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REVERE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS SET FOR JUNE 27

The Revere Democratic Caucuses will host caucuses for all six wards virtually on June 27 at 6 p.m. This will be a nominating caucus for the 2023 Platform Convention.

People can join using the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83707220648?pwd=WjdYUUXx-Z3NiU2ZjWFpzaUNmOWtZz09>



OUR LADY OF LOURDES ANNUAL OUTDOOR MASS JUNE 25 AT 10AM

The annual Lady of Lourdes Outdoor Mass will be held at the Our Lady of Lourdes Park on Endicott Ave. in Beachmont, Sunday morning, June 25. The time is 10 a.m., rain or shine, 135 seats will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

The mass is open to all that wish to attend this special celebratory event. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Leonardo from the Immaculate Conception Church and refreshments will be served following the completion of the service at the park.

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Concerns raised about Sumner Tunnel closure

By Adam Swift

Representatives from MassDOT met with the City Council's public safety subcommittee last week to review plans for the Sumner Tunnel closure this summer.

The tunnel will be closed to all traffic for a major rehabilitation project from July 5 to August 31.

This summer, work will be done on ventilation and drainage systems

in the tunnel, while next summer, the tunnel will be closed for actual road resurfacing within the tunnel, according to Neil Boudreau of MassDOT.

The weekend closures of the Sumner will remain in place in between the two full-time summer closures of the tunnel.

"Where it is a tunnel system crossing the harbor, we only have so many lanes in and out of Bos-

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Novoselsky announces for re-election to Ward 2 Council seat

Special to the Journal

Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselsky has announced his intention to run for reelection to Ward 2. The following is his announcement:

"My name is Ira Novoselsky and I am once again a candidate for re-election as your Ward 2 City Councillor.

Ward 2 Councillor
Ira Novoselsky

As a member of the Revere City Council, I am now the longest serving member and the Dean of the Council. Many have referred to me as the Councillor of Reason. I also have been designated by The Neighborhood Developers as the Champion of Shirley Avenue.

During the last 21 years, I have continued to work to make Ward 2 a better place to live. On the public safety part of my efforts, I have had Stop signs installed at many locations in the Ward to stop speeding in our neighborhoods. We are scheduled to have a speed table installed on Campbell Avenue in the vicinity of the crosswalk. I have increased street lights in many locations in

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Ned Almeida announces run for Councillor-at-Large seat

Special to the Journal

Edward 'Ned' Almeida has announced his intention to run for City Councillor-at-Large. The following is his announcement:

"I would like to announce my candidacy for Revere City Councillor-at-Large. The decision to run was not an easy one to make. However, after some very heartfelt conversations with my family, close neighbors and friends, I realized that could be of service to the residents of Revere.

I've never had any political aspirations. Being a politician or doing government work has never been an interest of mine. However, a few months ago my neighborhood faced a challenging situation and



Candidate for Councillor-at-Large Ned Almeida

when we turned to our local government for assistance and guidance, we were told there was nothing that could be done and no one was able or willing to help. This left me and my neighbors feeling abandoned, dejected and unimportant in the eyes of the city. I never want an-

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PHOTOS BY JESSE CUILLA, INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER GROUP PHOTOGRAPHER

The crowd in between sets on the track at Suffolk Downs during the inaugural concert of the Re:SET Boston Concert Series, held June 16 - 18. Shown inset, Phoebe Bridgers of boygenius, who closed out the event on Sunday, June 18.

Morabito invites all to attend second annual Revere Pride

Special to the Journal

On Sunday, June 25, Revere will host its second annual Pride celebration in Waterfront Square on Revere Beach.

The event will take place from 2-6 p.m. at 500 Ocean Avenue.

Last year, close to a thousand residents attended to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community and celebrate Revere

as an open and welcoming community for all.

Mayoral candidate and current City Councilor-at-Large Steve Morabito said, "The success of Revere Pride is personal to me. As the first openly gay City Councilor in Revere's history, it has been an incredible honor to help establish the first Pride flag raising at City Hall four years ago and Revere Pride last year. I am also

proud to have helped revamp the city's Human Rights Commission that had gone dormant in previous years."

Morabito continued, "We must continue ensuring that Revere is a welcoming place for all residents. We have made great strides in recent years and we can't afford to go back. Please join us for a fun celebration of equality here in Revere!"

RPD Chief Callahan honored by Department of Defense for patriotic support

Special to the Journal

Revere, Mass. David J. Callahan, Revere Police Department, Chief of Police, received the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve ("ESGR") Patriot Award presented by Colonel Richard Cipro, Army Chief of Staff, MA National Guard, on June 13, 2023, for the extraordinary support he provides to his employee Sgt.1st Class Sean Matthews.

"The Patriot Award was created by ESGR to publicly recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees who have answered their

nation's call to serve," said ESGR Paul Zbikowski, State Chair. "Supportive supervisors are critical to maintaining the strength

and readiness of the nation's Guard and Reserve units."

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Revere Police Chief Dave Callahan, recipient of the Col. Richard Cipro Award, with Sgt. Sean Matthews.

REVERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS SUMMER SOIREE AT EASY PIE



Revere Chamber of Commerce officers and board members, from left, RCC President Patrick Lospennato, Executive Director Erica Porzio, Board Member Amanda Bonasoro, Board Member Gertrude Mageza, Treasurer Marta Flores, Vice President Niles Welch, and Vice President Tony Portillo. See more photos on Page 16.

A STROLL THROUGH TIME

THE REVERE JOURNAL

VOLUME FIFTY-ONE, NO. 25 REVERE, MASS., JUNE 18, 1932 SINGLE COPIES, FIVE CENTS

Pair Is Rescued Clinging To Upset Canoe

Two Point of Pines youths, clinging to an overturned canoe for more than an hour and a half about a half mile off Bass Point were rescued late Wednesday afternoon by Dr. William Corcoran, a Wakefield dentist who was cruising in the area in his speed boat.

The pair were John Strong, 19, and John Webber, Jr., 20, both of 14 Tobin ave., Point of Pines.

Pulling the pair out of the water after he had been attracted by their cries for help, Dr. Corcoran sped to the Point of Pines Yacht club landing.

Meanwhile Revere police and firemen arrived on the scene and efforts were started at once to revive them. They had been chilled to unconsciousness by the cold waters.

Those beside Dr. Corcoran who aided in the resuscitation work were Chief Thomas McCarrick, Lieut. Vincent McAuley, in charge of the Revere rescue wagon, Private Percival Hartley, ambulance driver, and motorcycle Officer Michael Driscoll.

The rescue of the pair was considered as miraculous by the police. Dr. Corcoran had passed the youths several times in his speed boat and failed to notice them in the water.

It was only while he was forced to stop his craft to make a radio adjustment did he hear their cries for assistance.

According to the police the pair left the Point of Pines about one o'clock in their frail canoe for a trip to Nahant.

When they were about half way between Revere and Nahant the wind shifted and blew up a rough sea which became more threatening as they neared Bass Point.

When about a half-mile away their canoe capsized. At their homes Wednesday night both lads were reported to be improving and were only suffering from the effects of their immersion and the chilly waters.

The City Council Votes \$35,000 For Public Welfare

The City Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chamber last evening. Four traverse jurors were drawn and selected.

An appropriation was made, at the request of Mayor Casassa, of \$35,000 for the use of the Public Welfare Department and \$10,000, for Soldiers' Relief. The drain on the city from the Welfare Department is enormous and many officials are planning to request that the Civil Service rules be altered so that the men may be put to work on permanent improvements.

The Council granted six more wagon stand permits despite the opposition of the Chamber of Commerce, to the local stores who are suffering from the fact that pedlers who have no overhead are allowed to compete with them.

Several additional petitioners for wagon stand permits were given leave to withdraw their petitions as recommended by the Traffic Commission.

"Beano" Arises Again

A discussion was re-opened on the so-called "Beano" games at the beach. Communication was received from the Mayor, the Mayor in which he stated that the Council has no power of authority in the matter of licenses and license fees, and any orders or regulations passed by them will have no weight. This power, he said, is vested in the Licensing Board and the Mayor. An order was presented and passed asking that the Mayor be more specific about this statement.

Baby's Crib Being Sought By Visiting Nurse Association

If any one can spare a crib it will be gratefully accepted by the Revere Visiting Nurse Association. Please contact Mrs. Austin Kimball, 35 Cushman avenue or Mrs. Frank L. Sullivan, 25 Cushman avenue.

On Monday evening, June 20, a crib and bridge party will be given at the Veterans' Home on Winthrop street for the benefit of the Drive and of the association. Mrs. Bessie Kimball will be the hostess.

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Largest Class Is Graduated From Revere High School

Mrs. Elma A. Burns Presents Diplomas to 356 Students; Graduation Address Delivered by Dennis E. Callahan; Helen Walker and Louis Haffer Speak For Graduating Class; Books Presented School by Seniors; Prizes Awarded Leading Students—
Class Day Exercises Well Featured; Aldo Bagnulo Delivers Welcoming Address to the Occasion Tuesday

Proud parents, teachers, city officials, and relatives and friends were gathered together Thursday morning at the Revere theatre to witness the inspiring graduation exercises for the largest class which has finished its training in the Revere High School. Diplomas were given to 356 students by Mrs. Elma A. Burns, Chairman of the School Committee.

Uniformly dressed in their gray gowns and caps, the graduates marched from behind the City Hall to the theatre, the girls in one line and the boys in another. Walking down the outside aisles, they filed around into the center section of the theatre. The processional march, played by the high school orchestra which completely filling the stage, was Mozart's "Symphony in G Minor."

The entire gathering was led in prayer by the Rev. William H. Nicolas of the Trinity Congregational Church in Beachmont, and this was followed by a selection by the orchestra, Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," with Anthony T. Rosa and Albert H. Williams, concert masters, and including a trumpet solo by Ernest A. Alvino.



Officers of Class of 1932. Left to right: Aldo Bagnulo, Pres.; Flora Di Battista, Treas.; Saul Adelstein, Vice Pres.; Alice Appel, Sec.

Two addresses given by members of the graduating class were the next features. Helen Y. Walker spoke on the "Pleasures of the Mind" in which she emphasized that "There is no frigate like a book to take us lands away," and that "the mind in itself and its own place can make a hell of heaven, a heaven of hell."

Louis P. Haffer, speaking on "The Middle Cause," proved to be a very dynamic speaker. He emphatically condemned the present national and world situation, affirming that a happy medium of Puritanical ideas and the so-called progressive attitude of the present should be reached. The newspaper and journalism as a whole is reaching outside of the ancient and genuine fields of the truth, and all for mere financial gain for a few, he declared; journalism must awaken and recall truthfulness. His attitude towards the existing political turmoil was direct and enthusiastic. The pure metal in man must again shine in all its brilliancy.

The high school Choral Club of mixed voices followed these addresses, singing a special cantata, "Columbus," the words of which were written by Anthony T. Rosa of the Class of 1932. This was an excellent contribution, worthy of a professional composer and was sung in beautiful harmony.

LAWRENCE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS

Augustine C. Whelan, Principal of the Revere High School, introduced the guest speaker, Dennis E. Callahan, Principal of the John K. Tarbox School, Lawrence, as a personal friend and a man whom he knew would inspire the members of the Revere graduating class.

Mr. Callahan first said that he had been seized by conflicting emotions as he entered the theatre that morning. He was thrilled at the invitation of Mr. Whelan, whom he termed as a true gentleman and a scholar, to speak before the Class of 1932. The sight of those people before him, all so proud and happy, made him especially pleased to be able to address them.

He called to mind what the teachers had done for those young people who were there in front of him. The cause of a teacher's life, he said, is devoted to the hope that those whom

Seaplane Ramp Will Be Built Soon At Local Airport

In conversation at the field Tuesday, Mr. Croce also announced that plans for the development of the field were well under way and that they were being arranged by William Muller, owner and a pioneer in the aviation world.

These plans call in particular for the construction of a seaplane ramp to be built at the foot of the main flying field to permit the landing and leaving of seaplanes.

When this ramp is built the field will be the second one here in the East to have facilities for both land and water planes.

Other plans call for the resurfacing of the field to a grade far above those required by the Federal government. A large beacon to identify the field at night and to be used as a guide to planes flying at night will be erected at the southeast corner.

Croce also has ordered two new Travelair speed planes to be used regularly at the field for those who desire to get the "thrill" of speeding. These planes are expected to arrive here in time for this week-end's air-meet.

The famous "Hell Diver" from the Spautum Naval base will also fly over the field Saturday and Sunday.

Postal Clerks Again Give Over \$400 For Local Relief

A check for \$400.80 was received this week by Mr. Eldon F. Everett, Treasurer of Revere Unemployment Fund.

This check was the third contribution donated by the Boston Post Office Employees' Unemployment Relief Fund for the relief of the unemployed in this city.

HELP THE UNEMPLOYED

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Air Meet Today And Sunday At Muller's Field

Public interest shown by the huge crowds that have been in attendance at the air-meets held on Muller's flying field on the International Highway for the past two Sundays, led to an announcement Tuesday by Field Manager Tom Croce, veteran aviator, that another would be held there today and tomorrow, Sunday.

Elaborate plans for the success of this week's meet were made and included during parachute pumps by John "Tuts" Durante; a dog fight exhibition with planes flown by Croce and Ayres R. Chaves, assistant manager of the field along with radio communication features sponsored under the direction of Henry Projansky, radio technician of Revere.

Muller's field, under the management of Mr. Croce, is enjoying its best year it was indicated today. Mr. Croce is one of the veteran pilots here in the East and has more than 20,000 flying hours to his credit.

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Canavan Succeeds Late J. M. Curley As Court Clerk

Edward F. Canavan, former newspaper man and World War veteran, of 377 Revere Beach Boulevard, was unanimously confirmed Tuesday by the governor's council as clerk of the Chelsea court, to succeed the late Joseph M. Curley. His appointment to the clerkship, after eight years as assistant clerk, is pleasing to a host of friends.

Clerk Canavan, born in Boston April 21, 1889, was graduated from the Lowell grammar school and the Berkeley preparatory school. He served in the navy as third-class yeoman, chief yeoman and warrant man, being promoted to first-class officer with the rank of boatswain guard at Boston navy yard under command of George G. Mitchell.

Previously to being named assistant clerk of the Chelsea court in 1924 he was employed for 12 years as a compositor on Boston and Lynn newspapers. Following his navy service he was salesman for the Standard Oil Company, in the East Cambridge office.

A resident of Revere for 30 years, Canavan served six years on the Board of Registrars in this city, being appointed in 1913. He also served in 1917 as a member of the World War draft board, under Gov. Samuel McCall's appointment.

He is affiliated with the Revere Lodge of Elks. He was married in 1922 to Miss Helen G. O'Neill, daughter of retired Police Inspector Patrick J. O'Neill of Boston police headquarters.

Clerk Canavan was busy early Wednesday morning receiving the congratulations and well-wishes of associates and friends at the courthouse. He was sworn in Thursday by Gov. Ely at the State House.

The new clerk also received several beautiful floral pieces. Among them were: basket of roses, carnations and gladioli from associates in the clerk's office; basket of tea roses, Metropolitan police, Revere Beach; basket of roses, carnations and iris, Assistant Clerk Ruth V. Holland and Police Clerk James F. Coakley; bouquet of red and white carnations, Bail Commissioner Thomas J. McQueeney.

Malden Men Arraigned on Car Charge After Arrest Here

Following their arrest in Revere early Friday morning, Bernard Mahoney, 235 Pearl street, Malden, and Leonard Cahill, 444 Medford street, Malden, appeared in Malden court where their case, on the charge of unlawful use of an automobile, was continued.

They were arrested in this city by Officer Maynard Rogers for suspiciously driving a car, which proved to be one reported stolen from Malden.

The car and thieves were turned over to the Malden police, who placed the court action against them.

Sons of Veterans Appointments Made By State Department

Lester D. Hobson, commander of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has appointed Past Department Commander Addison A. Quinn, department organizer and has made Past Commander George W. Kimball of Camp 81 assistant department organizer.

Past Department Commander Quinn, Past Commander Kimball and Past Commander Joseph A. Finn were invited to attend the 50th anniversary of Camp 5, Sons of Union Veterans, at Hudson Thursday night.

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Two Hit-Run Accidents Few Hours Apart

Two hit-and-run accidents were recorded at police headquarters, one late Thursday night and the other Friday morning.

An unknown party stopped Officer Sutton Thursday night in front of 1640 North Shore road and informed him that a man had been hit by a car near 164 North Shore road. The injured man was Nathan Vorobio of 65 Highland street, who was taken into the house there.

He had been picked up by Edward Pine, 164 North Shore road, and Irving Vorobio, the injured man's brother, and carried into the former's house where he was found by the officer stretched out on a couch.

Dr. Sagol was summoned and arrived a few minutes after officer Sutton. It was found that the man had sustained contusions of his left elbow and of his left hip.

After being treated, Vorobio was taken to his home by the police officer, who later found the identified as the one which had struck the man and had continued without stopping. This automobile belongs to James S. Fagan, 821 Winthrop avenue, and is being held without release.

Second More Serious

The second hit-and-run accident was more serious. It occurred at 2 o'clock in the morning yesterday, opposite the Cycle Track. The city ambulance with officers Hartnett, Roach, and Sutton was detailed to the scene as soon as the accident was reported; and description of the auto was sent on teletype.

Hugh O'Brien, aged 33, of 36 Shawmut avenue, was the victim in this accident. He was struck by a car which failed to stop but continued on its way.

He was found by College Florenzo, 4 Gloucester place, Boston, who took him in his car to Dr. Musgrave. From there he was taken in the ambulance, driven by Patrolman Matthews, to the Massachusetts General Hospital where it was discovered that he had a fractured skull, broken right shoulder, the right side of his face badly cut, and a possible broken neck.

Mary Sullivan, 50 Agawam street, was an eye witness of the accident and said that the car had New Hampshire number plates on it, she failed to get the number.

A late morning dispatch from Massachusetts General Hospital said that O'Brien had been placed on the danger list and was in a very serious condition.

Campaign Against Unlicensed Dogs Begins Monday

It was made known yesterday, the seventeenth, that commencing this coming Monday, Revere police will start putting into court all owners of unlicensed dogs.

The law reads that after April first all those who haven't their dogs licensed are liable to action by the authorities of the court. This is the first time that enforcement of that law in this city has been pressed.

Five patrolmen and the captain have been assigned to this work and will get busy the first of the week.

Junior High School Graduation Exercises Next Tuesday Morning

The graduation exercises of the James A. Garfield Junior High School will take place on next Tuesday morning, the twenty-first, at 9:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. The Mayor of Revere, Hon. Andrew A. Casassa, will be present and deliver a short address to the graduating class.

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Police Department looks for staffing increase next year

By Adam Swift

Increased staffing is the main area Police Chief David Callahan is seeking to address in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

At last week's budget hearing before the City Council's ways and means subcommittee, Callahan highlighted increased numbers in the department that are being proposed for FY24, as well as some recent successful programs.

"Our staffing levels were budgeted for last year was 110 officers, and this year, we are trying to have the police department increase to 115," said Callahan.

Currently, the department has seven people in the police academy scheduled to graduate in the fall, Callahan said.

The chief noted that while the department is currently budgeted for 110 officers, the actual current staffing level of active officers is in the low 90s.

"One thing that we have had an issue with is that we lose 10 to 15 percent of the department at any time for various reasons," said Callahan.

Those reasons range from officers away on military deployment to officers on long-term disability or family leave.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro asked if any of the department positions were grant-funded positions. Callahan noted that there were two grant-funded civilians in the behavioral health unit, but that the officers were all included in the general

budget.

Callahan also highlighted the good work done by the behavioral health unit, which also includes one full time officer, over the past year.

The unit helps answer calls, works with outside agencies, and places people with behavioral health issues.

"In one small period of time, the unit did 110 follow-up calls with home visits, and work with clinicians at other facilities to try to get the people the treatment they need," said Callahan. "A lot of these problems aren't law enforcement problems, but the police get called to handle these crises, and now we are better able to divert and better serve the public."

Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, who is also the city's veterans' agent, said the behavioral unit has been an invaluable resource for his department.

Still, with a growing population, Callahan said the biggest issue is the need for increased staffing.

While Callahan said Revere doesn't see some of the serious crime issues of surrounding communities, there is still a great need for police service.

He noted that Brookline, which has a similar police budget of about \$17 million, has a complement of 135 officers and additional civilian staff.

"To be honest, with a community of this size, we should probably have 135 to 140 officers," Callahan said.

REVERE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT HONORS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Cary Shuman Photos

The Revere Water and Sewer Department hosted a "Second Chance Contest" where three winners were chosen from the entrants in the MWRA Water Conservation poster competition. Students from Revere schools were asked to use their creative

skills to design a poster explaining the importance of water conservation.

Jesse Ryan (Grade 2), Sarah Sidiqi (Grade 4) and Jacob Portillo (Grade 5), all students at the Hill Elementary School, received their awards during a ceremony June 6 at City Hall.

Kori O'Hara of the Water and Sewer Department

presided over the impressive program that was attended by the three students, their families, and their teachers at the Hill School.

"The reason that you were chosen as winners is because we could tell that you took your time, you were passionate, and really wanted to show

through your art how to conserve water," O'Hara told the winners. "We just loved the detail you put into your artwork – you showed a great use of your imagination, and your art skills were superb."

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe presented an official City of Revere Certificate of Achievement to each student at the ceremony.



From left, MWRA School Program Administrative Coordinator Jacqueline Collins, Second Chance Poster Contest winners Sarah Sidiqi, Jacob Portillo, and Jesse Ryan, all of the Hill School, Water and Sewer Department Special Assistant Kori O'Hara, and Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Poster contest winner Jacob Portillo, with his fifth-grade teacher, Andrea Tufo, at the awards ceremony.



Poster contest winner Jacob Portillo, with his parents, Tony Portillo and Sandra Lopez.

Acting Mayor Keefe presents FY2024 Budget

Special from the Mayor's Office

Acting Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. this month submitted the Fiscal Year 2024 budget to the City Council, highlighting investments in public safety and public works while focused on a continuation of initiatives that benefit the city's residents and businesses, all in balance with the city's financial capacity.

Keefe, who as City Council President became Acting Mayor in April, worked closely with Chief Financial Officer Richard Viscay to produce a comprehensive operating budget that maintains vital city services across the entire scope of municipal government.

"The budget we've proposed to the City Council is responsible, balanced,

and continues initiatives that benefit all Revere residents, employees, and business owners," said Acting Mayor Keefe. "Most important, the budget reflects our goals to invest in public safety, public works, health and human services, and culture and recreation."

Investments in Public Safety

Keefe noted that Revere's rise as one of the Commonwealth's fastest-growing cities made public safety his priority. He emphasized initiatives that increase the City's public safety force, including:

- Hiring eleven new firefighters, fully budgeted for FY2023, increasing total staffing to 119;
- Breaking ground and beginning construction of

the new Alden A. Mills Point of Pines Fire Station, with a contract signed and construction beginning this summer;

- Hiring five new police officers budgeted for FY2024, increasing total staffing to 115;
- Acquiring new fire and police equipment that prepares our public safety personnel for emergency operations.

Public Works

Acting Mayor Keefe cited infrastructure and public works objectives as another priority. The proposed FY24 budget addresses this priority by:

- Construction of a state-of-the-art DPW facility on schedule to open late summer/ early fall of 2023;
- Fulfilling obligations of the FY 2023 labor con-

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Poster contest winner Jesse Ryan, with his parents, Keith Ryan and Sujeira Ryan.



Poster contest winner Jesse Ryan, with his second-grade teacher, Susan Cuzzi.



Poster contest winner Sarah Sidiqi, with her mother, Marjeela Sidiqi, and her sister, Liyana Sidiqi.

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tract, creating a general foreman position as well as two lead supervisors for AFSCME Local 880 (one for DPW general and one for DPW water/sewer);

- Investing in public works projects such as sidewalk and paving projects as the city continues a long-term approach to improvements in vehicular and pedestrian access throughout the city.

Health and Human Services

Acting Mayor Keefe noted that public health concerns have shifted from the Covid-19 worries to broader public health issues. Accordingly, the new budget addresses operational changes within the Public Health structure. This includes, primarily:

- Absorbing the Community Engagement and SUDHI Departments into the Public Health's bud-

get to create a streamlined organizational structure with program managers and staff reporting directly to the Chief of Health and Human Services.

Culture and Recreation

Citing the importance of cultural and recreational opportunities as a primary component of quality of life in the city, Acting Mayor Keefe touted Revere's Office of Talent and Culture, the Next Stop Revere

Tourism Office, the City's Parks and Recreation Department. "We will continue to deliver professional events, programming, and activities to all Revere residents and visitors," Keefe said. In the proposed FY24 budget, the Travel and Tourism Department will merge with Revere Parks and Recreation with operational funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Culture and recreation will:

- Increase funding for the Revere Public Library, to ensure proper staffing and operational needs to ensure compliance with the Commonwealth's Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR) that allows the Revere Public Library to be part of the NOBLE network and all its resources; and funding an operating "Bookmobile" to bring library access to all neighborhoods of Revere;

- Expand the Recreation Department's aquatics program by establishing a departmental revolving fund that will cover all operational costs via user fees;
- Renovate the Haas Health and Wellness Center with an anticipated opening of September 2023 (ARPA funded).

Patrick Keefe is the Acting Mayor for the City of Revere.

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National Guard and Reserve members bring tremendous skills and capabilities to our workforce, and employer support for their military service is critical to maintaining the strength of our Guard and Reserve units," said Paul Zbikowski, State Chair. "By valuing the military service of their Guard and Reserve employees, employers are directly supporting the readiness and retention of our All-Volunteer Force, and our national defense."

Sgt. 1st Class Sean Matthews said "Chief David J. Callahan has been extremely supportive. In this stressful time, despite his own personal and work issues, he keeps in constant contact with me. He contacts me on a weekly basis to check in on my overall well-being. No matter the big difference between Kuwait time, and EST, he always has time for a chat. He continually reassures me that my specialized position in the Revere PD will be held for me. He has continued to pay me my full wage, even though he's under no legal requirement to do so. In this time of rapid inflation on everyday items knowing that my family are financially secure is a huge relief. Likewise, he has kept in frequent contact with my wife. My wife is a working mother of two.

Knowing that Chief Callahan has a personal interest in my well-being is a huge relief to her at this time. Chief Callahan's high level of support has greatly eased the pressures of this

deployment."

ESGR is a Department of Defense program that develops and promotes supportive work environments for service members in the National Guard

and Reserve through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws. ESGR

also provides assistance in resolving conflicts between Service members and their employers.

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Pictured: Colonel Richard Cipro, Army Chief of Staff, (center), MA National Guard (MANG); 1st Class Sgt. Sean Matthews and Revere Police Chief David J. Callahan

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2023 Revere Annual Summer Food Program



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe, together with the Revere Public School Committee and Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly, has announced that the *Revere Public Schools* will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program for its 28th summer at various locations throughout the City of Revere.

The Program will provide a free lunch to all children age 18 and under at the following schools and sites June 26th through August 18th (there will be no service on July 3rd and July 4th for the holiday). **Programs will serve meals Monday thru Friday except where noted.**

- ❖ Beaumont School, rear entrance (breakfast 8am-9am; lunch 11am-1pm)
- ❖ Revere Beach Pavilion #2 (lunch 11am-1pm)
- ❖ Sonny Meyers Park on Beach Street, (lunch 11am -1pm)
- ❖ Costa Park Shirley Avenue (lunch 11:00am-1pm)
- ❖ Paul Revere School, rear entrance, (MONDAY thru THURSDAY, breakfast 8am-9am; lunch 11am-1pm)
- ❖ Hill School, rear entrance, stadium side, (breakfast 8am-9am; lunch 11am-1pm)
- ❖ RHA Rose Recreational Center on Rose Street (lunch 11:30am-1pm)
- ❖ RHA Adams Court Recreational on Adams Street (lunch 11:30am-1pm)
- ❖ Ciarlone Park on Newhall Street (lunch 11:30am-1pm)
- ❖ Louis Pasteur Park on Endicott Street (lunch 12:00 pm-1pm)
- ❖ DeStoop Park Dashwood Street, Oak Island Area (lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm)

Menus are subject to change and locations are always subject to close depending on participation and weather.

The goal of the Revere Summer Food Service Program is to serve nutritious meals that are well balanced and supply the required nutrients that children need. The Revere Summer Food Service Program was established to ensure that children could continue to receive nutritious meals comparable to those served under the *National School Breakfast* and *School Lunch Program* during the school year.

For more information, please call Revere Summer Food Service Program Director, Pauline Lyons at (781) 333-2063. You can also find additional information and updates on our social media <https://www.facebook.com/RPSDiningServices> or <https://twitter.com/rpsdining>



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YES, WE'RE IN HOT WATER

It's a cliché that modern man is out-of-touch with the natural world (what's left of it). Whereas our long-ago ancestors had a deep sense of the change of seasons, migrations of animals, and so forth, we know nothing. Compared to their innate knowledge of the natural world, we are illiterates.

People the world over have been captivated by the recent news story about the survival of the four, Indigenous, young children in the Amazon rainforest for 40 days after their small plane crashed (and all the adults died). Their tale of survival prompted this comment by an expert: "West-erners would have been long dead," and no one disputed it.

However, there is one thing that we ourselves have noted this spring, namely, that the ocean temperature along our coast is much warmer than it typically is at this time of year.

We have belonged to a local ocean-rowing club for a few years. We launch our boats (which accommodate a crew of four with a coxswain) by lifting them off a trailer and walking them into the water.

Our season starts in early May and our ankles and feet usually become numb within minutes of stepping into the water during the first few weeks before Memorial Day.

But this season, we noticed something different, something amiss: There was no numbness in our feet. Sure, the water was cold, but not numbingly so. In fact, the water felt pleasant, especially after a long row.,

Similarly, swimming in our wetsuit (in preparation for a local triathlon in late June which we have been doing for 16 years) typically is a chilly experience at this time of year, but it has not been so this spring.

A recent report from the government agency NOAA revealed that ocean water temperatures world-wide are the warmest that EVER have been re-corded. In addition, the first 10 days of June were the hottest-ever recorded on the planet for that 10-day time period (although we would never know it here!).

So for those of us who venture into the ocean in May and June, the good news is that the water has been far more pleasant than usual.

But the bad news is that our planet, both on land and sea, is warming faster and faster -- and we fear the implications for our environment will only be more and more furious.

We can't escape feeling that we're like the proverbial frog in the soon-to-be boiling pot of water. But unlike the frog, which does have the ability to jump out, we have nowhere to go.

NO END IN SIGHT FOR HOUSING CRISIS

Everyone on all sides of the political and economic spectrums are in agreement that (1) inflation is too high and (2) there is a shortage of hous-ing in this country.

However, solving both of those problems seems to have become a clas-sic Catch-22 scenario: Higher interest rates may tame inflation by lessen-ing the demand for some goods (such as automobiles) and services, but it also serves to put a lid on new home construction.

But with fewer homes on the market (both new and existing) at a time of ever-increasing demand for homes (because of the coming of age of millennials), the prices for new homes and rents are continuing to increase even in the face of higher interest rates. In other words, by continuing to reduce the supply of new housing by means of higher interest dates, policy makers are ensuring that prices will remain high.

It is estimated that with new home construction at its lowest level in 20 years (despite a larger population), the U.S. has failed to meet the demand for housing of all types, both single family homes and rentals, by more than two million units for each of the past few years, thus creating the housing crisis we have today.

But with interest rates now at their highest levels in 20 years, new home construction will continue to fall far short of demand for the foreseeable future. Higher interest rates also have the ripple effect of keeping Baby Boomers and Gen Xers in their current homes (where they have low inter-est rates), which decreases the number of homes on the market for younger home-buyers.

In other words, our housing crisis is the result of what physicists refer to as a positive feedback loop. And just as in climate science, where feedback loops are creating dire consequences for the future of the planet, so too, the housing crisis only promises to worsen with no end in sight.

TWO YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, RACIAL HATRED CAME TO OUR AREA

It was two years ago this coming week when an unspeakable act of vi-olence, motivated by racial hatred, befell the nearby peaceful community of Winthrop.

The tranquility of a typical, early-summer, Saturday afternoon in that seaside community was shattered when a 28-year-old white man, a native of Wareham who had been living in Winthrop for a short time with his wife, shot two Black persons, 60 year-old Ramona Cooper, a retired Air Force veteran who only recently had moved to Winthrop, and 68 year-old David Green, a Winthrop native and retired State Trooper who was beloved in the Winthrop community, in cold blood when their paths crossed on Shirley St. near Cross St., for no other reason than the color of their skin.

Thanks to the quick response of Winthrop police and the heroism of Sgt. Nicholas Bettano, the suspect himself was shot in the street when he refused to put down his weapons (he was armed with two handguns). It is believed that the shooter, whose belongings later were found to contain white supremacist and anti-Semitic literature, was en route to the nearby local temple and synagogue with the intent of perpetrating a mass shooting incident before he was stopped by Sgt. Bettano.

To be sure, both Ramona Cooper and David Green happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. However, given that the shooter did not fire his weapon at white passers-by, his intent to shoot them solely because they were Black is undeniable.

Those of us who live in the Boston area like to think that we are immune from the sort of bigotry-inspired acts of violence that make the headlines in other states where gun laws are non-existent. However, the Anti-Def-amation League recently reported that acts of antisemtiism have spiked in Massachusetts in the past two years, more than doubling from 2020 to 2022. The sad fact is that no place in America is immune from the virus of prejudice.

For those of us who have called this area our home for many years, we still shudder whenever we visit Winthrop and drive down Shirley St. toward Cross St. -- the events of June 26, 2021, are just too terrible to contemplate.

However, the best way that we can honor the memories of Ramona Cooper and David Green is never to forget that tragic and horrible day and resolve to do whatever we can to end the evils of racism and all other forms of prejudice that are far too prevalent throughout our society.

GUEST OP-ED

Climate change affects everyone through water — even in Massachusetts

By: Julia Blatt, Executive
Director, Massachusetts
Rivers Alliance

When we think of climate change, the first images that come to mind are of hot temperatures, melting ice caps, and green-house gases clog-ging the atmosphere. A recent report by the United Nations, however, warns that most people will ac-tually experience the impacts of climate change through their interactions with wa-ter.

The U.N. found: "The science is clear: the global climate change crisis is in-creasing variability in the water cycle, thus reducing the predict-ability of water avail-ability and demand, affecting water qual-ity, exacerbating water scarcity, and threat-ening sustainable devel-opment worldwide." That's certainly true in Massachusetts. It's not simply a mat-ter of whether we can ski during the winter or go kayaking in the summer.

Drought in Massa-chusetts has become more frequent and more severe due to climate change. Sci-entists at the Envi-ronmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Admin-istration predict that droughts in our state

will become worse. The 2016 drought had severe impacts: six public water sup-pliers petitioned the MassDEP for water emergency declara-tions, the Quabbin Reservoir decreased by over 20%, and groundwater that sup-plies many towns' drinking water de-clined.

The state's econ-omy is adversely af-fected. This winter highlighted the loss of snow cover for winter recreation facilities in the state. Addition-ally, in 2016 it is esti-mated that cranberry growers lost about one-third of their harvest due to the drought. Our aquat-ics industries also suffer, as rising wa-ter temperatures can lower oxygen levels and alter freshwater and marine ecosys-tems. Key ocean fish-eries, such as cod and lobster south of Cape Code, are expected to decline. The EPA warns that climate change may also pose challenges for the state's agriculture. Some farms may be harmed if more hot days and drought re-duce crop yield, or if more flooding and wetter springs delay planting dates.

Less water avail-able for agriculture affects the rest of us as well. According to the state Depart-ment of Energy and

Environmental Af-fairs, Massachusetts farmers are irrigating crops more due to de-creased precipitation, higher temperatures, and lower soil mois-ture. This need for more water not only increases consumer costs at local stores -- it costs farmers more to run pumps and sprinklers, and further depletes groundwa-ter used for our water supplies.

Most people think of California and the arid West when pic-turing wildfires. In Massachusetts, how-ever, fires are becom-ing more widespread and severe. During the 2022 drought, for example, approxi-mately 905 wildfires were reported through August, according to the state's Depart-ment of Fire Services, burning an estimat-ed 1,485 acres. The month of August saw 137 wildfires across the state, a nearly six-fold increase over the prior year. The resulting destruction of vegetation and tree cover exacerbates soil erosion and re-duces groundwater recharge, increasing water scarcity and food insecurity.

The impact of cli-mate change on the state's rivers is dra-matic. In the summer of 2022, many riv-ers, including parts of the Blackstone in Central Massachu-

setts and the Ipswich on the North Shore, were transformed from flowing wa-ter into disconnected puddles, unfit places for fish or turtles to live and virtually im-possible for canoes and kayaks to navi-gate. Streams flowing into the Charles and Neponset rivers were the driest on record, and other rivers dried up entirely.

The Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, com-prised of 87 groups across the state pro-tecting our rivers and streams, joins the United Nations in warning that "the global climate change crisis is inextricably linked to water." We in Massachusetts are also now experienc-ing this crisis, and this week the state's envi-ronmental secretary announced that parts of the state are now officially in drought. "Business as usual" is no longer an option and, whether at the local, state, national, or international level, water management must be scrutinized through a climate lens.

Julia Blatt is Exec-utive Director of the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance." The Al-liance is a statewide nonprofit organiza-tion with 87 mem-ber groups and over 1,000 individual sup-porting members.

Beach Grants // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

abilities, races, in-comes, and language capabilities," said DCR Commis-sioner Brian Arrigo. "We are looking forward to another great sum-mer of free events and programs for our families on our DCR beaches from Nahant to Nantasket."

Some of the events scheduled by Revere organizations this summer include:

- June 23: The World Music Concert Series
- July 20: Movie Night – Jumanji
- July 28-30th: International Sand Sculpting Festival
- August 1: Paddle Boarding

In total, the Better Beaches Program is awarding \$317,500 in grants to 92 organiza-tions from Nahant to Nantasket.

"Thanks to all of our partners and event sponsors for making the Better Beaches Program possible, es-pecially the DCR and the Healey/Discoll Administration" said Mancini. "Thanks

to the Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn, and Represen-tative Adrian Madaro of East Boston and the legislative and community members of the Commission as well as Senate Pres-ident Karen Spilka and House Speak-er Ron Mariano for their support for our beaches and our com-munities. We couldn't do this our sponsors JetBlue, Harpoon Brewery, FMC Ice Sports, P&G Gillette, National Grid, Coast Cannabis, the Daily Catch, Comcast, and the hundreds of peo-ple who take part in the annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash."

To learn more about Save the Har-bor/Save the Bay and the great work they do to restore, protect and Share Boston Har-bor, the waterfront, islands, and the re-gion's public beaches with all Bostonians and the region's resi-dents, visit their web-site at [harbor.org and follow social media. @savetheharbor on](http://www.savethe-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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City announces streamlined online payment system for water and sewer bills

Special to the Journal

Starting July 11, Revere residents and property owners will be able to pay all online bills, including tax bills, excise, and water bills, on the City Hall Systems website. Previously, residents needed to use two separate websites to pay both their tax bills and water and sewer bills online. However, moving forward, everything will be available on City Hall Systems, making it easier and more streamlined for Revere residents and property owners.

“The City of Revere is constantly looking into new technologies and innovations to streamline the billing and payment process so that we can better accommodate the public,” said Don Ciaramella, Chief of Infrastructure. “These upgrades are also important to help lower the operating costs of our city government.”

Due to the mandatory online system maintenance overhaul, residents and property owners will be unable to pay water and sewer bills online from June 29-July 11, 2023. Residents can go to City Hall to pay their bills, but the payments will

not be posted until the new system is live on July 11. Online payments for other bills such as taxes, excise, and more will be unaffected during this time.

The Water and Sewer Department also urges all realtors with closings on the week of July 4 to plan ahead for final water bills. Any final bills needed for the July 3-July 7 week will need to be submitted and processed by the end of the day on Tuesday, June 27, otherwise they will not receive their final bill until Monday, July 10. If there are any questions or concerns, please call 781-286-8145.

Sumner Tunnel // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ton,” said Boudreau. “The goal here is to try to utilize, to the best extent possible, mode shifts. There are a lot of options with ferry service, the blue line, silver line, and a number of bus routes as well as the commuter rail that we are hoping to get people to take advantage of.”

The Blue Line will be free during the Sumner closure, and there will also be either free or drastically reduced parking rates at lots and garages along the Blue Line.

Boudreau said MassDOT is also coordinating with other major road construction projects in the Greater Boston area during the summer to minimize inconvenience.

“The last thing we want with the magnitude of the projects is to have people detour from another project into this,” said Boudreau.

Even with the other transportation modes and a major communications push, Boudreau said there is still going to be a major impact on traffic from the

project.

“Part of the messaging is going to really try to push home if you can stay home or work from home or change your hours to do that, but there are transit options,” said Boudreau.

Commuters will also be able to sign up for Mass511 online which will give real-time traffic updates about the project and travel conditions during the summer, he added.

One of the rallying cries of several councillors over the past several months is having the state suspend the bus-only lane on the Tobin Bridge for the duration of the Sumner Tunnel closure.

“I’ve been stuck there for an hour because you can’t use the third lane and I have never seen a bus there,” said Council President Pro Tem Joanne McKenna.

Boudreau said the request has been brought to the state highway administrator and the transportation secretary, but that there was no immediate

answer on if the bus lane would be opened up to all traffic.

“We have heard that message,” he said. “I know the 111 bus is the frequent use of that lane, and it’s also meant for use for emergency vehicles to get through that area.”

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti said residents and Revere officials are concerned that there will be increased traffic on Rte. 1.

“It looks like the traffic mitigation plan is looking at accommodating East Boston and the Boston side, which is right in that area, but our Revere residents are really concerned about that bus lane ... that is going to push the traffic further back from Rte. 1,” said Visconti. “While I would like to believe that people would take the alternative measures to travel to work in Boston, I think what will happen is they will end up going on the bridge, which is going to cause quite a bit of traffic on the Revere side.”

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other resident of Revere to hear those words or feel that way ever again. When a member of our community goes to the City looking for assistance I want them to know that there is at least one person who will stand by their side. And whether elected or not, I make a promise to ALL of Revere that I will always be available and always willing to help in any way that I can.

I may not have political experience, however for most of my life community service has been a huge piece of my identity. I’ve worked and volunteered for several youth development non-profit organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, been a member of the Board of Directors for Youth Opportunities Unlimited and Community Boating Center of New Bedford and a Cub Scout Den Leader and a Boy Scout Assistant Scoutmaster. For the past 11 years I’ve worked as a registered nurse. I’m currently a Board Certified Vascular Access Nurse, specializing in pediatrics at The Massachusetts Gener-

al Hospital in Boston and I’m the Nurse Manager at Cambridge Biotherapies, a mental health treatment facility in Cambridge. The level of care, commitment, compassion and attention that I have learned and exhibited throughout my nursing career, I will bring to my duties as a City Councilor-at-Large.

I moved to Revere shortly after graduating from Northeastern University, in an attempt to escape the high prices of rent in Boston. I rented a condo near the Revere Beach Blue Line station and would take the Blue Line to and from work. Back then I was a young professional who was not very invested in Revere or interested in local politics. Revere was just a place where I slept and occasionally ate. Over the past 11 years a lot has changed for me. I met and married my wonderful wife, Jennifer, we have 3 amazing children (18yrs, 16yrs & 4yrs) and bought a home in the Oak Island neighborhood. As a Revere resident, homeowner and parent of children who have and will grow up in Revere my investment in our community couldn’t be

higher now.

Revere has also changed a lot. Over the course of the last 11 years Revere has grown in many ways. The population of Revere has grown, the city’s diversity has grown, development, government and more. Over the past few months Revere has seen a huge increase in community engagement that has occurred in relation to a number of highly important topics in the city. Whether it is about the new high school, changing childcare regulations, homelessness, developments, community outreach programs or more. The citizens of Revere, the residents, the students, the workers, the business owners... everyone, has gotten involved to voice their opinions and concerns in numbers that has rarely been seen by our local government in the past. This is what Revere needs. We now live in a very diverse city, with many people and cultures from all around the world. I have always believed that diversity makes a community stronger. Pulling all the best ideas and parts of different cultures together to build something bigger and better for all. Revere is on the verge of a renaissance and I hope that I can help serve our wonderfully diverse community and help Revere to continue to learn, progress and grow. I want my family, my friends, my neighbors and all of Revere to live in the best version of the city that we can create... Together! The Revere Renaissance starts now!!

Facebook: Edward “Ned” Almeida for Revere Councilor-at-Large

Boston Logan International Airport 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS & PLANNING REPORT (ESPR) INFORMATION SESSION 2023

Massport will host a hybrid information session (in-person and virtually) to provide an overview of the topics that will be included in the upcoming 2022 Boston Logan International Airport ESPR. These topics include: ground transportation, activity levels/forecasting, aircraft noise, air quality, regional transportation, and airport planning. This information session will be streamed in English and Spanish.

The hybrid information session will take place:

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
Logan Airport’s Rental Car Center*
15 Transportation Way
East Boston, MA 02128

To access the meeting link and for more information, please visit:
www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/environmental-reports/

*Limited parking is available at the front parking lot of the Rental Car Center; Access also available via the MBTA Blue Line Airport Station and Massport bus.

Additional languages for the Public Information Session on the 2022 Boston Logan International Airport Environmental Status and Planning Report will be available upon request; requests for additional languages are due by Thursday, June 22, 2023.

For more information or to request translation services please contact community@massport.com.

Pueden solicitarse servicios de interpretación en otros idiomas para la sesión informativa pública sobre el Informe de Estado Medioambiental y Planificación del Aeropuerto Internacional de Boston Logan; las solicitudes de otros idiomas deben enviarse antes del jueves 22 de junio de 2023. **Para obtener más información o para solicitar servicios de interpretación, escriba a community@massport.com.**

Lang adisyonèl pou Sesyon Enfòmasyon Piblik sou Planifikasyon ak Rapò Sitiyasyon Anviwònman Ayewopò Entènasyonal Boston Logan pou ane 2022 a ap disponib sou demann, ou dwe fè demann pou lòt lang yo anvan jedi 22 jen 2023. **Pou plis enfòmasyon oswa pou mande sèvis tradiksyon, tanpri, kontakte community@massport.com.**

Outros idiomas para a Sessão de Informação ao Publico sobre o Relatório do Planejamento e Situação Ambiental de 2022 do Aeroporto Internacional de Logan em Boston serão disponibilizados mediante solicitação. O prazo para o pedido de idiomas adicionais terminará na quinta-feira, dia 22 de junho de 2023.

Para obter mais informações ou solicitar serviços de tradução, contate community@massport.com.

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Anne “Nancy” Petitto

Her love and legacy will live on

Anne “Nancy” (Hickman) Petitto of Revere passed away on June 17 at the age of 82.

Nancy was born on May 22, 1941 to the late Roger and Helen (Grigalunis.) She grew up in the West End of Boston. She dedicated her life to her family and was a pillar of strength and support to her husband of almost 52 years, John Petitto.

Nancy was a devoted mother to her five children: Elaine Philbin of New Jersey, William Petitto and his wife, Barbara of Florida, Judy Gunning of Lynnfield, Janet Petitto of Louisiana and James Petitto and his wife, Sarah of North Reading. She was the adored grandmother of eight: Jackie Philbin and Kelley Peck, Rachel and Billy Petitto, Matthew and Ava Gunning and Michael and Anthony Petitto and the dear sister of Geraldine Bragg of California and the late Joan Hickman of California. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and brothers and sisters-in-law.

Professionally, Nancy enjoyed a successful career in real estate. Her expertise, dedication and genuine care for her clients made her a highly respected figure in her field. She was known for her professionalism, integrity and ability to make everyone feel at ease.

At home in Revere, Nancy was the heart and soul of her family. She was a fantastic homemaker, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere where everyone felt loved and cherished. Her culinary skills were legendary and family gatherings were always a feast of delicious meals and cherished family recipes. The kitchen was her domain, where she poured her love into every dish, leaving a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to taste her creations. One of



Nancy greatest joys was traveling, enjoying many trips to Aruba as well as Italy, Japan, Monaco, California, Las Vegas and Kennebunkport. Aruba held a special place in her heart and the memories of those vibrant shores will forever remain cherished by her family.

Nancy will be remembered as a compassionate, loving, and gracious woman, whose strength and kindness touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. She had a radiant smile and a heart that overflowed with love for her family. Although her physical presence is no longer with us, her spirit and love will live on in our hearts, guiding us through the journey of life.

A Visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St., Revere on Thursday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by a Prayer Service in the funeral home at 12 Noon. A private Interment will be held for the immediate family at the Milton Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105 or at www.stjude.org. For a guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

We find solace in knowing that Nancy is now reunited with her loved ones who passed before her, and that she will continue to watch over her family from above, forever an angel in their lives. Nancy, you will be dearly missed, but your love and legacy will live on eternally in our hearts.

Roseann M. Ciulla

A kind and generous soul

We are sad to announce the passing of Roseann Ciulla of Revere, age 68, who died on Wednesday, June 14 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She passed away surrounded by her loving family after a complicated illness.

Roseann was born in Malden on June 30, 1954. She was the youngest of three children, raised and educated in Everett and a graduate of Everett High School, Class of 1972. Roseann worked primarily in the insurance industry where she was the receptionist for Coverys (ProMutual) in Boston for over 25 years before retiring. She was a longtime resident of Everett and moved to her home in Revere in her later years.

Roseann was a kind and generous soul who doted on her niece, nephews and grand nephews. Family was most important to her, especially caring for her mother, Agnes who lived to be 101 years old. Her family and friends will miss her dearly and cherish their many fond memories. She will forever be missed by her fur baby “Sicily.”

Roseann was the devoted daughter of the late Accursio “Gus” Ciulla and Agnes (Sutera) Ciulla of Everett; the loving sister of Angela M. Biggie and her late husband, Francis “Frank” of Melrose (formerly of Revere) and the late Thomas L. Ciulla of Lynn; the cherished aunt



of Thomas G. Ciulla and his wife, Lilian of Danvers, Keri A. Russo and her husband, Gennaro of Revere and Brian M. Biggie and his wife, Sandra of West Haven, CT; the treasured great aunt of Devin Russo, Tyler Russo and Gabriel Biggie. She is also lovingly survived by her former sister-in-law, Angela Ciulla of Danvers.

Her funeral will be conducted from the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere today, Wednesday, June 21, at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere. Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to The American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Rd., Suite 200, Framingham, MA 01701. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com

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

Leslie Hopkins

Retired General Electric Turbine Supervisor

Funeral Services were held on Monday, June 19 in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Leslie C. Hopkins, 95, who died on Monday, June 12 at the Baypointe Rehabilitation & Nursing Care Center in Brockton following a long illness. Interment followed in Willow Cemetery, Lynnfield.

Leslie was born in Woods Harbor, Nova Scotia to the late Cleveland L. and Florence V. (Pierce) Hopkins. He was one of five children. The family later settled in Revere, where Leslie attended Revere Schools. He was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1945.

He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1946 and proudly served his country during World War II. He was later honorably discharged and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal. Leslie began a career with General Electric in Lynn and became a turbine supervisor for the company. His career spanned over 50 years when he retired.

Leslie married Jane E. (O'Donnell). They soon welcomed their only child, Jane L. Hopkins, and happily raised her in Revere before moving to Lynnfield in 1972.

Leslie had several hobbies that he enjoyed; bowling was one of them. He was a past member of St. Theresa’s Men’s Bowling League. He also enjoyed



gardening, playing cards, bingo and absolutely loved watching the Boston Bruins. He will be missed by his family and friends.

The beloved husband of 42 years of the late Jane E. (O'Donnell) Hopkins, he was the loving father of Jane L. Hopkins and her partner, Karen McDonald of Whitman; dear brother of Pauline Redding and her husband, Robert of Revere, Karen Munson and her late husband, Paul of Richmond, VA and the late Sylvia MacDonald and her surviving husband, Chester of Natick and the late John “Jack” Hopkins and his surviving wife, Janet of No. Andover. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Remembrances may be made to Baypointe Rehabilitation & Nursing Care Center, 50 Christy Place, Brockton, MA 02301.

To send online condolences, please visit: www.vertucciosmithvazza.com

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Revere Traffic Commission approves two changes; rejects one

By Journal Staff

The Revere Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, June 15, in the City Councillor Joseph A. Del Grosso City Council Chambers at Revere City Hall.

Chairperson Paul Argenzio, who is the Supt. of the Revere DPW, and fellow commissioners Fire Chief Chris Bright, Chief City Planner Frank Stringi, and City Engineer Nicholas Rystrom were on hand for the meeting.

The commission held public hearings on three proposed amendments to the city's parking and traffic regulations, approving two of them, but rejecting a third.

Michael Kessman, the city's Infrastructure Program Manager, proposed making a change on Lee St. to establish parking only on the westerly side of Lee St. Kessman explained to the commission that sidewalks have been installed on Lee St., which has reduced the width of the street. He said that when vehicles park on both sides of the street (which previously had been the custom when there were no sidewalks and residents essentially parked on the shoulders on both sides of the roadway), the width of the driveable roadway now is very narrow.

There were no opponents and the commission

unanimously approved the amendment.

City Councilor-at-Large Steven Morabito submitted a request to install a speed hump on Fenno St., 20 feet before the intersection at Spring Street, while Fenno Street is under construction in order to slow speeding vehicles prior to the Elderly Living Facility.

There were no opponents and after some questions from the commissioners, to which Argenzio (who had made a visit to the site with Kessman) provided answers, the commission unanimously approved the installation of the speed hump.

However, the commission rejected a request by Ward 3 City Councillor Anthony Cogliandro "to amend Chapter 10.34.020 Section F by removing all 8 Units located at 4 Hawes Street from the ineligible list of Resident Parking and issue Resident Parking Permits."

Argenzio explained to the commissioners that each of the residents in the building has two parking spaces, but a long-time resident of the complex now has two adult children living with her and they have three vehicles.

Stringi made a motion to deny the request.

"This will set off a wave of changes. This building complied with our ordinance with respect to parking and conforms to the ineligible sticker sec-

tion of the city ordinance," he said.

Stringi suggested that the commission leave it up to the discretion of the city's parking director to allow him to determine the proper course of action.

The commissioners unanimously denied the request.

The commission's agenda for the meeting had indicated that it would be resuming a discussion of the controversial request by HYM, the developer of Suffolk Downs, to convert a single block of Harris Street between Winthrop Ave. and Sewall St. from two-way to one-way in order to reduce neighborhood traffic and improve signalized intersection operations at the busy intersection of Winthrop Ave. and the Revere Beach Parkway.

HYM and the state will be making significant changes to the intersection in the near future, and the change to Harris St. -- which intersects Winthrop Ave. about 100 feet before the Parkway -- is a small piece of the overall overhaul of that busy thoroughfare on the Parkway.

Residents of the neighborhood vociferously opposed the change at a public hearing at the Traffic Commission's meeting in May. However, the commission, without explanation, did not take up the matter last week and it presumably will be addressed at a later meeting.

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A large group of young students, likely from a primary school, are posed on bleachers in a gymnasium. They are arranged in several rows, smiling for the camera. The students are dressed in casual clothing. In the foreground, a small, four-wheeled metal stool stands on the polished floor. An inset photograph in the bottom right corner provides a closer look at two boys; the one on the right is wearing glasses and both are smiling.


On Tuesday June 6, the students from Grades 1-5 at the Paul Revere School following many weeks of hard practice performed a delightful concert in multiple languages for their parents and teachers.

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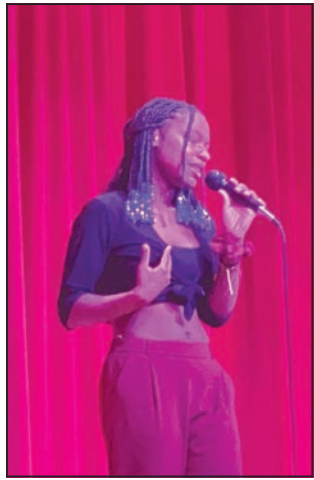
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Revere High School recognizes underclassmen

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

As the school year wraps up, Revere High School (RHS) held a Student Showcase and Awards Ceremony highlighting and honoring the work of hundreds of students on Tuesday, June 13.

“There have been many school events over the past weeks related to seniors, and it’s particularly exciting to me to be able to recognize our ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders soon to become our tenth, elev-



Susie Nicolas performs a portion of her declamation.



Susie Nicolas, Dina Oufessa, and Mariah Ayala perform a song in French.

enth, and twelfth graders,” said Deputy Principal Caitlin Reilly.

The festivities began last Tuesday afternoon with the student showcase, which allowed students to display their work, whether that be from classes, clubs, sports, and more.

Throughout the hallways of RHS, students were lined up in front of their posters, ready to talk about their work to other students, friends, and family.

Some of these posters highlighted some classic club staples like the Chess Club. “The main thing is chess; we like to chill, be competitive. We also play for prizes and money, sometimes around once a month,” said Sachin Neaupane, a Junior.

“The main appeal about this is — a lot of clubs, it’s such a big commitment ... ours is like just come in once in a while, enjoy yourself, you know,” he added.

Along with some classic presentations like the

chess club, there were some other eye-catching presentations like an AP Statistics project that focused on Taylor Swift albums.

The project completed by Sophomores Fatima Baoussouh, Kei Loza, and Dayna Phan set out to answer the question — “Is Taylor Swift’s ‘1989’ album more recognizable than her ‘Midnights’ album?”

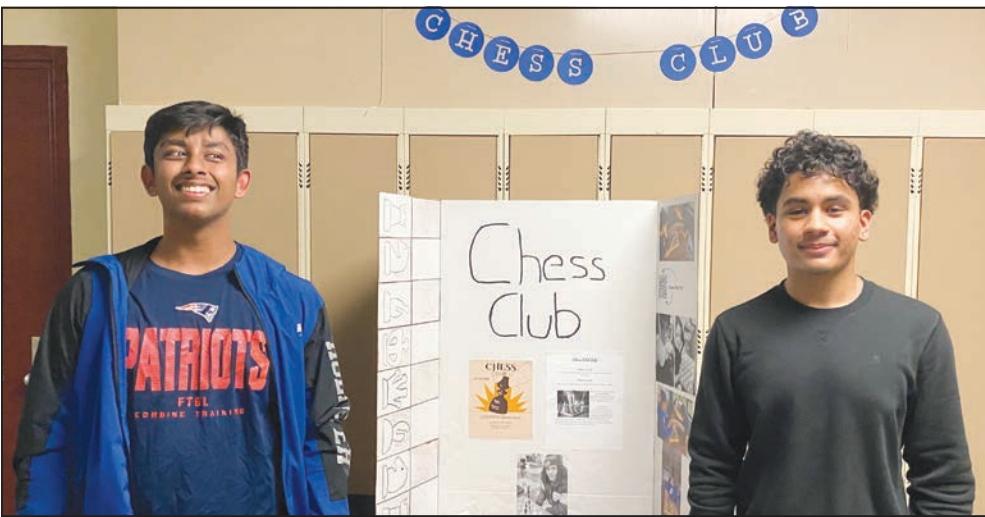
To answer this question, they took volunteers who would then read one of two stories — determined by a coin flip — and volunteers were then tasked with highlighting the song titles in the story they read.

Baoussouh, Loza, and Phan then used the results to do a statistical procedure and determined that there is significant evidence that “1989” is more recognizable than “Midnights.”

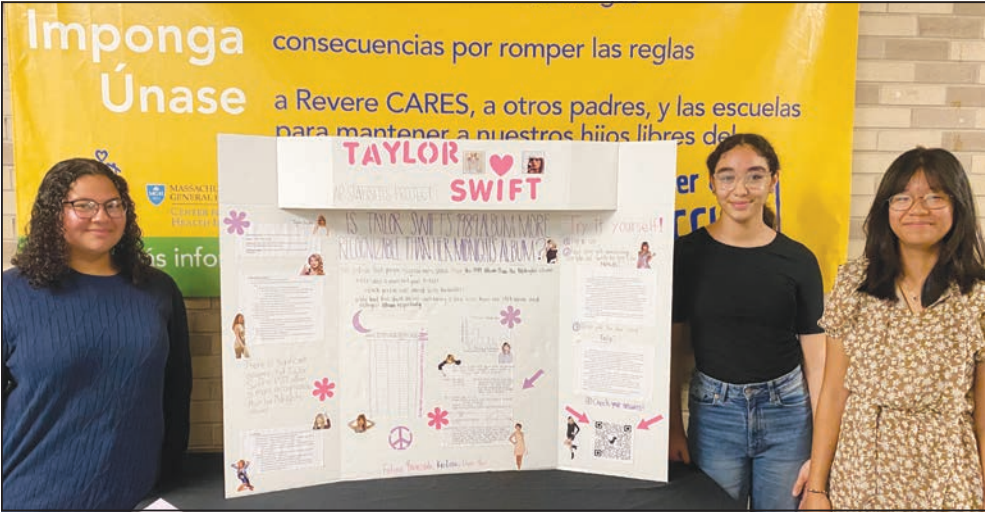
As the afternoon progressed, it then became time for the awards ceremony in which students were honored in a plethora of subjects like English Language Arts (ELA), History, Math, and much more.

As explained by Reilly, there were two awards per teacher in a subject — the first for achievement and the other for excellence.

According to Reilly, the award of achievement was for “Those who’ve embodied and modeled for peers their effort and continuous improvement throughout their course.”



Dillian Boodoosingh and Sachin Neaupane present about the Chess Club.



Fatima Baoussouh, Kei Loza, and Dayna Phan present their Taylor Swift-themed project.

While the award of excellence was for “Those who accomplish and model exceeding and really high standards of the course.”

In addition to handing out awards to students during the ceremony, there were several stunning performances throughout the show. For example, there were some musical performances by students.

One of the musical performances was from a band called Beware of Denise Pt 2, comprised of students Ricky Tran, Brandon Anorga, Wendy Gutierrez, and Larry Santos, who played a cover of Muse’s “Hysteria.”

While Mariah Ayala, Dina Oufessa, and Susie Nicolas performed a song in French called Je Veux by Zaaz.

Other remarkable performances included Nicolas doing some of her Speech and Debate declamation, which she received high praise for as a top performer nationally

and an unarmed exhibition from members of the JROTC.

Overall, RHS’ Student Showcase and Awards Ceremony seemed to be a big hit as hundreds of students were recognized for their hard work.

“Congratulations, it feels so exciting to celebrate more than 200 students for their excellence and achievement and their contributions to the school community, so thank you,” said Reilly.

East Boston’s ZUMIX to Host 2023 Walk for Music

Special to the Journal

On Sunday, July 9, ZUMIX will host its annual Walk for Music. ZUMIX community members and other participants will walk through East Boston’s parks to support ZUMIX’s award-winning music and youth empowerment programs. The event will begin at 260 Sumner Street in East Boston, and will run from 3-6 pm, including registration at the ZUMIX

Firehouse and the walk itself, starting at 4 pm. Festivities will continue with the kickoff of ZUMIX’s Summer Concert Series in Piers Park, also a part of the annual Eastie Week celebration spearheaded by Boston Harbor Now.

Created as a response to the need for high-quality music programming in Boston’s schools and communities, the Walk for Music has historically been an afternoon of music, celebration, and com-

munity for local music organizations. This year’s event will highlight the neighborhoods and green spaces of East Boston, including Piers Park, Bremen Street Park, and the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. Walkers can sign up to walk or fundraiser in advance on the event page at <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/zumix-inc/>

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Walk for Music is one of ZUMIX’s largest annual fundraisers, allowing the organization to keep its creative programs free and low-cost and serve more than 1,000 youth each year. ZUMIX offers programs for young people ages 7-18 in songwriting and performance, creative media and technology,

musical theater, private lesson instruction, and instrumental ensembles.

On Sunday, July 9 at 3 pm, walkers will gather at the ZUMIX Firehouse at 260 Sumner Street for registration and begin the walk. In the case of inclement weather, the concert and celebration after the walk will take place at the ZUMIX Firehouse.

To donate, please visit <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/zumix-inc/walk-for-music-2023>, text WALKFORMUSIC to 44-321, or send a check made out to ZUMIX to 260 Sumner Street, East Boston, MA, 02128. To sign up to walk, visit the GiveLively page above or sign up in person at ZUMIX.

Acting Mayor Keefe announces elderly and disabled tax relief program and water bill relief program

Special from the Mayor’s Office

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe announced this week that the applications for the Elderly & Disabled Residents Tax Relief Program and the Water and Sewer Relief Program for Disabled Residents will be available in the City Treasurer’s Office on the 2nd Floor of City Hall beginning Wednesday, July 5, 2023 and on the City of Revere Website <https://www.revere.org/departments/treasurer>.

The program is sustained by voluntary contributions from taxpayers who respond to the donation sheet included in each quarterly tax bill. The purpose of the program is to provide relief to elderly and/or disabled taxpayers and disabled water ratepayers who are having trouble paying their real estate taxes and water and sewer bills because of financial hardship.

“This program, funded by the generosity of Revere residents looking to extend a helping hand to those in need, is aimed at helping senior citizens and financially vulnerable individuals,” said Acting Mayor Keefe. “This program will provide some welcome relief for those who meet the criteria.”

The “Elderly & Disabled Tax Relief Program” has been in existence for several years. In order to qualify for the program, the taxpay-

er must be an owner-occupied resident of Revere and meet the following additional requirements to be eligible: 65 years of age or disabled as of July 1 of the Fiscal Year; be current with all real estate taxes, have income of no more than \$30,000 per year if single or combined \$50,000 per year for joint property owners.

As part of the application, taxpayers should submit a statement of the extenuating circumstances which have created a hardship.

The funds will be awarded to the neediest of applicants as determined by the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program Committee, which is comprised of the Chairman of the Board

of Assessors, Treasurer and three citizens as required by M.G.L. C. 60, §3D.

The applications must be returned to the Treasurer’s Office on or before August 7, 2023.

Patrick Keefe is the Acting Mayor for the City of Revere.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
0 Broadway LLC	Capoccia, Robert F	Broadway	\$140,000
Lot 98 Dedham Street Rt	Mjm Re Holdings LLC	Dedham St #98	\$200,000
Soignoli, Matthew	Paul B Amirault RET	1 Spray Ave	\$890,000
Arat, Mohamed	Goldman, Robert P	19 Blaney Ct #19	\$460,000
Hernandez, Reina E	Hernandez, Elida	20 Dunn Rd	\$210,000
Arat, Mohamed	Goldman, Robert P	23 Blaney Ct #23	\$460,000
Herrera, Alexander	Pupeza, Tereza M	24 Shurtleff St	\$570,000
Medina, Wilfredo A	Valentin, Norilyz	31 Martin St	\$509,900
Mai, Zhongmei	First Centennial LLC	32 Centennial Ave	\$1,754,515
Luongo, John R	Dlg Holdings LLC	42 Pearl Ave	\$575,000
Weston 1 Eleven T	Richard Everett RET	85 Standish Rd #85	\$410,000
Rls Realty Investment LLC	Second Centennial LLC	95 Centennial Ave	\$355,000
Maldonado, Santos O	Dacey Realty LLC	119 Winthrop Pkwy	\$769,000
Ogunleke, Oluwatomisin	Enos-Castaldini, Rita O	120 Savage St	\$900,000
Lopez, Didiana I	Smith, William	261 Fenno St	\$535,000
Garcia, Juan C	M Brenner T	35 0 Revere Beach Blvd #2A	\$488,070
Pasala, Dhanyatha	Firodiya, Neha	603 Revere Beach Pkwy #603	\$600,000
Kelmendi, Redis	Doyle, Kaylan M	632 Beach St	\$575,000

Due to an error in last week’s real estate transfers, the listing for Vincent E. Denietolis T. was reflected inaccurately. Total sale price was \$500,000, not \$2,500,000.



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Sports

Linebacker Max Doucette commits to Endicott College

RHS 2023 graduate prepares for fall season

By Sydney Ciano

Recent Revere High School graduate Max Doucette committed to Division III school Endicott College for football. The 18-year-old is physically and mentally preparing for the upcoming fall season.

Doucette started playing football at seven-years-old for Pop Warner, and soon began to love the excitement and energy both on the field and in the stands. Though he played some time as a defensive end his junior year of high school, linebacker was his main position. He will continue this position at Endicott.

Pursuing football at the collegiate level came to him when he first started playing for RHS' varsity team his sophomore year.

"I realized I put a lot of work into [football] and I have enough talent that I should continue to play," Doucette said.

He said football taught him a number of life lessons, including discipline, commitment, leadership, respect, and overcoming hardships. Keeping

the sport in his life as he moves onto the next chapter of his life, Doucette expects to keep himself scheduled, focused, and "on the right track." He's excited to see his progress in the sport at a collegiate level with hardwork and dedication.



PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA
Max Doucette.

Joining the Gulls' football team was something that felt right to him. After visiting the campus, he saw himself fitting in with a campus that valued athletics, surrounded by

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Max Doucette shown preparing for a sack during one of his games during his time at Revere High School.

RHS SPORTS Roundup

RHS TRACKSTERS PERFORM SUPERBLY AT NIKE NATIONALS

This past weekend saw an amazing performance by four members of the Revere High boys outdoor track program at the Nike Outdoor Nationals in Eugene, Oregon, on legendary Hayward Field.

The Patriot quartet of Sami El Asri (senior), JV Cunha (junior), Medy Bellemsieh (junior), and Isaiah DeCrosta (sophomore) finished second in the 1600 meter Sprint Medley Relay (SMR) and third in the 4 x 400 meter relay.

The foursome set a new RHS school record for the SMR (which consists of two legs of 200 meters, a 400, and an 800) in a time of 3:37.18 and smashed their existing school record in the 4 x 400 with a clocking of 3:27.82. Their outstanding performances earned them Nike All-American status.

IT WAS 40 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK THAT THE REVERE HIGH GIRLS TENNIS TEAM WON A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1983 Revere High girls tennis team became the first Revere sports team ever to win a State Championship when the Lady Patriots defeated Nashoba Valley High, 4-1, in the finals of the Division II state tournament 40 years ago this week.

Junior Carla Maniscalco (who has been the girls tennis coach at Revere High for many years) played at second singles and won her match in a shutout, 6-0, 6-0.

Senior Nancy DeMarco also was a winner in straight sets at third singles, 6-4, 6-0, as were the first doubles tandem of Kristen Collar and Jose-

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KING OF THE RING



Renowned boxing trainer Joe Lake (center in photo), Revere DPW General Foreman, joins Team Bek for a photo after an MMA bout June 16 at Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington. Lake is a boxing coach for Olympic bronze medalist Bekzod Abdurakhmonov (second from left) who improved his MMA record to 7-0. Also pictured (from left) are Yarislau Slavikouski, Jiu-Jitsu coach John Clarke, Muzaffar Abdurakhmonov, and Valiantsin Slaavikouski.



Cary Shuman Photos

MMA fighter Bekzod Abdurakhmonov (second, from left) is pictured in the ring after his first-round victory in a bout June 16 at Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington. Also pictured (from left) are his brother, Muzaffar Abdurakhmonov, and his coaches Joe Lake and John Clarke.

Revere High Softball celebrates 2023 season

By Melissa Moore- Randall

The Revere High Softball team celebrated their season with an annual banquet at Prince Pizza hosted by the Parents' Club. The program, which is main-

ly undersclassmen, saw an improvement this season under second year head Coach Meg O'Donnell.

The varsity team went 7-13 missing the state tournament by three games including several losses by

one or two runs. O'Donnell, Assistant Coach Powers, and Team Assistant Peter DiCarlo saw much progress throughout the season. "This season was a learning curve but was also a fun one. We grew as

a team and next season we will be a sleeper team in the GBL", said O'Donnell of her young squad.

The team was led by senior captains Emma

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a number of student-athletes. The Endicott football team has been named conference champions four times, with their most recent success in 2022. The National Strength and Conditioning Association named five Gulls All-American this past season as well.

"I want to be somewhere where we're winning games, competing," he said, adding that he hopes to be part of the team that wins its fifth conference championship.

Doucette was encouraged to pursue football at the collegiate level from many of his teammates, especially Jason Shosho who was a leading tackler for the team. He also gave his gratitude to his coaches, head coach Lou Cicatelli and Paul Norton, for pushing him on the field and encouraging him to continue playing after RHS.

In preparation for the approaching fall season, Doucette has committed himself to working out daily, getting the proper nutrients with a clean diet, cutting out unproductive habits, and getting the right amount of sleep each night. In addition, he is prioritizing physical therapy rehab for his knee injury. During the second game of his senior season, Doucette tore his ACL. As he is seven months into recovery with two to four more months ahead of him, he is hopeful he will return to the field in the fall.

"I'm very hopeful that

I'll be good to play... [but] I don't want to rush back into it," the linebacker said, not wanting to risk another injury.

With wanting to keep football in his life, he is looking at options beyond Endicott as well. He hopes to get some playing time his freshman year, start as a sophomore, and potentially transfer on scholarship to a higher division school to ideally pursue professional football.

"The main school I've always wanted to go to is [Boston College]," Doucette said. He is also looking at Merrimack as a potential school to continue football at.

If after his first two or three years as Gull he does not receive a scholarship to play for a Division I or II school, Doucette said he will likely transfer to a less expensive school to focus on academics. He is pursuing a business degree and is interested in learning key marketing skills as well. Starting a business, managing a business, and marketing products via media advertisement are possibilities circling for Doucette. He said he would consider coaching or volunteering with teams to keep football in his life.

Despite weighing his future options, Doucette is excited to hit the field as a Gull in the fall.

"The number one thing I'm looking forward to is proving to myself who I am and proving to myself that my hard work will be rewarded," he said.



Max Doucette shown during a RHS football game.



RHS Varsity Lady Pat Softballers celebrating their season.

Softball //

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Casinello and Arianna Greenman, who will attend Emmanuel College and Salem State University in the fall. In addition, juniors Isabella Qualtieri, Ally Straccia, Riley Straccia, Julianna Bolton and Luiza Santos, Sophmores Lea Doucette, Jordan Martelli, Kelren Dais, and Brianna Miranda and freshmen Myla Cassinell, Frankie Reed, Shayna Smith, and Danni Hope Randall who earned varsity positions in their first year with the program.

Several of the Lady Pats were recognized this season. Emma Cassinello and Riley Straccia were named GBL all-stars. Team honors included MVP Lea Doucette, Offensive MVP Frankie Reed, Defensive MVP Riley Straccia, Most Improved Player Jordan Martelli, Rookie of the Year Danni Hope Ran-



RHS Junior Varsity Softball team.

dall, and Coaches Award Emma Cassinello.

The Lady Pats will return to the field next season led by newly named Captains Isabella Qualtieri, Ally Straccia, Riley Straccia, Julianna, and Luiza Santos who will all be members of the 2024 graduating class of Revere High School.



The freshmen trio of Shayna Smith, Danni Hope Randall, and Frankie Reed.



2024 RHS Softball Captains Isabella Qualtieri, Ally Straccia, Riley Straccia, and Luiza Santos.



RHS Softball pitching due of junior Isabella Qualtieri and freshman Danni Hope Randall.



Shown to the right, Coach O'Donnell, captains Emma Cassinello, Arianna Greenman, and Coach Powers celebrating their last season.

Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

phine Russo, 6-1, 6-4. and the second doubles duo of Patti Neil and Danielle DiCarlo 6-1, 6-3.

Revere's number one singles player, junior Maria Lochiatto, who was ranked sixth in New England, took her first set against her Nashoba opponent (who was ranked fifth in New England) by a 7-6 score in a set that lasted an exhausting one hour and 40 minutes.

However, with the match already decided by that point and temperatures in Worcester hovering near 100, RHS head coach Bob Lospennato convinced Lochiatto, who had been ill all week and was feeling faint, to terminate her match, which became the only defeat in her RHS career.

"I was truly lucky to have played on the team coached by Bob Lospennato," said Maniscalco,

who succeeded Lospennato as the girls' head coach when he was promoted to the post of Revere High Athletic Director. "Some of my fondest memories of high school were of being a part of that team for four years. Bob Lospennato was the first and best tennis coach that I ever had. I first met Bob when I was around 10 years old when I joined one of the tennis clinics he ran through the Parks and Recreation.

"I had no idea what I was doing, but he was kind, patient, and made tennis fun," Maniscalco continued. "He has the unique ability to take a player at any level, from beginner to advanced, and make them better. Being a part of his team was truly a major highlight of my high school experience. I learned what it was like to be a part of a team (which is unique for tennis) and

had the honor of sharing the court for four years with extremely talented players."

The following year, the RHS girls team, led once again by the 1-2 duo of Lochiatto and Mansicalco, captured their second straight state title with Lospennato at the helm.

60 years ago June 20, 1963

Alan Butt, who just graduated as a member of the RHS Class of 1963, has signed a contract with the Chicago Cubs. Lennie Merullo, head scout of the Cubs in this area, negotiated the contract for an undisclosed sum. Butt will leave this week for the Cubs' minor league St. Cloud, Minn. team in the Class A Northern League. Butt hit .300 for Coach John Capone's RHS teams the past two seasons.

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Second annual James Rosatto Walk on Water fundraiser a great success

The James Rosatto Walk on Water took place June 10 2023 and was a great success according to organizer Stacy Egan VanPutten.

The walk was part of the family's healing journey after losing James, an East Boston resident, to liver cancer only a few weeks after diagnosis.

The purpose was to honor James by doing something he did every day while at the same time raising funds for Dana Farber Cancer Institute Liver Cancer Early Detection and Screening.

Dr. Abrams, the doctor in charge of the initiative, stated "My research efforts are focused on liver cancer early detection, prevention, and surveillance. In partnership with a multi-disciplinary team, we are working on numerous studies, including the world's largest liver cancer prevention study, which aims to better understand who is at greatest risk for developing liver cancer and why. Philanthropic support enables us to follow patients longitudinally, collecting blood, stool, antigen, and biomarker samples. These patient samples provide important



Michelle Rosatto Donovan, Jacquelyn Rosatto Indrisano, Stacy Egan VanPutten

clues as to who is at greatest risk for developing liver cancer and the best ways to screen for it in the future. For patients and families who are waiting for the next breakthrough, we look to the partnership between medical science and philanthropy to help shape the future of care. Thank you for your commitment to this important work in memory James."

As a first-year fundraiser the team did an amazing job well exceeding their goal of \$5,000 for Dana Farber Cancer InstituteI rounding up over 75 participants. "It brought a tear to my eye looking down the beach to a "sea of green", the color to repre-

sent liver cancer, said Stacy VanPutten. "I know my dad did not want for much in terms of material things. This was the perfect birthday gift, to see his family and friends walking his walk. I think he would have been really touched". James' wife Isabel Rosatto added comment to the rain holding out making the walk a comfortable temperature for all who participated. "It started out as a damp morning, not really a beach day that turned into a perfect walking morning"

The organizers hope to bring the community together every year to support this important cause. "Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves walking their own pace and distance. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning in June. For me, the finish line is always a greatest moment. This year pizza was sponsored in part by Bianchis. That helped me pick up the pace a bit," said Stacy. She also wanted to thank the numerous sponsors and people who participated. "Two years ago this cause was not at all on my radar. Now it is my commitment of service. Organizing the walk also helps me keep my dad present every day. I am eternally grateful to you all."



Remy Indrisano, Carys Donovan, Quinn Donovan, Tatum Donovan, Lyra Indrisano and Isla Donovan.



Shown above at the walk on June 10 are Danielle Egan, Isabel Rosatto, James Stella, Carol Stella Darlene Stella, Stacy Egan VanPutten.

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resident and business to step up and make a contribution to the city's Fourth of July Fund to make this a glorious celebration for the city's young people.

Vandals wreaked widespread havoc at Revere High Sunday afternoon, breaking windows, scattering contents of drawers, and damaging equipment in almost every room in the school.

The Revere Lodge of Elks has completed a total renovation of its quarters, inside and out, at its building on Shirley St.

Clifton Webb and Barbara Stanwyck star in Titanic at the Winthrop Theatre.

career of Captain Irving B. Sherman, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Sherman of 21 Wolcott Rd., was cut short this week when the young officer was fatally injured in an accident at a railroad crossing in No. Carolina.

Revere Ensign Woodrow Wilson Wilkins, 27, married and the father of a young daughter, was one of 58 officers and men of the Coast Guard who were lost at sea when the cutter Escabana was destroyed by an explosion of undetermined origin and sank immediately while on convoy duty in the North Atlantic.

Mayor Raymond E. Carey has ordered a shakeup in the Police Department. Carey has abol-

ished the vice squad and placed every member of the department on his own responsibility. Carey told the officers that he is sick and tired of hearing complaints from citizens about the neglect of duty on the part of many officers and that henceforward he expects them to conduct themselves appropriately and to carry out all of their duties.

Frank Sinatra has become one of America's favorite vocalists. He has just signed with RKO Pictures for his first movie, Higher and Higher.

Errol Flynn and Ann Sheridan star in Edge of Darkness at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

REVERE PLAYERS COMPETE IN SHRINERS CLASSIC



Shriners All-Star football players Jason Shosho of Revere High School and Santi Quiceno of St. John's Prep are pictured with North Team head coach Gavin Monagle following the game last Friday night at Bentley University in Waltham. The North prevailed by a 17-14 score.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN Academic Honors

MIRANDA EARNS DEAN'S LIST HONORS

Jennyka Miranda of Revere, has been named to the spring 2023 dean's list, which is published each semester to recognize excellence in academic performance. To be considered, degree-seeking students must earn 12 or more college level credits in the current semester, or a total of 12 or more combined college-level credits earned during the fall and spring semesters, and achieve a 3.3 or above grade point average.

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thoughtful, committed and socially responsible graduates.

BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 240 GRADUATES

On Saturday, May 20, more than 2,000 members of the Boston College High School community gathered at McCoy Field to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of the 240 young men of the Class of 2023.

"As the Class of 2023 embarks on the next chapter of their lives, they have undoubtedly left a lasting impression here at BC High," said Grace Cotter Regan, President of Boston College High School. "They handled each new challenge with poise and maturity, emerging as courageous young men whose kindness, integrity, and service to others will fuel them through college and beyond. I am thrilled to welcome them into our alumni network and watch their relationships with our school and each other continue."

The commencement ceremonies featured a keynote address from Rev. Mario Powell, SJ, president of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a faith-based middle school serving low-income families of diverse races, ethnicities, and faiths in New York City. Rev. Powell urged the graduates to think about

their identities and how to use their Jesuit education for the good of society.

Rev. Powell reminded the Class of 2023 that their success at BC High will be measured by how the lives of those who did not attend the school are richer and fuller because of their formative experiences. He challenged the graduates: "Go out into the world and give what you have learned in the classroom, on the court, on the field, in the chapel - go give that away to a world that so desperately needs you to. Your BC High education has allowed you to meet this moment - it has enabled you to give something to others."

In a culmination of dedication in the classroom, athletics, and extracurricular activities, members of BC High's Class of 2023 have been accepted to more than 250 colleges and universities around the country and world. Of those seeking higher education, 25 percent will continue their education at Jesuit colleges and universities. In addition, four students received full tuition scholarships and eight others will attend Ivy League institutions. Two students will be proudly entering a military academy, one to the United States Military Academy (West Point) and another to the United States Naval Academy (Annapolis).

Local graduate included Samuel Catano.

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JACK SATTER HOUSE 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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The Jack Satter House celebrated its 45th anniversary at a dinner at the residential community located on Revere Beach Boulevard.

The many guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres during a social hour before sitting down for a full-course meal in the dining room.

Executive Director Steve Poste drew praise

from residents for his outstanding leadership of the senior residential community.

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe and Councilor-at-Large Dan Rizzo presented congratulatory citations to Steve Poste and Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello.

Congresswoman Katherine Clark appeared at the dinner, receiving a warm welcome from the guests in attendance.



Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti greets guests at the Satter House 45th Anniversary Dinner, including Galena Pogrebnyak, Aela Kaplan, Valentyna Romanchuk, Natea Milevskaja, Semen Milevskaya, and Julia Swerdlov.



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe presents a City of Revere Certificate of Congratulations to Jack Satter House Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello and Executive Director Steve Post.



Candidate for Councilor-at-Large, Alex Rhalimi, and his wife, Sofia Rhalimi.



Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto and Donna Montieth.



Satter House resident Charles Aaronson and Frank Lally.



Satter House residents Kiki Alexandratou and Denise Riley.



Cynthia Ringer, Janice Gilman, and Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Enjoying the social hour are Judy Yantosca, Barbara Slayton, and Marlene Bloom.



Rita Fiorello, Frank Lally (center), and Liz Kelly.



From left, Executive Director Steve Post, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello, Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe, Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, and Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito.



Lillian Bockser, Natalie Mason, Cynthia Ringer, Mildred Goldman, and Ruth Giannassoli.



Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo presents a Certificate of Commendation to Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello at the 45th Anniversary Celebration. Pictured, from left, are Cindy Kiejna, Financial Secretary Janice Gilman, Executive Director Steve Post, Regional School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano, Jane Rizzo, Dan Rizzo, Roxanne Aiello, Treasurer Kathy Bennett, and Second Vice Presiden Paula Weiner.



June Muollo, Satter House Resident Services Coordinator Jill Leach, Director of Resident Services Rose Shapiro, and Northeast Regional School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano.



Satter House Executive Director Steve Poste, Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe and Kaitlyn Carter, Aide to Rep. Jeff Turco.



Executive Director Steve Poste and popular resident Billy Sullivan.



Ruth Giannasoli (left), the fabulous hairstylist at the Jack Satter House, with Rona Hearn.



Satter House Executive Director Steve Poste and Angela Guarino-Sawaya, candidate for Revere City Council Ward 5.



Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello and First Vice President Joanne Monteforte.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE MARC SILVESTRI HOLDS CAMPAIGN KICKOFF RECEPTION AT FINE LINE



Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, with Bill Levy and Alan Pechner.

Cary Shuman Photos

It was a busy night on the Revere social calendar with other events being held, but popular Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri still drew a large crowd to his campaign kickoff reception at Fine Line.

Silvestri, in fact, had stopped by the Jack Satter House earlier to congratulate Executive Director Steve Post and the Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello on the 45th anniversary of the residential community on Revere Beach Boulevard.

Silvestri has earned praise from his constituents for being an outstanding and hard-working city councillor. He is a US Army veteran and serves as the director of veterans' services for the City of Revere. Marc is also of one of Revere High's greatest football players of all time, known for his punishing, running style.

Silvestri thanked the guests for their support and pledged to continue to represent them and all the people who live and work in Revere to the best of his abilities.



Former First Lady of Revere, Daveen Arrigo, Fine Line restaurant owner Mike Aldi, and Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri.



Brandon Brito, Mike Silvestri, Marc Silvestri, and Roberto Tobelno.



Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri welcomes DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo, former Mayor of Revere, to his campaign kickoff reception at Fine Line.



Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri joins two of his colleagues in city government, Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito (left) and Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe (right) for a photo outside the Fine Line Restaurant.



Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri and Council on Aging Director Deb Peczk.



Marc Silvestri, with Donna Dreeszen and Steven Dreeszen.



Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri (right), with supporters, Elaine Mosca, Sharon Silvestri, Patty Gallucci, Carol Healey, Janis Wildman, and Elaine Avallone.



Marc Silvestri, with his wife, Nicole Silvestri, and their daughters, Saige Silvestri and Sienna Silvestri.



Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Ward 4 candidate Paul Argenzio, Councillor-at-Large candidate Bob Haas III, Councillor-at-Large and candidate for re-election Marc Silvestri, and Councillor-at-Large candidate Anthony Parziale.



Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, with his parents, Sharon Silvestri and Joseph Silvestri.

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REVERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS SUMMER SOIREE AT EASY PIE

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The Revere Chamber of Commerce held a Summer Soiree on June 15 at Easy Pie, 649 Squire Road. RCC President Patrick Lospennato and Executive Director Erica Porzio welcomed the many members and guests to the festive event. The group enjoyed Easy Pie's delicious pizzas and salads and an evening of networking and pleasant conversation.



Niles Welch, Amanda Bonasoro, RCC President Patrick Lospennato, Past RCC President Patty Pace, Felicia Napolitano, RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio, Gertrude Mageza, Hind Ouicheddane, Anthony Carson, and Kori O'Hara.



Chris Bonasoro and Amanda Bonasoro, with their daughter, Lily Bonasoro, at the Summer Soiree.



RCC President Patrick Lospennato, with his wife, Jessica Herrera Lospennato (left) and her sister, Leslie Herrera (right), RCC Intern.



Kori O'Hara, Molly O'Hara, and Jacqueline O'Hara, enjoying the Revere Chamber of Commerce's Summer Soiree.

LOU MARKAKIS OPENS LYNNWAY ASSOCIATES GROUP

Seaport Landing 152 Lynnway Suite 3A (Lynn) is the "new home" for Lynnway Associates Group, a real estate brokerage, consulting, and government relations firm. More than 60 friends, colleagues, and business associates helped Lynn native Lou Markakis cut the ribbon at their new Lynnway office. During his short speech, Lou thanked Lynn City Council President Jay Walsh, Lynn Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Lynn Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard, Taunton City Councilor and former Lynner John McCaul, Revere City Councilors Tony Zambu-

to, and Gerry Visconti, a current Revere mayoral candidate, and Alex Rhalimi-Revere City Council candidate. Also in attendance were Lynn City Council candidates Roger Garcia, owner of April's restaurant who catered the event, and Don Castle, candidate for Lynn City Council. Blessed by 80+ degree temperatures, the afternoon opening was the culmination of a real estate career that began in 1976 in California, then Massachusetts in 1980. After spending the last five years working with C21NorthEast as Lynnway Associates Group

from a Revere office next to Revere City Hall, Lou and his partners, Bernardo Sepulveda (Sr VP/Partner) of Revere, and Rosa DeCastro (VP/Partner) from Saugus, decided to "make the move." After great success and a 5-year stint affiliated with Century 21NE, the team has leased a beautiful penthouse suite overlooking the marina at Seaport Landing. Markakis stated, "After knowing, working with, or servicing 55 of the 62 actual Lynnway stakeholders for the last 35 years, it made sense to return home to the Lynnway. We had a great run and were successfully working with a first-class organization at C21NE, but it was the right time to return to my roots. We don't want to be the biggest, we just want to be "the best" at what we do! The company's focus is

real estate, residential and commercial sales, with a track record of permitting difficult real estate projects through the company's experience in government relations. Also stopping in to say hello and sign books

for the crowd was Celebrity Chef Johnny Ciao, who met Lou in 2000 at a Boston Chef's event. (www.JohnnyCiao.com) Lou thanked everyone in attendance and looks forward to servicing the

North Shore in areas of real estate, government relations, and permitting. An Emerson College graduate and a seasoned political operative, Lou graduated from Lynn English High.



Lou Markakis with Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, Bernardo Sepulveda, and Councillor-at-Large, and candidate for Mayor Gerry Visconti.



Lou Markakis with his niece, Julie Sherry Cowles.



Candidate for City Council-at-Large, Alex Rhalimi with Lou Markakis.



Bernardo Sepulveda and Attorney Eliana Sepulveda and Lou Markakis.



Lynn City Council President Jay Walsh, Lou Markakis, Lynn Councilor Fred Hogan in the closing room.



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State Senate resoundingly approves bill for progressive tax relief

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Senate approved last week a \$590 million Tax Relief bill which delivers support to low- and middle-income earners and chips away at the headwinds that threaten Massachusetts' competitiveness. Focusing on providing relief to residents across Massachusetts while upholding the fiscal responsibility, the Senate's tax relief package will provide relief to renters, seniors, and parents struggling with high early education costs while also increasing much-needed housing production. With the recent passage of the FY24 budget last month, the Commonwealth is now poised to secure and strengthen its economic foundation to weather future uncertainty.

"As I have said from the outset, tax relief should go to the workers, families, and elderly residents of the Commonwealth who need it most," stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "Massachusetts doesn't need just any tax relief; we need permanent, progressive, smart, and sustainable tax relief. Too many families have been caught between the rising costs of healthcare, housing, education, and basic goods. While we advance reforms to lower these costs and shore up our social services, meaningful tax relief is another tool in our kit to encourage people to live and raise their families in Massachusetts. I want to thank each of my Senate colleagues who contributed to this proposal, especially Senator Rodrigues and Senator Moran for their leadership in developing this strong package."

"While there has been calls for the Senate to act more swiftly on tax relief, my colleagues and I took a deliberative and practical approach to tax relief, centering our proposal on what we saw as major areas of concern to individuals and working families of the Commonwealth. Namely, providing critical housing assistance to the demographic that is most affected by housing instability and unaffordability; the 25-40 age group who are being priced out of the Commonwealth at an alarming rate. We need this group to remain in Massachusetts, put down roots, and buy a home of their own," said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means (D-Westport). "Consistent with the views of the Senate membership, our Senate tax package is forward-looking, fiscally sustainable, comprehensive, and progressive. It puts money back into the pocket of the people."

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MBTA receives funding for advancing local transit reliability

Special to the Journal

The MBTA is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has awarded the T with \$2.96 million in funding for implementing transit signal priority and signal metrics to prioritize buses through 37 signalized intersections in Chelsea, Everett, and Revere. The award is part of the Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) program grant, a \$52.78 million investment package under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). In this round, ATTAIN expanded eligibility for projects in communities previously lacking in investments, including rural areas and areas of persistent poverty.

“Your zip code shouldn’t determine whether you have access to safe, affordable transportation,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg in the USDOT FHWA press release. “With President Biden’s investments in innovative technology, we’re helping communities make transportation safer and more efficient, particularly in places that haven’t received enough resources in the past.”

The MBTA’s project, which aligns with the Biden Administration’s environmental justice initiatives, was one of eight national projects selected to deliver innovative, technology-based solutions designed to improve the travel experience for

the millions of Americans who use highway and transit systems. Communities benefitting from this grant award are home to some of the MBTA’s most transit-dependent riders and have historically lacked access to frequent and reliable bus service offering connections to the rest of the network.

“We’re helping deliver a leading-edge transportation system designed to reach everyone and to work for everyone, especially those in communities who have lacked access to efficient transportation,” said Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt in the USDOT FHWA press release. “In Boston, we’re making transit more reliable and accessible for people from all walks of life with this advanced technology grant to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.”

“We congratulate the MBTA, especially the Transit Priority and the Capital Program Planning teams, for being awarded this critical funding that will ultimately result in faster bus trips in some of the MBTA’s most transit-dependent communities,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca. “The improvements to come to these bus corridors prioritize reliable, equitable service, and we are grateful to the municipal leaders, members of the Commonwealth’s Congressional delegation, officials, and advocates for their collaboration on this win that

builds us toward better service at the MBTA.”

“Thank you to the FHWA for awarding the T these funds. Upgrades to come as a result of this award include the technology to create a regional Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measurement (ATSPM) system that will support current and future intersections where the MBTA implements transit signal priority,” said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. “This will result in more efficient bus service for residents who rely on transit to get to and from work, school, healthcare appointments, and recreational opportunities. Thanks to the collaboration and support of everyone involved, the cities and towns we serve, key stakeholders and elected officials, MassDOT, and the Congressional delegation, I’m confident we will be able to deliver faster and more reliable transit service to our riders in these underserved communities.”

“For households in Chelsea, especially our most vulnerable residents, dependable public transit service represents a lifeline,” said Ned Keefe, Acting City Manager of Chelsea. “The city of Chelsea is grateful to the FHWA for investing in the deployment of next generation transit signal priority systems. The City looks forward to collaborating with the MBTA to improve the reliability of bus service in Chelsea and the broader region.”

“In Everett, where our residents lack rapid transit service, it is imperative that we work together with our state and federal partners to make the existing bus service as efficient as possible,” said City of Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “We look forward to these investments as a building block for future improvements as part of Bus Network Redesign and the Silver Line Extension.”

“Many of Revere’s residents rely on the MBTA bus system to get to school, work, and to access services and amenities throughout the re-

gion,” said Patrick Keefe Jr., Acting Mayor of the City of Revere. “These improvements will help support those residents, and hopefully entice new users to access a more efficient and reliable bus system. We applaud MBTA for their efforts in securing this grant and thank USDOT for their leadership in making this happen.”

The intersections to be upgraded under this grant award are part of Phase I of the Bus Network Redesign. This work is folded into the Better Bus Project, which focuses on improving system-wide bus service and emphasizes

equity within high-frequency bus corridors.

This grant award marks another funding win for the MBTA, which has followed an aggressive strategy to pursue Federal discretionary funding to support capital needs across the system. Since the passage of the BIL in 2021, the MBTA and its partners have won more than a dozen competitive grant awards exceeding \$250 million in support of MBTA capital needs.

The design work for the project is expected to be complete by the end of 2024. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.

Tax Relief // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18

ets of our residents, providing permanent tax cuts for low-income workers, families, renters, seniors, persons with disabilities, while focusing on the largest issue that is undercutting our Commonwealth’s overall competitiveness – which is the affordability and availability of housing. Thank you to my colleagues in the Senate, especially my colleagues on the Committee, whose advocacy, collaboration, and dedication helped to inform and shape this comprehensive tax relief proposal. A sincere thanks to the Ways and Means staff, whose seamless transition from the budget to this tax relief bill was truly remarkable. Lastly, a very warm and genuine thank you to Senate President Spilka for her determined and compassionate leadership as we work together to rebuild our economy and bolster our state’s long-term economic health.”

"Working families aren't leaving the Commonwealth because of taxes on day-traders," said Senator Susan Moran, Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue (D-Falmouth). "They are leaving because they can't find housing they can afford. This package aimed at growing housing will also grow our workforce and the Commonwealth's competitiveness."

“We gave the choice to municipalities to reward the good behavior of landlords who make rent affordable. This is just one more tool in the toolbox to get people housed,” said Senator Edwards, Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing (D-East Boston).

This package includes a variety of initiatives as tax relief for

the residents of Massachusetts. The bill:

- increases the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which provides critical support to working families, from 30% to 40% of the federal credit
- merges existing credits into a new and enhanced Child and Dependent Tax Credit (CDTC), increases the amount of the credit from \$180 to \$310 per child/dependent, and eliminates the current cap of two children/dependents
- increases statewide cap for the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) from \$10 million to \$57 million on a one-time basis and then to \$30 million annually
- increases the cap on the rental deduction from \$3,000 to \$4,000
- raises annual authorization of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, which directly supports the production of affordable housing units across the Commonwealth, from \$40 million to \$60 million
- doubles the maximum senior circuit breaker credit, which supports elderly residents who struggle with high housing costs, from \$1,200 to \$2,400
- excludes homes valued at under \$2 million from the Estate Tax and eliminates the “cliff effect” by allowing a uniform credit of \$99,600 for all estates
- triples the maximum credit under the Title V Tax Credit, which supports families who must replace failed septic systems, from \$6,000 to \$18,000, and lifts the amount claimable to \$4,000 per year
- increases the statewide cap for the Dairy Tax credit from \$6 million to \$8 million

- expands eligible occupations for the Apprenticeship Tax Credit
- doubles the credit for lead paint abatement to \$3,000 for full abatement and \$1,000 for partial abatement
- expands the types of alcoholic drinks which qualify for a lower tax rate as part of the cider tax

Notably, this legislation ensures that student loan payment assistance offered by employers will not be treated as taxable compensation. The bill also adds regional transit fares and bike commuter expenses to the allowable commuter expenses eligible for favorable tax status.

To encourage affordable housing, the bill gives municipalities the option of adopting a local property tax exemption for real estate that is rented to a person below a certain area-dependent income level.

Additionally, the bill also directs the following studies:

- A study by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance on the feasibility of making advance quarterly payments of the Child and Dependent Tax Credit
 - A study by the Department of Revenue on the efficacy of an additional, elective entity-level tax of up to 4 percent on a portion of qualified taxable income in the Commonwealth, coupled with a refundable credit, for eligible pass-through entities
- As different versions of this legislation have passed the Senate and the House of Representatives, a conference committee will now be appointed to resolve differences between the two bills.

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A beautiful new look in North Revere

Large mural at Clean Joe building receives praise

By Cary Shuman

Josef Koch is the owner of Clean Joe, a company that has a proven expertise in cleaning and restoration services.

A few months ago, Koch took a walk past the back of his building in North Revere.

“It was a plain building

that was sometimes graffitied on, and there were weeds growing up against it,” said Koch. “So, we just decided to give back to the city and put a beautiful mural on the side of the building.”

Goal accomplished.

Koch’s Clean Joe building is now the talk of the neighborhood, unlocking

a stunning piece of artwork for all – motorists, neighbors, and people who use the adjacent path for bicycling – to see.

Koch brought on board Blake Whitaker, a Los Angeles-based muralist, for the project.

“Josef hired me to paint the side of this building, and he had an idea what he wanted,” related Whitaker. “And he let me run with and do the design.”

The design takes a page out of the Revere history books, showcasing the famous clock at Revere Beach, and a locomotive train.

“Back in the day, the train used to go on what is now the bike path, and workers would off-load lumber to the lumberyard where the building is now,” said Koch.

Also prominently featured on the 340-foot mural are a Revere fire engine with a ladder, and a police car, meant as a tribute to Revere’s first responders. A Clean Joe truck, which handles restorations following fires, is also displayed on the mural.

For the project, Blake used exterior latex paint, which is a paint primer, “and I just bought the base colors and mixed all my



Josef Koch and Clean Joe staff associates, Kelli DeVincent, Brandon Perez, and George Varelans stand adjacent to the new mural.



Blake Whitaker puts the finishing touches on the 340-foot mural.



Josef Koch (front row, center), owner of Clean Joe, joins staff and associates for a photo underneath the spectacular mural that now adorns his building.

own colors based on the design.”

Blake used an off-trainlift which allowed him to reach the highest point (20 feet) of the building.

“I’m really happy with the way the mural turned out,” said Blake. “It was a tough project, but now I can start to celebrate. It was a lot of work.”

Whitaker said the project took about six weeks. “I’m a seasoned, mural painter. I’ve been painting murals professionally for five years. This [mural] was definitely the largest, and the layout was difficult, but I’ve completed 80

large paintings. This was a collaborative effort with Josef. It was great to work with him,” said Whitaker, who holds an MFA degree (2017) from CalArts in Experimental Animation.

Whitaker said he could

be back in Revere for another major art project in the future.

Josef Koch celebrated the completion of the mural with a staff clambake last Friday.

Agganis All-Star week kicks off June 25

Special to the Journal

Agganis All-Star Week starts Sunday, June 25 with the Opening Ceremony and four of the nine All-Star Games that will take place over the course of four days.

The Opening Ceremony, which will be held at 9 a.m. at Manning Field in Lynn, will include the presentation of 2023 Agganis Foundation Scholarships, five major awards, and the introduction of this year’s Agganis All-Stars in the following sports: girls and boys lacrosse, softball, baseball, girls and boys basketball, girls and boys soccer and football.

The lacrosse doubleheader will be held June 25 at Manning Field at 11 a.m. (girls) and 1 p.m., with softball and baseball played at the adjacent Fraser Field that day at noon and 2 p.m.

Action continues Monday, June 26 with the girls and boys basketball doubleheader at Lynn Classical High School at 5:30 and 7 p.m. The boys and girls soccer games will be June 27 at Manning Field at 5:30 (boys) and 7 p.m.

The 61st Agganis All-

Star Football Game will close the week on Wednesday, June 28 at Manning Field at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the Agganis All-Star Games are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens and are available at agganisfoundation.com. Tickets will also be sold at the gate.

The Agganis All-Star Games are played in memory of legendary Lynn athlete Harry Agganis, an All-American quarterback at Lynn Classical and Boston University. He was expected to be the first-round draft pick of the Cleveland Browns, but he opted for a professional baseball career and was the starting first baseman for the Boston Red Sox when he died of a pulmonary embolism in 1955 at the age of 26.

The Agganis Foundation was formed shortly thereafter with a mission of awarding college scholarships in Agganis’ name. Since 1955, the Foundation has awarded more than \$2.4 million in scholarships to 1,051 student-athletes. The Agganis All-Star Games serve as a fundraiser for the scholarship program.

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