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## NEWS BRIEFS

### REVERE MAYORAL DEBATE SET FOR TUESDAY AT 7 P.M. AT RHS

The Revere Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of President Patrick Lospennato and Executive Director Erica Porzio, will host the Revere Mayoral Debate on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Revere High School Auditorium.

The four candidates for mayor in Revere's 2023 municipal election - Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe and Councillors-at-Large Dan Rizzo, Gerry Visconti, and Steven Morabito - will participate in the debate.

Stephen Quigley, president of the Revere Journal, will be the moderator of the debate. Quigley's father, Andrew P. Quigley Sr., and grandfather, Lawrence Quigley, served multiple terms as mayor of Chelsea.

Attorney Niles Welch, vice president of the Revere Chamber of Commerce, and Getrude Mageza, RCC board member, will be the debate panelists.

Tickets will be available at the door on a first come, first serve basis.

The debate will be broadcast live by Revere TV.

### ACTING MAYOR KEEFE ANNOUNCES 'RESPONSIBLE ROADWAYS REVERE'

Acting Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. announces "Responsible Roadways Revere," an infrastructure

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## State requires more involved environmental review for Gibson Park project

By Adam Swift

Last month, the state's Secretary of Environmental and Energy Affairs ruled that the city will not be able to use an expedited Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for the Gibson Park reconstruction project.

The city had requested that Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Rebecca Tepper allow a single EIR in lieu of the usual two-stage draft and final EIR process.

"While I acknowledge the resiliency and recreational benefits that the project is intended to of-

fer, comments submitted by Agencies raise concerns about the success of the shoreline protection features to provide near- and long-term resiliency, the precise extent of wetlands impacts, and compliance with regulatory standards," stated Tepper. "A complete review of impacts should be conducted to ensure a sustainable project design that protects and enhances environmental resources. A thorough review also ensures that public funds are expended in a manner that maximizes benefits over

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## HAPPY 99<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY



On Tuesday, Aug. 15 Councillor Gerry Visconti, representing the City Council presided Susan Colella with a citation recognizing her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, and wishing her continued health and happiness.

## Powers seeks re-election in Ward 5 Council race

Special to the Journal

John Powers Councilor of Ward 5 has announced his candidacy for re-election. The following is his statement:

"My name is John Powers; and it has been my honor to represent the citizens of Ward 5 on the Revere City Council through the end of 2023. Today I am proud to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Ward 5 Council seat. I am grateful beyond words for the trust that the citizens of Ward 5 have placed in me in the



Ward 5 Councillor John Powers.

past; and I again humbly ask for your vote so that I may continue to serve you and your families and we may together continue the progress we have begun in

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The Martelli family, parents Don Martelli and Susan Martelli, with their daughters, Jordan Martelli and Kayla Martelli, pictured behind the counter at the lemonade stand. Read more about it on Page 5.

## Silvestri will leave his position as Revere Veterans Office director

### Appointed new ombudsman at Chelsea Veteran's Home

By Cary Shuman

Marc Silvestri, a highly decorated veteran of the United States Army, is stepping down as director of the Revere Veterans Office to become the ombudsperson at the Chelsea Veterans Home.

Silvestri will leave his position in Revere Aug. 25 and take on his new lead-

ership role Aug. 28 at the Chelsea Veterans Home (formerly the Chelsea Soldiers Home).

In his new position, Silvestri said he will work with Veterans Home residents, their families, and staff to discuss and resolve issues and advocate for their rights.

Silvestri, 45, was appointed director of the

Revere Veterans Office by former Mayor Brian Arrigo in February, 2017. He served for six-and-a-half-years as director.

Silvestri joined the U.S. Army in 2006 and was medically retired in 2011. He was a United States Cavalry Scout who was first stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Silvestri's

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## Community comes together to create 'Destination' mural at Garfield School Complex

By Melissa Moore-Randall

As development in Revere continues to bring a fresh look to the city, a spot at the Garfield School Complex has been transformed thanks to a team effort by the Revere community.

Wayne Godbout, an ELL teacher at the Paul Revere School who previously worked at the Garfield Elementary School and graffiti artist, gave new life to a mural project on the grounds of the complex.

"The first seed was planted by Nikki Murphy, an art teacher at Garfield, who initially began the project and developed the theme. I was approached by Director of Fine Arts Kelly Williams who had secured a grant with the Community Development Office at City Hall. She was looking for creative staff and the continuation of the mural began. Kelly actively seeks out RPS

staff with talent and ideas for projects involving students."

The mural is based on the theme, Choose Your Destination, which ties in with the nearby MBTA in conjunction with a variety of occupations the students selected. The grant allowed for the students to learn valuable artistic skills while also being paid.

"We met on Wednesdays for skill building lessons. That also gave us the opportunity to have guest muralists and study examples of artists. Students were also able to tour the Urban Art Museum and take a graffiti class in Beverly. We had some great side adventures leading up to beginning our work on

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Paul Revere ELL teacher and graffiti artist, Wayne Godbout, shown above with a portion of the mural project.

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NICHOLLS GETS INTO THE RHYTHM AT SHOWCASE BALLROOM PERFORMANCE



Revere Resident Albert Nicholls participated at the Dancesport Academy of New England Showcase Ballroom Dance Performance held on Aug. 13 of this year at Dance Studio the in Brighton, Mass. With live audience and along with other performances, Albert, with his instructor, Mrs. Saori DeSouza, as his partner performed the rhythm dance: Mambo. The audience appreciated the performance and said ticket price paid well worth it. Albert enjoyed cheering for his other performers and also appreciates the dedication of his teacher/owner of the Dancesport Academy of New England of Brookline challenging him to make his best effort in his ballroom dancing.

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improvement initiative that seeks to increase safety and mobility across this city.

The City of Revere will be installing speed tables across neighborhoods to help reduce car speeds and deploy traffic strategies to calm neighborhood streets. The City has and continues to analyze data from Revere 311, public safety, as well as traffic patterns to best determine where the street humps will be placed. As part of the Responsible Roadways in Revere, there are four additional speed tables scheduled to be installed across the city before the end of the year.

“Revere residents have been clear from day one: We need to make our roads safer,” said Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe. “Road safety is not just a transportation challenge, it impacts all of our residents, and that is what we

are addressing here today. This initiative uses data, community feedback, and traffic patterns as just one solution to creating Responsible Roadways in Revere.”

Revere 311 has received nearly 400 speeding and street safety-related requests. In 2022, Revere 311 saw a record-high request for street safety measures to be implemented. To date, speed tables have been installed at Fenno Street and Sargent Street, Acting Mayor Keefe and the City of Revere plan to expand this program in 2024.

This work coupled with the City’s overall master plan, Next Stop Revere, will create the tools and policies necessary for the next generation of success in Revere. For more information regarding the master plan, please visit Revere.org.



*It is officially election season in Revere! The city is about a month out from the preliminary elections on September 19th. RevereTV will be giving all candidates the opportunity to record and air candidate statements that will be posted to YouTube and played on RTV leading up to the elections. The big date to look out for soon is the mayoral debate on Tuesday, August 22 at 6pm, hosted by the Revere Chamber of Commerce. This debate will take place at Revere High School and be aired live on RTV GOV, Facebook, and YouTube. Replays of the debate will be scheduled on TV, but the event will stay posted to social media. Tune in to RevereTV on Tuesday, August 22nd to hear from Revere’s four candidates for mayor.*

*RevereTV’s weekly public service announcement, “In the Loop,” is also related to this year’s election season. Since this is an important announcement, the main message in this week’s script will also be included here. The City of Revere’s Election Department will be suspending the provision of Notary Public Services around election dates, including the preliminary and general election. This decision is driven by their commitment to efficiently deliver the department’s core election-related services and provide essential voter support. The temporary suspension of Notary Public Services will be in effect starting on Monday, August 28th through Thursday, September 21st and Monday, October 16th through Thursday, November 9th. The Election Department apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause but assures the disruption is for more streamlined election related services.*

*Last week was the National Night Out event at the Garfield School. This is a community event with the intent for residents to bond with the city’s law enforcement personnel. RevereTV’s star correspondent, Manique Khessouane, takes you for a tour of the event in a short video montage that is now posted to YouTube and playing on the Community Channel. Manique asks expert questions and gets all kinds of perspectives of the events she covers in her interviews. Watch the video to see what you missed, or to see if you made an appearance in this year’s coverage if you attended. Thank you, Manique!*

*This week is a slow week for local government meetings, but the latest meetings are now replaying on RTV GOV. These replays include Revere City Council, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Commission on Disabilities, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and tonight’s License Commission meeting. All meetings air live on RTV GOV, and stay posted to YouTube to be viewed at your convenience. If a meeting you want to watch is not in the most recent replay cycle on TV, it can always be found on RevereTV’s YouTube page. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast, and 13/613 on RCN.*

RAHTF votes to seek acquisition of Suffolk Ave. property for affordable home

By Journal Staff

The Board of Trustees of the Revere Affordable Housing Trust Fund (RAHTF) held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, August 9. On hand for the session were chair Joe Gravellese and fellow members Jan Dumas, Laila Pietri, Anayo Osueke, Claire Inzerillo, Deb Frank, and Dean Harris.

The meeting began with Osueke, the board's treasurer, presenting his monthly update. He said the board has a balance in its account of \$852,136. He discussed briefly the issue of investing that money in an interest-bearing account similar to City funds that are currently earning more than five percent in interest. At Gravellese's request, Osueke will look into possible investment opportunities for the funds and will report

back at the next meeting.

The members then discussed the potential for home ownership programs that the RAHTF might be able to undertake.

Gravellese reported that he and other members of the board visited Habitat for Humanity's completed and ongoing projects in Malden.

"The quality looked really excellent and the visit proved very enlightening," said Gravellese.

"The site visit changed my perspective and made me feel more comfortable in doing a large-scale project with a group such as Habitat," added Inzerillo, who also noted that partnering with an established and respected entity such as Habitat would go a long way toward easing the opposition of many residents to affordable housing projects in the City.

Lorena Escolero from

the office of Planning and Community Development said she visited a property on Suffolk Ave., which is in tax title, with representatives from Habitat. She said the representatives deemed the site as "buildable," though there are challenges based on its proximity to abutters. She said the site is about 6000 sq. ft. and that the existing zoning allows for a two-family home.

Gravellese said that if the board is to move forward on a project on the site for a one or two-family residence, even though allowable under zoning, he feels it would be essential to engage with the community in order to achieve their support. The board then voted unanimously to ask the City Planning Dept. to ask the City Council to convey the property to the RAHTF. Gravellese next in-

formed his fellow board members that the recently-passed state budget has included \$25,000 for a pilot program in the City to provide financial assistance for first-time Revere home buyers. He suggested that the program's parameters might include, for example, those who have been Revere residents for at least five years. He also said that the state funds could be supplemented with funds from the RAHTF.

Harris pointed out that the Revere Housing Authority, in conjunction with Mass. Housing, already has a program by which participants are able to place funds into an escrow account which they can accumulate and utilize at a later time for a first-time home purchase.

Gravellese noted that

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the great city of Revere.

For those of you who may not know me, please allow me to tell you a bit about myself, about some of the achievements of which I am most proud.

I am a lifelong Revere resident, a homeowner and a taxpayer. Among my many City Council roles, I have been elected by my colleagues to three terms as City Council President. I have also been appointed to four terms as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and approving the annual city budget, and as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, which provides oversight of the Police and Fire Departments.

I especially pride myself for serving as a full-time City Councilor. I truly enjoy spending every day working on important city issues and providing constituent services. If you see fit to re-elect me again, I pledge to remain always accessible to all Revere citizens, easily reachable, and unfailingly responsive to anyone who needs my assistance, who has a question or concern, or who just wants his or her voice heard.

Among my Council accomplishments in the recent past:

- Public Safety: Led the successful fight for a new Point of Pines Fires Station that is now under construction and scheduled for completion in 2024. This state-of-the-art facility will restore fire protection coverage to the Point of Pines and Riverside

neighborhoods as well as the communities in and around Oak Island, Revere Street and the northern tier of Revere Beach Boulevard. The new fire station will be equipped with high-water apparatus capable of operating in flood conditions and will include a new community room available for both the training of firefighters and for the civic use of the residents and organizations of Ward 5.

- District Infrastructure: Advocated effectively for infrastructure improvements throughout Ward 5, including many newly paved streets and reconstructed sidewalks as well as renovated playgrounds at Gibson and DeStoop Parks and the Paul Revere school -- and prospectively at a family-oriented Ambrose Park on Revere Street and a senior-oriented Sullivan Park on Revere Beach Boulevard. Also planned or already completed are new storm-water storage and absorption capabilities; a new sewer-pump station on the Lynnway; thousands of feet of new water, sewer and drainage lines; and upgraded catch-basins and fire hydrants throughout Ward 5.

- District Planning: Monitored the community-based Ward 5 planning efforts that resulted in a RiverFront Master Plan, which will expand and enhance Gibson Park, create a community athletic and educational facility at the long-vacant Riverside Boat Works property, increase the utility and accessibility of a revitalized

Pines River waterfront, construct a new Route 1A roundabout that will greatly expand the efficiency of local and regional traffic circulation and reduce the burden of regional traffic on local streets, replace an unattractive salvage yard with mixed-use market-rate housing that will complement the adjacent Riverside and Point of Pines neighborhoods -- all of which will also create a more active and attractive North Shore gateway to Revere.

- Regional Rail: Testified personally in favor of a State Transportation Bond Bill that retained \$25M of bond funding for a new regional rail station in Revere that would be directly linked to the Blue Line. This has since been advanced by the \$4M of federal planning funds for the new rail station sponsored by Cong. Katherine Clark; and it will be further leveraged by the new DOT commitment to prioritize the electrification of the Boston-to-Beverly section of the Newburyport regional rail line, which would permit transit frequency and transit fares on this regional rail line comparable to current Blue Line fares and schedules. All of which will reduce regional commuter traffic through Revere on Route 1A and North Shore Road.

- Climate Resiliency: Supported the Revere Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program that will focus on practical strategies to address storm-surge and sea-level-rise impacts and will include completed and planned flood control barriers on Mills Avenue and more adequate and effective water and sew-

er pumping and drainage systems throughout the flood-prone Riverside community.

- Local Parking and Bus Service: Worked with Mayor Brian Arrigo to successfully oppose DCR parking meters on Revere Beach Boulevard and argued against elimination of the MBTA bus stop at the Jack Satter House, which had been established some years ago due to my advocacy with the MBTA and which will now continue to be in operation at least through 2025 -- and hopefully beyond.

- Local and Regional Traffic: Advocated for a Revere Waterfront Traffic Study that has become the basis for evolving DCR, DOT and MBTA strategies to reduce commuter traffic congestion along Revere Beach Boulevard and North Shore Road, particularly at their Revere Street intersections.

- City Revenues and Jobs: Supported appropriate commercial/residential development at Suffolk Downs and elsewhere in Revere to generate the significant new property tax revenues required to finance a new Revere High School and other necessary public investments. These include support for the Amazon reactivation of the former NECCO and Showcase Cinema sites, as well as ongoing Logistics redevelopment of the Global Petroleum property on Lee Burbank Highway as the new Trident Logistics Center, all of which will generate the hundreds of new jobs and the millions of new property tax payments that will maintain the economic and employment recovery of Revere.”

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# Decades of Rock ready to shake up Revere in Summer Concert Series

By Cary Shuman

Al Terminiello Jr. is a professional photographer by trade, but he also plays a superb bass guitar. Terminiello and his well-known classic-rock band, Decades of Rock, will perform at the Revere Summer Concert Series Sunday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in front of the American Legion Post 61 building on Broadway.

There will be a beer garden and BBQ, staffed by veterans, beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing until 7 p.m.

Terminiello said he is looking forward to the

band’s show in his hometown.

“We’ve been together as a band for 11 years, performing all over the North Shore at many large, outdoor venues, including the Topsfield Fair for the last seven years,” said Terminiello. “Our music is all classic-rock from the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, and it’s all family-friendly music. The band is really looking forward to playing in Revere in what will be only Revere appearance this season.”

Terminiello will be joined on stage by lead singer Gardner Trask III, lead guitarists Chaz Mackin, Bob Capoccia, and Ed Dorando, drummer Tony Aloisi, and keyboardist Terry Leppo.

“We’ve put together a special set of music to accommodate the people in the Revere audience who love to sing and dance,” said Terminiello, a life-long resident of the city.

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60-person Cavalry unit traveled to the mountains of Afghanistan to replace an infantry platoon of more than 120 soldiers.

“We were the most attacked base (Combat Outpost Lowell on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border) in both wars,” said Silvestri.

Silvestri received the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart in recognition of his heroism and life-saving efforts during the war.

“I came home in 2011 and I was in a very dark place both mentally and physically,” said Silvestri. “I had a bout with opioid dependency where I was being overprescribed by doctors and underprovided for. I got myself some help from the VA and strong family bonds and connections. I went back to school, received my degree in American Studies from Salem State, and really got my life back.”

Sivestri said he is looking forward to beginning as ombudsperson at the Chelsea Veterans Home.

“I’m very excited and grateful for this opportunity that stems from Mayor Arrigo appointing me as Revere’s veterans’ director in 2017,” said Silvestri. “The relationship that I’ve built with veterans, families, and everyone in Revere has been a life-changing experience



Revere Veterans Agent and City Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri.

and something that I will forever hold in my heart. It’s helped me become the person I am today, and it will help me succeed in the next chapter of my life.”

A 1997 graduate of Revere High where he is the school’s all-time rushing leader with more than 3,000 yards, Silvestri is running for re-election as a Councillor-at-Large in Revere. “I hope to continue to serve the residents as a city councillor if they see fit and re-elect me.”

Marc and his wife, Nicole, have two daughters, Sienna, 20, who is a studying political science at Bunker Hill Community College, and Sage, 13, who is an eighth grader in the Revere school district. Marc is the son of Joseph Silvestri and Sharon Silvestri.

## Revere man pleads guilty to manslaughter in 2019 shooting

By Journal Staff

Jorge Cordova, 25, of Revere pleaded guilty on Thursday, August 10 in Suffolk Superior Court to manslaughter, carrying a firearm without a license, and carrying a loaded firearm without a license for the fatal shooting of John Brooks, 35, on July 18, 2019 in the area of 124 Centennial Avenue in Revere.

Judge Jackie Cowin sentenced Cordova to 18-20 years in state prison and two years of probation to be served after the prison sentence.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. on July 18, 2019, Brooks and a friend were engaged in an altercation with a group of four younger men and women outside the Cinco de Mayo Restaurant, located at 124 Centennial Avenue in Revere. During the altercation, which was captured on video, Cordova withdrew a black and silver firearm from his waistband

and shot Brooks once in the abdomen before fleeing the scene on foot.

Brooks received life-sustaining treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital for five days, ultimately succumbing to his wounds on July 23. Cordova was arrested in Dorchester on July 24. At the time of his arrest, a black and silver .45 caliber Taurus handgun was recovered from the room where he was found by detectives. Analysis by the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory determined that a spent .45 caliber cartridge casing located at the shooting scene in Revere had been fired from that Taurus handgun.

“My deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of Mr. Brooks, whose life ended far too early at the hands of someone carrying an illegal firearm and using it to terrible effect,” said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. “Once again, we see the

# Revere nonprofits receive partnership grants from The Foundation Trust

Special to the Journal

The Foundation Trust, a private operating foundation serving the greater Boston area, is pleased to announce its 2023 grant recipients. Since our first grant solicitation cycle in 2019, over \$80,000 has been awarded in scholarships and grants to nonprofit organizations serving the Revere community, including over \$23,000 this year.

“Thank you so much for once again including Revere in your charitable giving program,” contributed Daniel Rizzo, former Mayor of Revere. “Now more than ever, this type of assistance is desperately needed. I am proud to be affiliated with your family and organization.”

Recipients were chosen from nonprofits and municipal programs operating in the Foundation Trust’s program areas including overcoming trauma and adversity, elevating high-risk youth and communities, and enriching quality of life for adults living with chronic conditions.

Dr. Joseph Spinazzola, Executive Director of the Foundation Trust said, “Revere is a unique city that is of importance to Massachusetts and the nation. Throughout its rich history, Revere has always been a vibrant and important nexus of cultures. Our family began its American

dream here, and we are proud to support its many nonprofit and municipal programs that help its residents thrive.”

A grant to CAPIC/Revere Police Activities League (PAL) (<http://www.capicinc.org>) will support the expansion of summer 2023 programming for the Revere Police Summer Youth Academy which serves at-risk youth. “The Revere Police Activities League and the Revere Police Department are honored to be chosen as a recipient of Foundation Trust Grant for the summer of 2023. We are excited about the opportunity to work closely with The Foundation Trust while providing structured programs and building positive relationships with the youth of our community. The Foundation Trust grant provides financial support that allows the Revere Police Activities League and the Revere Police Department to continue its important work within the community,” shared Kris Oldoni, Program Director of CAPIC/Revere Police Activities League.

“The Revere Police Activities League is an anti-drug and anti-violence organization that promotes career awareness to the at-risk youth population and has been operating now for nearly 20 years. The money derived from the Foundation's generos-

ity will no doubt be used to support programming, provide awareness, and change lives,” added Rizzo.

The Foundation Trust is excited to be involved in developing new programming with long-standing organizations. A grant to the Revere Community School (<https://sites.google.com/rpsk12.org/revere-community-school/programs>) will support English and technology classes for seniors, a nutrition program, and piloting a job training program for students. “Revere Community School is grateful to the Foundation Trust for their generosity and partnership. Their continued support of our work will enable us to develop new and creative programs that directly impact adult learners and vulnerable communities,” commented Revere Community School’s Manager, Fatou Drammeh.

Daniel Rizzo, added, “The Revere Community School is near and dear to me personally as it was a program I started back in 2013 when I was Mayor with the help of then Superintendent Dr. Paul Dakin, Principal Dr. Lourenço Garcia, and Fatou Drammeh. Today, the Revere Community School (RCS) serves well over 1000 adult learners who come from a very diverse population that includes students/participants that

speak more than 20 different languages and come from more than 30 different countries. They assist and support clients through ESOL, Citizenship, HiSet, Computer classes, and more. We are extremely proud of their progress and contributions to our community.”

A grant to the Revere High School Outdoor Club will expand their activities to include indoor and outdoor rock climbing at local reservations such as Lynn Woods. Andrew Turchon, Revere High School teacher and Outdoors Club advisor said, “The RHS Outdoors Club is thrilled to partner with Foundation Trust as we expand our programming and outreach at Revere High School.”

Revere was one of two communities including Melrose eligible for Foundation Trust partnership grant awards this year. These awards, in addition to small gifts, continuing multi-year awards, and other community outreach total more than \$78,000 distributed in 2023 to small and medium-sized nonprofit organizations in the Greater Boston area.

The Foundation Trust is a private philanthropic foundation serving Greater Boston. To learn more about the Foundation Trust, visit [www.FoundationTrust.org](http://www.FoundationTrust.org).

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there could be a "synergy with the Housing Authority" that could include financial augmentation from the RAHTF for a downpayment for a first-time homebuyer.

However, what all members agreed is that the underlying problem with the potential development of "affordable housing" programs in the City is that Revere no longer is considered to be an affordable-housing market. Harris noted that a family who participated in the RHA escrow-program had to go to Worcester in order to find a home that they could afford, even with their escrow funds as a

downpayment. business of the meeting, the vice-chair of the board. In the final piece of Inzerillo was voted to be

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## HOW TO HELP THE MAUI FIRE VICTIMS

The horrific and tragic disaster in the town of Lahaina on the Hawaiian island of Maui has gripped the world this past week. The scope of this tragedy is unimaginable -- photos of the scene look like something from after the atomic bombs were dropped over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

But as we all know, it won't be long before this story slips off the national radar screen. However, the rebuilding of this historic community and the lives of its residents, both physically and emotionally, will take years.

There are many ways to help the victims of this disaster and we have listed some of those below that are among the most prominent:

- The Maui Strong Fund, run by the Hawai'i Community Foundation, is accepting donations for necessities like food, clothing, and shelter for families who have lost their homes.
- The American Red Cross of Hawaii has 220 trained responders on the ground in Maui helping with search and rescue operations. Donations to the Red Cross are also providing shelter, food, and emotional support. You can donate to the Red Cross by calling 1-800-HELP NOW (1-800-435-7669).
- Aloha United Way, a non-profit organization based in Honolulu, has set up a dedicated fund for victims of the Maui wildfire.
- The Maui Food Bank is accepting donations that will pay for meals provided to displaced residents in Maui.
- The Maui Humane Society is seeking contributions to fund care for pets displaced by the wildfire.

We urge all of our readers who are able to do so to make some small contribution to help the victims of this horrific natural disaster.

## CLARENCE THOMAS: THE SUPREME COURT FOR SALE

With each new revelation about the extent to which Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has accepted extravagant gifts from assorted billionaires, it has become increasingly clear that Thomas has used his office as a ticket to live the lifestyle of the rich and famous.

The news that Thomas received an all expenses-paid, \$500,000 (that's not a typo) luxury vacation from a Texas billionaire (who also paid for his godson's private school education and bought Thomas's mother's house in Georgia, fully-renovated it, and has allowed her to live there reportedly rent-free) appears to have been just the tip of the iceberg.

Two weeks ago there was the report that another billionaire bought Thomas a \$250,000 motorhome.

Then last week, the on-line investigative journalism publication ProPublica reported that Thomas regularly has received numerous other gifts from assorted other billionaires:

"At least 38 destination vacations, including a previously unreported voyage on a yacht around the Bahamas; 26 private jet flights, plus an additional eight by helicopter; a dozen VIP passes to professional and college sporting events, typically perched in the skybox; two stays at luxury resorts in Florida and Jamaica; and one standing invitation to an uber-exclusive golf club overlooking the Atlantic coast."

Thomas's defenders point out that none of his benefactors ever had cases before him, and therefore his acceptance of these gifts did not involve a conflict of interest. That may be true.

But here's the thing: Even though these billionaires may not themselves directly have had matters before Thomas, he has sided with many decisions that either have upheld their ideological philosophies or that may have benefited their interests indirectly, such as court decisions that have struck down government regulations.

Perhaps the most significant of these was the infamous Citizens United decision (in which Thomas was a deciding vote in the 5-4 majority) in which the Supreme Court struck down the laws that limited political donations by corporations. Thanks to that decision, we have seen the rise of political action committees -- known as PACS -- by which corporations and billionaires can spend unlimited funds on campaign advertising so long as they are not formally "coordinating" with a candidate or political party. The ruling has ushered in massive increases in political spending from outside groups, dramatically expanding the already outsized political influence of wealthy donors.

Clarence Thomas long has been viewed as the most incompetent and least-qualified judge ever to sit on the Supreme Court. But now, he also is by far the most corrupt.

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## REVERE ELECTION 2023

### CANDIDATES STATE THEIR VISIONS FOR REVERE

#### Let's talk about childcare in Revere

By Alexander Rhalimi

Childcare is not just a matter of convenience; it's a fundamental building block of a thriving community. As a candidate for Revere councilor-at-large, Alexander Rhalimi understands the critical role that accessible and affordable childcare plays in supporting families, promoting economic growth, and nurturing the well-being of our youngest residents.

In Revere, like many communities, working parents often face the challenge of securing reliable and affordable childcare options. This issue has far-reaching effects, impacting not only parents' ability to work but

also the educational and social development of our children. Rhalimi is dedicated to addressing these challenges head-on.

Rhalimi's approach to childcare is rooted in collaboration and practical solutions. He envisions a community where parents can pursue their careers with peace of mind, knowing that their children are in safe and nurturing environments. To achieve this, Rhalimi proposes working closely with local organizations, businesses, and educational institutions to expand childcare options and create innovative programs that cater to the diverse needs of our families.

Rhalimi will advocate for so many state's li-

censed day care providers to ease Revere barrier regulations so these provider can care for 10 enrollees instead of four children as long as safety requirements are met. "The Revere city requirements are intimidating," Rhalimi said. There are so many women who relies on their day care home businesses.

But Rhalimi's vision goes beyond policy. He understands that meaningful change requires an ongoing dialogue with our community. Rhalimi proposes regular town halls and forums where parents, caregivers, educators, and local leaders can come together to share ideas and concerns about childcare. By amplifying the voices of those directly affected,

Rhalimi aims to shape policies that truly reflect the needs of our community.

Childcare isn't just a family issue—it's a collective responsibility that impacts us all. With Alexander Rhalimi as our advocate, we have a chance to transform childcare in Revere into a model of accessibility, quality, and inclusivity. Let's join hands and work together to ensure that every family in our city can thrive.

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*Alexander Rhalimi is a candidate for councilor-at-large in the upcoming election.*

#### Our seniors deserve better

raised taxes while offering the lowest tax exemptions for the most vulnerable among us.

As many of you know, my office is across the street from the Senior Center. I often drop by just to check in and talk. I can't tell you how upsetting it is to hear so many of our seniors tell me they can't afford to live here anymore. They can't afford to stay in the city they love, with the people they love.

Our seniors built the foundation of this city.

Our seniors have had no one to fight for them.

If elected mayor, I will

double the senior tax exemption to bring Revere in line with surrounding communities.

Our older residents living on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to financial challenges. This proposal will not only ease the financial burden on them but serve to recognize their invaluable contributions to the community over the years.

My administration will explore options for improvements to the Senior Center, and a new citywide Senior Shuttle Service to help with local transportation. In addition, we will

be expanding 311 services and schedule to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and working together with local business owners to incentivize a program offering a 10-percent Senior Citizen discount on goods and services.

Our seniors have been forgotten.

It's time the city of Revere shows them the respect they deserve.

*Gerry Visconti is a Councillor-at-Large for the city of Revere, as well as a candidate for mayor in the upcoming election.*

#### GUEST OP-ED

### Maui, Devastation can happen anywhere

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Maui has long been the go-to destination for millions to experience paradise. Life has changed.

Maui is now the site of the deadliest fire in modern U.S. history. At this writing, over 90 persons are been reported dead. The lovely town of Lahaina is nothing but charred remains and embers.

The news reports of people fleeing for their lives via any means of escape possible is horrific. People who were trying to escape in automobiles have been found unrecognizable except through eventual DNA testing. The entire island is now a humanitarian crisis. Medical supplies, food, and shelter are at crisis levels.

Like you, I've watched it from my television. Maui is a tragic global news story that no one wants to hear. Maui's story reminds us that devastation can happen anywhere. It was a hurricane that swept away Ft. Myers Beach last year. A Tornado and flood destroyed parts of Kentucky. Or, it may be the fires that have destroyed so much in California. Maui reminds us that no paradise is untouchable.

You might feel safe and isolated in Appalachia. You may feel very comfortable in some remote Western terrain. You

may live in a comfortable suburb or city surrounded by all types of Emergency Responders; you may be living in a tropical paradise. There are no guarantees that your community is insulated from disaster.

When a tornado, hurricane, or flood cripples a community there is nothing to do except pick up the pieces and try to start over. Likewise, Maui has no other choice but it will take years. There is no overnight recuperation for disaster.

There will be ongoing questions about Maui's emergency response abilities. What kind of fire department did Lahaina have? How often had they drilled and prepared for the possibility of a widespread fire? Was it even something that the island thought possible? As the smoke settles, these questions and more will be asked.

If you are reading this in the comfort and safety of your home or apartment then consider this; value what you have when you have it. We all take the present for granted. We take our towns, schools, stores, jobs, incomes, residences, food, health, and each other for granted. We look back to the past and cherish a town that used to be. We cherish a parent or friend who used to be with us. We value and cherish old jobs and past experiences. It's

good to cherish the past. However, why not look around you today and value what and who you have -- today.

In the meantime, we certainly pray for the hurting people of Maui. Most Americans will do what they can to be helpful and supportive. We always do. That's one of many reasons our country is so great and blessed.

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

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# Martelli sisters presented Key to the City from Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe

By Cary Shuman

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe presented a Key to the City to the Martelli sisters, Kayla and Jordan, Saturday in recognition of their immense fundraising efforts for Alex’s Lemonade Stand, a national foundation for childhood cancer.

Kayla, a student in the honors’ nursing program at Merrimack College, and Jordan, a junior at Revere High School, have raised \$60,000 in 12 years for the charitable foundation that is helping to find a cure for all children with cancer.

Keefe personally visited the Martelli sisters’ annual lemonade stand Saturday at the family home on Dale Street. He brought the gold-plated Key, which represents the highest honor that a City can bestow upon a resident, and presented it to Kayla and Jordan while multiple cameras recorded the event for posterity. Parents Don Martelli and Susan

Martelli proudly watched the official presentation ceremony unfold.

“I’m proud to present this high honor to Kayla and Jordan,” said Keefe following the presentation. “We need more youth in our City engaged, willing to put the work into a cause that’s important to them. Childhood cancer is a fight worth taking on. It’s clearly important to Kayla and Jordan. If you’re committed to the work, good things will come. The Martelli girls will continue to find success in life. They earned this Key. It’s symbolic of what our community is made up of.”

Kayla Martelli, a 2022 graduate of Revere High School, said of becoming one of the few residents to receive the symbolic Key to the City, “It feels really good, it is an honor. It’s very rewarding to see everyone come out and support us through all 12 years. This lemonade stand has taught me to



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe presents the Key to the City to Jordan Martelli and Kayla Martelli Saturday during their annual Alex’s Lemonade Stand.



Ward 4 candidate for City Council, Paul Argenzio, visits Jordan Martelli and Kayla Martelli at their lemonade stand Saturday on Dale Street.

give back to the community, and I learned that I wanted to become a nurse



Turning out to support Jordan Martelli and Kayla Martelli at their lemonade stand are candidate for councillor-at-large Anthony Parziale and Don Martelli, Jordan and Kayla’s father, who is also seeking an at-large seat on the Revere City Council.



Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Ward 2 candidate Danielle Osterman helped support Jordan Martelli and Kayla Martelli, Saturday with a visit to their lemonade stand.

from this.”  
“I’m very thankful for this award,” said Jordan

humbly. “We’ve been doing it for so long, and it’s great to receive so much

support from the people of Revere.”

## Mural // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the project.”

RHS Students Evelyn Morales and Kimhong Cang were excited to be part of the project.

“Working on the mural was much more tiring than I expected with the hot summer conditions. I was glad to have the original sketch of the mural, as it gave us an idea of how we were going to finish the project. Finishing the mural was very satisfying, and it was fun to work

with a group of fellow artists,” said Morales.

“I was excited and got to learn a lot of stuff while doing it. I wish there was a lot more time so we don’t really rush it. I tried not to put too much of my art styles in the mural, and I tried to put all the kid’s characters with the original kids’ art. Also meeting with other local artists is super helpful,” added Chang.

In addition to Williams,

who Godbout credits for securing the grant to finish the project, he noted how so many other members of the Revere community helped it happen.

“Danielle Osterman, Revere’s Community Development Program Manager, was a huge help in guiding and securing the grant for us. She is promoting a focus on public art projects that involve Revere youth as an opportunity to give them career

development exploration.”

Laura Christopher of the Transformative Development Initiative (TDI), which is a program of MassDevelopment that promotes place-based economic development with a strong focus on community engagement. The students met with her one day per week to help them inventory opportunities for public art and learn more about the process of bringing art from an

idea to an installation in the neighborhood. Discussions ranged from city approval processes to imagining ways that businesses and community members could be directly involved in projects.”

“Members of the RPS staff were also valuable in completing the project. RHS Art Teacher, Ann Waters, donated her classroom and supplies while Paul Revere Art Teacher, Sam Wick, also provided advice and resources. RPS Director of Facilities Carl Svendsen secured the scaffolding and allowed us to have access to the building as needed, and custodian Anthony Dellaiacomo, was a big help offering to help in any way including with supplies, resources, access to the building on weekends, and even cleaning brushes for us. It was a community effort.”

Kelly Williams was excited to see the project completed. “It was wonderful to have Wayne team

up with our students. He worked hard to research and expose the students to local street artists, graffiti art, and artists resources in our area. When I learned that Wayne was a graffiti artist in his free time I was excited to involve him in the Fine Arts Department knowing students would connect to his style of art as well. I am really looking forward to more student murals around the city.”

If you would like to see more of Wayne’s amazing graffiti art you can follow him on Instagram @myrt22art.



RHS students stnad in front of the completed mural at the Garfield School.

## Gibson Park // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the long term, particularly when considering future climate conditions.

The Gibson Park reconstruction and a major upgrade to the surrounding riverfront area has been a city priority for the past several years.

Earlier this summer, the City Council approved a resolution to allow the city to file with the Massachusetts Executive Office and Energy and Environmental Affairs a grant application for the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program.

The Gibson Park proposed project goals include introducing a new multi-purpose natural grass field with lighting to support multiple recreational activities for youth and adults and an ADA perimeter walkway, according to Elle Baker, the city’s open space and environmental planner.

The scope of the project at the park itself includes the removal and replacement of the existing baseball diamond with a new, larger multi-purpose field. The scope also includes providing lighting to support extended hours of playtime, and new tennis courts.

City officials said they will abide by the state EIR ruling and will proceed with care and concern for the area.

“The Gibson Park project involves a number of

aspects that have an effect beyond just the park itself,” said Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe. “These will have long-term benefits for the Riverside neighborhood and the Rumney Marsh Area of Critical Environmental Concern. As such, the project involves federal, state and local funding which implicate rigorous state and local permitting processes.”

Keefe said the Gibson Park reconstruction is an intricate project that will ultimately provide a significant improvement in the area.

“While these requirements are likely to lengthen the project timeline, I am more concerned that it follows a deliberate course that improves the conditions of the surrounding area, achieves the highest flood-reduction possible, and provides the best recreational amenities that comply with the strict regulations that protect the area,” said Keefe. “The City will do everything to advance the project, and always within full compliance with the various rules and laws that govern the area.”

Tom Skwierawski, the city’s Director of Planning and Community Development, agreed with Keefe that the Gibson Park project is an expansive and complex project.

“It includes not only recreational amenities, but resiliency improvements whose benefits will extend

beyond the park to the Riverside neighborhood and the Rumney Marsh Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), which includes the park but extends far beyond it,” he said. “The project includes federal, state, and local funding, and is undergoing rigorous state and local permitting processes. Furthermore, the project is near several Environmental Justice (EJ) Neighborhoods and—because of a December 2021 law—an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is now required, which wasn’t the case with MEPA projects permitted before that time.”

Given the complexity of the project, Skwierawski said it wouldn’t be prudent to establish a firm timetable until necessary MEPA approvals have been reached.

“Would I have liked to have expedited the process? Of course,” he said. “But given the circumstances highlighted above, I feel confident that this deliberate process will yield a result that improves conditions for the surrounding EJ neighborhoods, achieves the highest flood risk reduction possible as well as providing the optimum recreational amenities under the strict regulations that apply in the ACEC. For our part, the City of Revere will do everything in our power to move this critical project through to completion as soon as possible.”



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See you all next year!









IBEW103 and working people in Revere!" said Lou Antonellis, Business Manager/Financial Secretary IBEW, Local 103.

union member since the start of my career. First, in the teachers union and now a current member of SEIU 509 through my job at the MA. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Labor champions in elected office are essential to creating communities where working people can live and thrive. Revere is a proud union city. Thousands of union

As school committee member, Jacqueline brings teaching experience, leadership in education policy at a local and state level, and knowledge of statewide and national resources. She is running to further students' college and career readiness, to strengthen our educators' recruitment and retention systems, and to increase family engagement. To learn more about her campaign you can visit [jacqueline4revere.com](http://jacqueline4revere.com) or find her on social media via @jacqueline4revere.

Ward 1 Councillor and Council President Joanne McKenna joined by supporters and friends during a recent sign holding at Beachmont Square in Beachmont.

Now is the time for a New Wave of Representation... I hope to earn your vote on Sept. 19, and Nov. 7, because I want to be your Champion at City Hall who will tirelessly fight for you."

# MICHELLE KELLEY

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Candidate for councillor-at-large Bob Haas shown above with his family and supporters this past week holdings signs on Broadway near Walgreens.



Candidate for Ward 5 city councillor, Angela Sawaya with a group of her supporters were seen last week holding signs nearby St. Anthony’s Church.

Teamsters endorse Michelle Kelley for Revere Council

Special to the Journal

Days after scoring a historic victory workers across the country, the Teamsters have endorsed Michelle Kelley for an At-Large seat on the Revere City Council, backing Kelley’s plan to make Revere’s government more responsive to its citizens.

Teamsters Local 25, which represents more than 12,000 members in Eastern Massachusetts and is New England’s largest chapter of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, threw its weight behind Kelley, a first-time candidate and lifelong resident who works as an attorney and realtor. Union officials – who recently reached a milestone deal with UPS resulting in both immediate and long-term wage increases for Teamsters – praised Kelley for vowing to serve as a government watchdog and as her constituents’ voice at City Hall.

Kelley said she was thrilled by the Teamsters endorsement, which adds to a groundswell of support among labor unions, calling it indicative of the broader support she has received since launching her first campaign for public office in May. She said she will continue to accept support from working people and the groups they have chosen to join in order to stand up against powerful outside interests.

“I’m proud to count the Teamsters among the working men and woman who recognize that I’m fighting for them and I’ll take that fight to City Hall,” Kelley said. “I was raised in a union family, I’ve worked hard my whole life, and I’m honored that the people I grew up around want me to represent them. The people of this city have too much at stake not to have a voice in the way their city is run.”

Targeting sweetheart deals for developers that routinely bend the municipal zoning code authored by Revere residents, Kelley has proposed an enlarged abutter notification



Michelle Kelley.

zone for development projects. Once in office, she will seek to enact a code of ethics for the Revere City Council, similar to those adopted by other governing bodies and professional organizations. She has also advocated for an increased emphasis on vocational education at the new Revere High School.

And she will ensure that Revere’s seniors receive more respectful treatment from their government, including common courtesy from city officials and at public meetings.

Kelley has vowed to bring a “neighborhood watch” approach to city governance.

“People want accountability in how their tax dollars are spent, they want transparency, and they want responsiveness,” Kelley said. “That’s my agenda, because it’s the people’s agenda.”

The first person in her family to graduate college, Kelley attended Revere Public Schools and worked her way through both college and law school, receiving degrees from Salem State University and New England School of Law. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts state and federal courts.

Kelley lives in West Revere with her husband, David.

For more information, or to get involved with Kelley’s campaign for Councillor-At-Large, please visit : KelleyForRevere.com; on FaceBook @ MichelleKelleyForRevereCityCouncillorAtLarge; Email: KelleyForRevere@gmail.com; or call: 781-854-1717.

Caggiano receives endorsement from colleague in Regional School Committee contest

By Cary Shuman

Northeast Regional School Committee member Anthony Caggiano, who is running for a seat on the Revere School Committee, has been endorsed by Mike Wall, a colleague on the Regional School Committee.

Wall, who represents Chelsea on the Regional School Committee and is its longest-serving member, said that Caggiano “is the right person for Re-

vere.” “Anthony stands for what he does. He’s very meticulous, does his homework, prepares well for meetings, and he asks the right questions. He’s doing a great job at Northeast Regional, and I think he’ll do the same on the Revere School Committee,” said Wall.

Caggiano said he was grateful to Wall for the endorsement of his candidacy.

“We all get endorse-



Northeast Regional School Committee member Anthony Caggiano (left) accepts the endorsement from his colleague, Mike Wall, in the Revere School Committee election.

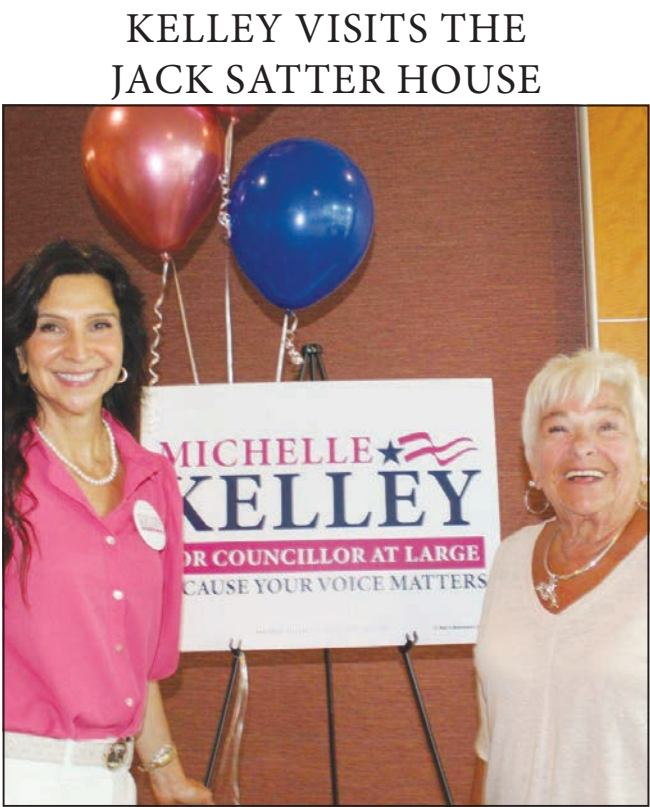
ments, but to get an endorsement by a colleague who’s been on the board for more than 40 years – and he doesn’t give out a lot of endorsements – it’s very moving,” said Caggiano “It doesn’t happen very often. This one’s very special.”

Caggiano, who was elected to the Regional School Committee in November, 2020, said Wall has been a mentor and friend during their service at Northeast, a regional vocational high school located in Wakefield.

“Mike has been a mentor for me, a great colleague, and a friend,” said Caggiano. “I’ve always admired the way he represented his city and how he’s always been there for the City of Revere, and I hope I’ve reciprocated

that. He was very helpful in the new plumbing program that Revere’s starting in September,” added Caggiano.

Caggiano is one of 11 candidates for the six elected seats on the Revere School Committee. There will be no preliminary election for Revere School Committee in September. The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7.



On Monday, Aug. 14 candidate for councillor-at-large Michelle Kelley visited the Jack Satter House where she spoke to a full house of residents and got to share her vision for Revere as a city councillor. Shown above, candidate Michelle Kelley with Roxanne Aiello, President of the Jack Satter Tenants Association.

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★ Supporting our local economy and exploring new economic opportunities for Revere and its residents

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★ Fighting for everyone who calls Revere home by promoting policies that are responsive to the needs of all residents, regardless of their background or circumstances

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# Disabilities Comm. urges Revere officials to support bill to create more accessible trails

By Journal Staff

The Revere Commission on Disabilities held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening, August 8, via Zoom. On hand for the meeting were chair Ralph DeCicco, vice-chair Pauline Perno, Jason Barone-Cichocki, Robert Brown, and Mario Grimanis, Revere High student member Sophia Marmoucha also was on hand for the meeting.

Meg Bandarra, the founder of the Unpaved Trails for All Foundation, a grassroots advocacy group that provides education about accessible trails and the need for more everybody-nature spaces, was the guest speaker.

Bandarra informed the commission of pending legislation to expand access to trails for people of all abilities with a focus on public health, environmental justice, and equity.

"Green space is healthy space," she said. "It reduces stress and improves physical and mental well-being, especially for people with limited mobility, who are more likely to suffer from stress-related illnesses."

Bandarra presented the shocking statistic that only 7.5 miles -- out of the state's 4000 miles of unpaved recreation trails in state parks -- are truly accessible. She said it is estimated that 47 percent of the state's population, including those over 65 and under five, in addition to persons with disabilities, could benefit from better accessibility to the unpaved recreation trails in state parks.

The legislation would create a Trail Access Working Group in order to make recommendations with the goal of increasing the number of accessible trails throughout the state. Bandarra advocated for local residents to contact their elected officials at both the state and local levels to support the bill.

The commissioners then voted unanimously to urge the Revere legislative delegation to support the bills and to request the City Council to adopt a resolution to express support for the legislation.

In other business: DeCicco reported to the group that the City Council has adopted Mass. General Law c. 40, s. 22G regarding parking fines for those who park illegally in handicapped spots. That statute states as follows:

"Any city or town which has accepted the provisions of section eight J is hereby authorized to allocate all funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicap parking in said city or town to the commission on disabilities.

"Funds so received shall be deposited by the city or town treasurer in a separate account and shall be used solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities. Said account shall be established by the city or town treasurer and shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies. Expenditures from said account, including accrued interest, if any, shall be made upon the recommendation of the commission on disabilities in accordance with the accepted procedures of the city or town for the disbursement of funds, including the approval of the mayor and city council or the town manager or board of selectmen. The city or town accountant shall submit annually a report of said account to the mayor and city council or the town manager and board of selectmen for review and a copy of said report shall be forwarded to the bureau of accounts."

Brown presented the update for the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) of which he is the chair. He said SEPAC will conduct its annual election of officers on August 20 with the first meeting of the new school year set for Aug. 27.

DeCicco reported that he attended a legislative hearing on a bill that would mandate hybrid meetings (both Zoom and in-person) for all municipal meetings. Cities and towns presently have the option of holding hybrid meetings.

"Cities and towns that oppose this legislation cite the financial costs, but that should not be a barrier," said DeCicco, who added that the real barriers are those faced by those with disabilities who are unable to attend city and town government meetings in-person.

DeCicco provided an update to his fellow commissioners about two regional meetings he recently attended.

The first was the Massachusetts Office on Disabilities (MOD) Zoom meeting on July 18, He said the meeting discussed

Emergency Management that includes people with access and functional needs in the event of an emergency within a community.

He said the meeting discussed many topics including:

- How emergency management works in Massachusetts;
- Developing municipal emergency plans;
- Individual emergency preparedness;
- Practical steps to make your city/town's emergency plan more inclusive of people with disabilities and access and functional needs; and
- How disability advocates and emergency management directors can best exchange feedback.

DeCicco also attended Massachusetts Office on

Disabilities (MOD) statewide COD/ADA Zoom meeting on July 19. Discussions included:

- AG Open Meeting Law updates;
- ADA regulations;
- City & Town reasonable accommodations at public meetings;
- MODS reasonable accommodations after the end of the Covid-19 public health emergency; and
- Disability Placard provisions and penalties under the Registry of Motor Vehicles provisions and M.G.L. c. 90, § 2, along with how to report placard misuse and abuse.

DeCicco concluded the meeting by reading the commission's monthly reminder:

"The Commission on Disabilities office number is 781-286-8267. Residents can also call Revere 311 directly and speak to their staff Monday through Friday. They will be able to answer most questions but if they are unable to or if you would like a call back from our department, please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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

The commission's next meeting via Zoom will be Tuesday, September 12.

## Local leaders praise funding for universal school meals program

By Adam Swift

The Fiscal Year 2024 State Budget includes permanent funding for universal school meals, which will provide free breakfast and lunch to students at every K-12 school in Massachusetts.

The universal school meals initiative has been a top priority for state Senator Sal DiDomenico, who has advocated and filed legislation in support of the program for several sessions alongside his colleague, Representative Andy Vargas, and anti-hunger organizations

led by Project Bread.

"This program demonstrates the best of our state's ideals, using funding to guarantee every Massachusetts student will access food at school," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate who represents Chelsea, Everett, Charlestown, and Cambridge. "We have heard time and again from educators, advocates, and parents, that children cannot learn when they are hungry, so this program will ensure all our children can concentrate in class and enjoy being a

kid. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Chair Rodrigues, and all my colleagues for their work to get this transformative program funded."

Schools across the state have been providing universal school meals throughout the pandemic because costs for this program were temporarily footed by the federal government. In 2022, federal support for the program was cut off, but Senator DiDomenico worked with his colleagues to secure enough funding in last

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THE POINT OF PINES BEACH ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS PARTY



The Point of Pines Beach Association served a delicious buffet luncheon provided by Avellino's.

Cary Shuman Photos

The Point of Pines Beach Association, under the leadership of President Angela Guarino-Sawaya, held a Come Meet Your Neighbors Party Sunday afternoon at the top of Rice and Chamberlain avenues.

The many residents gathered for a buffet luncheon provided by Avellino's. Children enjoyed a bouncy house, slush, popcorn, and candy.

Everyone had a great time on a beautiful summer day in the Point of Pines neighborhood.



Point of Pines Beach President Angela Guarino-Sawaya and Vice President Kristina Nappi, with Suzanne Liberatore, who won the 50-50 drawing.



Members of the Point of Pines Beach Association, from left, Second Vice President Laurie Nalesnik, Board Member Mary Callahan, First Vice President Kristina Nappi, Parliamentarian Sheldon Kovitz, Board Member Elaine Brown, President and Ward 5 City Council candidate Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Board Members John Polcari, Suzanne Liberatore, and Carmen Menezes.



From left, candidate for councillor-at-large, Anthony Parziale, candidate for councillor-at-large Wayne Rose, Councillor-at-Large and candidate for mayor Steven Morabito, Councillor-at-Large and candidate for mayor Gerry Visconti, candidate for Ward 5 city council, Angela Guarino-Sawaya, candidate for School Committee Fred Sannella, candidate for councillor-at-large Don Martelli, and Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri.



Angela Guarino-Sawaya, president of the Point of Pines Beach Association and candidate for Ward 5 city council, welcomes Councillor-at-Large, and candidate for mayor, Gerry Visconti and his wife, Danielle Visconti.



Kelly Lampedecchio Edmunds, Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Gina Trionfi.



Point of Pines Beach Association President Angela Guarino-Sawaya joins children for a photo in front of the bouncy house at the Come Meet Your Neighbors Party Sunday in the Point of Pines neighborhood.



Dora Hallet, Hugo Rizzuto, Andrew Hallet, City Councilor and mayoral candidate, Dan Rizzo and POPBA President and Candidate for Ward 5 Council Angela Guarino-Sawaya.



Candidate for School Committee, Fred Sannella, Councillor-at-Large and candidate for mayor Dan Rizzo, Point of Pines Beach Association President, and candidate for Ward 5 City Council Angela Guarino, Jane Rizzo, and Tony Sawaya.

LOOK WHO'S 95



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OBITUARIES

Maria Tenaglia

Devoted wife and mother, whose favorite title was “Nonna”

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, August 14 in St. Anthony of Padua Church for Maria R. (DiMeo) Tenaglia, 85, who passed away on August 9.

Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Born, raised and educated in Bacoli, Napoli, Italy, the daughter of Joseph and Anna DiMeo, Maria spent her early years with her siblings on rowboats and swimming in the Gulf of Pozzuoli. She married Aldo S. Tenaglia in 1962 and soon ventured with her husband to the United States where they began their family.

They settled on Revere Street in Revere and eventually moved to West Revere where they made their home for many years. Maria and Aldo also enjoyed traveling with their close friends and family. They traveled to many destinations from Italy to Brazil and countries in between when they were not playing cards on Saturday night or Pokeno on Monday evenings with neighborhood friends.

Maria was a devoted wife and mother, who took meticulous care of her family and home. She was known for her cooking (Sunday gravy, chicken cutlets, and pizzelle to name a few) and took pleasure in feeding her family, friends, and everyone else.

She was many things to many people but her



favorite title, by far was “Nonna.”

Maria was an enormous part of her grandchildren’s lives, helping to raise them and nurture them in every phase of their lives.

She was the beloved wife of the late Aldo S. Tenaglia, who passed away in 2015 after sharing 53 years of marriage together; devoted mother of Anna M. Tenaglia and her husband, Steven St. Arnault of Newbury, Robert Tenaglia and his wife, Susan of Lynn and Lisa E. Polidoro and her husband, Joseph of Revere; cherished Nonna of Isabella M. St. Arnault, Taylor J. Tenaglia, Joseph A. Polidoro III, and Gabriella M. Polidoro; dear sister of Franca Cardella and Rafael DiMeo, both of Italy and the late Antonio DiMeo and Carmelina DiMeo-DiBenedetto.

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

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

Ronald J. O’Connor

Devoted husband, father, and family man



Funeral Services were conducted on Saturday, August 12 in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Ronald J. O’Connor, 89, who passed away on August 9 following a short illness.

Interment and Military Honors took place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Born, raised and educated in South Boston, the son of James and Mildred (Daley) O’Connor, Ronald was a devoted husband, father, and family man. He married Georgeanne M. (Vincent) and together they shared 55 years of marriage. Ronald’s nature was to provide and he assisted his brothers and his sister with their educational goals of attending college, even before he enrolled himself. Ronald graduated from UMass Lowell with a Bachelor’s degree in engineering. He then began 30 plus years with the former M.D.C. in Massachusetts until his retirement. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading, watching the Boston Red Sox and vacationing with his wife.

Ronald was a Korean War Veteran, serving honorably in the United States Navy, he was honored to protect the country he loved so much. He was



a member of the Revere Moose Lodge #1272 and the American Legion Revere Post #61.

He was the beloved husband of 55 years of Georgeanne M. (Vincent) O’Connor of Revere; devoted father of John C. O’Connor and his wife, Carol of Merrimack, New Hampshire; dear brother of the late James, Paul and June; loving brother-in-law of Richard and RoseLee Vincent and Joseph and Bethanne Cardarelli and adored son-in-law of Mildred Vincent of Revere. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

Remembrances may be made to The New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court St, Boston, MA 02108.

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Alfred Buccilli brought joy to many Revere residents at his Sub Time store

By Cary Shuman

Alfred “Al” Buccilli was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as a medic while stationed in Germany during the Korean War. When he returned from the war, he took a job as machinist at General Electric in Lynn, becoming head of the department.

Then at the age of 40, Mr. Buccilli opened his own sub shop, Buccilli’s Sub Time, on American Legion Highway.

Mr. Buccilli, a beloved business owner and longtime member of the Revere Licensing Commission, died on Aug. 6, 2023. He was 94.

Mr. Bucilli, known for his generosity and kindness to customers, was highly respected by his friends, who would often stop by Sub Time for a sandwich or to gather upstairs in the function room.

“He had so many nicknames,” recalled his daughter, Paula Buccilli-Noto. “He was Butch, he was Al – he and his friends had so many nicknames for each other.”

A love of Revere

According to Paula, her father was born in the family home on Bane Street.

Al met Sylvia Rolli, the lady who would become his future wife, at the Ocean View Nightclub on

Revere Beach Boulevard. The couple enjoyed many happy nights ballroom dancing at Revere nightclubs. “Jerry Vale sang at their bridal shower,” said Paula.

The Bucillis also worked as a team in the family’s businesses.

Mr. Buccilli devoted a lot of his volunteer efforts to local organizations such as the VFW and the Knights of Columbus and served for many years on the License Commission and later on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He was a sponsor of Row Row Row in Revere in the earliest years of the race.

Though he had moved to Lynnfield, Mr. Buccilli traveled to Revere each day.

“Up until the last few months of his life, he still drove himself to Revere each morning – he’d pick up all the papers in the parking lots where he owned properties, he’d go every day and fix anything that was broken,” related Paula. “He was always working.”

Paula also recalled that her father built several homes on Trifone Road and Amelia Place.

“He was a jack-of-all-trades. Anything you can imagine, he did – electrician, plumber, painter,

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REVERE Through the Years

20 years ago  
August 20, 2003

Roseland Development Corp., which is constructing the multi-million dollar luxury apartment complex at Overlook Ridge in North Revere, and Local 218 of the Carpenter’s Union have walked away from the negotiating table relative to their dispute about union work on the project. The union has staged a protest and there

have been allegations of vandalism to cars and incidents of violence involving non-union workers.

School bells will ring early for Revere public school students, with the first day of classes set for next Wednesday, August 27. There will be changes to the school day, with classes starting and ending later than previous years. Grades 1-6 will start at 8:35 and end at 2:40 and grades 7-12 will start at 7:50 and end at 2:20. School Supt. Paul Dakin said he is looking forward to the start of the new school year with 54 new teachers on board thanks to unexpected federal funding and other grants.

Thousands of residents of all ages enjoyed the Celebrate Revere festivities that were held on Revere Beach this past weekend.

A 30-year-old Revere man died of a heroin overdose in the apartment of a friend where he was visiting on Winthrop Ave.

A group of Malden youths, ages 10-14, have been hurling rocks at passing cars from the abandoned Copeland Circle overpass for the past month before they were stopped by local police this week. The youths estimate that they struck 60 cars with various-sized rocks.

Freaky Friday, Freddy vs. Jason, and Finding Nemo are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago  
August 18, 1993  
Ward 2 residents are

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Alfred Bucilli pictured at his Sub Time shop with friends, including then Mayor of Revere, George Colella.

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year’s state budget to continue funding free school meals throughout the Commonwealth for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thanks to this year’s budget, this program will be funded permanently so every K-12 school in Massachusetts will continue providing free breakfast and lunch to all students.

“This is a necessary investment in education and fight against child hunger,” said state Senator Lydia Edwards, who represents Winthrop, Revere, and East Boston “Our schools should be centers of wellness and education. School meals are similar to books and art supplies, in that they are part of the educational infrastructure.

“I am so proud to have supported this \$172 million investment and even prouder that Fair Share Tax is paying for it. Personally, I remember the stigma when I would get reduced lunch or free lunch as a child. I am so happy no other child in Massachusetts has to go through that again.”

This program has been a massive success in Massachusetts over the past few school years, DiDomenico stated. Over 80,000 more students were eating lunch daily when costs were lifted, which allowed them to focus on class and relieved a financial burden from their parents.

DiDomenico said this is a crucial program especially as costs for housing, transportation, healthcare, and more have risen.

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe in Revere said that city has been a leading example of the benefits of free meals in our schools, as it has had the programs for the past four years.

“The free meals programs make a significant difference for our students and are an asset to families that are struggling,” said Keefe. “The cafeteria routine is streamlined and efficient for everyone. We have seen how the programs can improve the educational experience and are excited for other communities that will now benefit from these programs statewide.”

The Chelsea public schools have also offered a universal free meals program over the past years.

“CPS is thrilled about the recent legislation that enacts free universal school meals in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” read a statement from district administration. “Free school meals have been part of our school district for some time, and our students and families benefit immensely. We’re happy to see that students across the state will now experience this fabulous initiative.”

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Panelists: Niles Welch, RCC VP  
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expressing their concerns about the negative impacts of the proposal for a new shopping center in the parking lot across from Wonderland Dog Track that was announced last week.

The Suffolk County Fair and carnival held at Suffolk Downs during a six-day period this past week was enjoyed by thousands of local residents, for whom the fair brought a slice of farm life for city dwellers.

State Senator Tom Birmingham and State Reps. Bob DeLeo and William Reinstein blasted Gov. William Weld's call for a \$270 million tax reduction as nothing more than a political show that has no chance of passage on Beacon Hill. Weld is calling for a reduction of 4.3 cents in the gasoline tax (the amount by which Pres. Bill Clinton recently raised the federal gas tax) and a decrease in the state income tax rate from 5.95 percent to 5.85 percent. The local legislators said that there is no room for a tax reduction in the state's tight \$15.5 billion budget.

City officials have given preliminary approval to the subdivision plans for the former Grover Manor Hospital site, though they expressed concerns about the need for water gates in the area.

A 61-year-old Somerville man died of an apparent heart attack while taking a morning swim on Revere Beach.

Revere P.D. Drug Unit detectives Michael Cutillo and Carl Borgioli led a raid in an apartment at 28 Beach Street that netted six bags of crack cocaine, a bag of heroin, and a two-foot long machete.

The Fugitive, The Secret Garden, In the Line of Fire, and Surf Ninjas are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago  
August 17, 1983**  
An article in a Florida



Churchgoers shown outside of Immaculate Conception Church during Palm Sunday in 1982.

publication reveals that the horses from the old carousel at Revere Beach are being used as decorative statues at restaurants and other locations at Circus World in Orlando. The Revere Beach carousel operated continuously from 1905 to 1973.

A lawyer with the Election Division of the Secretary of State has issued a 20-page decision which holds that a petition filed by parents seeking to overturn the School Committee action closing five elementary schools may appear as a referendum on the November ballot. The decision overrules the previous decision of School Committee Counsel Salvatore Aloisi, who determined that the petition had been filed too late to appear on the ballot.

The Revere Teachers Association has called for what it terms a "crisis meeting" next Tuesday with the full membership to discuss the impasse in contract talks with the School Committee and what the union terms the committee's lack of good faith in bargaining talks.

The Revere Parks Department concluded its summer season with a cookout that featured pony rides and races. There also was a special appearance by E.T.

Risky Business is playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**50 years ago  
August 15, 1973**

Mayor William G. Reinstein has accused Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Nigro of "political blackmail" for Nigro's threat to hold up \$50,000 in transfers and appropriations that Reinstein says will delay the setting of the city's tax rate.

The City Council unanimously approved sending a request to Police Chief George Corbett asking the chief to assign a sergeant and two patrolmen to the Beachmont area. Council Pres. Joseph J. O'Brien Jr. said he has received numerous complaints from residents and businesses about the vandalism, threats, and disturbances caused by gangs of youth at night.

The rock concert promoters who have leased out Suffolk Downs for the summer have refused to reduce the amplifiers and sound equipment that have proved bothersome to area residents this summer. The city has filed a lawsuit against the City of Boston seeking to enjoin the issuance of any future concert permits. A special master has been appointed by the judge in Suffolk Superior Court to make a report on the matter. FBI agents conduct-

ed raids at 25 locations in Greater Boston, including seven in Revere, and gathered evidence of a large-scale bookmaking ring that allegedly netted \$3.5 million annually. Although no arrests were made, it is expected that indictments will be forthcoming after the evidence is analyzed.

The Revere Housing Authority's effort to construct a 104-unit elderly housing project at the corner of Sewall St., Winthrop Ave., and Harris Street suffered a setback when a Superior Court judge ruled that a variance for the project that had been granted by the Board of Appeals was illegal. Residents of the area opposed to the project brought the lawsuit.

Work is expected to begin next week on the No. Revere sewage project.

The first annual Mayor's City Tennis Tournament will get underway this week.

**60 years ago  
August 15, 1963**

School Supt. Dr. John E. Sullivan has announced that classes will start for the new school year on September 4. He said that 8100 students are expected to show up for the opening day of classes. Double sessions will be held at the Whelan School to accommodate the students of the

Lincoln School, which was heavily damaged by fire that was set by a student last spring. In addition to the public schools, another 600 Revere students will attend the Immaculate Conception School.

Sites in Saugus and No Revere are seen as the most likely candidates for the proposed regional vocational high school that will serve 11 area cities and towns if approved by voters of those communities in November.

Firefighters battled a fire for more than two hours at the Penny Arcade at 267-273 Revere Beach Blvd. this week.

The St. Theresa's Parish Reunion is set for the Sea Side Ballroom next week.

Kirk Douglas stars in The Savage Racers at the Revere Drive In. Henry Fonda and Maureen O'Hara star in Spencer's Mountain at the Revere Theatre.

**70 years ago  
August 13, 1953**

Construction of the two new MTA Rapid Transit stations in Revere, one between Shirley Avenue and Beach Street and the other at the MDC bathhouse, will start this week with expected completion dates of next June. A station in Beachmont already is under construction. The new stations will allow expansion of the present Scollay Square-Orient Heights line.

Tax Collector Clarence Boardman has announced that tax bills will be sent out this week.

Nine persons, including a pedestrian who suffered a broken leg, were injured in automobile accidents in the city this past week.

The Youth Commission's summer playground season will conclude its season next Wednesday with the annual Play Day festivities at Paul Revere Stadium. The colorful Mardi Gras-style festival will begin with the annual pageant parade starting at City Hall. Last year's parade saw more

than 300 carriages and vehicles entered in the parade competition and even more are expected this year.

Board of Health Agent Carl Crooks and Inspector Charles Colella seized two tons of rotten potatoes from a local roadside fruit and vegetable market Tuesday. The stand was deceiving customers by concealing the rotten potatoes in brown paper bags that they were handing to the customers along with good potatoes.

Robert Mitchum and Susan Hayward star in White Witch Doctor at the Winthrop Theatre.

**80 years ago  
August 19, 1943**

Revere's toll of war dead climbed to 19 this week with the announcement of the death of Pvt. John Familitti, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Familitti of 11 Essex St., who died of wounds suffered July 12 in a battle in North Africa. Pvt. Familitti had been in the armed services for 13 months, 10 of which were overseas.

Another Revere serviceman, Bombardier Lieut. Albert A. Romano, has been added to the list of those missing in action. His Flying Fortress has been reported as missing since August 1 in the European Theatre.

Seaman Ernest P. Tillinghast has received the Navy and Marine Cross, awarded for heroism, in ceremonies held at the Brooklyn, N.Y. Navy Yard. Tillinghast was aboard a Navy ship that was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine. He rendered invaluable and lifesaving aid to his comrades aboard their lifeboat in which they drifted upon the open sea for 20 days, even though Tillinghast himself suffered an attack of appendicitis that almost killed him.

Laurel and Hardy star in Jitterbugs at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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cal, the tile floors, the ceiling beams – he could do it all," said

**His reign at Sub Time**

Mr. Buccilli opened Sub Time in 1973. The store became a big hit, offering steak bombs, chicken parmigiana subs, and other custom-made sandwiches.

"People were in there all time enjoying my father's steak and cheese and Italian subs," recalled Paula. "I would say Sub Time was known for my father's steak and cheese."

Sub Time became a gathering place for his friends and for students who would make the short trek from the nearby high

school to Sub Time.

"One day the truant officer came to Sub Time, and my father hid all the students in the back so they wouldn't get in trouble," said Paula.

Friends paid tribute to Mr. Buccilli through their stories of love and friendship during the memorial observance.

"I can't tell you how many people showed up from high school in the 1970s and 1980s, saying how much they loved my father," related Paula. "He talked to everyone. Sub Time was such a famous place. [Former Speaker of the House] Tip O'Neill, Sen. John Kerry, all the politicians were in there

every morning. State Police, Revere Police, my father gave free coffee to everyone. The place would be packed in the morning. We had a function room upstairs, and it was just like a big clubhouse."

Every life is a story. Mr. Alfred "Al" Buccilli's story began when his father, Carlo, came to Revere

from Italy. Once he was established, Carlo brought his wife, Mary, to Revere.

"When my father [Al Buccilli] got married, he built the house on Vane Street," said Paula. "My father was the best. He was so generous. He took care of his family and friends. There was nobody like him."





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### 2023-2024

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29 <sup>th</sup> First Day Grades 1-12		M	T	W	Th	F
1 <sup>st</sup>	No School	14	15	16	17	18
4 <sup>th</sup> Labor Day	No School	21	22	23	24	25
5 <sup>th</sup> First Day for Grade K		PD	first day	30	31	1
6 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher Elementary Schools		H	5	6	7	8
7 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher Middle Schools		11	12	(13)	14	15
12 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher High Schools		18	PD	20	21	22
13 <sup>th</sup> Early Release (All Schools) PD		25	26	27	28	29
19 <sup>th</sup> Teachers PD	No School					
21 student days						

### BUS ROUTES







# Sports

## Revere ballplayers compete at historic Fenway Park for a chance to go to the 2023 World Series

Earlier this summer, Revere hosted a Pitch Hit and Run competition for boys and girls (softball and baseball) ages 7-14. Coach Shawn Vetere and volunteers organized this event. Coach Vetere and Asst. Coach Ariana Malcolm accompanied their players to Fenway Park and volunteered during the competition.

This year, weather and playoffs in other divisions kept the numbers low for the competition, but certainly didn't deter the level of play. Coming out on top and selected to compete at Fenway Park for a chance

World Series was, Kevin Guilherme Jr.-representing baseball, and representing softball was Addison Ulwick.

In 2022 a young man named Jacob Budarz from Manchester Connecticut, competed at the Revere Pitch Hit and Run, his score allowed him to move on to the Fenway semi-finals. This 13-year-old ballplayer stands close to six-feet and went to the World Series Finals. On a National Platform in front of the entire nation, won the championship, putting the Revere event on the map for players of high caliber to attend. The Pitch Hit and Run competition consists of three categories as stated, the run is best time of two attempts at 90 feet. The Hit, after two practice swings, the total score of five balls hit for distance, from a tee, and the Pitch, for baseball is a scoring of five pitches at 45 feet at a target, for softball five pitches at 35 feet at the same target. Both categories get two practice throws for distance.

Both Revere athletes competed at a very high level and made the City



Addison Ulwick centers on the ball sending it deep into the outfield of Fenway Park. See BASEBALL Page 14

## NEW ENGLAND SWIM TEAM COMPETES AT 2023 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS



Team New England (ages 13-18), winners of the 2023 AAU Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa. Team New England also features a 12 and under group not shown.

Team New England its second consecutive national championship at the AAU Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa.



Pictured are Giada Caruso (Captain of the St. Mary's swim team), Aliya Aboudou (member of the Malden Catholic swim team), Juan Cano (also member of the RHS swim team, Aiden Acuna-Rosa (Captain of the Mystic Valley Swim Team), Matthew Terrell (Captain of the RHS Swim Team), and Amira Aboudou (member of the Malden Catholic Swim Team).

Team New England is made up of several area teams that compete throughout the year, but come together annually to form a regional team to compete in the AAU Junior Olympics. Part of that team is Mystic Swimming, based out of Malden, MA, which features several Revere-based swimmers including members of the Revere High School Swim Team.



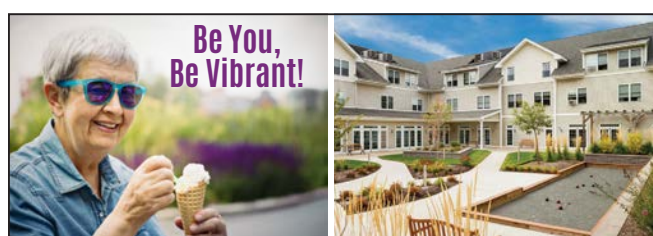
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of Revere proud and carried the tradition of playing ball with pride. While not making it to the next round, a once in a lifetime opportunity to compete at Fenway Park with your family cheering you on from the stands, will stay forever in their hearts. Congratulations to Kevin Guilherme Jr. (aka KJ) and Addison Ulwick, for their dedication to their sport and to their teammates throughout their season.

Thanks to the Red Sox

Organization for their sponsorship and tickets to all the competitors for Saturday's regular scheduled game at Fenway. A special thank you goes out to Coach Shawn Vetere and all the coaches and volunteers, for their dedication to the players and the Cal Ripken League. Vetere is looking forward to the Pitch Hit and Run competition in 2024, hoping for more players to compete and enjoy the game he loves so much.



Coach Shawn Vetere is shown with the pride of Revere at Fenway Park, Addison Ulwick and KJ Guilherme, Standing in front of the "Green Monster."



KJ Guilherme looks out from the dugout as he readies for the Pitch event at Fenway Park.



Pitch Hit and Run Judges and organizers, Josh Kincaid, Hannah Naba, Leah Kresser, Shawn Vetere, Ariana Malcolm, and Ramon Nunez.



KJ Guilherme with his family at Fenway Park, sister, Eva Guilherme, grandparents Frank, and Donna Ferrante, mom, Nichole Ferrante, stepdad, Giuseppe Pascucci, Michael Ferrante, Coaches Shawn Vetere and Ariana Malcolm.



So, there you are, batting at home plate at Fenway Park, mom is taking pictures from the seats behind you. This is KJ Guilherme, this is his day at Fenway.



Addison Ulwick takes aim at the 100-point mark on the target at 35 feet.



KJ Guilherme on the wind-up during the pitching competition.



Addison Ulwick with that, it doesn't get any better than this smile, from the dugout at Fenway Park last Saturday morning.

## RHS SPORTS *Through the Years*

**10 years ago**  
**August 14, 2013**

Kaleb Silva was the winner of the annual Revere High School football team's Ironman Competition held at Revere Beach. A junior, Silva accumulated the highest combined point total in the five events: tire flip, farmer's walk, big bag throw, obstacle course, and the timed run. Silva edged senior captain Tommy Portrait for first place in the 10th annual competition.

**30 years ago**  
**August 18, 1993**

The RHS cheering squad won a trophy for superior achievement at the recent Universal Cheerleading Association summer camp held at Emmanuel College.

**50 years ago**  
**August 15, 1973**

The Victor's Pines soccer team captured the Revere Parks and Rec. City Soccer League title with

a 3-2 win over the Revere Soccer Club. Eight teams competed in the league this season.

Victor's defeated Jo-An-Ed in Revere Softball League action this week behind a one-hitter by the old master, local softball league pitcher Al Shoponick.

**70 years ago**  
**August 13, 1953**

A 4-2 win over West Lynn has moved the Revere Western Division

Little League all-star team into the finals of the Greater Boston championship series against Newton North. The winner of that game will advance to the New England championships. Dave Zampese hurled a one-hitter against West Lynn before a large crowd at Dungeon Field in Lynn. The Revere team previously defeated teams from Winchester and Melrose to advance to the contest with West Lynn.

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## Ex-Mayor Walsh Hits Present Conditions In Democratic Address

John E. Walsh, ex-mayor of Revere, was the chief speaker at a meeting of the Democratic Club of Revere at the Revere City Hall on Thursday night at which over one hundred members were in attendance.

Plans were set for a monster meeting which will be held in the Revere City Hall on Wednesday, August 17, 1932, which will be run in collaboration with the Democratic State Committee and at which time Joseph A. Maynard, Congressman from the district, and many other prominent speakers will attend.

Party leaders claim that hundreds of Revere voters have within the past few weeks changed their party designation to Democratic and it is estimated that a drive be made on Wednesday evening to get as many

## YANKEE VICTORY OVER ATHLETICS GREAT SURPRISE

**STANDING OF CITY LEAGUE**

Wednesday, August 10th		
	Won	Lost
Athletics	6	1
Red Sox	5	1
North Revere	4	3
Bruins	3	4
Angels	3	5
Yankees	3	5
Braves	2	6

The Revere Athletics, leaders in the Revere City League race went on to defeat before the Revere Yankees at Curtis Park Tuesday evening by the score of 2 to 1, which was a tremendous surprise to all the league followers.

Harold Cook Does The Trick

While no other pitcher has been able to stop the Athletics in the second half, it remained for the team of many a Revere diamond to Harold Cook, to set the Athletics back, allowing them but five runs.

Harold Kiley, Athletics' star center fielder, got two of the Athletics' hits.

Yankees Get Only Four Hits

Steve Loops, Athletics' pitcher, hurled good enough to win the ordinary game but his mates were not doing behind him. Steve allowed the Yankees but four hits, which were bunched in the fifth inning, leaving the Yankees to score two runs, enough to win.

The defeat left the Athletics only half a game lead over the second

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## LEGION MEN ARE AT LAWRENCE FOR THE CONVENTION

The representatives, numbering some 75 in all, of the Revere Post 61, American Legion, embarked for Lawrence on Wednesday morning for the annual convention of the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion.

This group, headed by Commander John Di Pesa, will complete their four-day stay in the mill city today, Saturday.

The delegates from the Revere Post include Commander Di Pesa, Vice-Commander Thomas McCarrick, Adjutant Francis Chlary and Past Commander Edward J. Sullivan. The alternates are Louis Gaeta, Alfred Boutin, Samuel Ansell and Abraham Silver. John Duffy is in charge of the arrangement committee for the Revere delegation.

A state band and drum corps contest was to be staged at Memorial Park, commencing at 8:30 this morning, Saturday, in which is expected the local drum corps will compete. This will be followed by the final convention session, at which department officers will be elected, and the convention parade in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

**Hall's All Stars Scheduled To Meet K. of C. Tomorrow**

The Hall's All Stars of Somerville, fourth place team in the Suburban Twilight League, is scheduled to come to Paul Revere Park tomorrow, Sunday, afternoon, for a league game with the third place Revere K. of C. This game will have an important bearing on the standing.

## Hoover Speaks Plainly

However blinded any Republican may have heretofore been to the outstanding fitness of Herbert Hoover as his party's leader, his plain-spoken, clear and unequivocal speech of acceptance on Thursday of the nomination of his party for a second term in the White House leaves no loop-hole for party disloyalty or desertion this year. Republicans of New England who now cry for "a change" will deserve just what they will get when (or if) they help put the southern and radical-controlled Democratic candidates in place of Hoover and Curtis.

Tersely told, here is the position of President Hoover on national and international questions as outlined in his acceptance speech on Thursday night:

Favors a change in prohibition laws "to remedy present evils."

Opposes cancellation of war debts.

Favors a protective tariff.

Insists on an army and navy strong enough to prevent invasion, but asks "every arms reduction" above that strength.

Recommends federal regulation of interstate power, but opposes federal operation of power plants.

Insists on a balanced federal budget along with reduction in national, state and local governmental expenditures.

Favors farm relief by adjusting and co-ordinating all taxation and opposes subsidies to farmers and stabilization operations in "normal times."

Demands sound currency.

Pledges consultation with other nations under Kellogg-Briand pact to promote world peace and promises: "We shall enter no agreements committing us to any future course of action or which call for use of force to preserve peace"

Favors restricted immigration.

Asks for conservation of national resources.

Recommends revision of railway transportation laws.

Wants reform of banking laws.

Wants reorganization of law enforcement agencies, courts and their procedure.

Favors development of rivers, harbors and highways.

## Councilmen Juggle Tax Rate, 'Free Cash,' No Verdict Reached

A special meeting of the Revere City Council was called for Thursday night in the Council Chamber at City Hall with the idea of settling the "Free Cash" proposition requested by His Honor, Mayor Andrew A. Casassa; but it resulted in a free-for-all volley of unavailing words between the Councilmen as they juggled and held off action on the question.

It seemed that there was no specific appropriation designated in the order for the meeting, and several of the Councilmen found cause to hold out until such statistics could be supplied.

The meeting was consequently adjourned until Friday night (too late for press report here) when the Council was to meet in regular session in hopes of concluding the matter at hand, and accordingly bring about a reduction in this year's tax rate of around \$2.00.

The long-awaited decrease in the tax rate was expected to be settled Friday for sure.

On Wednesday was received a rebate of \$14,371 from the State treasurer's office on the assessment on the drainage for the International highway. Revere paid approximately \$25,000 and the cost was only \$11,000.

It is supposed that this money will be used as the "Free Cash" to bring about the tax reduction.

**Monday's Meeting**

The hearing held regarding the petition of John J. Hurley to re-zone a lot of land located at the corner

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## JEWISH BOYS ARE STILL PROMINENT AT BAUERCREST

Revere boys have been maintaining prominent parts in the activities at the District Two Y. M. H. A. Camp for Boys at Bauercrest in Amesbury.

During the past week, Sidney Kontoff of this city was elected to "Maccabees," the honorary society at the camp with three other boys. He was nominated to membership at a special meeting of the counselors' staff on last Friday night followed by the Zemirohs services and was elected by the Maccabean Society membership on Saturday morning following the Sabbath services.

His formal initiation into the society took place at sundown on last Saturday at a special ceremony held in connection with the Havdalah ritual service, presided over by Samuel D. Gershovitz, director of camp, and Harry Cushing of Chelsea, camp rabbi, who gave the benediction to the new Maccabees.

Election to Maccabean is exemplary of the boy's leadership qualities, character, conduct and as an outstanding camper during the period. In addition to the Maccabean honor, Kontoff also was awarded the camp emblem for proficiency as an all-around camper.

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## FARRELL WIDOW REVOKED CHARGE OF HIS ESTATE

In Suffolk Probate Court on Thursday Judge William F. Prest revoked his previous appointment of Mrs. Albina W. Farrell of this city to administer the estate of her husband, the late Frank H. Farrell, and announced that he would appoint a disinterested person as administrator.

Mrs. Farrell's son, Frank, Jr., had also asked to be appointed administrator.

## DILLON CLUB WINS FROM REVERE K. C. ON THURSDAY EVE.

The Dillon Club of Cambridge shut out the Revere K. of C. baseball team at Cambridge field Thursday evening by the score of 1 to 0. Doyle, pitching for the Dillons, held the Reverites to three hits.

The box score:

Dillon Club				
	ab	hh	po	a
Lawson, ss	3	0	1	2
Carson, cf	2	0	1	0
Elciewicz, 1b	3	2	5	0
Bracken, lf	2	1	0	0
Doyle, p	2	0	0	2
Davies, rf	3	1	4	0
Plansky, 2b	3	1	2	1
Sullivan, 3b	2	1	1	1
Goffredo, c	2	1	4	0
Totals	22	7	18	6

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## FALL IS FATAL TO CHELSEA WORKMAN AT FORBES PLANT

Louis DeAngelis, 60, of 102 Carroll street, Chelsea, who fell from the wooden trestle bridge near the Forbes Lithograph Manufacturing Company plant last Saturday night, died on Wednesday afternoon at the Chelsea Memorial hospital. He suffered fractures of the skull and left leg and internal injuries.

Michael and Salvatore Agri of 128 Broadway, this city, who were working on their motor boat near the bridge at the time of the accident, said that DeAngelis was walking on the bridge carrying a load of wood, when he stumbled and fell down on to the jagged rocks.

A native of Italy, Mr. DeAngelis came to this country 35 years ago. Before moving to Chelsea 15 years ago, he made his home in Boston. He was employed as a mason's tender by

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## CHARLES H. WHITE Announces Candidacy for Mayor

To the Citizens of Revere:

I wish to announce my candidacy for the office of Mayor in the coming Republican Primaries, November 1932. Having served the City of Revere in its Council for the last ten years, six years of which I have been its President, I feel duly qualified and that I merit this promotion by the citizens of our City.

It seems hardly necessary to mention my social, fraternal, or civic activities among you. I am much more concerned in outlining some constructive policies that will reduce the cost of government.

I am in favor of all Street construction and Public Works programs being completed by REVERE labor—which would not only save the City of Revere a considerable sum of money, but would be to the best interests of the welfare of our people.

All supplies and purchases that can be made with economy, will be bought in the City of Revere.

As appropriations and apportioned levies ALREADY MADE carry over to the future administration a sizeable part of our 1933 tax levy, it would be ridiculous for me to promise a smaller tax rate, but I propose to do everything within my power, if elected Mayor, to reduce it by proper economies.

I believe that the Mayor's salary and office overhead should be greatly reduced to be consistent with the readjustments already made (voluntary or otherwise) among the laboring people.

Great care should be exercised in our Welfare Department and individual cases investigated thoroughly. I believe that if this Department had the necessary personnel and assistance to do this, a great saving could be made to our City, and worthy cases would receive proper consideration.

During the next few critical years, when necessary adjustments will have to be made, property values re-valued along our Beach and business districts, in accordance with this readjustment period, it is absolutely essential that we must try to operate within the limits of our revenue and stop borrowing money. The only practical way is to pursue a course of strict economy. If we have any fancy frills or top-heavy departments they must be cut out or materially reduced.

The foregoing are just a few of the many problems which confront the citizens of our City, and I feel that I have both the experience and the ability to serve the citizens of Revere for their best interests.

May I have your unqualified support in furthering my Candidacy for the office of Mayor of the City of Revere?

August 8, 1932.

CHARLES H. WHITE.

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## BRAVES WIN OVER EAGLES THURSDAY DESPITE WET PARK

The Revere Braves defeated the Revere Eagles at Paul Revere Park on Thursday evening by the score of 3 to 2.

Although the park was in poor condition, due to the rain, the game was well-played throughout and the final result was in doubt until the last inning.

The battery for the Braves—Elvino and Ranere; for the Eagles, Pitcher and Kendall. Steve Ranere hit a homer for the Braves. The bases were empty at the time.

## DANCERS MARRIED AT THE MARATHON

Some 1800 persons witnessed the marriage Friday night of Miss Ethel Steinborn of Milwaukee and Ray Alexander of Indianapolis, Marathon dancers, at the arena on Revere Beach Boulevard. Marvin Hobough was the best man and Patricia Hobough was matron of honor. The ceremony was performed at 11:20 o'clock by a justice of the peace.

All the Marathon dancers were in evening attire. One of them, Betty Lee of San Francisco, caught the bride's bouquet when she threw it away. A cake weighting 325 pounds was cut up and pieces distributed through the audience.

The dancers have been at it now for 48 days, and at 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon there remained 9 couples and two solo dancers in the contest.

## Ex-Chief John J. Dyer May Run As Assessor Candidate

It has been reported that Ex-Chief John J. Dyer of the Revere police department may be a candidate for the Board of Assessors, the vacancy upon which was caused by the passing of the late Frank H. Farrell.

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FOUR REVERE POLICE OFFICERS TAKE THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE AT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Cary Shuman Photos

Four Revere Police officers took their oaths of office at a swearing-in ceremony Monday at the City Council Chambers.

City Clerk Ashley Melnik administered the oaths to Seth Wyzanski, Orion King, Shayna Mullen, and Michael McLaughlin before an audience of proud family members and guests.

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe congratulated the four officers on their milestone.

“This is a very important

ant day for the City of Revere, but also a very important day for the officers and their families,” said Keefe. “Today we take another step to fully staff our Revere Police Department, assuring that public safety is a top priority and our police can respond to the public’s call. Our police officers are educated and trained to manage the challenges and demands of a modern police work force, dedicated to serving and protecting the public.

We welcome four new officers and one special service officer to our newest patrol of the Revere Police Department. We congratulate them and their families and offer our best wishes on their future success, and always stay safe and keep the residents of Revere safe.”

Chief Callahan thanked

the families for their support of the four new officers. “It’s a very noble profession. It’s a challenging and difficult profession, but these folks have decided to enter law enforcement,” said Callahan. “We really need them more now than ever.”

Callahan said the four police officers attended

the Police Academy at Northern Essex Community College. “They spent 26 arduous weeks at the training facility for the police department. Our officers are very well trained. They (NECC) do a fabulous job. I can’t thank enough Mayor Keefe, our elected officials, and especially the families for

being here now to see this day. I can remember the day when I was standing here with Executive Officer Sean Randall over 32 years ago. It flies by. But it’s a tremendous career, it’s very rewarding, and you folks will be able to help the community very well.”



Revere City Clerk Ashley Melnik administers the oath of office.



Revere Police Lt. Michael McLaughlin, who has served in the department for 37 years, has the honor of pinning the badge to the police uniform of his son, Michael McLaughlin, at the swearing-in ceremony.



Revere Police Officer Michael McLaughlin, with his parents, Police Lt. Michael McLaughlin and Lorraine McLaughlin.



Revere Police Officer Seth Wyzanski, with his parents, Steven Wyzanski and Stacey Wyzanski.



Revere Police Officers Michael McLaughlin, Seth Wyzanski, Orion Kong, and Shayna Mullen receive their oath of office at the swearing-in ceremony Monday at the City Council Chambers.



Revere Police Department School Resource Officer Bryan Brenes and Charlie, School and Community Resource Dog, pictured at the swearing-in ceremony. Brenes displays Charlie’s ceremonial badge in the photo.



Revere Police Officer Orion Kong, with his family (from left), stepfather, Shawn Sea, grandmother, Pok Van, grandmother, Phann Ram, grandfather, Vath Som, sister, Shanna Sea, sister, Chhang Sea, mother, Sophy Leng, and brother, Aaron Sea.



Revere Police Officer Shayna Mullen, with her mother, Shannon Mullen.



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe (left) and Revere Police Chief David Callahan, pictured with Police Officers Michael McLaughlin, Seth Wyzanski, Orion Kong, and Shayna Mullen before the swearing-in ceremony in the City Council Chambers.



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe and City officials, Regional School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano, School Committeewoman Jacqueline Monterroso, Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro, and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky in congratulating the four officers who are now officially members of the Revere Police Department.



From left, Revere Police Executive Officer Sean Randall, newly inaugurated Revere Police Officers Seth Wyzanski, Orion Kong, Shayna Mullen, Michael McLaughlin, and Police Chief David Callahan.

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# Reaching A Milestone

## Renowned boxing trainer Joe Lake receives Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

By Cary Shuman

As one of boxing's most successful trainers, Joe Lake has helped his professional boxers earn many championship belts.

Lake now has a belt to cherish in another discipline: the martial arts. Af-

ter 17 years of study under Professor Andre “Dede-co” Almeida, Lake just received his Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu.

Lake's journey to the Black Belt level took determination, fortitude, and resiliency. In 2014 Lake had a bout with cancer

and had to take a year off from jiu-jitsu. He suffered a pulmonary embolism (a blockage in the pulmonary arteries) in 2017 and has battled a slew of injuries along the way.

"Brazilian jiu-jitsu is a very physical undertaking," said Lake, who is the clerk of the works in the Revere DPW. "They call it the gentle art, but it's a lot of hard work."

Lake, 65, gave a strong signal that he was back on the trail when he earned a silver medal in the Master VI Brown Belt Division at the 2018 IBJJF World Championships in Las Vegas.

Lake, who stands 6-feet, 2 inches tall and competes in the 205-pound division, had a relatively late

start in jiu-jitsu. “I was 48 years old when I started, but jiu-jitsu was something I wanted to do,” said Lake. “It’s been a long, tough road, but I’ve had a great teacher in Professor Dedeco, who’s helped me attain all my belts (White, Blue, Purple, Brown, and Black).”

Lake, who trains in jiu-jitsu three times a week, also credits Bob Judge for helping him to ascend to the Black Belt level. "Bob has been my No. 1 training partner," said Lake. "He was a Division 1 wrestler at Bucknell University. He's a second-degree Black Belt who has also studied under Professor Dedeco."

Lake is now doing his jiu-jitsu training at Com-



**Joe Lake receives his Black Belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu from Professor Sanard Armouti during a ceremony at Combat Sports in Boston.**

bat Sports Boston in the North End. At that facility, Lake is also coaching Beksod Abdurakhmonov, an Olympic bronze medalist in wrestling and undefeated MMA fighter from Uzbekistan, who is hoping to qualify for the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.

Lake gained fame in the squared circle as the trainer for middleweight champion “Dangerous” Dana Rosenblatt of Malden, professional boxer and MMA competitor Marcus Davis, and Joe Rogan, host of the Joe Rogan Experience podcast. Lake also worked with “Irish” Mickey Ward, for whom the movie, “The Fighter” is based.

Lake is now being acknowledged for his own achievements in jiu-jitsu, something in which he takes immense personal pride.

“There were some times when I wanted to give up, it’s that hard of a sport,” said Lake. “But I just kept working hard, and I’m honored to hold a Black Belt. I really want to thank all my training partners over the years.”

Lake has his sights firmly on his next goal in jiu-jitsu.

"I'm still rolling three times a week and I'm training for the 2024 world championship in Vegas," he said.



**Professor Sanard Armouti congratulates Joe Lake after receiving his Black Belt.**

## Local leaders praise funding for universal school meals program

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By Adam Swift

The Fiscal Year 2024 State Budget includes permanent funding for universal school meals, which will provide free breakfast and lunch to students at every K-12 school in Massachusetts.

The universal school meals initiative has been a top priority for state Senator Sal DiDomenico, who has advocated and filed legislation in support of the program for several sessions alongside his colleague, Representative Andy Vargas, and anti-hunger organizations led by Project Bread.

“This program demonstrates the best of our state’s ideals, using funding to guarantee every Massachusetts student will access food at school,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate who represents Chelsea, Everett, Charlestown, and Cambridge. “We have heard time and again from educators, advocates, and parents, that children cannot learn when they are hungry, so this program will ensure all our children can concentrate in class and enjoy being a kid. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Chair Rodrigues, and all my colleagues for their work to get this transformative program funded.”

Schools across the state have been providing universal school meals throughout the pandemic because costs for this program were temporarily footed by the federal government. In 2022, federal support for the program was cut off, but Senator DiDomenico worked with his colleagues to secure enough funding in last year's state budget to continue funding free school meals throughout the Commonwealth for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thanks to this year's budget, this program will be funded permanently so every K-12 school in Mas-

sachusetts will continue providing free breakfast and lunch to all students.

“This is a necessary investment in education and fight against child hunger,” said state Senator Lydia Edwards, who represents Winthrop, Revere, and East Boston. “Our schools should be centers of wellness and education. School meals are similar to books and art supplies, in that they are part of the educational infrastructure.”

"I am so proud to have supported this \$172 million investment and even prouder that Fair Share Tax is paying for it. Personally, I remember the stigma when I would get reduced lunch or free lunch as a child. I am so happy no other child in Massachusetts has to go through that again."

This program has been a massive success in Massachusetts over the past few school years, DiDomenico stated. Over 80,000 more

students were eating lunch daily when costs were lifted, which allowed them to focus on class and relieved a financial burden from their parents.

DiDomenico said this is a crucial program especially as costs for housing, transportation, healthcare, and more have risen.

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe in Revere said that city has been a leading example of the benefits of free meals in our schools, as it has had the programs for the past four years.

"The free meals programs make a significant difference for our students and are an asset to families that are struggling," said Keefe. "The cafeteria routine is streamlined and efficient for everyone. We have seen how the programs can improve the educational experience and are excited for other communities that will now benefit from these programs statewide."

The Chelsea public schools have also offered a universal free meals program over the past years.

“CPS is thrilled about the recent legislation that enacts free universal school meals in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” read a statement from district administration. “Free school meals have been part of our school district for some time, and our students and families benefit immensely. We’re happy to see that students across the state will now experience this fabulous initiative.”





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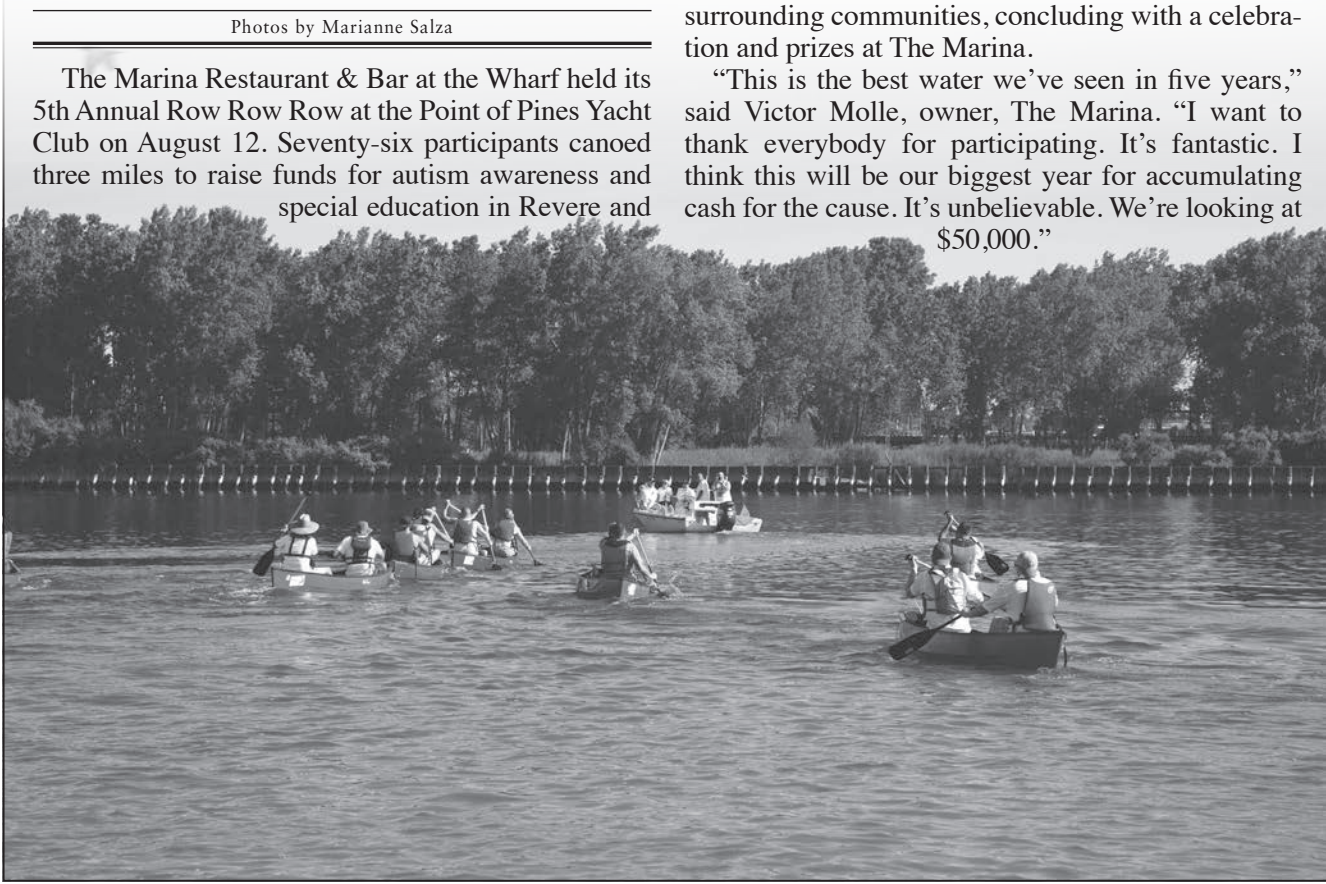
Angela Guarino-Sawaya, candidate for councilor Ward 5, with her team.



Candidate for councilor-at-large Michelle Kelley, and her husband, David Kelley.



Carolanne Hill and Fred Sannella, School Committee member running for reelection.



Participants canoeing toward The Marina for the 5th Annual Row Row Row on August 12.



Andrea Cogliando, Maureen O'Boyle, Mile LaBerge, Emma Beaupre, Doreen DiRienzo, owner of Revere Karate Academy, Riley Donahue, and Ryler Ciocco.



Ducky Marine: Ron, Riley, Chris, Megan, Bob, Mike, Chris, Peter, and Marci.



Shea Kosa, 7, building a sandcastle.



Victor Molle, owner, The Marina.



Angela Guarino-Sawaya, candidate for councilor Ward 5, and Victor Molle, owner, The Marina.



Campaign Manager Sabrina Trask and Alex Rhalimi, candidate for councilor-at-large.



Acting mayor, Patrick Keefe and Donnie Boudreau.



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Participants leaving the starting line at the Point of Pines Yacht Club.



Olivia Freni singing the National Anthem.



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# Annual Beach:Ability Event promotes access and fun for people of all abilities at public beaches across the state

Special to the Journal

On Saturday, August 12, nearly 200 of people of all abilities gathered on Constitution Beach in East Boston for Triangle, Inc.'s annual Beach:Ability event. The annual event was made possible by a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program partnership with DCR and supported by DCR's Universal Access Program. In addition to being a fun-filled day of food and games,

Beach:Ability highlights the programs and materials, such as beach wheelchairs and mobility mats, that make Massachusetts' urban beaches welcoming and accessible for everyone.

"It is so exciting to see this event grow very year, it emphasizes the importance of making all places and spaces accessible to everyone," said Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle Inc. "Beach:Ability highlights the incredible resources available at our

state beaches that make it possible for people of all abilities to enjoy a trip to beaches across the Commonwealth."

Participants kayaked with Piers Park Sailing Center and used floating beach wheelchairs to get out in the water. The day was filled with music and dancing was provided by Trike Called Funk.

"We're always looking for ways to improve and make it easier for people with disabilities to enjoy our beautiful green and

blue spaces," said Representative Adrian Madaro, Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. "Beach:Ability helps raise the profile of the materials and infrastructure we already have here in the Commonwealth, and it's simply a joy to see everyone out enjoying the beach."

"We couldn't do events and programs like this without the sustained and generous support of our partners and funders, especially the Healey/Driscoll Administration and the Department of Conservation and Recreation," said Save The Harbor/Save The Bay's Executive Director Chris Mancini. "We're so grateful, too for our incredible donors at Liberty Mutual Foundation, Coca-Cola Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Eastern Salt Company, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, JetBlue, John Hancock Financial Services, Massport, the Mass Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the National Grid Foundation, and of course

the hundreds of individual donors who support us every year."

Mancini went on to acknowledge donors Alexandria, Amazon, Bay State Cruise Company, BXP - Atlantic Wharf, City of Boston Department of Youth Engagement and Employment, the Comcast Foundation, Constellation Generation, the Cronin Group, Hood Park, HYM Investment Group, Income Research and Management Charitable Trust, Leader Bank Pavilion/Live Nation, Massachusetts Bay Lines, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, National Development, Nutter, P & G Gillette, Pembroke Real Estate, Lawrence J. and Anne Rubenstein Charitable Foundation, RWE Clean Energy, William E. Schrafft & Bertha E. Schrafft Charitable Trust, Clinton H. & Wilma T. Shattuck Charitable Trust, and the Vertex Foundation.

The group also thanked the Boston Consulting Group, Copeland Family Foundation, Equinor, Lovett Woodsum Foundation, Mass Marine Trades Education Trust, Pabis

Foundation, Rockland Trust, Ms. Wallace M. Leonard Foundation, and Vertex.

To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the great work they do to restore, protect and share Boston Harbor, the waterfront, islands, and the region's public beaches with all Bostonians and the region's residents, visit their website at [www.savetheharbor.org](http://www.savetheharbor.org) and follow @savetheharbor on social media.

For more information about Beach: Ability, please visit

<https://triangle-inc.org/beachability/>.

Since 1971, Triangle, Inc. has empowered people with disabilities and their families to live rich, fulfilling lives. With a strong focus on employment, empowerment, independence, and community engagement, Triangle, Inc. reaches more than 4,000 people across eastern Massachusetts each year. Through all of its efforts, Triangle, Inc. reminds our communities that we are all people with abilities. Learn more about the organization and their impact at [triangle-inc.org](http://triangle-inc.org).



Ability highlights the programs that make Massachusetts' urban beaches welcoming and accessible for everyone. Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle Inc. and Triangle participant Wayne kayaked with support from Piers Park Sailing Center.

## National Grid marks National Safe Digging Day with reminder to residents

Special to the Journal

Serving as a crucial reminder for customers to contact 811 before digging, August 11 marked National 811 Safe Digging Day. To observe the occasion, National Grid was reminding customers and contractors nationwide to call 811 before starting any digging or excavation project (no matter how big or small) to have underground utility lines properly marked. Dig Safe® is a free service funded solely by its utility members to promote public safety and avoid costly underground utility damage.

An underground utility line is damaged every few minutes because someone decided to dig without first contacting 811. Digging without knowing

the approximate location of underground utilities can result in severe injury or death, inconvenient service disruptions, and costly fines and repairs. Hitting underground gas, electric, communications, water, and sewer lines while digging can have a major impact on communities and businesses. Making a free request before digging online at [www.811beforeyoudig.com](http://www.811beforeyoudig.com) or by calling 811 will help everyone who digs maintain essential utility service for their communities while keeping themselves and their neighbors safe by reducing the likelihood of accidentally digging into buried utility lines.

"On August 11 and throughout the year, National Grid wants to remind homeowners and profes-

sional contractors alike to use the free 811 service before digging to keep themselves, their family, and community safe by reducing the risk of striking an underground utility line," said Caroline Hon, Senior Vice President of Network Strategy and Planning, National Grid U.S. "Calling 811 or visiting [www.811beforeyoudig.com](http://www.811beforeyoudig.com) is the only way to know which utilities are buried in your area so that you can dig safely and keep your community safe and connected. Safe digging is critical in ensuring the safety of our employees, the public, and local communities that we proudly serve daily."

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. It's not only the safe and smart thing to do – it's

the law! A call to 811 is the best safeguard and the first line of defense to preventing strikes on underground utility lines. The depth of utility lines can vary for several reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects, and uneven surfaces. Utility lines must be appropriately marked in each previously marked location to avoid risk.

As part of National Safe Digging Day, National Grid encourages everyone to take the following steps when planning a digging project this summer:

- Always contact 811 a few days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.

- Plan ahead. Make a free 811 request on Monday or Tuesday for work planned for an upcoming

weekend, providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.

- Confirm that all lines have been marked.

- Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.

- If a contractor has been hired, confirm that the contractor has contacted 811. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.

- Visit [www.811beforeyoudig.com](http://www.811beforeyoudig.com) for complete information.

Everyone who contacts 811 before digging is connected to a local 811 center that will take the caller's information and communicate it to local utility companies. Professional locators will then visit the dig site to mark the

approximate location of underground utility lines with spray paint, flags, or both. Once a site has been accurately marked, it is safe to begin digging around the marked areas. The service is easy to use and free of charge.

State laws mandate that 811 must be contacted a few days before beginning projects requiring excavation. Failure to call 811 may be punishable by fines, which in some states can be as high as \$1,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for subsequent violations.

National Grid works closely with local fire and police departments; with their strong support, people are calling before they dig. Calling 811 can avoid an incident that requires police and fire response.

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ACTING MAYOR PATRICK KEEFE HOSTS HOUND HALL



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe, with Joanne Murphy and Logan enjoying their visit to Hound Hall.



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe, pictured with canine friend Sophia, an English Bulldog.

Cary Shuman Photos

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe hosted Hound Hall at his mayoral campaign headquarter Saturday. More than 60 pet owners and their pets shared

their thoughts on Revere and each other's love for their canine friends. Each pet left the event with Keefe bandanas and treat bags filled with snacks and chew toys.



Punky wears one of the bandanas presented by Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe at Hound Hall.



This pup is enjoying his visit to Hound Hall.



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe greets happy visitors to Hound Hall.



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe welcomes a pet owner and her canine friend to Hound Hall.

NFPA provides steps to enhance home safety ahead of a wildfire event

Since Tuesday, the state of Hawaii has been devastated by extensive wildfire activity that has scorched thousands of acres and destroyed nearly 300 structures in Maui County, forcing thousands to seek emergency shelter, injuring dozens, and killing at least 36 people in the historic town of Lahaina, according to news reports. The relentless tally of losses makes it increasingly clear that the U.S. is facing a deep wildfire problem. Today there are nearly 45 million homes in the wildland/urban interface (WUI). According to the National Interagency Fire Center, some 71.8 million properties in the

U.S. are at some level of risk from wildfire. Each year some of the largest-loss fires occur in the WUI. In the past five years, wildfires have destroyed nearly 63,000 structures in the U.S., the majority of which were homes. Record high temperatures, crippling drought, and high winds from severe weather events such as thunder and lightning storms have been blamed for the recent increase in wildfire activity in Canada, Europe, and in high-risk areas across the U.S. Officials predict more wildfires will erupt in the coming months due to continued dry heat and increased storm activity, prompting residents to

look for information on what they can do to reduce their risk before a wildfire. The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has many resources for reporters to assist their coverage of wildfire events, including valuable information for the public and community leaders working to help reduce the risk of losing homes and communities to wildfire damage. As media outlets continue to cover wildfire activity and its related issues, NFPA resources that may support your news coverage include: Expert interviews regarding wildfire safety preparedness, community activities, firefighting, and statistical data:

- Michele Steinberg, Wildfire Division Director at NFPA, oversees national policy, development regulations, and community safety, and supports wildfire-related projects that cover a broad spectrum of safety education, advocacy, training, and certification.
- Megan Fitzgerald-McGowan is a program specialist, responsible for the management of the Firewise USA® recognition program.
- Curt Floyd, NFPA senior specialist, technical lead, Engineering Technical Services, oversees NFPA standards that address the needs of the fire service and emergency re-

- sponders.
- Birgitte Messerschmidt is the director of the NFPA Applied Research Group, responsible for NFPA's research strategy, research on fire problems and other safety issues, data collection efforts, and the NFPA research library.
  - Subject matter expertise: Steps residents can take to enhance home safety ahead of a wildfire event.
  - How wildfire spreads and why we must adapt to living with wildfire.
  - Simple, but effective steps people can take to reduce the chances of wildfire damage to homes and

- property.
- Information about the Firewise USA® recognition program that empowers residents to work collaboratively in reducing wildfire risks.
  - Information about Outthink Wildfire™, a comprehensive strategy that lays out five key policy changes that need to be made at the federal, state, and local levels and if followed, will end the destruction of communities by wildfire over the next 30 years.
  - Facts every resident should know about protecting themselves and lowering their risk of property loss from wildfire.

Stephanie Wood to depart Austin Prep, will pursue college coaching opportunities

Special to the Journal

After a highly decorated tenure spanning 11 seasons at Austin Prep, head girls ice hockey coach Stephanie Wood will be departing Austin Prep to pursue college coaching opportunities. Coach Wood leaves Austin Prep after guiding the team to three Massachusetts Division 1 State Championships, and a successful transition to the in 2022. Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) “Coming to Austin Prep was the best decision I’ve ever made in my career, and I am so proud of everything our program has accomplished. Seeing first-hand the incredible transformation of Austin Prep has also been remarkable, as the school continues to raise the bar and demonstrate repeatedly why it is such a remark-

able institution,” Coach Wood said. “Stephanie Wood has led Austin Prep’s girls ice hockey program through over a decade of sustained excellence,” Head of School, Dr. James Hickey said. “Her lasting impact will be felt by our current and former students for years to come, and we are grateful for her unwavering commitment to our School’s mission and proud of her accomplishments while at Austin Prep.” Coach Wood departs Austin Prep with a 210-34-21 coaching record. The pinnacle of Coach Wood’s tenure at Austin Prep was in 2022 when the girls ice hockey team captured the program’s third MIAA title, finishing the season a perfect 27-0-0. The 2022 championship added to the hockey team’s MIAA titles in 2016 and 2020. Coach Wood was named MIAA Division I Coach of the Year in 2016

by the Boston Globe, and New England Girls Ice Hockey Coach of the Year in 2022 by New England Hockey Journal. “This group has cemented themselves as the most successful sports team in the history of Austin Prep athletics,” Coach Wood said, referencing the 2022 team after the championship win. “We knew the potential was there, but I didn’t know if we knew just how vast that greatness could be. It’s an incredible accomplishment for this team, but easier said than done. And to go 27-0-0, that’s a rarity in any sport. Any gender. Any level.” In winning the 2022 state title, the Girls Ice Hockey program departed the MIAA on top, as the team joined all of Austin Prep’s athletic programs in the New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) for the 2022-23 school year. In the inaugural year in the NEP-

SAC, the girls ice hockey team finished 15-6-3 and recently announced their commitment to join the Vaillancourt Conference within the NEPSAC beginning this upcoming year. “Austin Prep entered the NEPSAC well positioned for success,” Director of Athletics, Pat Driscoll said. “That was due, in part, to the foundation built by the girls hockey program the decade prior. Coach Wood’s impact on Austin Prep athletics will be felt long after her departure from campus, and I am proud to have been able to partner with her on so many important initiatives.” In departing Austin Prep, Coach Wood aims to return to the NCAA Division I level where she competed at while a student-athlete at Northeastern. “Leaving Austin Prep is such an emotional decision, but I am excited to embark on a

career in coaching at the college level, as I have always wanted to be able to test my coaching abilities at the highest level. That said, this transition would not have been possible without Austin Prep, as the school has helped me grow and evolve as a coach.” Despite her departure, Coach Wood will remain well connected with the Austin Prep community as she will serve on the hiring committee for the next girls ice hockey coach. Additionally, Austin Prep will host “Coach Wood Night” this upcoming season as an opportunity for current families, alumni and friends of the program to celebrate the countless contributions Coach Wood made to the girls ice hockey program. “Coach Wood will forever be synonymous with Austin Prep girls ice hockey, and as she strives to advance her career at the college level, she will al-

ways remain a part of the Austin Prep family,” Associate Head of School Jonathan Pollard, who also served as Director of Athletics during part of Coach Woods tenure, said. “While the state titles and coaching accolades are impressive, the manner in which she advanced the program and built relationships with students, families and colleagues will be Coach Wood’s ultimate contribution to Austin Prep.” “I have loved every single moment I have been at Austin Prep and will never forget the incredible players, families, and accomplishments we’ve had,” Coach Wood said. “I would like to sincerely thank Dr. Hickey, Jonathan Pollard, and Pat Driscoll, as well as the entire Austin Prep community, who I consider family. I look forward to remaining a part of that family and watching the continued growth of the program.”



# Healey-Driscoll administration announces equitable expansion of Electric Vehicle Rebate Program

Special to the Journal

The Healey-Driscoll Administration today announced substantial changes to the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles Program (MOR-EV Program), which provides rebates for the purchase or lease of light-, medium-, and heavy-duty battery electric and fuel cell electric vehicles (EVs). These changes aim to support greater adoption of EVs in Massachusetts, including new rebate programs for income-qualifying Massachusetts residents.

“This significant expansion of the MOR-EV Program will make electric vehicles more affordable and accessible for residents of all income levels,” said Governor Maura

Healey. “Residents will now be able to get their rebates the day they buy their car, instead of waiting for the funds to come in. And income-eligible folks will now be able to get additional rebates, including for used vehicles. This is a great development in our efforts toward an equitable clean energy transition.”

“Our administration is committed to reducing transportation emissions, and these important changes to MOR-EV will help provide cleaner air in our communities,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “Far more residents will now be eligible for rebates, and we look forward to seeing the number of electric vehicles on the road across Massachusetts grow exponentially

in the coming years.”

In addition to the existing \$3,500 rebates for EVs, the new MOR-EV program elements include:

- The launch of rebates at the point-of-sale with participating dealers;
- \$3500 rebate for used EVs for income-qualifying residents;
- \$1,500 rebate adder for income-qualifying residents called MOR-EV+ that is in addition to the standard rebate for new or used electric vehicles; and
- Increased rebates for certain light-duty pickup trucks.

The MOR-EV+ and MOR-EV Used rebates are retroactive to November 10, 2022 for any income-qualifying residents who purchased new or used EVs on or after that date.

“Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector is critical to meeting our climate goals, and we are excited that our expanded MOR-EV program will provide greater access to electric vehicles for more Massachusetts drivers,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “MOR-EV is forward-looking and brings Massachusetts one step closer to phasing out expensive, volatile fossil fuels and transportation pollution that disproportionately impacts environmental justice communities.”

“In Massachusetts, transportation accounts for 42-percent of our emissions, and we know that environmental justice communities often

bear the brunt of pollution while challenged to participate in clean energy and transportation programs,” said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. “The updated MOR-EV more equitably serves a greater number of residents to offset the cost of buying an electric vehicle.”

Additional details about the rebates are available at <https://mor-ev.org>.

**Culturally Competent Outreach**

Through the MOR-EV program administrator, the Center for Sustainable Energy, the Commonwealth has initiated a culturally competent outreach program to more effectively reach Environmental Justice communities,

**Background on MOR-EV**


Launched in 2014, the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) program is an education and rebate program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and administered by the Center for Sus-

See EV REBATE Page 24

## LEGAL NOTICES

<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>A-23-25 (SP)</p> <p>Public Hearing</p> <p>Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, August 30, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councilor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Anner Amaya, 31 Bay Road, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a special permit from the ZBA to modify and extend an existing non-conforming single-family dwelling by constructing a 10' x 34.4' addition at 31 Bay Road, Revere, MA.</p> <p>A copy of the aforementioned plan and application (A-23-25 SP) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.</p> <p>Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p>08/09/2023</p> <p>08/16/2023</p> <p>R</p>	<p>A copy of the aforementioned application (A-23-26) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.</p> <p>Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p>08/09/2023</p> <p>08/16/2023</p> <p>R</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>A-23-27</p> <p>Also see A-23-02</p> <p>A-22-10</p> <p>Public Hearing</p> <p>Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Section 17.52.060 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, August 30, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councilor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Hamel Management Group, Inc., 10 Lookout Terrace, Lynnfield, MA 01940 requesting an additional six-month exercise period from the Zoning Board of Appeals associated with the granted variances of A-22-08 to enable the appellant to raze the existing structure on the property known and numbered as 470 Broadway, Revere, MA, and construct an addition to the adjacent Fernwood Professional Building at 454 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.</p> <p>A copy of the aforementioned application (A-23-27) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.</p> <p>Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p>08/09/2023</p> <p>08/16/2023</p> <p>R</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>A-23-28</p> <p>Also see A-22-08</p> <p>Public Hearing</p> <p>Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, August 30, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councilor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Nefita Realty Trust, LLC, c/o Ahmad Selman, 1176 North Shore Road, Revere, MA 02151 requesting the following variances from the ZBA to enable the appellant to construct an eleven-story 160 unit apartment building on the properties known and numbered as 6 Agawam Street and 1198 North Shore Road, Revere, MA 02151:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to maximum FAR of 3.0 within the RC2 District;</li><li>2. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum front yard setback requirement of 20 feet within the RC2 District;</li><li>3. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum side yard setback requirement of 20 feet within the RC2 District;</li><li>4. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum rear yard setback requirement of 30 feet within the RC2 District;</li><li>5. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum lot area of 25,000 s.f. within the RC2 District;</li><li>6. RRO Section 17.28.020 (footnote E) with respect to minimum parking requirements for apartment use within the RC2 District;</li><li>7. RRO Section 17.28.020 with respect to minimum parking requirement of 1 space/2 beds for nursing or convalescent home;</li><li>8. RRO Section 17.28.020 with respect to minimum requirement of 1 loading bay and 1 loading space for a nursing or convalescent home;</li><li>9. RRO Section 17.28.020 with respect to minimum requirement of 1 loading space for general office use;</li><li>10. RRO Section 17.28.020 with respect to minimum parking requirement of 1 space/500 gsf for general office use 20,000 gsf and less.</li></ol> <p>A copy of the aforementioned plan and application (A-23-28) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.</p> <p>Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p>08/09/2023</p> <p>08/16/2023</p> <p>R</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>A-23-29</p> <p>Public Hearing</p> <p>Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, August 30, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councilor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Cavallo Corporation, 70 Victoria Street, Somerville, MA 02144 requesting a six-month extension of the one-year exercise period from the Zoning Board of Appeals associated with the granted variances of A-22-14 to enable the appellant to construct a two-family duplex dwelling on Lot 17 True Street, Revere, MA 02151</p> <p>A copy of the aforementioned application (A-23-30) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.</p> <p>Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p>8/16/23, 8/23/23</p> <p>R</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>A-23-31</p> <p>Public Hearing</p> <p>Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, August 30, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councilor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Stephen Siuda, 213 Grover Street, Revere, MA requesting a variance of RRO Section 17.24.010 minimum side yard setback of 10 feet within the RB District to enable the appellant to construct a 749 sq. ft. addition and convert the single family dwelling to a two-family dwelling at 213 Grover Street, Revere, MA 02151.</p> <p>A copy of the aforementioned plan and application (A-23-31) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:15</p>	<p>A.M. to 12:15 P.M.</p> <p>Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere</p> <p>Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p>8/16/23, 8/23/23</p> <p>R</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>A-23-32</p> <p>Public Hearing</p> <p>Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, August 30, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councilor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Atlantis Towing 2006 TOYOTA #JTDKB20U263152970 2018 TOYOTA #3TMAZ5CN6JM077341 2019 TOYOTA #4T1B11HK4KU815424 2011 TOYOTA #2T1BU4EEXBC544765 2019 MERCEDES #WDD3643GB3KW021859 2012 NISSAN #JN8AS5MV7CW366819 2015 CHRYSLER #1C3CCCAG8FN730644 1998 NISSAN #JN1AS44D4WW107581 2016 FORD #1FDUF5HT5GEB87837 2017 INFINITI #JN1FV7EL3HM702361</p>	<p>08/02/2023,</p> <p>08/09/2023,</p> <p>08/16/2023</p> <p>R</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE</b></p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>MORTGAGEE'S SALE</p> <p>OF REAL ESTATE</p> <p>By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by MaryJane Kasian to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Firststar Bank NA, its successors and assigns, dated August 22, 2014 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 53427, Page 244 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Mortgage Assets Management, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Firststar Bank NA, its successors and assigns to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated May 4, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68961, Page 80, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 93 Mountain Avenue, Revere, MA 02151 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on August 29, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A Certain parcel of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Revere, being shown and designated as lot 111 on a plan made by F. H. Eastman, Civil Engineer, dated April 13, 1986 and recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Book 2351 end and bounded and described as follows: Southwesterly by Mountain Avenue forty-five (45) feet; Northwesterly by lot 112 on said plan one hundred twenty five (125) feet; Northeasterly by lot 95 on said plan forty five (45) feet; Southeasterly by lot 110 on said plan one hundred twenty five (125) feet. Containing 5625 feet. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 46426, Page 216. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments</p>	<p>and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. 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Mortgage Assets Management, LLC Korde &amp; Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Kasian, MaryJane, 23-042513 23-042513 / FC01</p> <p>8/02/23, 8/09/23, 8/16/23</p> <p>R</p>	<p>electronically from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, beginning August 17, 2023 at purchasing@revere.org. For additional information, please contact Michael Piccardi, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, 781-286-8157. Revere City Hall office hours are Monday and Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Revere City Hall is closed on Friday's. Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or treasurer's check from a bank or trust company or money order of not less than five percent (5%) of its bid. The selected contractor shall provide Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract price. The City's right is reserved to reject any or all bids or any part of a bid, which in the opinion of the City Purchasing Agent is most advantageous to the City of Revere. Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. Minimum wage rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, (26 to (27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on minimum wage rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. The City of Revere is an equal opportunity employer. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). 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By Melissa Moore-Randall

Over recent years, Revere Beach has been revitalized with construction of luxury apartment



Short Beach, with views of Nahant in the background, provides for great seashell hunting.

buildings along the Boulevard and Ocean Avenue. In addition, new high end restaurants and businesses including Cut 21, Dry-ft, Mission Beach House,

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