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EDWARDS
APPOINTED TO
THE SPECIAL
COMMISSION ON
UNACCOMPANIED
HOMELESS YOUTH

The Office of Senator Edwards is pleased to announce her recent appointment by Senate President Spilka to the Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHYC), which has been reconvened under the Healey Administration.

The UHYC, established through Outside Section 208 of the Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Budget and reconstituted in 2014, aims to study and make recommendations concerning services for unaccompanied homeless youth. Its goal is to provide a comprehensive and effective response to the unique needs of this population. The Commission conducts its meetings both virtually and in-person, convening quarterly.

A key initiative of the UHYC is the MA Youth Count, an annual state-wide survey that provides valuable data on young adults experiencing homelessness, helping to shape effective responses and policies.

Additionally, the Commission is supported by the State-wide Youth Advisory Council (YAC), comprising young adults with lived experience of homelessness, who provide insights and guidance on state-level policies and programming.

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CITY OF REVERE HOLDS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTOS

Shown above, Ana Rodriguez, Jordy Santos, and Matthew enjoying their time during the Tree Lighting hosted by the City of Revere and Revere Parks and Recreation.

Shown to the right, Ever After Storybrook Entertainment elves, Carter Pierre, as Candy, Elizabeth Forbes, as Jingles, and Dani Haskett, as Maple.

Shown below, Nelle, 4, and Mollie Cecconi with the Grinch. See more photos on Pages 4 and 5.



Keefe comes out on top in mayoral recount

By Adam Swift

There was little change in the vote totals as a result of the mayoral election recount that was held on Saturday.

Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe finished the recount with 4,933 to 4,570 for Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo.

The total number of voters remained at 9,660. Keefe picked up one vote and Rizzo picked up five votes. Write-ins lost seven votes and blanks picked up 1 vote.

The recount went well

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City Council updated on new high school building project

By Adam Swift

The estimated costs of the options for building a new high school on the current site range from \$550 million to \$557 million.

However, due to a revised funding formula from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the city could see a higher reimbursement rate for this project as opposed to the one that was proposed for the Wonderland site.

Also coming into play for the cost and schedule of the project are the replacement of a large culvert system that runs through the high school property, and the need to

provide temporary parking at Ambrose Field for the duration of the construction.

Brian Dakin, the senior project manager from Leftfield, was before the City Council on Monday night to update it on those and other aspects of the high school building project.

After the council voted not to go forward with a new high school project at Wonderland early this year, the School Building Committee and Leftfield, the owner's project manager, regrouped to look at building on the current high school site.

Dakin said the project is currently in the preferred schematic report phase,

with the goal of submitting a preferred option to the MSBA by Feb. 28 of next year. The three new options under consideration are for four-, five-, and six-story school buildings on the current high school site. The projects would require building on Erricola Park fields at the high school site, and then rebuilding the fields when the project is completed.

Dakin said the costs and schedules he presented to the council Monday night are dependent on the city project to replace the large culvert system that runs through the high school property.

If the high school con-

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Ira Novoselsky enjoying the Thanksgiving game at Harry DellaRusso Stadium with announcer Don Boudreau.

Ira Novoselsky celebrates 60 years with RHS Football

By Melissa Moore-Randall

The year 1963 began the 60 year journey of Ira Novoselsky with RHS football. "When I was an RHS sophomore in 1963, I wanted to do something for my school. I was too small to play sports. A few of my friends decided to work with the football team. Many of my classmates were playing, and I wanted to see what I could do to help. A notice came out looking for team managers. I knew a few of the coaches from the Jewish Community Center and also a few were my teachers. This was the start."

"As the managers, we were the waterboys during games and equip-

ment helpers. As the season went on, I noticed that Coach Silvio Cella was looking for statistics on the players from the games," said Novoselsky, "I was into math and thought I could help. The second game of that season, I started in the old wooden pressbox doing stats. I did statistics until 1978. When clock operator Al Mucci passed away, I stepped in. Now 45 years later and a total of 60 years in the press box, I thought it was time to retire."

Novoselsky, 76, is a life-long Revere resident and still lives in the same house he was born in, Son of Florence and Sam Novoselsky.

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RHS CLASS OF 2003 REUNION



Besties forever, Jen Gazza and Diana Cafarella. Back row: Elisa Swanke, Casey Sieck, Tiffany Staunton, Jenn Hallissey, and Jessica Murphy. See more photos on Page 6.



SEE PAGE 18 FOR A STROLL THROUGH TIME

PEARL HARBOR WAS 82 YEARS AGO, BUT HAS LESSONS FOR US TODAY

It was 82 years ago this week that the nation of Japan launched its attack on the United States at the Pearl Harbor Naval base in Hawaii on December 7, 1941. The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack, “A day that will live in infamy,” and asked Congress for a Declaration of War against Japan. Germany and Italy, allies of Japan who collectively were known as the Axis, then declared war on the U.S., setting the stage for World War II, the most destructive war in world history.

A total of 407,316 American soldiers made the Supreme Sacrifice (in addition to more than 10,000 members of the Merchant Marine) and another 671,278 were wounded in battlefronts stretching from Africa to the European continent to the jungle islands of the Pacific over the next three and one-half years before the German and Japanese war machines finally were subdued.

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

Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, separated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. Americans had no appetite for re-engaging in another conflict just 23 years removed from the memories of World War I that still were fresh in our nation’s psyche. But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. Although the United State had re-instituted the draft some months prior to Pearl Harbor and had ramped up our military production capabilities, the suddenness of the Japanese sneak attack still came as a shock to every American.

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

Thanks to the countless number of documentaries and movies over the past 25 years that have told the stories of the brave Americans who fought in WWII, we are fortunate to have a living history of the sacrifices made by The Greatest Generation.

In 1941, the Axis of Evil was formed by Germany under Hitler, Italy under Mussolini, and Japan under Tojo. Eighty-two years later, we similarly are facing a new Axis of Evil: Putin in Russia, Xi in China, and Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran (including its terrorist proxies of Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis), who are threatening the peace and security of democracies and freedom-loving people everywhere.

The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn’t free. We always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life. That is a lesson that is as true today as it was in 1941.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Thursday evening, December 7, and will culminate on Friday, December 15.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day’s worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional -- and delicious! -- foods such as latkes. Needless to say, in the aftermath of the events of October 7, as well as the appalling subsequent increase in anti-semitic incidents in America and around the world, Hanukkah this year will have special meaning for Jews the world over.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season and we join them in solidarity against anti-semitism in all its forms.

The Revere Journal reserves the right to edit letters for space and clarity. We regret that we cannot publish unsigned letters. Please include your street and telephone number with your submission. The Revere Journal publishes columns, viewpoints and letters to the editor as a forum for readers to express their opinions and to encourage debate. Please note that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of The Revere Journal. Text or attachments emailed to editor@reverejournal.com are preferred.

THANKS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK

Dear Editor,

As Election Commissioner for the City of Revere, I want to thank all of the people who made the recount of the November 7, 2023 municipal election ballots happen.

I’m proud of the work of so many: my outstanding staff, the Board of Election Commissioners; the numerous poll workers who helped us block and count ballots; the area city and town clerks and their staffs who came into town on a Saturday to work a long day (many without

pay); City Solicitor Paul Capizzi and our election law attorney; DPW Director Paul Argenzio and the DPW Election crew; Police Chief Dave Callahan and his officers who provided election security; and Superintendent Dianne Kelly, Director of Facilities Carl Svendsen, and the Revere High School custodians.

I would also like to thank Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe and Councilor Daniel Rizzo and their teams for the professionalism they all exhibited throughout this process. They should both be commended for long records

LETTER to the Editor

of public service.

I want to note for the record that, despite many rumors and unsubstantiated claims to the contrary, my office received ZERO calls or inquiries about election irregularities. The recount concluded that Councilor Rizzo received a net of four additional votes that were not counted at the November 7, 2023 election.

It’s important to acknowledge that voter fraud does happen sometimes. We saw a case in Lawrence where a voter claimed they did not request an absentee ballot but one was cast in her

name. Such cases are carefully researched and documented and the evidence is sent to the District Attorney to determine whether a prosecution for voter fraud is warranted.

As I have stated publicly in the past, any individual who has any questions or concerns about their voter registration status or their ballots cast for this election – whether absentee, mail-in, early in-person voting, or voting at the polls – should contact the Election Department by phone, email, or in-person.

Happy holidays to all.

Paul J. Fahey, MPA

Shirley Avenue TDI Partnership launches Neighborhood Voting for Public Space Projects

Special to the Journal

On Monday November 27, the City of Revere launched the voting phase of the Shirley Ave Participatory Budgeting process, through which community members who live, work, and spend time in the Shirley Ave neighborhood can vote to determine how \$560,000 of municipal funds will be spent on public realm improvements in the area.

Community members may view the project proposals and cast their vote at www.shirleyaveideas.com/feedback. Voting will be open until December 31, 2023. After voting, community members may share a screenshot of the submission page to the project team (email to LChristopher@mass-development.com) to be entered in a raffle which includes Shirley Ave art, merchandise, Charlie Cards donated by Women Encouraging Empowerment, and up to 100 free smoothies from local business F+J Juice Bar Café.

The funds for the public realm improvement process are a combination of \$260,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, \$15,000 of public art funding from New England Foundation for the Arts, and a recent \$285,000 award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’s Housing Choice Grant which supports quality of life improvements in communities that have produced a certain amount of housing in the last 5 years and adopted state-supported best practices.

The Shirley Ave Participatory Budgeting process is part of the work being implemented collaboratively through the Revere Transformative Development Initiative (TDI), a public-private partnership that includes City of Revere, Women Encouraging Empowerment, The Neighborhood Developers, and Mass General Hospital. MassDevelopment’s TDI program is a 3-year place-based community development program that supports the implementation of local priorities.

“The City of Revere is always looking for creative ways to get community input, and we hope this participatory budgeting process can be a model for future projects throughout the City. But creative community engagement takes time, money, and the support of our community partners.”

said Tom Skwierawski, Revere’s Chief of Planning and Community Development, “We couldn’t have done this without the leadership of the TDI, which provided us with resources and capacity to do this, and we are grateful for the willingness of our funders to be patient and flexible throughout this process. We encourage anyone with a stake in the community to take the time to vote, and we look forward to implementing the winning projects next year!”

The voting website and community engagement platform, CoUrbanize, is being paid for through a grant that local non-profit Women Encouraging Empowerment (WEE) received from MassDevelopment’s TDI Program.

“One of the very special things about Shirley Ave is how diverse the community is. We are so excited to invite you to be a part of this project so that the feedback can represent you and your diverse opinions and priorities!” shared WEE Executive Director Olga Tacure. “Public space helps define how we all see our neighborhood and it should represent the community that lives and works here. With your help, and through this collaborative project, it will.”

Through the participatory budgeting process, community members have the opportunity to rank 18 public space projects and 10 public art proposals. Community rankings will be averaged to produce an overall ranked list, and the top \$560,000 of community projects will be funded through the money set aside for participatory budgeting. Proposed projects range in scale from new public spaces like a splash pad or community garden to added amenities like more lighting and public Wi-Fi and include some out-of-the-box thinking like grants to support block parties and opportunities for digital art... and even art distributed through a vending machine! For a full description of project proposals please read further below.

The Participatory Budgeting project team will be hosting a series of public open houses at the following times and locations:

December 12, at 10:30 am in the community room of the Hyman Towers at 50 Walnut Ave

December 13, at 6 pm, hosted virtually on Zoom: <http://bit.ly/47FCZJu>

December 14, at 6 pm in the offices of Women Encouraging Empowerment at 50 Walnut Ave

Participatory Budget project information and voting will also be made available at the Revere Art Community Meet, Greet, and Show event to be held on December 19 at 5 pm at Las Delicias Colombianas, 86 Shirley Ave, Revere, MA.

If you are interested in volunteering at these events or have questions about the participatory budgeting process, please contact Revere TDI Fellow Laura Christopher at LChristopher@mass-development.com. Community members may also follow @Shirley_Ave_ on Instagram and tune into City social media (including @cityofreverere on Instagram and City of Revere on Facebook) to stay up to date about project updates.

Shirley Ave Participatory Budgeting: Project Proposals

Fitzhenry Dog Park and Gathering Space
\$15,000 - \$40,000

Funds will contribute to the renovation of Fitzhenry Square into a dog park and comfortable community space. Funding dedicated to the dog park through this participatory budgeting process will be added on top of grant funds that community partners have received to pay for basic improvements. Overall, at a minimum, the project will include a double gate entrance to protect dogs from escaping, a water fountain for dogs and hopefully humans, a low

maintenance ground surface that will hold up to the wear-and-tear of dogs playing, and some kind of seating. Additional funds supported through this voting process may help to increase the quality of materials and furnishings and/or to support additional elements such as a shade structure, power on site, lighting, taller fence, or agility/play equipment for the dogs.

Additional Trash Barrels
\$6,000 - \$12,000

Within the “Community Ideas” phase of this participatory budgeting process, several community members called out the issue of littering and requested additional trash barrels throughout the neighborhood as well as on Beach Street, Franklin Avenue, and around Fitzhenry Square in particular. Additional heavy duty trash barrels are budgeted at \$1,000 each and the budget range on this proposal allows for approximately 6-12 new trash barrels. New trash barrel locations will be selected in coordination with the City of Revere’s Department of Public Works to account for ease of pick-up as well as known best practices.

Splash Pad at 69 Shirley Ave
\$250,000 - \$300,000

This project would support community goals of more play and family spaces and more areas to support cooling in the summer. The largest funding cost would include bringing water to the site but additional costs in-

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struction and city culvert projects line up. Dakin said the three building options on the table would essentially have the same schedule, with the new school ready for occupancy by August of 2028 and the fields replaced by the summer of 2029.

“One of the challenges we have worked on last month, this month, and will be working on into next month is a topic we’ve talked about before, the culvert,” said Dakin. “There is a big assumption baked into all these schedules that that process and project can get far enough along that whatever needs to happen underground between School Street and the American Legion Highway is designed and ready to be implemented in 2025 and 2026. That right now is not a sure thing.”

Another variable is the need for parking at Ambrose Field. Dakin said the temporary parking at the field could accommodate either the construction parking, or the displaced teacher and student parking, and that there still is work to do to accommodate all parking needs while construction is ongoing.

The city will also have to determine if it wants to build a new school administration building on the property as part of the proposed project, or build it off site as part of a future project.

On the positive side, Dakin said the change in the MSBA formula means Revere will likely see a higher percentage of reimbursement for the project from the state. That real reimbursement rate for the project could jump from the high 30 percent range expected for the Wonderland project to the high 40 percent range.

“These ... result in a

much better grant than we were seeing at any other part of this process,” said Dakin.

The total estimated costs for the project range from \$550.2 million for the proposed four-story building to \$557 for a six-story building. With the expected reimbursement from the MSBA, Dakin said the cost to Revere for the project would range from \$310 million to \$317 million.

“We can’t stand by these schedules and budgets, we really need to understand when that (culvert) project is going to be ready to go,” said Dakin. “We do have designs for the options, we have schedules, we have budgets, and we are hoping that in advance of the Feb. 28 deadline that we will arrive at a new preferred option and proceed into a schematic design that will run through next July and August.”

At that point, the design team would then present final schematic design costs and there would need to be a vote to authorize the borrowing of funds for the project.

Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, who supported the proposal to build at Wonderland, noted that the costs for the project continue to escalate, and now the city is looking to take another park offline with the need for temporary parking at the Ambrose fields.

“I think we opened up a can and this is looking disastrous,” said Silvestri.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro said he wanted to address “the elephant in the room,” which is the discussion around the city about a possible push to move the project back to the Wonderland property.

“There’s going to be a new council, and I can’t

speak for anybody, but if that ever did happen, my number one most important question is will the MSBA have our back if that happens?” Cogliandro asked.

Dakin said he couldn’t speak for the MSBA, but expected that it would support the city, since it has been understanding and accommodating about the challenges Revere faces as an urban school district with a minimum of space for building.

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, a staunch opponent of building on the Wonderland site, said he wanted to remind everyone that building on Wonderland could potentially take as much as \$1.2 billion off the city’s tax rolls over the coming 50 years.

“Over my dead body it goes back to Wonderland,” said Zambuto. “I think the taxpayers spoke very strongly about this in the last election.”

Silvestri questioned the \$1.2 billion in revenue Zambuto has said the Wonderland site would bring in for the city, calling it an outlandish number.

“The 875 apartments that were just approved in Lynn are going to bring in \$125 million over the course of 30 years,” said Silvestri. “So tell me how are we getting to \$1.2 billion? How many apartments is that going to be?”

Zambuto said his assumption was based on the amount of money the Suffolk Downs development is expected to bring into the city.

“I guarantee it’s worth at least half as much as the Suffolk Downs property,” said Zambuto. “That’s \$23.5 million a year in revenue times 50 years for the life of a high school is \$1.2 billion.”

Council requests external investigation of city solicitor

By Adam Swift

A City Council motion asking Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe to request an external investigation into harassment allegations against City Solicitor Paul Capizzi turned into a broader discussion of an atmosphere of intimidation within City Hall, threats against the council, and the role of the council in city government on Monday night.

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony Cogliandro said he filed the motion in response to an email the council received informing it that there were complaints from three city employees against the city solicitor involving gender discrimination and harassment.

Cogliandro said his main concern with filing the motion was in making sure the investigative process is done fairly and with full transparency.

“Apparently, that is a huge problem for some of the people in (City Hall),” said Cogliandro.

While not specifying who he talked to in the city administration, Cogliandro said that after filing the motion, he was contacted and told he didn’t have the right to file the motion, that it made the city look bad, and could hurt the city’s case if the incidents ended up in litigation.

“My favorite was, ‘You are only doing this to put yourself in the public eye,’” said Cogliandro. “Let me inform the entire city that we are well within our rights as a City Council to ask for an investigation to be done. I am not sitting here, launching it on my own or demanding it, we are asking that it be done

properly.”

Cogliandro said he went back through council agendas and videos since 2010 and that on many occasions, the council has asked the administration to investigate different things.

“Keeping this quiet, that’s the status quo, don’t let the public know what’s happening,” said Cogliandro. “I feel that as a resident, I have every right to know what’s going on with the employees whose salaries I pay along with the rest of the residents in the city.”

Cogliandro went on to state that he was accused of doing the dirty work for a disgruntled city employee.

“I was asked why I did not call the mayor,” he said. “For the same reason that I want the investigation to be from an external source and transparent, especially given since I was told that there would not be support from the administration on this motion.”

Cogliandro said he was later informed that he was threatened by a city employee claiming they would release information that would be detrimental to himself and his fellow councillors.

“Making threats to release public or private information about anyone in an attempt to intimidate to withdraw the motion is clearly retaliation for filing (the motion),” said Cogliandro. “We also call this blackmail, and this employee should be fired. I was shocked that an employee would threaten to release information about a city councillor’s past over a motion that was filed over an external in-

vestigation.”

Cogliandro noted that an external investigation could not only clear someone’s name, but also add to the validity to the findings because they were done outside City Hall.

“If there was nothing to hide or worry about, I’d think people would be thankful for this motion,” said Cogliandro. “How many times as city councillors have we had the opportunity to say something and not said a word? How many times have we had the opportunity to act and not acted, all because we are afraid we are going to hurt somebody’s feelings?”

The Ward 3 Councillor said he has been told more stories of harassment, retaliation, and gender discrimination in the city than anyone can imagine.

“The problem is that no one speaks up about it because they know nothing will be done or they are scared to lose their job or scared that their character will be assassinated,” said Cogliandro.

Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri said he has done some research on his own talking to several city employees and has concerns about the city solicitor’s behavior.

“I ask the mayor, if he does not want this to be a public issue, please do something, sir,” said Silvestri.

Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo said he has worked with the city solicitor for close to two decades, and that to his knowledge, he did not have a blemish on his record.

“Whenever there is

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voselsky, he was married to his junior high sweetheart Rochelle “Shelley” Gaber for 52 years. He is also dad to Seth and his wife Jeannemarie and grandfather to Olivia and Charleigh.

Ira has had many memorable moments over the past 60 years. “We were 8-0 going into the Thanksgiving game and the week before we found out that one of our star players, Paul Nuell, was declared ineligible to play. We forfeited all our games which made us 0-8. Winthrop was also 8-0. Their star player was “Tank” Adamson. The stands at the stadium were condemned so

the City had to put portable stands on the end zones and visitors sideline. The game was packed with fans from everywhere. It is suspected that around 5000 people attended. The game was tied at 0-0 until the last play of the game until Revere scored and won the game 6-0.”

“Another moment was 1964 at the Manning Bowl in Lynn when we played Lynn Classical. It was pouring rain. Both teams were very good and well matched. Again, at the very end of the game, our quarterback, Jimmy Del-Gaizo, made a pass to his twin brother, John, into the end zone to make the

game winning catch.”

“In 1972, Revere High went to the MIAA Division 1 Superbowl at Boston College. One of the team stars was Joe Festa, our running back. Unfortunately, Revere ran into a powerhouse team of Brockton High School. They lost the game, but won the respect of everyone just to get there.”

“I love Revere and will do most anything to help make it better. Working with all the head coaches over the years was very rewarding. I made many new friends and kept them for many years. Back then, RHS leadership was warm and friendly. I have enjoyed working with current Coach Cicatelli and Athletic Director Frank Shea.”

His dedication to RHS Football has not gone unnoticed. Athletic Director Frank Shea said, “Ira has been a huge part of our game day operations having been on the clock for close to 60 years. He has shown truly amazing dedication and he will be sorely missed and impossible to replace.”

Head Coach Lou Cicatelli added, “Ira has been a great friend, fan and staunch supporter of Revere Football for many years. I have appreciated all his support during my tenure as Head Coach. He donated a lot of time through the years.”

Mayor Elect Patrick Keefe also had high praise for Ira. “Ira’s dedication to supporting RHS athletics and the football program

is impressive. 60 years of service is something we will likely never see again in our lifetime.”

Surviving a condemned wooden press box in the 60s, a “new” wooden one for 50 years, and finally the new, heated, enclosed metal one built with the newly renovated stadium, Ira added, “It has been very enjoyable and absolutely worth it.”

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CITY OF REVERE HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING



The Correa Muriel Family gather near Christmas trees in City Hall.

Photos by Marianne Salza

The City of Revere and the Revere Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Holiday Tree Lighting on December 2 at City Hall. Santa arrived by fire truck and took photographs with families as an acapella band sang car-

ols. Little ones decorated gingerbread cookies and ornaments inside American Legion Post 61, and watched “Frozen” on the lawn. There were gingerbread house and snowman bouncy houses, as well as vendors selling goodies such as donuts and candles.



Vita, 6, Arrielle, and Luis Pagen, 5.



Councilor-elect Angela Guarino-Sawaya and Nyx Breen, Revere Art Community Founder.



David Ferrara, General Manager, and Dave Pilarski, Vice President of Operations, for The Dandee Donut Factory, serving donuts to raise funds for Toys for Tots.



Stephen, Jr., Jacklyn, Stephen III, and Jack Damiano.



Ricardo, Lorena, Lara, 2, and Noah Pagiola, 7.



The Harmony Jewels Acapella Caroling Band/ Julie Kinscheck, soprano, Diana Botello, alto, Jim Cafarella, tenor, and Pam Pampinella, bass.



Samantha, 3, Santiago, 1, Sal, 4, Sofia, 5, and Alexander, 6, sitting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

RHS CLASS OF 2003 CELEBRATES 20 YEAR REUNION AT REVERE BEACH’S SPRINGHILL SUITES



Monique Circiello and Jess Burke.

Following the Thanksgiving Holiday is always a great time to host a class reunion, and the RHS Class of 2003 did just that. Choosing the Spring-Hill Suites and the lavish accommodations was the easy part. The class committee stepped up and made it happen for their classmate’s 20th reunion. A delicious meal, DJ for entertainment and lots of memories to share with friends from over the years.



Best friends, Jen Gazza and Jenn Hallissey.



Jen Gazza and Colin McWilliams Class of 2003 officers.



Angela Zelandi and Lisa and Alan Rich check in at their reunion on Revere Beach.



All set to have a great evening, Eric and Jenny Lampedecchio.



Briana Reed and Edwin Batista join their classmates.



Kevin Monkiewicz and Tom Hill.



Joe DiMartino and Matt Boody arrive at the SpringHill Suites.



The RHS Class of 2003 at their 20th Reunion at SpringHill Suites.



Checking in, Alyssa Scenna and Gillian Sideri.



Tiffany Staunton, Diane Quarantella and Casey Lyons.



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Catching up with current times, Assunta Guarino, Evelyn Gonzalez, Karen Milligan, Yazmin Colon, Dasha Ferrari, Jessica Enamorado.



The reunion committee, Kacie Corbelle, Jen Gazza, Colin McWilliams, Frederika MacMillan, and Jenn Hallissey.

A.C. Whelan celebrates First Family Literacy Night

By Melissa Moore-Randall

The A.C. Whelan School recently celebrated their first Family Literacy Night. Families and community members enjoyed a luau themed afternoon learning about the various reading programs, how the school supports students, and how families can support their children at home. During the event, they played literacy based games, shared par-



Shown above, Kindergarten Teacher Noel Patch at the A.C. Whelan Literacy Luau. Shown below, Mayor Elect Patrick Keefe, Whelan First Grader Julia Oliveira at their Literacy Luau and Principal Rachel Shanley.



ent/caregiver resources, did and took activities to use at home, and engaged in community activities through snacks and conversations. Those attended received raffle tickets for prizes. It was a well attended event.



Families and students enjoying the Literacy Luau at the Whelan School last week.



Third Grade Teacher Marianne Knox working with families at the A.C. Whelan Literacy Luau.



Second grade teacher Lauren Nelson working with students and parents at the A.C. Whelan Literacy Luau.

Board of Health holds brief monthly meeting

By Journal Staff

The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting this past Thursday, November 30, in the City Council Chambers at Revere City Hall. Chairperson Dr. Drew Bunker and fellow member Nezha Louaddi were in attendance, as well as Lauren Buck, the Director of Public Health; Michael Wells, the Health Agent/ Director of Inspectional Services (ISD); and Paula Sepulveda, the board's Administrative Assistant. The meeting began with Buck presenting the communicable disease monthly report. She noted that in

November there were 18 confirmed influenza cases and 87 confirmed COVID cases, plus another 36 probable COVID cases. "This is typical for this time of year when we have a lot of respiratory illnesses," said Buck, who noted that 7.4 percent of Revere residents have received COVID boosters and 25.4 percent have received the annual flu shot. She also said that 866 residents have received the new RSV vaccine. Wells then presented the Inspectional Services monthly report. He told the board that his department issued 76 certificates of fitness and 11 reinspec-

tion certificates and conducted 15 interior complaint inspections. There were 37 food inspections, 17 reinspections, and one complaint inspection. He added that the department issued 42 citations issued for exterior accumulations of litter or trash; one citation for a commercial vehicle; 41 citations for improper or bulky items; 236 citations for improper placement of trash; one for junk heaps; one for unclean or unsanitary land; and one for a sump pump violation. The lone agenda item pertained to a continuation of a hearing from the October meeting regarding

the imposition of the \$500 registration fee for a vacant building (per the city ordinance) for the property at 2 Pratt Court, which is owned by Parkway Homes, LLC, of Newton. Wells had informed the board in October that the city ordinance requires the owner of a vacant building to register a building within 45 days of it becoming vacant and pay a \$500 registration fee. However, Wells further told the board that the structure had been vacant for many months, but the owner had failed to register the building as "vacant." A representative from Parkway Homes told the

board in October that a tenant had occupied the premises until the pipes burst during the winter freeze last February, which made the home uninhabitable. Parkway Homes filed a claim with the insurance company, which only finally issued a check in October. He said the check was for \$80,000, but the \$500 vacant building registration fee "adds insult to injury because it does not reflect why this law was enacted. This is not a question of allowing the property to fall into disrepair. It would have continued to be occupied but for the winter freeze," he said. He further added

that Parkway Homes had no objection to registering the property with the city, but asked that the board waive the payment of the \$500 fee to allow time for the repair of the property with the insurance proceeds. The board eventually voted to continue the matter to its November meeting. However, the matter became moot when Wells informed the board that the owner had registered the property and paid the \$500 fee in compliance with the city ordinance.

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“The reconvening of the UHYC is a critical step towards addressing the complex issue of youth homelessness in our state,” said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-East Boston). “I am honored to join this commission and am committed to working collaboratively to develop and implement effective strategies that will provide essential support to unaccompanied homeless youth. This is not just a matter of policy – it’s about ensuring the well-being and future of our young people.” Senator Edwards is eager to collaborate with the Commission, leveraging her experience and insights to help advance the work of preventing and ending youth homelessness in Massachusetts. This issue is a priority for Senator Edwards, who is dedicated to ensuring that all young people have access to the support and

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT SET FOR DEC. 17



The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra will return to St. Anthony's Church for the annual Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" concert on Sunday, December 17 at 4 p.m. Admission to the concert is free in exchange for a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry. This year's concert is principally sponsored by Bocchino Insurance, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, MassPort, Xfinity, Astound Broadband, and Action Emergency Services.

resources they need to not only survive but thrive. The Commission is dedicated to examining

and recommending strategies to improve services for unaccompanied homeless youth in Massachusetts. It plays a critical role in shaping policies and programs that address the needs of this vulnerable population. For more information regarding the MA Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Commission, click on the following link: MA Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Commission | Mass.gov

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A volunteer is all smiles as he picks up wasted in Crescent Marsh.

WIN Waste cleanup of Crescent Marsh yields five tons of debris

Special to the Journal

Community volunteers, local veterans, elected officials and WIN Waste Innovations employees came together December 2 for a cleanup of Crescent Marsh on Mass. Department of Transportation (MassDOT) land on Route 107 in Saugus, just north of the Revere line.

When the three-hour effort was complete, the volunteers had removed



The debris collected during the Dec. 2 cleanup at Crescent Marsh.

more than 10,000 pounds of waste, including everyday litter, tires, mattresses, car seats and rugs.

The cleanup was an extension of WIN Waste Innovations' Adopt A Highway and Visibility Project partnerships with MassDOT. Through those agreements, WIN Waste contributes to the upkeep of land on both sides of Route 107, in the Rumney Marsh Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

"As a sustainable environmental services company, illegal dumping is something we hate to see in our communities," said Mary Urban, WIN Waste senior director of Communications & Community. "We appreciate the opportunity to work with MassDOT and area residents to clean up this area and keep this trash from entering the marsh and our waterways."

Revere City Councilor Anthony Zambuto joined the cleanup, as did members of the Belle Isle Rotary, Saugus Selectman Anthony Cogliano and Veterans from VFW Post 2346.

"We are constantly striving to make a positive impact in the community and we appreciate all those who welcome and support our efforts," Urban said.

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and had no issues, according to Election Commissioner Paul Fahey. Fahey thanked both Keefe and Rizzo and their teams for their professionalism during the recount.

Rizzo filed for the recount following the Nov. 7 municipal election.

When filing for the recount, Rizzo stated that he and his committee wanted to make sure that every vote was counted and that people who took the time to either early vote, mail in vote, or absentee vote were ensured that their vote was adequately represented in the final total.

Fahey stated that despite many rumors and unsubstantiated claims to the contrary, his office received no calls or inquiries about election irregularities, and that the recount concluded that Councilor Rizzo received a net of four additional votes that were not counted at the Nov. 7 election.

"As I have stated publicly in the past, any individual who has any questions or concerns about their voter registration status or their ballots cast for this election – whether absentee, mail-in, early in-person voting, or voting at the polls – should contact the Election Department by phone, email, or in-person," Fahey stated.

Shirley Ave. Vote // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

clude regrading the site as needed as well as adding adequate drainage, splash pad sprinklers or play pieces, seating and potentially shade, lighting, plantings and art.

Community Garden at 69 Shirley Ave
\$75,000 - \$100,000

Funds would support the design and construction of a community garden at this site. Because of the requirements of the funding source, the garden would function a bit differently than other community gardens in Revere. The 69 Shirley Ave community garden would be managed collectively, by YOU the community, to share in the work and the harvest instead of individual ownership over plots or small areas. Funds would support planter beds, initial crops and soil, and other critical elements such as potentially site re-grading, water access, lighting, shade, fencing, a greenhouse component, and furnishings.

Urban Forest Park at 69 Shirley Ave
\$50,000 - \$75,000

Design, site renovation, and plantings to prepare a small urban forest parklet at the corner of Shirley Ave and Sumner Street. Improvements are expected to include shade trees, native plantings, seating, and lighting. The site may also feature public art. This cost estimate assumes no water access on site.

Flaherty Square Renovation and Plantings
\$2,500 - \$15,000

This funding would add additional plantings and updated landscape design

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Cesso

Former Revere Crossing Guard and Teacher's Aide

Phyllis M. (Vivolo) Cesso of Revere, died on December 3.

Phyllis grew up in Boston's North End where she met and married her husband. Together they shared 56 years of marriage and three children, whom she loved dearly. She also adored her six grandchildren who brought her countless moments of joy. Whether she was attending one of their sporting events, dance recitals or plays, she was always honored to be there supporting them.

Phyllis loved the North End and especially celebrating St. Anthony's Feast each year. She was an avid Boston sports fan and enjoyed watching and routing for all the teams during each season. She also loved watching mystery and crime shows with her husband, a retired Boston Police Detective.

Above all, Phyllis was known for her culinary skills. She could be found awake at midnight cooking a meal or baking desserts for her family. Cooking was her true passion, and she could talk for hours about all kinds of different recipes!

She was employed by the City of Revere as a crossing guard, and then as a teacher's aide for many years. She still told stories about all of the children she remembered teaching, and truly loved caring for and educating them.

Phyllis was enthusiastic about being active. She went to the gym where she partook in many classes and loved walking Revere Beach with her late best friend, Dottie Nardone. She was a member of the



St. Mary's Women's Club, where she met many wonderful friends, whom she always spoke so fondly about.

Everything Phyllis did, she did for her family. She was selfless, giving, trustworthy, caring and grateful and her classy presence will certainly be missed.

She was the beloved wife of B. Anthony, the devoted mother of Carla and her husband, David, Anthony and his wife, Annmarie and Lisa and her partner, Bryan; cherished grandmother of Katherine, Matthew, Michael, Antonio, Nicolo and Gioia; sister of Leonard Vivolo and sister in law of Nick Ruggiero. She was predeceased by her mother, Anna Vivolo and her sister, Joanne Ruggiero. She also leaves behind many adored nieces and nephews, with whom she loved celebrating all the special moments in their lives, as well as her many close friends.

Arrangements will be by the Buonfiglio Funeral Home in Revere. Please visit Buonfiglio.com for more information. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to copsforkidswithcancer.org.

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SPOTLIGHT

Get in the holiday spirit by watching the sights and sounds from the Annual Priscilla Nickerson Memorial Santa Walk and Tree Lighting at City Hall. RevereTV's star youth correspondent Manique Khessouane takes you through a firsthand experience of the festivities from last Saturday in a highlight reel now playing on the Community Channel and YouTube. This celebration included pictures with Santa, live music, vendors, mini horses, cookie and ornament decorating, and a holiday movie on American Legion Lawn. Manique participates in activities and interviews other attendees in this short recording.

With the Annual Robert A. Marra Sounds of Christmas Concert coming up in a few weeks, RTV is pushing the holiday tunes on the Community Channel before the big day. You can watch a Sounds of Christmas Concert from years past dating back to 2012 once per day until this year's concert on Sunday, December 17th. The daily concert session will be scheduled for noon every weekday. On the 17th, the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra will once again perform holiday carols at St. Anthony's Church at 4pm. This concert is a multi-camera shoot that is a full team effort to stream live on RevereTV and YouTube page. The concert is also a food drive, so attendees are asked to donate nonperishable food items upon entering.

Football season and fall sports are now over for this school year, but the winter sports season is starting right away. RevereTV will make an effort to cover at least one Revere High School basketball game every week through the season. The "Game of the Week" will be either a boys or a girls team game. The first game that you'll see on RevereTV will be on Tuesday, December 12th at 6pm when the RHS Girls play Lynn Classical. Games covered by RTV will play live on the Community Channel, stream live on YouTube, and replay on television for the week following each game. The RTV Community Channel can be watched at home on TV if you are a cable subscriber in the city. On Comcast, this channel would be 8 and 1072, and on RCN, it is 3 and 614. All programming produced by RevereTV, including live coverage and community events, will also be posted to the RTV YouTube page.

RTV GOV continues to be scheduled with the latest in local government meetings out of the Council Chambers. The replaying rotation of meetings from the past few weeks include the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Revere Board of Health, Zoning Sub-Committee, Revere City Council, Conservation Commission, and Human Rights Commission. Meetings play live on RevereTV and YouTube as they happen and then replay over the following few weeks. If you can't catch these meetings on television when scheduled, watch at your convenience on RevereTV's YouTube page where recordings will be organized in playlists by committee or commission.

mined based on community priority given to this proposal. This wall would function as a place for youth-generated or community-led public art murals on a rotating and temporary basis. The idea has similarities to a "graffiti free wall" as requested by a few community members but would function based on invitation so that art may remain for a set amount of time for community enjoyment.

Facade mural facing Municipal Lot on the Side of Valsos Table and Bar

\$6,000-\$12,000

These funds would support the installation of public art proposed in the concept image above, an imitation facade or storefront to wrap around the side of Valsos Table and Bar which faces onto the Shirley Ave municipal lot.

Traffic Calming (such as Speed Humps)

\$2,000-\$40,000

Several community members raised concerns about speeds on Walnut Ave, Franklin Ave, Highland Street, and Thornton Street, with more than one recommending traffic calming such as speed humps and/or other strategies described here. Funds would support the installation of one or more speed humps or other traffic calming improvements proposed and sited by the City of Revere traffic engineers and related departments.

Curtis Park Mural

\$5,000-\$15,00

These funds would support a new mural on the baseball outfield wall of Curtis Park at the Garfield

School and/or replace the mural at the outdoor basketball court with sports or athletic-themed public art.

Sign Language Welcome Mural

\$2,500 - \$7,500

This budget item was proposed by a community of autistic children, their educators, and families. The idea is for a welcoming mural featuring sign language near Orr Square. Many members of the autistic community use sign language to communicate as do many other Shirley Ave community members as well. This signage can be an educational and inclusive way to beautify the area.

Art Print Vending Machine

\$1,000 - \$3,000

An innovative idea was proposed through the "community input" phase of the participatory budgeting process for a vending machine park. We also heard a need for more art publicly available and more opportunities for local artists to share their work. This project would be a way to meet several of those goals and begin to test the use of fun vending machines in the area. The high-end of the estimate would include funding for printing costs and/or artist stipends as the machine would dispense art for much cheaper than it costs to produce.

Block Party Community Grants

\$2,500-\$5,000

This budget would provide grants of up to \$1,000 for community members interested in hosting pub-

OBITUARIES

Elinor Ann Pratt

She loved her job, traveling the world, cooking giant meals and entertaining friends and family

Elinor Ann Pratt of Revere passed away on December 2 at the age of 87.

Born in Everett on April 23, 1936 to the late Arthur Duffy and Elizabeth (Dougherty) Duffy, she was the beloved wife of 70 years to Frederick W. Pratt, devoted mother of the late Frederick Pratt Jr. and Steven Pratt, cherished grandmother (Nana) of Brian Pratt and the late Jeffrey Pratt and dear sister of the late Arthur Duffy. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Elinor loved to travel the world, cook giant meals, and entertain friends and family. She also loved her job, selling fur coats.

A visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Tuesday, December 5. Interment will take



place at Woodlawn Cemetery at a later date (please check website for updated time and day of burial). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Covenant House New York, 460 West 41 Street, New York, NY 10036 or at ny.covenanthouse.org or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 510 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or at www.stjude.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com

Priscilla Sanchez

April 3, 1928 - November 27, 2023

Priscilla A. Sanchez of Peabody, formerly of Wakefield, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 27th at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers.

She was born on April 3, 1928, the daughter of Joseph M. and Laurretta (Gillis) Burke of Revere. She was a graduate of Revere High School and went to work at New England Telephone Company.

She shared 70 years of marriage with the late Edward R. Sanchez and is survived by five children: Linda Sanchez of Venice, Florida, Karen Walsh and her husband, Edward of Woburn, Joyce Gangemi and her husband, Dan of Leland, N.C., Laurie Lane of Manchester by the Sea and Edward Sanchez and his wife, Sharon of Duxbury. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters: Joseph M. Burke, Leo S. Burke, Mary (Halpin) Burke and Barbara (Lindskoog) Burke.

Priscilla dedicated her adult life to her husband



and family. She was happiest when spending time with her family and relaxing at her favorite place on Cape Cod.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church, 173 Albion St., Wakefield today, Wednesday, December 6 at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Forest Glade Cemetery, Wakefield.

Arrangements entrusted to the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be sent to Care Dimensions, Ste. B-102, 75 Sylvan St, Danvers, MA 01923 or online at https://www.caredimensions.org/care-services/hospice-houses/kaplan-house

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We miss and love you more each day.

The Piccardi and DiNush Families

Mary Kaliris

“Grace was in all her steps, Heaven in her eyes and in every gesture, Dignity and Love.”

Mary L. Kaliris, formerly of Revere and a longtime resident of Lynnfield, passed away peacefully on November 30th at the age of 89. “Grace was in all her steps, Heaven in her eyes and in every gesture, Dignity and Love.”

Born in Boston, Mary grew up in Chelsea and attended Saint Rose High School. Mary would reminisce about playing basketball, “three on three” she would say while showing off a picture in her uniform. After high school, Mary worked as a telephone operator and rounded out her career as an executive assistant at Bell Atlantic-- now Verizon.

Mary was a great adventurer and would never turn down an invitation. She had a witty way about her, loved life which made her fun to be around. She enjoyed excursions and traveling with her friends and family, runs to her favorite casinos, card games, bowling and let us not forget a good game of bingo. She enjoyed dining out always searching for the ultimate fried clam plate and lobster roll. Mary was an avid reader and a passionate fan of New England sports. “Even for an Irish girl” as her husband would banter, she was a great Greek cook.

Mary was fiercely loyal and had unwavering faith in God and those she loved. Most importantly, she was kind and best known for her caring nature and dedication and love for her family. She cherished her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren, loving them unconditionally.

Mary was the beloved daughter of the late William and Evelyn Dillon. She will be remembered as the caring and loving wife of the late Charles



R. Kaliris with whom she shared 59 years of marriage and the devoted and treasured mother of the late Charles “Chuck” Kaliris and his wife, Karen of North Reading, William Kaliris and his wife, Denise of Melrose and Christine Kaliris of Winthrop; beloved Nana to Diane Kaliris-Velez and her husband, Albert, Mark Kaliris and his wife, Kaitlin, William, Dillon and Matia Kaliris; adored Great-Nana to Charlie and Vincenzo Kaliris; dear sister of William Dillon and his wife, Phyllis of Middleborough and the late Evelyn Glowik, Margaret Concannon and John Dillon. Mary is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Mary on Friday, December 8th at Gately Funeral Home, 79 West Foster Street, Melrose from 4 to 7 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 9th at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Assumption Church, 17 Grove St, Lynnfield. A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. To sign online condolences, visit www.gatelyfh.com.

In Loving Memory of

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God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you and whispered, “Come with me”. With tearful eyes we watched you suffer, and saw you fading away. And though we love you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the BEST.

Sadly missed by family
May, Bobby, Sherri, David, Carol, Debbie, John, and great-grandchildren
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In Memoriam

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From this time and place
And that once again
I will see your face
Smiling, your warm smile, once again
My dear and very special friend

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Philip L. Screnci

Retired owner of Sunrise Produce in Chelsea

Family and friends are welcome to attend a Memorial Funeral Mass on Friday, December 15th at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere for Philip L. Screnci who died on November 12th at the Holly Manor Nursing Facility in Mendham, NJ following an extended illness. He was 80 years old. Interment will be held privately.

Phil was born in Boston on February 28, 1943 to the late Joseph and Phyllis (Pergola) Screnci. He was raised and educated in Revere and a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1960. Upon graduation, he served his country in the United States Navy, with tours of duty in Europe and Cuba and one that included a NASA recovery mission. He was honorably discharged and returned home to further pursue his education by attending Bentley University where he earned an associate degree in accounting and finance.

Phil worked for the brokerage firm Moseley Hallgarten and Eastbrook, and eventually, driven by his entrepreneurial spirit, established, owned and operated his own company, Sunrise Produce in Chelsea before retiring. During this time, Phil was a proud and loving father of his two children and a very proud papa to his grandchildren and extended family. Phil also had a very deep faith and was



a eucharistic minister at his parish in New Jersey, where he spent the past 18 years.

The loving father of Jonathan P. Screnci of Somerville and Jessica P. (Screnci) Peacock and her husband, Charles Peacock of Saugus, he was the cherished grandfather of Emma Rose and Sarah Jessica Peacock, the dear brother of

Joseph Screnci and his wife, Toi of Colorado and Thomas Screnci and his wife, Joan of New Hampshire and the beloved longtime companion of Mary Ackerman of New Jersey. He is also lovingly survived by his former wife, Shiela A. (Reardon) Screnci of Saugus and by nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association by visiting www.alz.org.

To send online condolences, please visit: vertuciosmithvazza.com. The staff at Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals are most honored to have assisted the family in completing funeral arrangements.

First Anniversary Remembrance

JAMIE MANTIA

Those we love don't go away,
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Unseen, unheard, but always near,
still loved, still missed, and very dear.

Love and miss you,
Mom, Dad and family
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In Memoriam

Sixth-year remembrance

Brittany Costantino

May 13th, 1988 — Dec. 8th, 2017

Fifth-year remembrance

Michael Kraby

Feb. 13th, 1967 — Dec. 2nd, 2018

Lovingly remembered &
Sadlly missed by Barbie &
Buddy, brothers Buddy Jr.
& Brian

Lovingly remembered &
Sadlly missed by Sisters,
Brothers & Family

7th Year Remembrance

Camille M. Festa

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December 4, 2016

We Miss you &
Love You so much

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Last week the Revere Public Library turned 120 years old, the Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe and Director Diana Luongo and staff celebrated in a big way. Inviting residents, and children to enjoy the facility, with special guest readers, music, children’s activities, pizza, and cake.

Along the walls of the library were Revere Journal articles, highlighting local events throughout the years. The Revere Public Library offers many ways to enjoy the facility, offering a full program at the Children’s Library in the lower level, and a vast selection of reading and research books, and articles.



Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe, Library Director Diana Luongo, staff and guests are shown with the beautiful cake, celebrating the library’s 120 years of service to the Revere community.



Director Diana Luongo welcomes Revere School Committee-elect Anthony Caggiano and Library Trustee Mark Ferrante.



Ross Croghan and Maddie Yeomans are part of the library’s staff.



Revere Journal articles on file, were put throughout the library, celebrating the RPL 120 years of service.



Mayor-Elect Patrick Keefe was the first special guest reader for the children.



Elaini and Samuel Almul, Riley Perlera, and Defene Dunder are some of the many children at the library last week.



Director Diana Luongo and Mayor Patrick Keefe with the RPL cake.



Trustee Toby Pearlstein and Thea Heaven file articles.



Revere Police Sgt. Joe Internicola was also on the list of special guest readers

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Sports

RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago
December 4, 2013

Although the 2-8 Revere High football team came into the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Winthrop as a decided underdog to the 5-5 Vikings, who also had defeated the Patriots for a fairly-convincing 30-13 decision earlier in the season, coach Lou Cicatelli's Revere squad turned the tables in their rematch on Turkey Day with a stunning 13-7 victory, marking the first Revere win in the series since 2001, on a bone-chilling morning at Miller Field. Revere parlayed a ball-control offense with a hard-nosed defense that often bent, but only broke once (yielding Winthrop's lone touchdown late in the first half on a 16 yard pass play), to earn the victory. On the offensive side of the ball, Revere quarterback Tom Portrait and tailback Kaleb Silva, both of whom racked up more than 100 yards rushing on the day, took turns pounding away at the Winthrop defense off-tackle. Silva scored the first Revere touchdown on an electrifying 75 run in the opening quarter and Portrait busted through for an 18 yard TD jaunt in the second period. Equally-crucial was the manner in which the Patriot offense controlled the ball for almost the entire third period with a time-consuming drive that saw Revere take the opening kickoff and move from its own 20 to the Winthrop four yard line. Although the Patriot scoring thrust ultimately proved fruitless because of a fumble, the lengthy Revere possession severely limited the Winthrop offense's ability to mount a second-half comeback to overcome Revere's 13-7 lead at the intermission. "This was our best game on defense this season," said Cicatelli, whose Patriots stymied Winthrop on three occasions in the red zone, including a final Viking scoring bid in the closing moments. "We had played Winthrop before, so we practiced all week on recognizing their sets. Everybody did their job and everybody contributed," added the coach, who cited A.J. Matine, Pho Tran, Eddie Volcimus, Steven Selevitch, Steve Noel, Dan Murphy, Damien Strait, Martin Keuchurian, and Mike Norton for their superb play. Although the Patriots came up short on a fourth-and-one at the Winthrop 48 and turned the ball over to Winthrop in good field position with 2:28 to go, the defense came up big moments later when Winthrop had driven to the Revere 19 yard line. After a run on first down netted Winthrop three yards, three successive Viking pass attempts were defended perfectly by Cicatelli's crew, sealing the victory for Revere, much to the delight of the

large delegation of Patriot fans who braved the cold and wind to cheer on their heroes.

60 years ago
December 5, 1963

The Revere High football team concluded its most successful season ever with a 33-8 pounding of St. Mary's of Lynn on Thanksgiving Day. Coach Silvio Cella's squad finished with a 7-1 record, good for a third place ranking in the Class B schoolboy ratings behind only Swampscott and Melrose, which were undefeated. The expected quarterback duel between Revere southpaw Jim DelGaizo and St. Mary's signal caller Joe DeVito, who is from Revere, never materialized. DelGaizo had plenty of time to throw his passes behind the excellent protection of his big front line, while DeVito was under pressure and chased throughout the game by the strong Revere defense. Five Revere players scored touchdowns, Paul Nuell, Louis Tasso, DelGaizo, Bill McCarthy, and Vic Mancini, the last on an 18 yard TD toss from DelGaizo. Revere's lone loss this season was to New Bedford, 16-14.

A group of civic-minded citizens has organized a fund-raising campaign to send the team for a three-day, all expenses paid, educational trip to Washington, D.C., in February.

School officials announced this week that the Winthrop-Revere football rivalry once again will resume on Thanksgiving Day. The schools had severed relations altogether after the 1946 game, but resumed playing football in 1959, though not on Thanksgiving. Winthrop has played Danvers on the holiday and Revere has had a number of opponents, most recently St. Mary's of Lynn.

70 years ago
December 3, 1953

The Revere High football team averted a winless season with a 19-8 triumph over St. Mary's of Lynn on Thanksgiving Day in the first-ever meeting between the schools. A standing room only crowd was on hand at Paul Revere Stadium for the contest. Revere quarterback Archie Mellace scored the first TD on a one yard keeper. Joe Renda scored a TD when he blocked a punt, scooped it up, and ran into the endzone.

The Revere Little League banquet held recently was a huge success, with more than 500 players and their parents in attendance. Former Red Sox star Johnny Pesky, now with the Detroit Tigers, was the guest speaker. MVP awards were presented to Joey Merullo and Jimmy Sandler for their respective leagues. Little League Pres. Vincent Martelli presided over the ceremonies.



Rising prep school football star Xavier Chafin is pictured with his parents, Lynna Valera-Chafin and George Chafin, outside their home.

Early Riser

Eighth grader Xzavier Chafin of Revere enjoys an outstanding season for the BB&N football team

By Cary Shuman

The scouting reports on eighth grader Xzavier Chafin's athletic talent are eye-opening, and people are taking notice.

Xzavier, son of George Chafin and Lynna Valera-Chafin of Revere, was a starting defensive lineman this season for the BB&N varsity team that captured the New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) championship.

Xzavier, who is 6-feet-2 and 235 pounds, started in every game for Coach Mike Willey's Knights, who completed their season with a victory over Tabor Academy in the John Papas Bowl Game.

Somewhat remarkably, Xzavier Chafin is already projected as one of the elite prospects in the Class of 2028 and is on college football's radar. In fact, he has an offer from the

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RHS SPORTS Roundup

NEW LOOK FOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The 2024 Revere High boys basketball team will have some new faces this season after the Patriots graduated their entire starting five from last year's squad. Head coach David Leary, who is in his eighth season at the helm of the Patriot program, will be leaning on the experience of his six returning players from last year, especially early in the season.

The Patriots will be led by a pair of senior captains. Senior co-captain Andrew Leone will give the team toughness, tenacity on the boards and defense, while showing his versatility on offense scoring from the inside and outside. Senior co-captain Luke Ellis, a sharp-shooting forward with good size, will be a rim protector and rebounder and can stretch the floor with his three-point shooting. Both captains are four-year players in the program.

Junior guard Ethan Day, who had a nice sophomore season coming off the

bench, will have an increased role with his ability to get to the basket and knock down jump shots, while Leary will be looking to junior guard Josh Mercado to drive opposing guards crazy with his on-ball pressure defense. Josh also can knock down shots from the perimeter.

Junior forward Erick Mayorga is strong and will be tough around the basket on both ends of the floor and senior forward Ryan El Babor will give Revere energy off the bench and can get to the basket.

The new faces on the team consist of senior center Amir Yemani, who is very long and athletic and who can block shots, defend, and rebound. Junior point guard Avi Lung can handle the ball, has excellent court vision, and can get to the basket. Senior guard Domenic Belmonte is a good three-point shooter, while sophomore forward Sean Burnett shows great promise with his length, athleticism,

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A Shining Star of the Game

Monagle announces his retirement from high school football

By Cary Shuman

Gavin Monagle, who starred for the Dom Savio High School Spartans as a football player and returned as a Super Bowl-winning coach, has announced his retirement from the sport.

Monagle stepped down from his head coaching position at Masconomet Regional High School Nov. 27. He will continue in his administrative position at Masconomet as an assistant principal of the middle school. He had previously worked in the Revere school district for 20 years as a teacher at Garfield Junior High School and Revere High School and assistant principal at Rumney Marsh Academy.

The superintendent of Revere schools at that time was Dr. Paul Dakin. "He was a Savio guy. He was my math teacher and my track coach in high school," said Monagle. "He was a great teacher. You were going to learn, no matter what. I was very sad when Savio closed. The school meant a lot to a lot of people, and it

was so much a part of the neighborhood and the East Boston community."

Monagle has been an IAABO-certified basketball referee for several years.

Hitting the century mark in wins

Monagle was head football coach at Savio and Masconomet for 18 seasons combined, compiling a 104-103-2 career record. Monagle's 2000 Savio team won the Super Bowl, with running back Steven Grillo setting the state's single-season scoring record with 310 points and 46 touchdowns. Other standouts on that offensive juggernaut included running backs Paul Franzese and Paul Barresi and quarterback Danny Puopolo.

"The kids at Savio were great and then to have a nice group of kids for all my years at Masco, I've been really fortunate," said Monagle. "I also had great coaches with me over the years, Bill Maradei and Reg Lanciani at Savio and Jim Pugh at Masco."

During his successful stint at Masco, Monagle

had the opportunity to coach his sons, Gavin and Danny, in assistant and head coaching roles. (Gavin and his wife, Janet, also have a daughter, Kayleigh.)

Reflecting on his decision to retire from coaching, Gavin, 61, said, "It was just time to step away. I almost made this decision last year. Being a coach takes a tremendous time commitment."

An All-Star Spartan himself

Gavin Monagle, who is 6-feet, 3 inches, played four seasons at Savio, where he was an All-Star noseguard, linebacker, and offensive guard and helped lead the Spartans to appearances in the Super Bowl in his junior and senior years, both losses to Middleboro.

"Jimmy Ciampa was the quarterback my junior year and Michael Travaglini was the quarterback my senior year," recalled Monagle, who also played basketball and competed in track at Savio.

Monagle began his football career as player in the Revere Junior Patriots organization in 1974.

Interestingly, he played in the Revere Babe Ruth Baseball League at Curtis Park with current Revere High football coach Lou Cikatelli. The two men have maintained a lifelong friendship.

College football at UNH and an entry into coaching

Monagle played college football at UNH under Coach Bill Bowes. Monagle's college roommate was Chip Kelly, the former NFL head coach and current head football coach at UCLA.

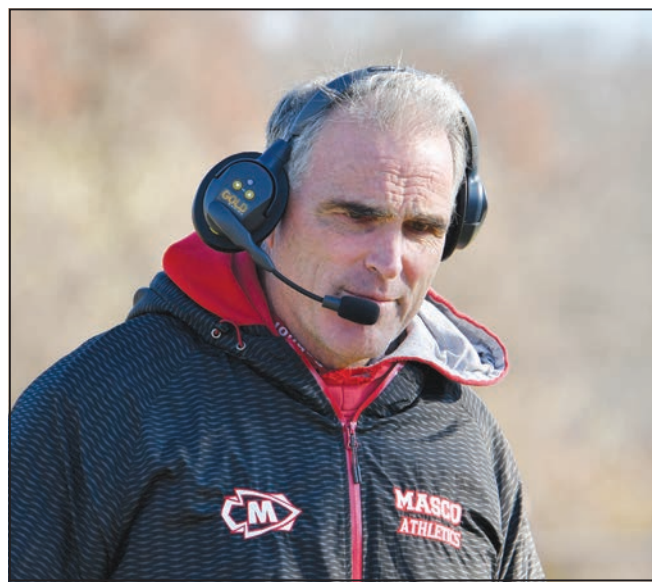
"Coach Bowes got me and offensive lineman John Haggerty coaching jobs at Winnacunnet High School [Hampton, N.H.], and we won the state championship in the first year," said Monagle. "That got me hooked on coaching football."

Upon his graduation from UNH, Monagle became an assistant coach on John Miller's staff at Revere High School. He took a job as an assistant coach at Savio on Bill Maradei and Reg Lanciani's staff before coaching at Northeastern University.

He was an assistant football coach for two seasons at Merrimack on Jimmy Murphy's staff with former Revere head coach Mike Cella.

Monagle was selected three times as the head coach for the Shriners All-Star Football Classic, most recently in last summer's game.

"My brother, Neal (an All-Scholastic defensive end at Savio who went on to play football at Brown University), played in the first Shriner's Game – and



Coach Gavin Monagle pictured during one of his games with Masconomet Regional High School.

I didn't make the second Shriner's Game," said Gavin, smiling. "I was motivated afterwards by that."

Gavin's oldest brother, Billy, played football at Malden Catholic, and his sister, Amy, a Revere resident, was a star athlete at Pope John XXIII High

School in Everett.

Gavin said his parents, Vin Monagle, a retired Revere firefighter, and Mary Theresa Monagle, who passed away in 2013, were big supporters.

"My mom and dad never missed a game," said Gavin.



Coach Gavin Monagle surrounded by his players and assistant coaches during a game.

REVERE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NEWS

ZBA rejects parking variance for 344 Salem St.

By Journal Staff

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, November 29, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber at Revere City Hall. On hand for the session were Chairman Michael Tucker and members John Lopes, Hazem Hamdan, Arthur Pelton, and alternate member James O'Brien.

The first matter on the agenda was a request from Zoro, LLC, 1040-1048 North Shore Road, Unit B2, for variances to enable the construction of a four-story, 11-unit, residential apartment building at 1473 North Shore Road.

Revere attorney Nancy O'Neil represented Zoro, LLC. She told the members that the property currently is the site of a non-conforming residential structure in the Highway Business District. O'Neil further stated that the project will require a special permit from the City Council in addition to the variances needed from the ZBA.

O'Neil said there will be five one-bedroom and six studio apartments consisting of approximately 500 sq. ft. each. She said that

the apartments will be occupied predominantly by single persons who will be commuting to work by using public transportation. She said that the property is within a designated Transit Oriented District (TOD) within a two minute walk to the Revere Beach MBTA station. The leases will include a provision that tenants may not own a motor vehicle, which has been done with similar TOD developments in the Shirley Ave. area.

She noted that the residential use will be less impactful on the neighborhood than a commercial use and that the new and up-to-code building will replace a structure that was built around 1900. O'Neil further said that city officials, including Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky, are in favor of the project, and that it has been vetted by community groups.

Novoselsky spoke in favor of the project, saying that he "has been working with the developer for several months and I've had a lot of input into the design. This developer has completed many other projects in the area that have been very successful. We also had a neighborhood meeting and all who showed up were in favor of it. There

has been no opposition."

Also speaking in favor of the application was City Councillor Marc Silvestri, who said that "the developer has been instrumental in redeveloping the Shirley Ave. area and this is the type of project that we need to start looking at."

Arcadia St. resident Anthony Parziale, who said he is in favor of the project, cautioned however, that the addition of 11 more market-rate housing units will add to the burden the city is facing in terms of the state requirement that 10 percent of the city's housing stock must fall within the state guidelines for affordable housing.

There was one opponent, Dr. Aida Padron of 25 Hopkins St.

"I have been seeing many changes in this city," said Padron, who said she has lived in Revere for five years. "We need to have a certain quality of life and we need a nice community in which to live, but we are overpopulating these areas. Who are we doing this construction for? For people who can afford more than \$2000 or \$3000 for rent, or for people who need a roof? We need housing for people in need."

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ATTORNEY GERRY D'AMBROSIO HOSTS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND FOOD DRIVE



The D'Ambrosio cousins, pictured at the D'Ambrosio Counselors at Law firm annual holiday celebration and food drive Dec. 1 at Spinelli's.

Cary Shuman Photos

Prominent attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, managing partner of D'Ambrosio Counselors at Law, hosted the annual Holiday Celebration and Food Drive Dec. 1 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield. D'Ambrosio welcomed the many guests, including Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, to the festive event that featured dinner and musical entertainment.



Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll and Saber Abougalala, owner of The Good Diner.



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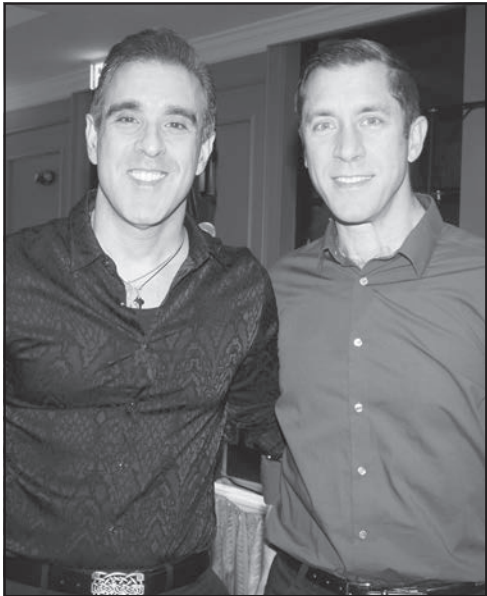
Paul D'Ambrosio and his guest, Jessica Donaghe.



Rep. Jessica Giannino and Ward 5 Councillor-Elect Angela Guarino Sawaya.



The hosts of the celebration, Gerry D'Ambrosio and his wife, Michelle D'Ambrosio.



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Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio welcomed Ward 5 Councillor John Powers and his granddaughter, Madeline Case, to the holiday celebration.



Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio welcomes Dr. Craig Costanza and his wife, Libby Costanza, to the annual holiday celebration and food drive.

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Anne Hanson, Anthony D'Ambrosio, and Will McFarland.



Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio (right) with Human Resources Director Candace LePage(left) and Office Manager Noelle Spagnuolo (center), who did a great job coordinating the plans for the celebration.



Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio welcomes Revere Business Liaison John Festa and Jamie Festa to the holiday celebration.



Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, Revere Journal Partner and Director of Marketing Deb DiGregorio, and her brother, John Cammarata.



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Dan Spacek, Revere City Clerk Ashley Melnik, Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and her fiancé, Matt Leone.



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Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, Antonio D'Ambrosio and Antonietta D'Ambrosio, and their son, Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, pictured at the holiday celebration Dec. 1 at Spinelli's.

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lic block parties. The block parties would be required to secure the necessary permits and approvals, and provide appropriate notice to the City and Revere Police Department. Grant funds may be used to support food, entertainment, furniture rentals and more. Recipients must receive pre-approval prior to events and provide evidence of expenses after the event.

Street Tree Plantings and Green Infrastructure
\$25,000 - \$75,000

These funds would support the addition of more street trees (and related planting areas) in the Shirley Ave neighborhood. The trees would offer benefits including shade, cooling, and beautification. Funds from this budget item may also be used to prepare “tree pits” or “tree trenches,” mulched or planted areas around the trees, so that the planted trees can thrive with minimum maintenance. Some or all of these planting areas, as well as some areas not including trees, may also function as rainwater detention or retention areas (often referred to as “bioswales”) that may capture water to reduce flooding. Street trees and bioswales are two examples of green infrastructure, a term that describes the use of plants and natural material to support community safety and quality of life.

Street Vending and Sidewalk Sales Furniture and Equipment
\$25,000 - \$75,000

This funding would support the design, materials,

and construction of street vending furniture that can support business activity ranging from outdoor produce sales in front of existing markets to vendor carts and booths that can be used to pop-up at events and festivals. In certain instances, the equipment or furnishings may be awarded to participating businesses (in exchange for those businesses ongoing maintenance and use of the materials) through a competitive process. In others, the materials may be owned or stored by the City and/or a community partner. In all cases, street vending would need to follow local policies and approval processes.

Public Realm Event Space and Temporary Pedestrianization of Streets
\$5,000 - \$50,000

This budget item would support the use of public spaces such as the Shirley Ave municipal lot or the section of Shirley Ave from Orr Square to North Shore Rd) for events such as festivals, beer gardens, outdoor sports watches, and other pop-ups. The funds would be used to purchase and install items such as temporary and decorative barriers, overhead lighting or string lights, additional electrical service to sites as needed to support events, public art, temporary or reusable signage, and more.

Public Wi-Fi in Public Spaces
\$2,500- \$30,000

Funds would support electrical access and installation of an outdoor internet router in one or

more possible locations to be further defined following community process: the Shirley Ave municipal lot, Costa Park, Sandler Square, Fitzhenry Square, Flaherty Square, 69 Shirley Ave. Funds for ongoing utility and internet service would be supported by additional City funds.

Digital Art Experience
\$5,000 - \$40,000

These funds would support the installation of storefront digital art displays that would highlight local artists and provide exposure for their work and sales through links to online materials. If funded towards the higher end of the price estimate, this proposal would also support one or more outdoor projector to project digital art onto the side of buildings for an immersive art experience. A few expressed goals of the work are to support local artists, increase cultural awareness and visibility, and to increase foot traffic to support local businesses.

Crosswalk art and sidewalk murals
\$5,000- \$20,000

These funds would support public art on municipal property including the streets and sidewalks with an emphasis on key community spaces such as public squares, Costa Park, routes to schools, and entry points into the neighborhood.Exact locations would be determined by the City, in coordination with community members, but areas of focus suggested during the community input process include: near Fitzhenry Square and near Costa Park. The proposed

budget also includes funds to remove and repair surfacing once murals show signs of aging.

Street Lighting
\$15,000 - \$100,000

This budget item would support additional lighting in the Shirley Ave area with an aim of increasing safety and the atmosphere and experience of the neighborhood. Based on early community feedback, particular focus areas may include: the continuation of street lamps on stretch of Shirley Ave west of Walnut Ave, decorative lighting in and around Orr Square and/or Costa Park, and increased lighting around Sandler Square and Beach Street especially as may relate to commuters walking home from transit.

Decorative Holiday or Seasonal Lighting
\$25,000 - \$100,000

This proposal would support the purchase and installation of artistic and seasonal lighting displays that may be stored and used annually as an attraction to the neighborhood. One inspiration for the proposal given during the community input process was Boston Lights, hosted at the Franklin Park Zoo.

Pedestrian Accessibility Review and Renovation
\$20,000 - \$50,000

Funds would support the evaluation and or improvement of City-owned Shirley Ave and surrounding public sidewalks and community spaces for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance such as additional “curb cuts” or ramps and sidewalk

leveling. Two years ago, the City renovated Beach Street sidewalks to address accessibility concerns; this budget item would offer that improvement on other streets around the neighborhood as well.

Wayfinding Signage
\$7,500 - \$150,000

This budget item would support the installation of signage and art that helps visitors to the Shirley Ave area find their way around the neighborhood, and especially from the beach to local small businesses.

Community Storytelling Markers and Improvements to Urban Walking Trail
\$2,500 - 40,000

This proposal could take many different forms depending on community feedback but the goal is to encourage visitors and residents alike to walk and to explore the neighborhood and make community history—the memories of residents and other historic and cultural events important to the place—more visible and shareable. The project may take the form of signage with art or QR codes or a more immersive digital experience.

Public Seating
\$2,500 - 20,000

This budget item would support the installation of backed and/or backless seating options near transit and bus stops, commercial areas, and gathering spaces to support transit use, walking, and social connection. This budget item may include funds for outdoor dining furnishings as well.

Bike-friendly Improvements
\$5,000-\$25,000

This budget item would dedicate funds towards making improvements based on the ongoing Revere Bike Master Plan effort. Not only would funds aim to support connecting to regional bike routes but also for signage and markings to make bike use clear and potentially for specific bike-related amenities such and bike parking and/or “traffic gardens”—learning lots where young riders can safely learn the rules of the road and the sport of bicycling through play. For example, traffic gardens may be hosted temporarily in parking lots not in use. Funds may also support certain costs for bike-related events such as “ciclovias” or the temporary closure of streets to vehicular traffic.

Temporary or Permanent Sports Courts
\$5,000-\$50,000

This proposal would likely depend upon securing use of a private site for temporary or long-term use. If temporary, such as use of a private parking lot during the weekends (when it is usually empty) for basketball, the cost would be towards the lower end of the pricing estimate. If more permanent, such as an easement or multi-year commitment to use a site, costs may be higher and include non-movable basketball hoops, soccer “cages,” tennis courts, lights, seating, and more. Please note: if this budget item ranks high in community voting but no site is able to be secured by Spring 2024, the funding will pass to the next ranked budget item(s).

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that LGM Auto, LLC d/b/a 1A Auto Way, Glaiicy Dos Santos, LLC Manager, has made application to transfer a Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer license from Arkon Motors, Inc., said license to be exercised at 441 Lee Burbank Highway, Revere, MA. Requested number of cars for sale to remain at 22, requested hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Linda Guinasso Daniel Occena 12/6/23 R

LEGAL NOTICE
A-23-42
Public Hearing
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, December 20, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Armin August, LLC, 220 Warren Street, Waltham, MA 02453 requesting the following variances to enable the appellant renovate the existing dwelling and construct a two-family duplex dwelling at 11 Billow Avenue,

Revere, MA 02151: 1. RRO Section 17.16.040 footnote ^^ with respect to the requirement that duplex dwellings may only be allowed on lots that are 6,000 s.f. and greater within the RB District and shall have an offset of at least five feet in depth between each unit; 2. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to rear yard setback requirement of 20 feet within the RB District; 3. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to maximum building coverage of 30% within the RB District; 4. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to maximum 2 1/2 story requirement within the RB District. A copy of the aforementioned proposed plan and application (A-23-42) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday/Wednesday from 8:00AM-7:00PM, and Tuesday/Thursday from 8:00AM-5:00PM. Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals 12/6/23, 12/13/23 R

LEGAL NOTICE
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Notice is hereby given that Jia Liquors Corp. d/b/a BCM Liquors, 535 Broadway, Revere, MA, Nirav Kiritkumar Patel, Manager, has made application for a change of officers/directors and a transfer of stock. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Linda Guinasso 12/6/23 R

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LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P2613EA Estate of: Concetta U. Zingariello Also known as: Concetta U. DeSimone Date of Death 11/04/2020 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carmine Zingariello of Revere, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Carmine Zingariello of Revere, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/10/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections

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within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 29, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 12/06/23 R

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU23P0523EA Estate of: Elena Palermo Also known as: Elena M. Palermo Date of Death: 03/31/2022 To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Lorraine Knowlton of Revere, MA

requesting that the Court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent’s real estate at a private sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 12/28/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 17, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 12/06/23 R

LEGAL NOTICE
Action Emergency Management Service, Inc. P: 781-286-3900 F: 781-286-3924 Call #: 24046 2013 Nissan Versa Blue VIN #: 3N1CN7AP-2DL841414 PLATE #: 17DH71 (MA) Call #: 24042 2021 Toyota 4Runner Black VIN #: JTELU-5JR7M5861109 PLATE #: 4ETY79 (MA) Call #: 23507 2015 BMW X5 Black VIN #: 5UX-KROC56FOK65809 Call #: 23745 2006 Nissan Sentra Silver VIN #: 3N1CB-51D96L557929

PLATE #: 3ZN87 (MA) Call #: 23761 2008 Scion TC White VIN #:JTK-DE167880261894 PLATE #: 3FDE85 (MA) Call #: 23788 2007 BMW 328 Grey VIN #: WBAVC73587KP31607 PLATE #: KLB765 (VT) Call #: 23850 2022 Kia Forte Gray VIN #: 3KP-F54AD5NE509584 Call #: 23851 2004 Volvo XC70 Silver VIN #: YV1SZ59H741155739 PLATE #: 1MJJ32 (MA) Call #: 23514 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee Black VIN #:1C4RJFB-GEC208963 PLATE #: 2JFY22 (MA) Call #: 24055 2005 Honda Civic Black VIN #: 2HGES1656H533709 PLATE #: 3TLR83 (MA) Call #: 22952 2008 Acura TL Blue VIN #: 19UUA66218A015771 PLATE #: 2BJP59 12/6/23, 12/13/23, 12/20/23 R

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG DISTRICT COURT DIVISION Miriam Figueroa, Plaintiff Vs. Jackson. Rodrigues DeOliveira, Defendant Case Number: 23-CVD-8338 TO: Jackson Rodrigues DeOliveira TAKE NOTICE that a

pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: absolute divorce from Plaintiff stated hereinabove. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than Forty (40) days after November 15th and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the day 15th of November, 2023. David A. Concha Attorney for Plaintiff 725 East Trade Street – Suite 105 Charlotte, NC 28202 Phone: (704) 525-8824 11/29/23, 12/06/23, 12/13/23 R

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU23C0574CA In the matter of: Jo-Ellen Vasquez A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jo-Ellen Vasquez of Revere, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Jo-Ellen DiNardo IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/21/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which

you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 27, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 12/06/23 R

LEGAL NOTICE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 38 of the General laws, that a meeting of the Revere Housing Authority will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 70 Cooleedge Street, Revere, Massachusetts. REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY By: Dean Harris Executive Director 12/06/23 R

LEGAL NOTICE
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Notice is hereby given that Napoles Bakery & Café Corporation d/b/a Napoles Bakery & Café, Humberto Grajales, President, has made application for a Common Victualler license, said license to be exercised at 180 Shirley Avenue, Unit C1, Revere, MA. Requested hours are Sunday – Saturday 5 a.m. – 10 p.m., with requested seating of 6. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Linda Guinasso Daniel Occena 12/6/23 R

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Odd Fellows Service To Be Conducted At Samuel Gibby Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon

FAMED VIOLINIST AND PROMINENT CITIZEN BURIED

Thursday afternoon funeral services were conducted for Joseph B. Proctor, life-long prominent citizen of this city and renowned violinist, from his late home at 16 Pleasant street. Rev. Arthur W. Swift, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated. The Schubert Male Quartet was present and sang several selections at the funeral.

Mr. Proctor was the victim of pneumonia with which he was seized last week Wednesday. He died at his home suddenly on Tuesday in his seventy-third year.

The son of John H. and Jane Sigourney (Hall) Proctor, Mr. Proctor was born in the house in which he was born, one of the last of one of Revere's oldest families. Early in life he began to study the violin and he followed the profession of violinist the rest of his life. He studied in France and in Boston, and for the first five years of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, in the day when it was housed in the old Music Hall, he was a member of the band.

His next professional association was with the Boston Ideal Opera Company, with which he travelled for several seasons. He then turned his attention to teaching both in Roxbury and Revere, in the meantime playing in the orchestra at the Hollis Street Theatre, Boston, where he remained for a period of twenty-five years.

Mr. Proctor was a member of Seaview Lodge of Masons in Revere. He is survived by his wife, who was Battle Rich of Portland, Maine, three sons and eight grandchildren. The older son is John H. Proctor, who is married and living at the home of his parents. He has two sons, N. Broughton and Thomas Wardwell, and one daughter, Patricia Ruth Proctor.

Joseph Rich Proctor is the second oldest son, and he is living at Hartford, Conn., with his wife and three children, Nancy, Joseph, Jr., and Monroe Proctor.

The third son is Wardwell Proctor, whose home is Scarsdale, N. Y. He has two sons, James and Richard Proctor.

Burial was in the Mt. Auburn cemetery in Cambridge.

Special services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon by the members of the Neptune Lodge, I. O. O. F., in connection with the final funeral tribute for Samuel Gibby, a prominent citizen of this city since 1897, at 1 o'clock at the First Congregational Church on Beach street. Rev. E. Ambrose Jenkins will officiate.

Flags are at half-staff on all city buildings in tribute to one of Revere's most beloved former officials. Mr. Gibby was throughout his life devoted to the interests of public affairs. He was a man of a very genial and cordial character, and had a great many friends in this city and elsewhere.

The pall-bearers at the funeral tomorrow will be Hon. Alfred S. Hall, Hon. Arthur B. Curtis, City Clerk Albert J. Brown, and Howard Annis.

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SAMUEL GIBBY

NOTABLES ATTEND JOINT BEACHMONT VET INSTALLATION

Many notable figures, both local and State, were present at the joint installation of officers conducted on Wednesday night by the Beachmont World War Veterans and the Ladies' Auxiliary at G. A. R. Hall on Beach street. Among these guests were Mayor Andrew A. Casassa, Senator Conde Brodine, Senator-Elect Frank Crowley, Representative Augustine Airola, Representative Thomas F. Carroll, President of the City Council Charles H. White, Dr. John E. Walsh and many veteran leaders from throughout the state.

The Veterans' installation exercises were conducted by Joseph Rice, Past Massachusetts Department Judge Advocate, assisted by twelve men from Revere Post 940. Those who were installed into office at this time include William C. Gibson, past commander of the Revere Post, V. F. W. as commander; Harold Burnell, senior vice-commander; Nathan Selge, junior vice-commander; Fred Landry, finance officer; William Stowell, adjutant; Burton Allen, financial officer; Heldon Anderson, chaplain; Herbert Kelly, historian; George Lee, sergeant-at-arms; William Abel, outside guard; P. C. Fred Reinsten, judge advocate; board of directors, Henry Brown, Louis Boudreau, Cornelius Cronin, William McLlany, Harry Landry, John Nicholas and William Wishes.

With Mrs. Bessie Hawkins, Past National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, leading the installing suite, the following officers, the same throughout as last year, were reinstated:

President, Mrs. C. Mocks; vice-president, Mrs. M. Driscoll; junior vice-president, Mrs. M. Cole; treasurer, Mrs. C. Selgas; secretary, Mrs. C. Burns; chaplain, Mrs. A. Neiss, and historian, Mrs. A. Fernoll.

Following the installation exercises a program of entertainment and dancing was enjoyed, with music being furnished by Johnnie Shea and his orchestra. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening's program.

In the matter of election, Germany is still three or four up on America.

REP. AIROLA ASKS BRIDGE BE NAMED FOR GEN. EDWARDS

Representative Augustine Airola of this city, accompanied by Representative Tony A. Garafano of Saugus, on Wednesday filed a petition in the House of Representatives asking that the proposed \$1,350,000 Point of Pines bridge, across the Saugus river, be named in honor of Major-General Clarence R. Edwards.

This name was approved by the City Council recently, and a number of local organization, veterans and otherwise, have been working to bring about action on it. This is the first time that the proposal has been presented in the House, and it is expected the name will be approved without much difficulty.

FRIENDLY SERVICE TO INCLUDE MANY WOMEN'S GROUPS

Members of the Revere Woman's Club will be hostesses to the heads of all the women's associations of Revere which are allied with veterans of all wars, at the Friendly Service afternoon on Wednesday of the coming week.

Mrs. Walter H. Wood, State Chairman of the Department of Co-operation with War Veterans will be the guest speaker. Miss Evelyn Schneider, reader, and Miss Mildred Kopple, soprano, will complete the afternoon's entertainment program.

Mrs. Austin Kimball will be in charge of a sale of home cooked food during the afternoon. The proceeds of the sale will be used for the poor children's Christmas Tree fund.

Week's Political Developments Leave Situation Complicated; Recounts, Withdrawals Minor

The week's political developments haven't simplified matters a great deal. All of the numerous campaigns underway, however, have continued to progress very quietly and, seemingly, serenely. At such a time of universal unrest, it is impossible to predict what the results will be on December 13. The remaining week and a half possess every prospect of an intensified "heat wave" greater than this city has ever witnessed before—yet, this all-round quietness of procedure might even destroy that philosophy.

Well, the recounts were completed Sunday, and the following differences were recorded:

President of the City Council Charles H. White made a net gain of 20 votes over Mayor Andrew A. Casassa for the Republican nomination for mayor.

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REDUCTIONS ARE PROPOSED FEW CITY SALARIES

A proposed reduced salary ordinance was the most outstanding feature presented before the City Council when it resumed its regular weekly meetings on Monday evening, after a two-weeks' recess because of the City Primary and local political excitement. The salaries of the Mayor and City Engineer were the only two real reductions, however.

Councilmen Richard M. Armstrong, James F. Robertson, and William H. Gallagher, presented the salary ordinance covering appointive and elective officers. It is in three sections as follows:

Section 1—The following named officers, shall while in the service of the City of Revere, receive yearly salaries as follows, and at the same rate for any portion of the year, which shall unless otherwise specially provided by ordinance, be in full for all services which said officers are authorized or required by statutes or ordinance to perform, and in conformity with the provisions of the City Charter, sections 30 and 35, the annual salaries of the Mayor and various administrative officers, and other officers, are fixed as follows:

Mayor	\$3500
City Clerk	2800
Treasurer	2800
Collector	2000
City Auditor	2800
City Solicitor	2500
Building Inspector	2400
Board of Assessors, 3 members	
Chairman	\$2800
Secretary	2700
Third Member	2500
Board of Health	
Chairman	\$ 800
Other members as provided by City Charter and City Ordinance, each	\$ 300

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High Tides And Fierce Winds Net Damage Toll, Wednesday

Under the attack of wild ocean waves and surging tides, the highest in years, traffic along the Revere Beach Parkway and the Missing Link road, which connects Beachmont and Winthrop, was tied up a few hours on Wednesday, and part of a road was washed away near the Point of Pines Yacht Club.

The heavy surf washed over the seawall at Roughan's Point, Beachmont, and flooded cellars along Broad Sound avenue.

The playground of the Louis Pasteur School, on low ground, was flooded by the surf coming over the parkway. Pine avenue, Point of Pines, also was flooded and filled with rocks.

Several motorists who tried to drive through the spray were forced to abandon their cars when soaked. Ignition systems stopped the motors.

Before noon Winthrop was virtually an island, the Short Beach boulevard which connects Winthrop Highlands with Beachmont having been covered by three feet of water, while the marshes between Winthrop and Revere were completely covered.

The former navy submarine S-49 beached at the Point of Pines bridge and used for the past two years as an amusement for paying sightseers, was lifted 12 feet and tilted sharply to starboard by the tide. Several boats were torn from their moorings at the Point of Pines Yacht Club, but were recovered without damage. A section of the Narrow Gauge tracks near the Ocean Spray station was covered with water.

PRESIDENT HOOVER MAYOR CASASSA ENDORSE SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

President Hoover, in a communication to the National Tuberculosis Association this past week, has very appropriately endorsed the Christmas Seal Sale of that organization. President Hoover's endorsement of the Christmas Seal Sale follows:

The White House Washington, D. C.

"For twenty-five years the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated units have been fighting tuberculosis. Today they begin their annual appeal for support through the medium of the Christmas Seal Sale. The funds obtained finance a program of clinics, nursing service, preventoria, research and education.

"I commend this work to the American public as worthy of generous support. Tuberculosis, despite the steady gains that have been made against it, is still one, if not indeed the first, of our major public health problems.

"It is my sincere wish that the Christmas Seal campaign will be successful so that the work of the 2084 tuberculosis associations may continue unchecked and a still further reduction in the death rate may be achieved during the coming year."

(Signed) HERBERT HOOVER
November 25, 1932.

Mayor Andrew A. Casassa yesterday issued the following statement, urging the citizens to aid the cause of the National Tuberculosis Association through the Revere Woman's Club by purchasing the familiar Christmas Seals:

Once again we are called upon to do our bit to help those unfortunate who are aided through the sale of Christmas Seals. The good accomplished by those who purchase Christmas Seals can not be measured in dollars and cents but in the good feeling which goes with the thought that it is a charitable deed well done. Last summer eleven Revere children who were underweight, undernourished and tuberculosis contacts were sent to the Summer Health Camp at Sharon, where they were given eight weeks of health training. Such good work should receive the endorsement of every citizen.

No gift is too small to be of help—none too large for the need. It is my sincere wish that everyone help carry on this worth-while work by purchasing Christmas Seals at various distributing points or sending a check direct to Mrs. Carl F. Lindstol, Treasurer, 46 Fernwood Avenue.

Sincerely,
(Signed) ANDREW A. CASASSA
Mayor.

KIWANIS FROLIC FULL OF LAUGHS AND MERRIMENT

The Revere Kiwanis Club presented a feast of laughs in its combined minstrel Show and Revue, better known as a "Frolic" in the High School auditorium Wednesday night. This performance was given to raise money for the aid of the underprivileged children of Revere.

After the evening's program had been opened by Dr. George A. Brunis, president of the local club in the manner of a regular Kiwanis meeting, Rev. E. Ambrose Jenkins, pastor of the First Congregational Church, led the gathering in a moment's prayer. Governor-Elect Burton C. Harris of the New England District of Kiwanis was next introduced, and delivered a brief address on the aims of Kiwanis International.

As chairman of the Underprivileged Child Committee, Dr. Frank E. Rowe next addressed the audience. He spoke emphatically of the fine and noble work which the Kiwanians have accomplished, pointing out especially the fact that numerous clinics and infirmaries have been established for them.

Once the more serious part of the evening's program was over, the auditorium began to be filled with a steady laughter. The leaders in the merriment were Carmine Perrotti, Dr. Brunis, Thomas Senna, George Yukofsky, Richard Horton, and many others.

All varieties of dancing, toe, acrobatic, eccentric and tap, were capably exhibited by Miss Mabel White, Miss Blanche Nuttle, Miss Ethel Burnam, and Mrs. Thomas Senna; thus much adding to the novelty of the whole entertainment.

What might be termed the crowning feature of the evening was the Minstrel Show, with Augustine C. Whelan, principal of the High School, acting as interlocutor. He was supported in this role by Dr. Paul Donovan, James Lockhart, Roland Horton, Carmine Perrotti, William Goss, and Dr. Brunis as end men. Other real entertainers were Barnacle Bill, the Canary and the Cat, and the Old Homestead Quartette.

The successful Frolic ended with the entire cast of entertainers singing an appropriate grand finale selection.

The program of the Kiwanis Frolic was as follows:

Specialty, Wirt Greenan; Such is Life, Perrotti, O'Donnell, Lockhart; Specialty, Mabel White; Running for Office, T. Senna, Jr., George Yudofsky, D. Casalt, Eileen Morrison, Florence Friedman, Betty McGuirk; Specialty, Blanche Nuttle; Wrong Flat, R. Horton, Dr. F. E. Rowe, Eileen Morrison; Hollywood Gun Men, Thomas Senna, Jr., George Yudofsky; Old Homestead Quartette, Perrotti, Horton, Lockhart, Donovan.

Specialty, Dorothy Baker; Too Good to Live, T. Senna, Jr., George Yudofsky, Leonard Cohen, D. Casalt; Pantomime Drink Bit, W. Goss, B. McGuirk, Dr. Brunis, Perrotti; Specialty, T. Senna, Jr.; Cat in Cage, F. Friedman, Perrotti, E. Morrison, O'Donnell, R. Horton, D. Baker, Donovan; Specialty, F. Friedman;

THE 'TROJAN WAR' AT PAUL REVERE SCHOOL THIS P. M.

The "Trojan War" will be depicted on the stage of the Paul Revere School when the weekly assembly takes place at 2:30 this afternoon.

The girls and boys of Miss Alice G. Clarke's sixth grade have taken their play from the story of Homer's "Iliad" as the final of their Greek unit in history.

They have combined history with art and have made their costumes and scenery for their eight scenes during their drawing periods.

Much interest has been evoked by the successful attempt to make the large wooden horse required for the play. The boys with their hammers and nails have contrived a horse that will move.

The scenes of the play are as follows:

- 1—Menelaus Leaves for Carthage.
- 2—Paris Visits Helen.
- 3—Greeks Learn Helen has Fled.
- 4—Siege of Troy.
- 5—Plan of Ulysses.
- 6—Wooden Horse-Trojans Rejoice.
- 7—The Burning of Troy.
- 8—Helen is Returned to Menelaus.

The leading characters are played by the following: Menelaus, King of Greece, George Sataldo; Helen, Queen of Greece, Gloria Capone; Paris, Giuseppe Belmonte; Achilles, Albert Hurst; Hector, George Boyd; Ulysses, David McKenna; Hecuba, Rita Neville; Storyreader, Albert Perrari.

Others taking part are: Lena Alderisio, Helen Amato, Raymond Belles, Louis Belmonte, Hazel Brownell, Frank Capone, Angelina Cervera, John Diess, Nellie Di Fiore, Joseph Di Ruzzo, Lawrence Dotolo, George Elwell, Viola Ferri, Agnes Hart, Charlie Hoffman, William Jones, Anthony Macchione, Florence Mallo, Eleanor Marley, Vivian McCann, David McKenna, Carmine Moschella, Elvera Palladino, Shirley Pariseau, Marion Randall, William Santella, Selma Tufts, Amerigo Zaccaria, and Evelyn Zaccaria.

Forty sixth grade pupils visited the Hood Plant this week to further their Health Program.

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Tonsil operations, dental work, and underweight children are receiving a great deal of attention. The parents and teachers are co-operating in a very unusual manner.

Members Of North Suburban Press Club Entertained At 'Met'

Members of the North Suburban Press Club numbering about 25, including a delegation of Revere newspapermen, were the guests of Manager Joseph F. O'Hern of the Olympia theatre, Chelsea, Tuesday night through the courtesy of Henry Taylor, managing director of the popular Boston motion picture house.

Yesterday C. A. Leavis reported the loss of a hot water heater from his automobile, which was found on Marshall street by the Revere police on Wednesday.

HARDING SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB HE ORGANIZED

Speaking before the Chelsea Rotary Club which he organized five years ago, Fire Commissioner Harry J. Harding of this city told the members how proud he was to be present on the club's birthday, Tuesday, and see it such a success.

President Howard Walker presided over the meeting, which was held at the Chelsea Y. M. C. A., and seated at the head table with him were President Henry Porter of the Boston club, Past President Harry Harding of the Lynn club, the four ex-presidents of the Chelsea club, E. J. Voke, C. W. Gould, Robert O. Rockwell, Jr., S. H. Robie, and Leo P. Casey, headmaster of the Shurtleff school, Chelsea.

The Chelsea Rotary Club had fully justified his predictions, said Commissioner Harding in addressing the gathering, and he felt that as a native of Chelsea he had contributed something of value to the community by being instrumental in the organization of the club. He also extended the greetings of the Lynn club.

The closing speaker of the day was S. H. Robie, the club's first president. He spoke of Harry Harding's work in organizing the club and the feeling of uncertainty that existed as to its probable success.

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Avana Epperson-Temple honored with 2023 Emerging Women Leaders in the Law Award

Special to the Journal

Revere resident, Attorney Avana Epperson-Temple was recently honored by the Women's Bar Association (WBA) of Massachusetts with the distinguished 2023 Emerging Women Leaders in the Law award. The award was presented at the Annual WBA Gala in Boston with 500 registered guests. According to the WBA, the award was introduced to recognize the significant professional achievements of women lawyers in the first 12 years of their careers. It honors women who have excelled in the

legal field while guiding other women in achieving success and supporting their communities through volunteerism and social justice. "I am grateful to the WBA for selecting me and deeply honored to receive the Emerging Women Leaders in the Law award. The WBA is an impressive organization working to support women lawyers throughout the Commonwealth, and I'm thrilled to be recognized for my work in support of that mission," said Epperson-Temple. Epperson-Temple is a graduate of Northeastern



Attorney Avanna Epperson-Temple. University School of Law (J.D.) and Emory University (B.A.). She is a past recipient of Get Connected!'s 25 Most Influential

Millennial Leaders of Color award and a Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly Excellence in the Law honoree. More info can be found at <https://www.wbagala.org/>. Avana Epperson-Temple is a litigation and trial attorney, and she concentrates her practice in the areas of business litigation, professional liability litigation and insurance coverage litigation. She defends businesses, law firms, business owners, employers, attorneys, brokers and other professionals against allegations of malpractice, breach of

fiduciary duty and breach of contract. She also represents insurers in coverage disputes and litigation, primarily involving commercial general liability policies and professional liability insurance policies. Epperson-Temple has successfully defended cases through trial and verdict in state court and has successfully argued before the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Epperson-Temple was appointed to the Business Litigation Session Advisory Committee by the Massachusetts Superior Court in 2022. She also serves as faculty for the National In-

stitute of Trial Advocacy. In addition to her law practice, Epperson-Temple serves as President-Elect of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association (MBLA) and as a member of the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Regional Board for New England. Her additional appointments include serving on the board of Pine Street Inn, New England's largest homeless services organization; and as a pro bono attorney for the Women's Bar Foundation's Family Law Project, representing survivors of domestic violence.

Northeast students serve up lunch for Veterans

Special to the Journal

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech Culinary students served a special Thanksgiving luncheon for local veterans. On Tuesday, Nov. 21, Culinary students opened the Breakheart Inn to 58 veterans from the Town of Wakefield and Saugus Veterans group and the Veteran's Administration. Culinary students have been providing lunch to veterans on Thanksgiving

for over five years. "Serving this lunch to our Veterans is the highlight of our year," said Culinary Department Head Elizabeth Beals Henderson. "We consider it an exceptional honor to serve those that have served our country." The lunch menu included salad with balsamic vinaigrette, followed by a roasted turkey dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, house-made cornbread stuffing, roasted butternut squash and house-made cranberry sauce. Dessert

consisted of coffee and freshly baked pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Beals said students were excited to serve and meet local veterans, and that they especially enjoyed that two Northeast Metro Tech faculty, Mark Rooney and Jim Clark, were among the veterans that were served. "This luncheon is very special to us because it is so important to show our appreciation to those who have served our country," said Principal and Deputy Director Carla Scuzzarel-



Northeast Metro Tech Culinary students served a special Thanksgiving luncheon to 58 local veterans at the school's Breakheart Inn. COURTESY NORTHEAST METRO TECH

la, who also attended the luncheon to speak with veterans. "I am proud of

our Culinary students for producing such a great meal, and for showing so

much respect to those who have earned it."

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can't we build things that have parking so that we have less congestion? Wouldn't it be better to have two or three families there than all single people? We should be thinking about what is better for the people who already live here."

The ZBA members had no questions and unanimously approved the application. The next item on the agenda, an application from Joseph Ciampa, 42 Joey Road, who is requesting variances to enable him to construct

a five-story, 20-unit, residential apartment building at 419 Lee Burbank Highway, was continued at the request of Atty. Gerry D'Ambrosio "in order to allow time to have a community meeting to allow neighbors to view the proposal and offer their opinions." Councilor Novoselsky said he favored postponing the hearing in order to obtain neighborhood input.

An abutter, Michelle Mongiello, who lives in Lexington and is an owner of an adjacent lot on Augustus St. with her family, voiced her objections based on shadows that will be created by the five-story height of the proposed building.

Dr. Padron also spoke against the proposal, objecting to the size of the structure and the lack of setback, as well as the potential problems with parking and traffic congestion. "It makes me sad that money interests take pre-

cedence over the interests of the people in the area," she said.

The board unanimously voted to continue the matter to its December meeting.

The board next took up a request from Zepaj Development, LLC, 78 Mill Street, Middleton, for a variance of Section 17.28.020 (minimum parking requirements for apartment use) to enable Zepaj to construct a 25-unit apartment building at 344 Salem Street.

Atty. O'Neil presented the application. She noted that the ZBA previously approved a number of variances last year for the project, which included "mechanical parking" in the building. However, O'Neil said that a modification now is needed for a parking variance "because the ongoing development of the site has revealed that mechanical parking is not feasible because of the complex soil conditions, high groundwater, and its proximity to wetlands.

"The development of the site has become extremely expensive," said O'Neil. "Mechanical parking spaces have been rendered financially impossible."

She said that there will be 31 surface spaces for the 25 units, which she said will be more than sufficient for the building. O'Neil presented a parking utilization chart per the Metropolitan Area Planning Council that measured demand rates in the city. She said that a non-TOD building typically averages 1.06 spaces per unit, and the 1.24 spaces per unit for this project exceeds those recommendations. She also noted that this building lies in a TOD district (because of its proximity to MBTA bus stops) for which the parking rate is even lower, at 0.59 spaces per unit. "The parking modification will not impact the neighborhood," O'Neil added, noting that residents of the building will not be eligible for the resident parking program and that the

rental agreement will limit the ownership of cars by tenants.

Two abutters, who initially opposed the project, said they now were in favor of the new proposal.

James Vasquez of 21 Clifton St. (which abuts the property) said he was opposed to the original mechanical parking "stackers" because of the noise, but now is in favor of the modification, which eliminates the mechanical parking. Mike Migliozi of 347 Salem St., another original opponent, also spoke in favor of the new modification.

However, Ward 6 City Councilor Richard Serino said he "was disappointed that 13 months after the initial hearing, the applicant now is seeking a parking variance." Serino said that visitors of the tenants will park on the nearby city parking areas for the rail trail. Serino also said this is not a TOD project and that the developer should have come to the ZBA for the parking variance prior to pouring his foundation.

"This neighborhood should not have to bear the burden of the lack of parking of this development because of the economics of this gentleman's business," Serino added.

In addition, a host of neighbors appeared to oppose the request.

John Riccio of 21 Franklin St. said that the developer "had the duty of due diligence and should be held to his original plan. Financial hardship is for widows and children, not profit-making developers. That is not the duty of this board. He can reduce the number of units to 16. None of you should be in the business of making more money for developers. You should be in the business of the people. Only in rare exceptions should you change things to make more money for developers."

Chris Jacob of 1 Clifton St. said, "How many variances are you going to give out? This property

already has four and that's enough."

Vanessa Biasela of 10 Roberts St. chimed in, "This has been going on for way too long. Financial hardship on the part of the developer is not your concern. He can reduce the units and find a solution that doesn't involve us. This should not fall to us. This is his problem.

"Everyone's watching," Biasela continued. "This entire city has had enough of developers' interests coming before the people who were born and who live here," adding that the traffic back-ups that already exist in the area will be exacerbated by the development.

A resident from the Saugus side of Clifton St. also opposed the variance, stating that the lack of parking will impact his neighborhood. Serino then added, "With Saugus right there, the lack of parking for the project will have an impact on the Saugus side of Clifton Ave."

The board voted 3-2 in favor of the request, with Tucker and O'Brien opposed. However, since variances require a supermajority for approval, the application failed.

The final item on the agenda was a request from Don Q Real Estate Development, LLC, and Saturn Realty Group, LLC, 29 Arrowhead Drive, Saugus, for a variance of RRO Section 17.24.010(a) (minimum rear-yard setback of 20' for decks) to enable the construction of a 15.75' x 12.25' deck at 171 Broad Sound Avenue.

Atty. Steve Singer of Wakefield presented the application. He noted that the application is pursuant to a full renovation of the structure that actually will involve less of an encroachment of the rear-yard setback than the present deck.

There were no opponents and the board unanimously approved the application.

The board then adjourned until its next meeting on December 20.

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