullest effect, making substantial investments in economic development, housing, education, and the social service safety net. Those investments, along with a forward-thinking long-term bond authorization, will keep Massachusetts as a leader in the key economic sectors for decades to come," said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "Thanks to the strong leadership of Senate President Spilka, and the commitment of my colleagues in the Senate, we sent a clear message to the people that we will always look to protect our marginalized communities, support our education and health care workforce, and invest in local infrastructure as the Commonwealth continues to recover from the impact of the pandemic."

"This relatively modest supplemental budget

addresses some of the most pressing needs the Commonwealth is facing. Whether it is ensuring that our school children have access to free meals, essential early childcare education grants, or directing critical resources to deal with the influx of migrants coming into the Commonwealth, these funds will have an immediate and positive effect for the residents of the state," said House Committee on Ways and Means Chair Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D Boston). "I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his leadership on these issues, my counterpart Senator Rodrigues, and all my colleagues for their timely action on this matter."

"This supplemental budget provides support for many of the most vulnerable residents and communities in the 16th Suffolk and throughout the Commonwealth. This important funding for programs such as free school lunches and extended enhanced SNAP benefits will play a major role in assisting those who have been suffering most from the current economic landscape," said Rep. Jessica Ann Giannino (D-Revere). "I want to thank Speaker Mariano and Chairman Michlewitz for prioritizing this important legislation."

"This Supplemental Budget is a huge win for the cities and towns of Massachusetts in protecting the most vulnerable of populations. I would like to thank Speaker Mariano and Chairman Michlewitz for getting this to the finish line. This budget is going to address many of the issues that cause great economic pressure within our communities. Important investments are made

to support greater efforts for clean water, increased manufacturing and most importantly our efforts to address the crisis in housing", said Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D. Winthrop).

The bill invests \$388.6 million to address several time sensitive needs for an array of programs relied on by some of the most vulnerable residents of the Commonwealth, including \$130 million for SNAP food assistance benefits to provide a path for families who were receiving enhanced SNAP benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic, \$68 million for the Early Education C3 stabilization grant program, \$65 million for the continuation of free school meals, \$45 million for emergency shelter assistance, and over \$40 million to support affordable housing for immigrants and refugees. Other measures funded in the bill include:

- \$8.3 million for judgments, settlements, and legal fees
- \$7 million for coordinated wraparound services for incoming immigrants and refugees
- \$2 million for the reimbursement of SNAP benefits for victims of benefit theft
- \$2 million for the preparation and execution of the 114th National NAACP conference, which is taking place in Massachusetts in 2023
- \$1 million for a public awareness campaign to educate the public about the misleading tactics of so-called crisis pregnancy centers and their lack of medical services

The bill also authorizes \$740.3 million in capital expenditures to support economic development projects. Notably, these

include \$400 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, which provides grants to cities, towns, and other public entities for infrastructure projects, and \$125 million for state matching funds to compete for federal grant opportunities, including those funded through the CHIPS and Science Act, which encourage innovation in Massachusetts. Other bonding items authorized by the bill include:

- \$104 million for the Clean Water Trust Fund
- \$34 million for a program to revitalize underutilized properties
- \$30 million for state matching funds to compete for federal broadband expansion grants and improve state broadband infrastructure
- \$15 million for the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative, which supports innovation within the state's manufacturing industry, including by offering technical assistance to manufacturers and attracting talent from outside of the state
- \$14 million for the Massachusetts Manufacturing Accelerate Program
- \$9.3 million for broadband middle mile supports
- \$8 million for the Smart Growth Housing Trust Fund.

Recognizing the societal shifts that have taken place during the pandemic, the bill also addresses several pandemic-era related measures, including:

- Permanently allowing public corporations and nonprofits to hold certain meetings by means of remote communication
- Permanently allowing notaries public to conduct remote online notarization using communication technology

• Extending the ability of graduates and students in their last semester of nursing education programs to practice nursing in accordance with guidance from the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing

• Extending popular pandemic-related provisions including outdoor dining services, and beer, wine and cocktails to-go for a year

• Extending the ability of public bodies to allow remote participation by members in public meetings

• Extending flexibilities given to municipalities to allow for representative town meetings to be held in hybrid or fully remote capacities and that authorize reduced in-person quorum requirements

• Extending the ability of nurses employed by assisted living residences to provide skilled nursing care in accordance with valid medical orders, provided the nurse holds a valid license to provide such care.

The supplemental budget includes the following provisions related to the end of the public health emergency on May 11, 2023:

• Temporarily extending flexibility on ambulance staffing

• Temporarily extending the ability of staff of a community program to administer prepackaged medications if in compliance with DPH guidance

• Temporarily extending staffing flexibilities related to dialysis providers

Having been passed by the Senate and the House, the supplemental budget now goes to the Governor for her signature.

## The Lyric Stage Company of Boston presents Sister Act

Sister Act with Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Glenn Slater, Book by Bill and Cheri Steinkellner, and Additional Materials by Douglas Carter Beane will be Directed by Leigh Barrett with Musical Direction by David F. Coleman and Choreography by Dan Sullivan will raise the roof and lift spirits this spring at Lyric Stage Boston made in part possible by our Corporate Sponsor for the production, Brookline Bank.

Sister Act, based on the beloved hit movie, will have audiences relishing in "heavenly" voices and jubilant performances. Featuring a choir of cheeky, loveable nuns led by the fabulous, unforgettable, (and sequin loving!) Delo-

ris Van Cartier, toes will be tapping and spirits will be lifted at this celebration of friendship, the joy of music, and the importance of togetherness.

After witnessing a murder, free spirited, disco diva Deloris Van Cartier finds herself in protective custody at a convent. At odds with a rigid Mother Superior, and a strict lifestyle, Deloris finds divine intervention bringing the choir down to earth and dazzling with her signature style. While Deloris is busy raising the roof, her cover is blown and her new-found sisterhood rallies around her with a lot of love (and maybe a few sequins) in a tribute to the power of friendship.

Performances begin

Friday, April 7 and run through Sunday, May 14.

Press Performance is Sunday, April 9 at 3pm. Email [heather\\_darrow@lyricstage.com](mailto:heather_darrow@lyricstage.com) for tickets.

Director Leigh Barrett says, "Expectations. We all have them. We have them for ourselves, for the people we meet and, of the moment. What you're going to experience at Sister Act is what happens when people see beyond those limited expectations and assumptions, and find love, hope and friendship in the most unexpected place."

"We're excited about the Bank's sponsorship of Sister Act," said Brookline Bank President Darryl Fess. "Lyric Stage is an important part of the culture

here in Back Bay and we're proud of our partnership with them."

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ited number of \$5 tickets available for sale with code SISTER5.

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History of the Lyric Stage Company of Boston

Founded in 1974 and in residence at 140 Clarendon Street since 1991, the Lyric Stage Company is Boston's longest-serving resident theater company. Its mission is to produce and present live theater in Greater Boston with an intimate approach that promotes inclusivity and connection. The Lyric Stage leads an effort

to integrate live theater and theater education into the lives of all residents of greater Boston.

In partnership with Beacon Communities, LLC, Lyric Stage will continue its commitment to improving the lives of Bostonians alongside a partner who shares those same values.

With the partnership of Pine Street Inn, 111 of the units in the building will become supportive housing for people exiting homelessness. The combined energy of Beacon's supportive services alongside one of the city's cultural gems makes 140 Clarendon a paragon of two institutions coming together to make the city a better place for its residents.

## 'Afternoon of Brass' concerts returning to Boston and Worcester for Memorial Day

After several critically and commercially acclaimed shows since 2019, the team at Northbridge Brass Endeavors is proud to present the "Afternoon of Brass #2: Memorial Weekend Spectacular" concert series. The two patriotic-themed concerts are planned for Saturday, May 27 at the Old South Church in Boston and Sunday, May 28 at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Concertgoers can expect a spectacular and rousing flag-waving experience with unparalleled music at this family-friendly event.

Featuring Boston Symphony Orchestra and Pops brass players, the program includes some of the most demanding works ever written and arranged for brass

including "Crown Imperial" (Walton), "Finlandia" (Sibelius), "Variations on America" (Ives), "Resurrection Symphony Finale" (Mahler), "Irish Tune from County Derry" (Grainger), "Nimrod" (Elgar) and "Semper Fi" (Sousa). Also on the program are "Taps" and "Retreat" (Butterfield) specially arranged for the "The President's Own" United States Marine Band by former USMC arranger Thomas Knox.

And there is more than just brass. Mezzo-soprano Heather Gallagher sings the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful" with unique arrangements for solo voice and brass. In addition, Shakespearean scholar Robert Lublin, PhD. Professor

of Theatre Arts, UMASS Boston, sets the mood with a special presentation prior to "Romeo and Juliet" (Sergei Prokofiev arranged for brass by Joseph Kreines). We will also be joined by WGBH/WCRB's Brian McCreath as our emcee and Lawrence Isaacson as our Music Director.

For tickets to Worcester click here and for Boston click here. Discounted tickets are available to active-duty military and veterans, first responders, dependent family members, as well as EBT, WIC, and CC cardholders. Free tickets are available exclusively for Everett residents, whose Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) granted support\* to the event.

Everett residents can

get their free or discounted ticket by entering the town-specific promo code (LCCEverett) when purchasing tickets online at [www.northbridgebrass.com/ab2/tickets](http://www.northbridgebrass.com/ab2/tickets). Ticket purchasers using the LCC discount must bring a photo ID (with matching town address) to the venue entrance (otherwise the ticket is

invalid). Quantities of discounted tickets are limited. Tickets go on sale March 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM. All attendees are required to have a ticket.

\*The Afternoon of Brass #2 is supported in part by grants from 19 (nineteen) Local Cultural Councils (LCCs), including Bolton, Boylston, Concord, Dud-

ley, Everett, Grafton, Holliston, Lancaster, Lincoln, Medford, Millbury, North Reading, Northbridge, Paxton, Revere, Spencer, Sterling, Uxbridge, and Wilmington as well as state-level grants from the Mass Cultural Council (MCC). Our sponsors include UniBank and Whitinsville Family Dentistry.

### Holy Week Services at First Congregational Church

#### First Congregational Church, 230 Beach Street

Palm Sunday Services - 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. April 2  
Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m. April 6 ...  
Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m. April 7 ...

#### Revere Beach Bandstand

Sunrise Service - 5:45 a.m. April 9

#### First Congregational Church, 230 Beach Street

Regular Services for Easter - 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. April 9

# Revere High School students take part in Unified sports program

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Revere High Life Skills teachers, Thomas Mackey and Kristen Murphy-Cormier turned a possibility into reality for their students. In 2021, Kristen and Thomas attended a Special Olympics session on Zoom during their 5DP professional development day. Through the session they were texting about the possibilities and decided to put the pieces together for an inaugural track season in Spring 2022. Basketball is the other major sport Unified runs so they naturally wanted to build on the success.

“Unified is really designed for the student profiles we teach during the day so if anyone was going to put the Unified pro-

gram together it was going to be us.” said Mackey.

Mackey is one of the Life Skills teachers at Revere High School, head coach of the Unified Basketball team, and assistant coach for Unified Track and Field. Murphy-Cormier is the Revere High School’s liaison to the Special Olympics. As a marathon runner, she is also the head Unified Track and Field coach.

“Special Olympics MA provides some grant funding and specialized equipment, such as modified javelins, to get us through our first 2-3 years. Their idea is at that point, the school is ready to fully and formally take it on within their other athletic programming. We currently participate in Spring Track and Field and Fall

Basketball. We also participated in a one day Bocce tournament in January. We’re hoping to expand into adding a winter sport, such as Bowling and/or Unified Strength and Conditioning. Our basketball team had about 17 players split 60/40 between students with disabilities and what are called “partner” athletes without,” added Mackey.

“We had an incredible atmosphere for our home basketball games and I hope we can extend this support for our students in special education when we see them in their daily lives in our community. Thanks to our partner athletes, Imane, Francesca, Manal, Mariah, Ava & more, our assistant coaches Casey Manion and Matt Nazzaro, and the

athletic department Frank Shea, Keith Correia, and Meghan O’Donnell. Special thanks to all the fans in the stands who came out for our home games including Girls Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Boys Basketball, RHS Football, JROTC, teachers, administrators, friends, families and anyone I may have left out!”

Athletic Director Frank Shea is extremely proud of the program. “Unified sports has been an amazing experience. Watching the athletes compete and the support from other Revere High School teams and coaches has been tremendous.”

Spring Unified Track and Field began on March 21. “Until we build out a base of support and a schoolwide culture around



RHS students participating in a Unified Bocce Ball tournament.

inclusion, we’re offering community service hours to students who join us as “partner” athletes. If any high school students are reading this and would like to stay active, make friends, and earn commu-

nity service hours, come see myself or Kristen Murphy-Cormier on how to join. You do not need any prior track & field experience.”



RHS students participating in a Unified Basketball game.



Revere High School Learning Skills Students and Unified Sports Athletes.



Tremendous support by the RHS student body for the RHS Unified Basketball team.

## Tufts Medical Center provides \$225,000 grant to SOS program, DA Hayden announces

Services Over Sentences, a program dedicated to presenting lower-level offenders with alternatives to traditional sentencing, has received a \$225,000 grant from Tufts Medical Center, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced today.

The grant, to be paid out over three years, will help the Suffolk district attorney’s office and its SOS partner, North Suffolk Mental Health Association, to offer assistance in substance use disorder treatment, housing, employment, job training,

therapy and other services to SOS participants, including those from the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard (Mass and Cass), where SOS expanded last year.

“Tufts Medical Center has played a critical public health role in Boston for more than two centuries, and with this generous grant they are proving once again that their commitment to Boston’s citizens goes beyond the top-notch medical services they provide day after day and year after year.

This gift will help many lower-level offenders find a path out of addiction and all of its damaging personal and community impacts. We are deeply grateful for this wonderful and meaningful grant,” Hayden said.

“We are proud to support this critically important program, which provides a compassionate and effective approach to addressing the behavioral health needs of high-risk individuals,” said Michael Tarnoff, MD, CEO of Tufts Medical Center. “This program helps participants



Michael Tarnoff, CEO, Tufts Medical Center; Marc Tohme, Chief of the District and Municipal Courts, Suffolk DA’s office; Caitlin Gillespie, SOS Coordinator, North Suffolk Community Services; Katie O’Leary, Director of Recovery, North Suffolk Community Services; Sherry Dong, Senior Director of Community Benefits and Health Equity, Tufts Medical Center; Diana Richardson, President, Tufts Medical Center.

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achieve long-term recovery and diverts people away from the criminal justice system. We believe in the importance of community collaboration and are honored to be a part of this vital effort.”

Since June 2022, the SOS program has received 107 referrals, 73 of them from the Mass and Cass area. As of today the program has 32 active partic-

ipants. All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys

in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the

# EPA analysis shows 2021 increase of toxic chemical releases in Massachusetts

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its 2021 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) National Analysis, which shows that environmental releases of TRI chemicals from facilities covered by the program remained below pre-pandemic levels and releases in 2021 are 10% lower than 2012 releases, even with an 8% increase from 2020 to 2021. Additionally, in 2021, facilities managed 89% of their TRI chemical waste through preferred practices such as recycling, energy recovery and treatment, while reporting that they released 11% of their TRI chemical waste into the environment.

In Massachusetts, the reporting data show that overall releases of pollutants to the environment increased since the previous reporting year (2020). However, over the last 10 years, Massachusetts has reduced air emissions by 55% due to the closures of a coal fired power plant and aluminum can manufacturer

TRI tracks the management of certain toxic chemicals that may pose a threat to human health and the environment. U.S. facilities in different industry sectors must report annually how much of each chemical is released to the environment and/or managed through recycling, energy recovery and treatment. A "release" of a chemical means that it is emitted to the air, water or placed in some type of land disposal.

"TRI reporting is a key part of EPA's efforts to provide greater access to vital environmental information to Americans about their neighborhoods," said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. "Making this information publicly available also incentivizes companies to reduce pollution and gives communities tools to act locally – which is particularly important for underserved communities that have historically been disproportionately impacted by pollution."

### Massachusetts: Released on and offsite

During 2021, the latest year for which data is available, 357 facilities reported approximately 3.9 million pounds were released onsite to the air, water and land (such as landfills), compared to 3.0 million pounds released in 2020 (an increase of 0.9 million pounds). Approximately 667,300 pounds were released to the air, and 2,800 pounds were released to surface water. The major pollutants released to the air were toluene at 27% and ammonia with 11% of all air releases in the state. The major pollutant released to the water although small was formaldehyde (at 30% of all releases to water). In the last ten years, total releases increased 8% from 3.6 million pounds in 2011 to 3.9 million pounds in 2021.

### Massachusetts: Total Production Related Waste

During 2021, 357 facilities reported approximately 50.4 million pounds of total production related waste was managed compared to 362 facilities and 43.9 million pounds managed in 2020 (an increase of 8.3 million pounds). Total production related waste includes chemicals released directly to the environment and wastes

that are treated (such as in an incinerator or wastewater treatment system), recycled and waste that is landfilled.

### Massachusetts: Top Five Companies

The companies in Massachusetts with the greatest releases included various industries including plastics, fabricated metals, manufacturing, and chemicals. These 5 facilities produced 44% of the releases in the state of Massachusetts in 2021.

Each year, EPA makes publicly available TRI data reported by industries throughout the United States regarding chemical releases to air, water and land by power plants, manufacturers and other facilities which employ ten or more workers, and which exceed thresholds for chemicals. Reporting includes information on chemicals released at a company's facility, as well as those transported to disposal facilities off site. TRI data do not reflect the relative toxicity of the chemicals emitted or potential exposure to people living in a community with reported releases.

Reporting under TRI does not indicate illegal discharges of pollutants to the environment. EPA works closely with states to provide regulatory oversight of facilities that generate pollution to the nation's air, land, and water. Effective review and permitting programs work to ensure that the public and the environment are not subjected to unhealthy levels of pollution, even as agencies work to further reduce emissions of chemicals to the environment. Enforcement efforts by EPA and states ensure that facilities that violate their environmental permits are subject to penalties and corrective action. Yearly releases by individual facilities can vary due to factors such as power outages, production variability, lulls in the business cycle, etc., that do not reflect a facility's pollution prevention program(s).

### Companies with the largest releases:

TRI data are submitted annually to EPA, states, and tribes by facilities in industry sectors such as manufacturing, metal mining, electric utilities, and

commercial hazardous waste. Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), facilities must report their toxic chemical releases for the prior year to EPA by July 1 of each year. The Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 also requires facilities to submit information on pollution prevention and other waste management activities related to TRI chemicals.

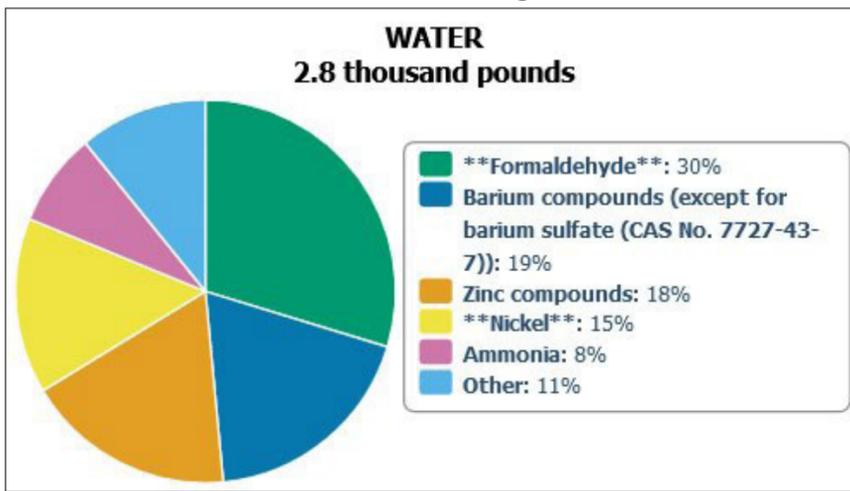
The 2021 Analysis features updated visualizations and analytical tools to make data more useful and accessible to communities, including the option to view data by region and watershed. EPA has also updated demographic information in the "Where You Live" mapping tool and in the Chemical Profiles section. Readers can view facility locations with overlaid demographic data to identify potential exposure to TRI chemical releases in vulnerable communities. Community groups, policymakers, and other stakeholders can use this data, along with other environmental data, to better understand which communities may experience a disproportionate pollution burden and take action at the local level.

### PFAS Reporting

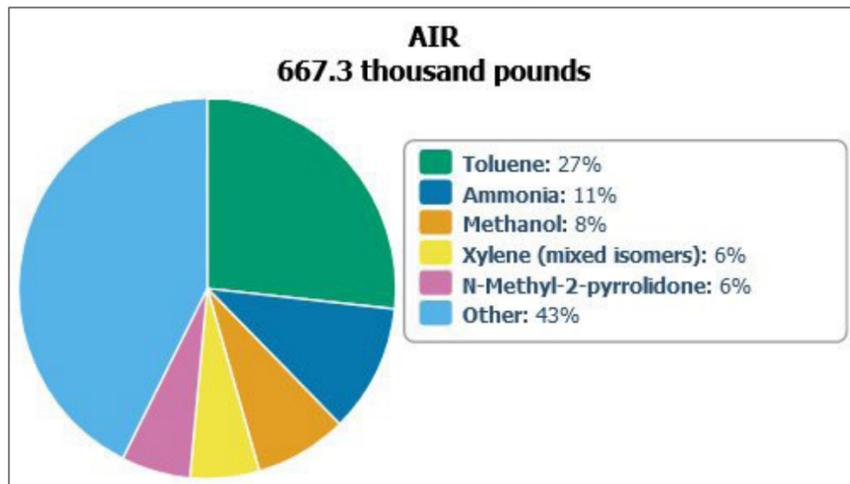
For the second time, the TRI National Analysis includes reporting on perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) following the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. For Reporting Year 2021, 176 PFAS were reportable to TRI. Facilities reported managing 1.3 million pounds of these chemicals as waste. This is an increase from the 800,000 pounds in 2020 and is largely due to reporting on one PFAS, perfluorooctyl iodide, which EPA began requiring facilities to report in 2021. Most of the facilities that manage PFAS operate in the chemical manufacturing and hazardous waste management sectors. The hazardous waste management sector accounted for roughly 80% of the 108,334 pounds of PFAS released into the environment, primarily to regulated landfills.

Last December, EPA proposed a rule that would improve reporting on PFAS to TRI by eliminating an exemption that

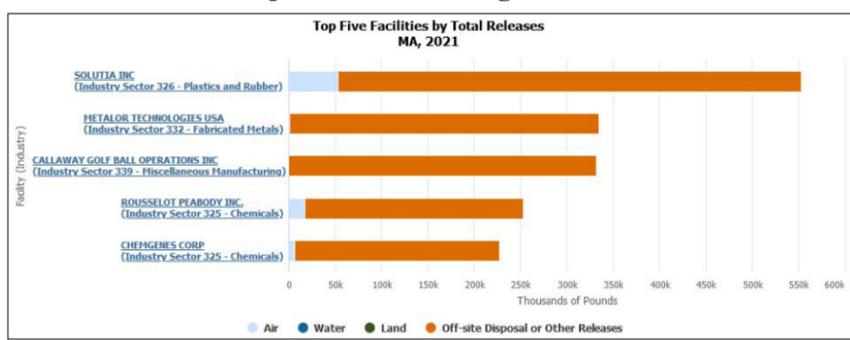
### The top five chemicals released to surface water in Massachusetts during 2021



### The top five chemicals released to the air in Massachusetts during 2021



### Companies with the largest releases



allows facilities to avoid reporting information on PFAS when those chemicals are used in small, or de minimis, concentrations. Because PFAS are

used at low concentrations in many products, this rule would ensure covered industry sectors and federal facilities that make or use TRI-listed PFAS will no

longer be able to rely on the de minimis exemption to avoid disclosing their PFAS releases and other waste management quantities for these chemicals.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

## NOWICKI TO HEAD HOUSING AUTHORITY

CHELSEA - The new Executive Director of the Chelsea Housing Authority is a familiar face in the city.

Last week, the Housing Authority Board selected Paul Nowicki to serve as Executive Director, replacing Al Ewing, who retired after serving as the director of the housing authority since 2011.

Nowicki has been with the housing authority since 2011, and was serving as its operations director. He was also a city councilor for 16 years, serving four terms as council president.

The Chelsea Housing Authority oversees 914 public housing units in Chelsea, along with Section 8 vouchers in Chelsea and several surrounding communities. Nowicki said there are about 1,500 residents in the city who live in housing authority units.

Nowicki said his desire to move up to the director's role comes from his passion for public service and the community.

"It's always been my passion being in this community, working in this community, from my days as a youth volunteer to the city council, and then when the opportunity came to join the housing authority, it was a completely different perspective on helping out and being a part of the community," he said. "The longer I worked there, the more I saw the potential for the positive impact not only for our residents, but for our neighborhoods, which means the city in general, and I just thought it would be a natural progression for me to go for it."

Coming from the council to the housing authority, Nowicki said there was a different approach about how to get things done. He pointed to the zoning changes in the late 90s that led to urban renewal as compared to the more nuts and bolts approach of running an agency such as the Chelsea Housing Au-

thority.

"I'm the one who always wanted to get things done as fast as possible, and Al's approach was very methodical and was not about getting it done fast, but about getting it done correctly," Nowicki said. "Al was the perfect person at the perfect time to take over the housing authority in 2011 and it allowed us to stabilize and grow, so there were a lot of good, valuable lessons."

As he takes over the director's role, Nowicki said there are some immediate issues that need to be addressed, including finding a new finance director, since former finance director Arnaldo Velazquez recently moved into the deputy director position, and finding a new operations director to fill Nowicki's old spot.

Longer term, the housing authority also has to look at the logistics of moving residents back into the revamped Innes Development when that project is ready for occupancy in the next 18 to 24 months, and then backfilling the open public housing units the Innes residents were occupying during construction.

Nowicki said the housing authority also needs to look at ways to secure nontraditional housing funding sources.

"We as a housing authority, whether it be our supportive services, or whether it be trying to purchase other property to refurbish and create more voucher availability, those are things that we are going to look at as a board and senior staff because we will have to work together as we move this housing authority forward," said Nowicki.

## DeMARIA NOTES SUPPORT FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he appreciates the unanimous votes cast by the School Committee and the City

Council in support of a plan to build a new Everett High School.

DeMaria's remarks came after the City Council voted unanimously at its March 13 meeting to submit another Statement of Interest to the MSBA for state funding for a new high school facility in Everett.

"I have been advocating for the state to support my plan to alleviate overcrowding across our entire school district and to increase our capacity to offer a more robust career and technical education program to our students by building a new high school facility in Everett. I appreciate the support from my colleagues on the School Committee and the City Council shown by their votes to approve filing another Statement of Interest (SOI) with the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Authority (MSBA) to help fund this important initiative," said Mayor DeMaria. "I also took the opportunity last week in a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Driscoll to advocate for additional funding for the MSBA to approve more applications because of how important this project is to Everett students."

The School Committee had voted by a 10-0 margin to advance the proposal for a new high school before the Council discussed the issue.

Supt. of Schools Priya Tahiliani appeared at the Council meeting to talk about the Statement of Interest being submitted to the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA)

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith asked Tahiliani if the submission of the Statement of Interest was required in the process after last year's proposal was not approved.

"That's correct," replied Tahiliani. "What you see in front of you is almost exactly the same as the one submitted last year with some updates in regard to enrollment at the schools and the renovations we made in order to increase

## 'MUSIC FOR BABIES' CLASSES



National touring children's musician Evan from Music at the Blissful came to Winthrop recently to kick off a four-week series of "Music for Babies" classes held at the Winthrop Parent Network. The classes are free and open to the community thanks to a grant from the Winthrop Cultural Council, and are designed to help babies work on their physical, social and language development and social awareness. Local parent Julia Wallerice, who applied for the grant in partnership with the Winthrop Parent Network, says she hopes this is the first of many music, movement and enrichment programs made available to young children/babies and their caregivers in Winthrop in the coming months. More information can be found at [tinyurl.com/musicforbabies](https://tinyurl.com/musicforbabies).

school space."

Councilor Stephanie Martins asked about the timeline for the entire process.

"Last year, we submitted at around this time, and we found out that we were not accepted in December or January," said Tahiliani. "Altogether, the estimate is that [the process] takes about 8-10 years," said Tahiliani. "It is a pretty extensive process and actually I believe the City has gone through it in the past with other Statements of Interest - even in the last decade - so there are focus groups that are put together to determine what exactly the plan is going to be so you have a lot of community input."

In terms of Everett's bid for a new school being approved by the MSBA, Tahiliani told the Council that many gateway cities are overcrowded [in their schools], "and there's only so large of a pot of money, and unfortunately the feedback that we did receive is the money is not going as far because of inflation rates."

## COVID-19 REMAINS LOW IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), is encouraging residents to be mindful of the risk of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses. While Suffolk County is still at low COVID-19 community risk level according to the CDC, gathering in large groups, particularly indoors, increases the risk of transmission.

"We are in a much better place than we were a year ago, but when you gather in large groups indoors there is always an increased risk of transmitting and acquiring respiratory infections, including COVID-19," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "My advice to everybody is to stay home if you are sick and get boosted if you have not done so yet."

New COVID-19 cases have decreased 10% over past 7 days and by 34% over past 14 days. New COVID-19 related hospitalizations have stabilized over the past week (1% increase) but have decreased by 34% over the past two weeks. The latest data from Boston's wastewa-

ter surveillance program show a citywide average of 479 RNA copies/mL, representing a 46% decrease over the past 14 days. Nine of the 11 neighborhoods surveyed are below this average.

Residents should also make sure they are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations, and those interested in receiving the \$75 gift card incentive for a vaccine or booster should do as soon as possible. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is ending this incentive program after March 31, meaning BPHC will no longer give out the \$75 gift cards at its standing clinics.

BPHC also recommends residents at high risk for severe infection wear a mask indoors to increase their protection against respiratory viruses. Additionally, testing for COVID-19 prior to gathering and staying home if you are sick or if you test positive are recommended. Free rapid test kits are available at BPHC standing sites listed below.

COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and boosters are free and widely available at BPHC's five standing sites.

Boston City Hall - 1 City Hall Sq., Boston.

Open Mondays 7 a.m.-1 p.m. and Wednesdays 12-5 p.m.

Bruce C. Bolling Building - 2300 Washington St., Nubian Square.

Open Tuesdays - Saturdays 12-8 p.m.

For more information on testing and vaccination sites around Boston, visit [boston.gov/covid19](https://boston.gov/covid19).

## NEW PRINCIPAL NAMED AT GORMAN FORT BANKS

WINTHROP - An Arlington elementary school principal will take over as the new principal of the Gorman Fort Banks school.

Mark McAneny has most recently served as the principal of the Bishop Elementary School in Arlington.

"The superintendent (Lisa Howard), after a long process, and with an incredible amount of well-qualified candidates, selected Mark McAneny," said Town Council President James Letterie at Tuesday night's Town Council meeting. "He will be taking over for our current principal, Ilene

Pearson, who is retiring. Ilene has been here over a decade, and has made incredible strides at the Gorman Fort Banks and will be missed very much by the community and by the Winthrop public schools students."

In other business, the council approved sending out letters of acquisition for the approximately 60 properties that will be impacted by permanent or temporary easements for the Revere Street reconstruction project.

Most of the easements will be for small portions of property near the road way.

"This just allows the letters to go out and to negotiate with people in regard to the amounts of money the appraiser gave us for what those easements are worth for both the temporary and permanent," said Town Manager Tony Marino.

Once the negotiations are completed, there will be an order of taking that will come before the council for those easements.

Marino said the letters needed to go out by Friday, March 24 in order for the project to stay on track for a potential June bid date.

Letterie also introduced a motion seeking to increase the size of the Zoning Board of Appeals from six to seven members to make it easier to vote on appeals and conduct business.

"Right now, we have a six member board of appeals with two alternates and four (full) members," said Letterie.

When three members handle an appeal, it needs a unanimous vote to pass.

"What we are trying to do here, and it leads to an inordinate amount of time sometimes, because they are just inundated by requests, and if you have three certain people on one hearing and the hearing is continued, and those three people aren't available (at the next hearing), it has to be continued again and it is making the process harder," said Letterie. "What we would like to do is add another member to make it seven and have five full and associate members."

This would allow the board to have five members on a hearing with four votes needed to approve an appeal, giving it more flexibility.

The request will be discussed further at a future meeting of the council's rules subcommittee.

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# Porzio named executive director of Revere Chamber of Commerce

By Cary Shuman

Erica Porzio, a 35-year-old finance professional, had impressed everyone at the Revere Chamber of Commerce (RCC) in her first year as a board member with her vitality, innovative ideas, and noteworthy leadership.

Porzio has now been elevated to the position of RCC executive director, succeeding Amanda Schepici-Portillo.

Porzio has hit the ground running in her volunteer position. She and RCC Board President Patrick Lospennato attended the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner last Thursday. The next morning, she and board members were welcoming visitors from the business community and city government to an RCC Meet and Greet reception at its office at 313 Broadway.

“We had a wonderful leader [Schepici-Portillo] before and I’m maintaining the stride that the Chamber has made in the past year-and-a-half,” said Porzio. “And now our focus is to really hone in on community outreach. Our hopes are to create a connection between us and City Hall, so we can continue to outreach to the community. I think there is an immense amount of populations in Revere that haven’t been tapped into. I think the Chamber can really help out in creating



Revere Chamber of Commerce President Patrick Lospennato and Executive Director Erica Porzio are pictured at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers Reception held March 23 at Homewood Suites Hotel, Chelsea.

an avenue for the other populations that are underserved when it comes to jobs by holding job fairs and working with the high school.”

Porzio said the RCC will seek to bring students on board for internships in administrative duties.

“Ultimately, our focus is creating that connection with the City so that we can better serve the community, and that’s the bottom line,” said Porzio.

### Revere roots

Erica Porzio was born and raised in Peabody, but her family is from Revere.

Porzio Park in East Boston is named after her great uncle, Joseph Porzio.

“Our roots are deep in this area, and that’s also part of my drive – my family is from here, and I want to help the community as much as possible,” said Porzio. “My grandmother has had a home on Central Avenue for 65 years. Her name is Mary Porzio, but we call her Mima. She’s 98 years old.”

Porzio was a standout point guard for the Peabody High School girls basketball team, in addition to playing junior varsity soccer. She attended



Pictured at the Meet-and-Greet reception at the Revere Chamber of Commerce office at 313 Broadway are, from left: Councilor-at-Large Steve Morabito, RCC Treasurer Marta Flores, RCC Secretary Jessica Teixeira, RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio, RCC President Patrick Lospennato, RCC Member Selene Gomez, and City Council President Patrick Keefe.

Bunker Hill Community College and transferred to Lesley University. She is finishing up her degree at UMass-Boston.

“My interest is to become a certified financial planner (CFP),” said Porzio, whose passion is abstract art and does acrylic art works on canvas. “Luckily, my company is helping me on that development path.”

Porzio works for New York Life Insurance Company.

### A new RCC leadership team

Porzio said she is look-

ing forward to collaborating with Lospennato at the helm of the RCC.

“Patrick’s amazing,” said Porzio. “I’m looking forward to working with him. I feel very fortunate to work with someone who is so kind and generous, but also has a very level head, which I appreciate, because it’s going to be instrumental in the work that we do as a team, as a Chamber.”

Lospennato said the RCC board is rallying around Porzio “to continue the work that we started last year.”

“Erica is very motivat-

ed. She’s well-liked and very well-spoken. She has our support to do what she needs to do. It’s going to be exciting,” said Lospennato, who works for Santander Bank. “We’re going to keep building upon what happened after the pandemic in restarting the Chamber. We have this awesome space on Broadway. We’re centrally located and building a lot of partnerships with the community and neighborhood communities. You’re going to see the Chamber as a vibrant resource for the community again.”

# Massachusetts Trial Court holds Women’s History Month honors at Chelsea High

By Adam Swift

Noted author, lecturer, political activist, and feminist organizer Gloria Steinem, Zooming in from her Manhattan apartment, headlined Tuesday’s Women History Month event held at the Saul Nechtem Gymnasium at Chelsea High School.

But each of this year’s nine honorees, along with the women who presented them with their honors and the event’s performers, spoke to the strength and unity of the achievement of women in Massachusetts and beyond.

The event was hosted by Boston25 News reporter and anchor Crystal Haynes, who was also one of the event’s honorees along with Steinem and seven others. This was the third annual Women’s History Month event held by the Massachusetts Trial Court.

Haines conducted a short interview with Steinem via Zoom after Stei-



Regional supervisor for Massachusetts Probation Service who also conceived this event 3 years ago Carmen Gomez (3rd from right) with her kids Christina and Christopher Torres, event host and Juvenile Court Chief Justice Amy Nechtem with her daughters Robin Hutton and Kate Clayman and granddaughters Molly Hutton and Chelsea and Marissa Huggar with Chelsea City Council President Leo Robinson.

nem was presented with her honor by Juvenile Court Chief Justice Amy Nechtem and her grandchildren. The event was also a special occasion for

Nechtem, who is a Chelsea native and daughter of Saul Nechtem, whom the high school’s gymnasium is named after.

During the interview,

Steinmen talked about her youth and the role books played in her education, as well as her hopes for the future of the feminist movement.

“I wasn’t going to school very much because my father had a little summer dance place in southern Michigan, and in the winter time, we got in a home trailer and went back and forth to Florida and California,” said Steinem. “So I really learned by reading books. I was in love with Louisa May Alcott, and I thought she was my best friend.”

Haines asked Steinem if she was happy to see the advances made by women over the past decades, or if she was frustrated because progress has been too slow.

“Both of the above; you and I probably have both of those responses,” Steinem said. “But I do believe we are beginning to see each other without adjectives as the unique individuals we truly are, and of course, we may share experiences because of gender, because of race, ethnicity, economic class,



Precious Perez performs her song “Melanin Queen”

but still, each of us is a unique miracle – somebody who could never happen before and can never happen again.”

Steinem also noted that people are starting to rectify history and understand that women were involved in more than just the battle for women’s rights.

“I think much of the problem lies in the way the movements have been recorded and women have been left out, including in the Civil Rights movement,” said Steinem. “I think Fannie Lou Hamer, to mention one person, is one person we don’t talk about and should.”

Hamer was a civil rights activist and co-founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in 1964.

Steinem said the most important thing to make sure movements are recorded accurately in the future is by people talking to each other and telling their stories and by listening to the stories of others.

“If each of us talks as much as we listen, and listens as much as we talk, it’s amazing what a difference that can make in individual encounters,” she said.

Other honorees included District Court Chief Justice Stacy Fortes; Middlesex Superior Court Assistant Clerk Magistrate Amanda Rowan; Founder and Chief Executive Officer of ROCA, Inc. Molly Baldwin; Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, who

also accepted an award on behalf of Governor Maura Healey; Northeastern University Professor of Law Deborah Ramirez; and Executive Director of New Beginnings Re-entry Service Stacey Borden, M. Ed.

A special Honor Guard of women in law enforcement started the ceremony and Chelsea High School student Ivona Niyonkinzo sang the National Anthem.

The celebration also included music from the Chelsea High School band, Chelsea native Precious Perez, and a dance performance by Deborah Abel Dance Company of Boston.

“We may be the first two women to lead the corner office, but we hope we won’t be the last,” said Driscoll. “We are building a diverse body of people who are interested in making sure we are leaning into our values.”

Driscoll said she believes the level of leadership from women in Massachusetts will help lead the state to a brighter future.

“We want to be a state where you start here, you stay here, everybody feels welcomed, and we are trying to lean in on that work,” said Driscoll.

While the ceremony honored women from throughout the state, there was special attention given to Chelsea as the host city.

“Women have long been instrumental in passing on our heritage in word and in print to communicate the lessons of those who have come before us,” said Chelsea Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta in her welcoming remarks. “Women’s stories and the larger human story expand our understanding of and strengthen our connections with each other, and I’m grateful to be part of that story in this great city of Chelsea.”



Chief Justice of the District Court Stacey Fortes, Housing Court Chief Justice Timothy Sullivan, Juvenile Court Chief Justice Amy Nechtem, and Chief Justice Roberto Ronquillo.

## CITY PAWS

## Special needs animals

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

There are animals with life-long special needs and some who, with their families, have to adapt due to injury, illness, or aging. Thankfully, there are ways to support these animals and many devices to help them live safer and more rewarding lives.

## Vision

One of the sweetest stories we've heard over the years was about a senior dog who gradually lost his vision. One day the guardians noticed their younger pup blocking the older one from a stairway.

As time went by, they would see the two coming up and down the stairs, moving in unison, with the senior member of the pair safely positioned between himself and a wall by the youngster. The family never taught the dogs any of this behavior. However, they did reward both dogs as it progressed.

Stairway gates are one adaptive device recommended for blind animals. A halo harness for blind dogs protects their heads by bumping into things before the dog does. Scented

toys allow a blind animal to find and play with a toy.

## Hearing

As our Maggie Mae lost her hearing in old age, we were happy we had taught her to respond to hand signals. Now research is testing the ability of dogs to learn both American Sign Language and "K9Sign" language. This communication can be used when a dog or a family member is deaf. Best Friends Animal Sanctuary is one place using this training.

You can test the dog's range of deafness to see if you can use their remaining hearing. Dogs start with far better hearing than we do. A dog may not hear your voice but may pick up the sound of a dog whistle beyond the range of human hearing. You can also shake a can of pennies or squeak a toy.

If that fails, turn to other strong canine senses. Vibration is a great tool. As you approach, you can make your footsteps heavier, setting off vibrations the dog can feel. If the dog is on a dog bed or sofa, gently tap the cushion. There are "vibration only" communication and



Canine wheelchairs are available for dogs and cats of all sizes, from tiny to giant.

training collars. Be sure the device you choose does not have an electric shock option.

Arouse that finely tuned nose with an odoriferous treat like dried mussels, salmon jerky, or smelly cheese.

## Mobility

In the Boston area, we're fortunate to have an excellent source for

custom dog mobility carts—Eddie's Wheels in Shelburne, MA. We've been following the amazing work of Ed Grinnell since we met our first of his canine customers more than 15 years ago. Penny admits to visiting the website [www.eddieswheels.com](http://www.eddieswheels.com) for the joy of reading his success stories.

Pet strollers are another option. They are perfect for keeping an older dog

in the social game. This is the solution if your pooch loves to be out and about with you but can't walk to a favorite spot. A stroller lets you provide just enough exercise and a ride for the rest of the way.

Your veterinarian, groomer, or local pet supply store can be a resource for the latest assistive harnesses and support devices you can use as needed. More and more of these

products come to the market each year.

You and your special needs animal may enjoy better quality time together if you explore and use the many options available to a specific situation.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*

## LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given that Seas the Day Restaurant, Inc., 320 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere, MA, Hang Pham, President, has made application for an All Alcohol Restaurant license to be exercised at the same location. Seating is 72 inside, 32 outside, hours of alcohol service are Sunday 10 a.m. - 11 p.m., Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Linda Guinasso Daniel Occena 3/29/23 R

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Notice is hereby given that Mehrun Islam d/b/a 7-Eleven #34393, 127 Broadway, Revere, MA, Shaheedul Islam, Manager, has made application for a Malt/Wine Package Store license, to be exercised at the same location. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Linda Guinasso Daniel Occena 3/29/23 R

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Cruz Santiago Barrientos, Francisco Barrientos, Erik Francisco Barrientos Guevara to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Rockland Trust Company, dated January 27, 2020 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 62450, Page 162, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rockland Trust Company, its successors and assigns to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, recorded on July 15, 2022, in Book No. 67949, at Page 317 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on April 17, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 323 Vane Street, Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon now known as and numbered 323 Vane Street, situated in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts being Lot 398 on a plan entitled "The Heights" by J.A. Latham, Surveyor, dated May 1894 and recorded with Suffolk County registry of Deeds in Book 2198, Page End, bounded and described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY: By Vane Street, 40 feet; NORTHWESTERLY: By Lot 399, on said plan, 100 feet; NORTHEASTERLY: By Lot 374, on said plan, 40 feet; and SOUTHEASTERLY: By Lot

397, on said plan, 100 feet. Containing, according to said plan, 4,000 square feet of land. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 62450, Page 160. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 22119 3/15/23, 3/22/23, 3/29/23 R

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## LEGAL NOTICE

City of Revere Notice Public Hearing Notice Proposed FY 2023 Annual Plan HUD Community Development Block Grant Program The City of Revere, acting through its Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Brian Arrigo, is a HUD Community Development Entitlement Community in the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and is required to submit a FY 2023 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) Annual Plan detailing its planned use of funds. The City of Revere expects to receive approximately \$658,597 for its FY 2023 CDBG Program. An important part of this process is obtaining public input and comment. The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) will hold the second public hearing on April 4, 2023 at 5:30pm on Zoom. Join here: <http://www.revere.org/cdbg2023>. At this public hearing, the DPCD will describe the proposed uses of funds for the FY 2023 Annual Plan, including enhancing parks, public facilities, public infrastructure, and commercial property rehabilitation. Until April 20, 2023, the FY 2023 Annual Plan will be available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations: the DPCD, City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere,

MA 02151; the Revere Public Library, 179 Beach Street, Revere, MA 02151; and at the City Clerk's Office, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. The Annual Plan is posted on the City's website ([www.revere.org](http://www.revere.org)). The DPCD has established a 30-day comment period on the Annual Plan. Written comments must be received by 4:00pm on the final day of that period, expected to be April 20, 2023. Such comments will be considered by the DPCD and responded to in the formal plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before April 28, 2023, following the conclusion of the formal comment period. Persons with speech, hearing, or sight disabilities and persons requiring interpretation services will be accommodated at the public hearings to the greatest extent possible provided a request for such assistance is made at a reasonable time prior to the hearing to the DPCD at the above address, by telephone at 781-286-8181 x20319, or by email to [dosterman@revere.org](mailto:dosterman@revere.org). 3/29/23 R

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 LETTERS OF AUTHORITY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU23D0376DR Paula B. Reyes Jimenez Plaintiff VS.

Luis M. Rodriguez Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Paola B. Reyes Jimenez, 67 Cooledge St. Revere, MA 02151, your answer, if any, on or before 05/11/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 10, 2023 Vincent Procopio Register of Probate 3/29/23 R

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12/05/2022 To: David Peach 307 Broadway Chelsea, MA 02150 You have been appointed and qualified as Personal Representative in Unsupervised administration of this estate on March 13, 2023. These letters are proof of your authority to act pursuant to G.L. c. 190B, except for the following restrictions if any: Date: March 13, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate 3/29/23 R

## LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Shuban, Inc. d/b/a Parkway Convenience, 190A Revere Beach Parkway, Revere, MA, Nilamben Patel, Manager, has made application for a change of officers/directors, a transfer of stock, a pledge of license and inventory, a change of manager, and an alteration of licensed premises. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Linda Guinasso Daniel Occena 3/29/23 R

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU23C0097CA In the matter of: Shannon Teah Hanzalik A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Shannon Teah Hanzalik of Revere, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Shannon Teah St. Pierre IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/13/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 16, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 3/29/23 R

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LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given that MFRP Corp. d/b/a The Squire, 604 Squire Road, Revere, MA, Peter DePesa, Manager, has made application for a change of officers/directors, a change of ownership, and a transfer of stock. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Linda Guinasso Daniel Occena 3/29/23 R

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# MGH Revere Food Pantry & Teaching Kitchen now open

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Massachusetts General Brigham (MGB) and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Revere, celebrated the unveiling of the MGH Revere HealthCare Center Food Pantry & Teaching Kitchen, located at 300 Ocean Avenue, Revere, on March 22. HealthCare providers, with state and local officials, expressed their devotion to prompting nutrition, preventing cardio-metabolic diseases, and reducing food insecurity.

“On behalf of my neighbors in Revere, we thank the entire MGH team for your selfless, persistent service to this community,” said Congresswoman Katherine Clark. “Today we honor our most sacred responsibilities as a society: that no person should face injustice or hunger. Access to food is a fundamental right. Every day, this beautiful facility upholds that truth. We are transforming the lives of 80 families every week; and I’m sure that is going to grow.”

Congresswoman Clark revealed that 34 million Americans are food insecure, including 9 million children, more than 5 million seniors, and a quarter of the nation’s active-duty service members. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Congresswoman Clark announced that later that day, she would be sharing the facility’s commitment to ending hunger with colleagues at the United States Capitol in Washington.

“I am incredibly proud that our system is investing in making nutrition-related diseases a thing of the past. It’s a priority,” emphasized Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH, Chief Com-



Congresswoman Katherine Clark.



Debbie Jacobson, Administrative Director, MGH Revere HealthCare Center.



Roger Pasinski, MD, Director, MGH Revere HealthCare Center.



Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH, Chief Community Health & Health Equity Officer, Mass General Brigham.

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The plant-based food pantry originally opened in December 2019 at a temporary site on Broadway, Revere, with the goal of becoming the healthiest food pantry in the greater-Boston area.

“We made a commitment to only serve fruits, vegetables, nuts, and grains,” explained Debbie Jacobson, Administrative Director, MGH Revere HealthCare Center. “Shortly after opening, COVID-19 hit. That changed everything. We expanded from our pilot program -- approximately serving 10 families -- to providing for 80 families a week.”

Jacobson believed that

having a permanent home for the MGH Revere Food Pantry was vital to providing free, healthy foods to patients in need.

“With the generous support of MGH, MGB, our donors, and the development team, we have a wonderful new space that will be instrumental in helping serve the community,” acknowledged Jacobson. “I am tremendously grateful to my team and their support.”

According to Jacobson, who co-founded the MGH Revere Food Pantry with Jacob Mirsky, MD, MA, DipABLM, the MGH Revere Food Pantry distributed 150,000 pounds of food in 2022, half of that being produce.

“Our goal was to create the nation’s most comprehensive program addressing hunger, health, and nutrition through food, education, and research”



Representative Jeff Turco, Jacob Mirsky, Co-Founder & Meical Director, MGH Revere Food Pantry & Teaching Kitchen, Joshua Metlay, MD, PhD, Interim Chief, Department of Medicine, MGH, Roger Pasinski, MD, Director, MGH Revere HealthCare Center, Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH, Chief Community Health & Health Equity Officer, Mass General Brigham, Michael Lenson, Program Manager, MGH Revere, Congresswoman Katherine Clark, and Debbie Jacobson, Administrative Director, MGH Revere HealthCare Center celebrating the ribbon cutting ceremony for the MGH Revere Foot Pantry on March 22

declared Mirsky, Founder and Medical Director, MGH Revere Food Pantry & Teaching Kitchen. “The investment in this community and this space is a testament to addressing the social determinants of health.”

As a primary care physician, Joshua Metlay, MD, PhD, believes that the MGH Food Pantry is important for the health-care workforce; and that patients’ health is determined more by what happens outside clinics and hospitals.

“This event is important to align with our more than 200-year mission to community health,” noted Metlay, Interim Chief, Department of Medicine, MGH. “I find this aspect compelling because people fly from around the world for our care, but they also come from across the street. We care about the people across the street. This is where joy and work reside.”



Joshua Metlay, MD, PhD, Interim Chief, Department of Medicine, MGH.



Roger Pasinski, MD, Director, MGH Revere HealthCare Center guiding local and state officials on a tour of the MGH Revere Food Pantry.



Colette O'Neill, Director of Communications, MGH, greeting Michael Lenson, Program Manager, MGH Revere.



Chris Philbin, Vice President of Government Affairs, MGB, Maria Rios, Government Affairs, MGB, Dr. Emma Steinberg, and Dr. Nadia Ounis-Skali.



Gina Raffa, MGH Revere, Charro Lafratta, MGH Revere, Debbie Jacobson, Administrative Director of MGH Revere, Dr. Josh Metlay, and Libby William.



Revere City Council President Patrick Keefe, Representative Jeff Turco, Congresswoman Katherine Clark, and Roger Pasinski, MD, Director, MGH Revere HealthCare Center, touring the MGH Revere Food Pantry.

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