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## NEWS BRIEFS

### TEMPORARY OVERNIGHT NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND DETOURS

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing it will be implementing temporary detours on the bridge carrying Route 107 over the Saugus River in Lynn and Saugus. The detours will be in place on Wednesday, January 24, from 9:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. the following morning and are necessary to allow crews to safely and effectively set up construction equipment needed for the installation the new bascule bridge.

There will be no impact on vessels, as the drawbridge will remain operational throughout all overnight operations.

During the work, the following detours will be in effect:

Northbound traffic on Route 107 (Salem Turnpike) will be detoured at the Route 107 / Ballard Street intersection as follows:

- Turn left onto Ballard Street.
- Turn right onto Lincoln Avenue.
- Continue on Boston Street.
- Turn right onto Summer Street.
- Take Summer Street back to Route 107 (Western Avenue).

Southbound traffic on Route 107 (Western Ave) will be detoured as follows:

- Turn right onto

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### JACK SATTER HOUSE HOLDS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Among those enjoying the Satter House Installation of Officers social hour are Rhona Ehrlin, Natalie Mason, Janice Gilman, Joanne Monteforte, Wellness Coordinator Kate Urman, and Marlene Bloom. See more photos on Page 16.

CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

## Building Committee backs Wonderland as preferred new high school location

By Adam Swift

The Wonderland property is now back on board as the preferred site for building a new high school, at least as far as the Revere High School Building Committee is concerned.

Last week, the building committee voted to move forward with the Wonderland site as the preferred option for building a new, four-story high school, choosing it over building on the current site.

The Wonderland site was the initial selection for a new high school by

the building committee, school committee, and city council well over a year ago. The council later approved the appropriation of \$29.5 million for the eminent domain taking of the 30-acre property. The city is still in litigation with the former owners of the property

However, early in 2023, there were not enough city council votes to move forward with the debt authorization for the project. The council then sent the project back to the school building committee and

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## Developers look to build 250-unit apartment at Lee's Trailer Park

By Cary Shuman

The dilapidated, former Lee's Trailer Park on Winthrop Avenue, and the adjacent areas are on the verge of receiving a bolt of architectural and residential elegance pending the project's approval by the City Council and other local boards. The mobile park has fallen into significant disrepair and the neighborhood has been a hot spot for 911 calls over the years.

Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, Managing Partner of D'Ambrosio LLP Counselors-at-Law, and Attorney Nancy O'Neil, an associate at the firm, on behalf of their client, Helge-Gansett, will make a presentation for the construction of a mixed use 250 unit building at the five-acre site located just off Revere Beach Parkway at the Jan. 29 City Council

meeting

The six-story building will have 36 studio, 106 one-bedroom, and 106 two-bedroom apartments. While the project is in walking distance of the Beachmont MBTA Station, there will still be parking spaces for 179 vehicles. The mixed-use development will have retail space on the first floor of the building.

Caleb Manchester, President and CEO of Gansett Ventures, said his firm has built other successful projects in Revere, notably Ninety\_O, at 900 Ocean Avenue. A new building (to be called Sora, which is a small waterbird) consisting of 114 units on Bennington Street, just south of Beachmont Station and located across the street from the Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, is under construction and expected to be completed in

early 2025.

The Helge-Gansett team worked with the former residents of Lee's Trailer Park to relocate them to affordable housing, while issuing cash-payouts to others that lived in the 75-year-old trailer park. The project will usher in

two historic firsts for Revere. It will be the first fully privately developed project in the city that is going to have an affordable housing component, which will be 10% or 25 apartments. Also of note, the project is within a half-mile of the Beachmont

MBTA Station, making it a transit-oriented development site that qualifies under former Gov. Charlie Baker's legislation that allowed for enhanced density near MBTA stations.

Manchester said that

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A rendering of the proposed new luxury apartment building to be located at 418 Revere Beach Parkway.

## Revere High School holds Student Showcase

By Melissa Moore-Randall

As City officials continue to finalize the site

for the new Revere High School in the coming months, many hope the construction of the new

state-of-the-art high school will begin. However that is not stopping the amazing things happening

within the walls of the antiquated school.

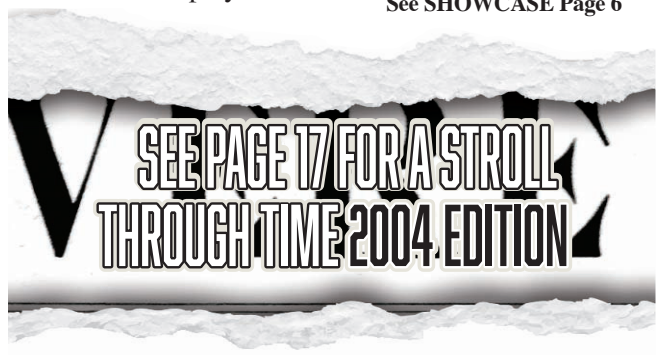
Revere High School students held their annual RHS Showcase and Art Exhibit which was an event full of creativity, talent, and hard work. The hallways were lined with artwork from pottery to murals. In addition, there were musical performances by students in voice, dance, band and JROTC classes/clubs. Inside the learning commons, clubs showcased their missions and work at individual displays.

The event is to highlight musical performances, academic showcases, art exhibits, club activities, and a career showcase. Walking through the halls of Revere High, visitors were in awe of the work that students prepared and presented. A glimpse into all the hard work accomplished at RHS, showcase tables included AP Literature Poetry, AP World History Empire Project, Architecture Project, Chess Club, Dynasty

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A musical mural by RHS 2023 graduate Lawrence Santos who came back to finish the wall to wall mural for the RHS Student Showcase.





# Traffic Comm. holds off on action to make Harris Street one-way for another month

By Journal Staff

The Revere Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday in the City Councillor Joseph A. Del Grosso Council Chambers of Revere City Hall. On hand for the session were City Planner Frank Stringi, who was sitting as the Acting Chairperson because the former chair, Paul Argenzio, is now a member of the City Council to which he was elected in November, Fire Chief Chris Bright, Revere Police Lieut. Sean Randall, and DPW Supt. Don Ciaramella.

The initial item on the agenda was a public hearing on the controversial proposal from HYM, the owner-developer of Suffolk Downs, for significant changes and improvements to alleviate traffic congestion at the interchange of the Revere Beach Parkway, Route 16, and Route 145 (Winthrop Ave.). The piece of the project that has drawn the ire of area residents also calls for making Harris St. (which meets Winthrop Ave. just before the interchange) one-way for its entire length (away from Winthrop Ave.), which will achieve the twin goals of helping to alleviate traffic back-ups by removing cut-through traffic from that neighborhood.

The language of the proposal on the agenda was as follows: “Continued discussion regarding traffic improvements for the Suffolk Downs development in Revere. The following pedestrian and traffic safety improvements will be discussed and voted on:

The length of Harris Street between Winthrop Avenue and Beach Av-

enue will be converted from two-way to one-way Northbound, and a single block of Sewall Street from Harris Street to Bixby Street will be converted from two-way to one-way Westbound. These changes are proposed to improve signalized intersection operations and reduce neighborhood traffic (Amend Schedule V of Title 10, One Way Streets). The Suffolk Downs development proponent will be installing traffic control signage, deriving from the improvements, at the Harris/Sewall, Harris/Butler, Harris/Beach, and Harris/Eustis intersections and provide the City of Revere an allowance, to be used at the City’s discretion, for potential future traffic improvements in the area.”

The project has been pending before the commission since the fall, but after there was significant community opposition at the first public meeting, HYM agreed to withdraw its proposal. HYM went back to the drawing board and made changes to its initial plan, which presumably was to be voted upon last week. However, Stringi announced at the outset of the meeting that the public hearing, and the commission’s final vote, will be delayed for another month because of additional information that will be forthcoming from the traffic engineers at the commission’s next meeting in February.

The commission also delayed taking action on its next agenda item to establish Hancock Street as a one-way heading towards Mountain Avenue, a proposal that had been put forward by then

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- Sumner Street.
- Turn left onto Boston Street.
  - Continue onto Lincoln Avenue.
  - Turn left onto Ballard Street.

- Take Ballard Street back to Route 107 (Salem Turnpike).

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advance message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

This work is part of a \$99.3 million drawbridge replacement project. The project is currently expected to be completed in March 2026.

Drivers traveling through the affected areas should expect some delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

The schedule for this work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For information on traffic conditions travelers are encouraged to:

- Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com) to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

### TIPS TO PREVENT FROZEN PIPES AS SUSTAINED COLD SPELL SETS IN

With the recent cold weather, and more to come, Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) is reminding people that there are proactive steps they can take to prevent interior pipes from freezing.

- Check for open windows, air vents, and wind drafts near water pipes
  - Seal leaks in the basement foundation where cold air may enter; fill holes with insulation as a tiny opening can cause an exposed pipe to freeze
  - Allow a slow trickle of water to flow through faucets connected to water pipes that run through unheated spaces (the constant drip minimizes any ice buildup in the pipe, which helps to prevent pipes from bursting)
  - Keep sink cabinet doors open during cold spells to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes
  - Insulate pipes in unheated spaces like garages, basements, and crawl spaces; inexpensive insulation can be bought at hardware and home supply stores
  - Locate the water shut off valve and know how to shut off water; if a pipe bursts, shutting off the water promptly can help minimize the damage (shut off valve is usually located by the meter)
  - If your pipes freeze, use a hair dryer to thaw the lines safely; thawing will not be fast, but it will be safe: never use an open flame to thaw pipes
- If there is no water coming through any of

your taps, there may be a problem in your street or yard. If so, call BWSC’s 24-hour Emergency Assistance line at 617-989-7900.

### ARTISAN & CRAFT FAIR TO BE HELD FEB. 10 IN NEIGHBORING EAST BOSTON

An artisan and craft fair is being planned for Saturday, February 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Clippership Wharf Commons at 65 Lewis Street. There is no charge for admission and the event is open to the public.

The Eastie Artisan Fair continues the work of Meg Grady who organized the East Boston Open Market in past years. The Eastie Artisan Fair has a mission of supporting local handcrafted and handmade and small businesses and is where artisans come together to showcase their craftsmanship. The Fair offers you a unique shopping experience that will leave you with a lasting impression!

Held at the elegant Clippership Wharf Commons, 65 Lewis Street, East Boston, enjoy breathtaking water views and a picturesque Boston skyline as you explore a diverse array of talented artists, innovative makers, and thriving local small businesses to discover that unique and one-of-a-kind products.

Vendors will be selling: ceramics, crochet stuffed animals and winter outerwear, pet sweaters, abstract paintings, custom eco-friendly, stainless steel tumblers, hand-sown coffee cozies, wine bags, tote bags, 3D digital artist, body lotions and soaps, healing crystal plushes, jewelry, candles. We also will have vendors selling food items, a pet photographer, raffles and so much more!

The fair is beginning organized by local East Boston residents: Michelle Miller, of Sew What Amazing Krafts, Theresa Malonek, of Crochet by Teshy and Revere resident and event planner, Maria Rago.

For more information follow us on Facebook at Eastie Artisan Fair, Instagram: [easie\\_artisan\\_fair](https://www.instagram.com/easie_artisan_fair)

## WELCOME TO THE RFD, JONATHAN PEREZ CHICAS



Revere FireFighter Jonathan Perez Chicas was among the 31 graduates of Massachusetts Firefighters Academy Career Recruit Firefighter Training Class #317. Members of the class represented the fire departments of Bedford, Danvers, Dracut, Holden, Marlborough, Melrose, Milford, Nahant, Natick, Newton, North Andover, North Reading, Phillipston, Reading, Revere, Salem, Saugus, Seekonk, Tewksbury, and Weston. The ceremony was held on Monday.

or email us at: [eastieartisanfair@gmail.com](mailto:eastieartisanfair@gmail.com)

### BGCB SEEKING MEAL VENDORS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston is soliciting invitations for bid for vended meals to their Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) program site(s). The Vendor would provide meal services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines as well as Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office for Food and Nutrition Programs policies and guidelines.

Vendors and/or their representatives may submit bids to:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston  
Attn: Gabrielle Witham  
200 High St. Fl. 3  
Boston, MA 02141

A bid packet will be available by email at [gwitham@bgcb.org](mailto:gwitham@bgcb.org) to all potential bidders.

Potential bidders should email questions to Gabrielle Witham at [gwitham@bgcb.org](mailto:gwitham@bgcb.org) by February 2, 2024. The institution will email its response to these questions by February 9, 2024. All questions will be answered in writing only and sent to everyone by February 9, 2024.

All bids must be submitted no later than 5:00pm on February 16, 2024.

All bids are subject to review by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office for Food and Nutrition Programs, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148.

The public bid opening will be at 11:00am on February 20, 2024 at 200 High St. Fl. 3, 02110.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Boys & Girls Club of Boston holds a prominent position as the leading and most impactful youth organization in Greater Boston. It serves to catalyze far-reaching opportunities and create more equitable futures for 6 to 18-year-olds across eight clubs and YouthConnect in Boston and Chelsea. Since 1893, BGCB has focused on making the city thrive and has played an essential role for young people eager to explore their passions, find their purpose, and prepare for a life of success and impact.

In partnership with the public sector, private enterprise, related non-profits, donors and volunteers, BGCB is aligned behind investing in the region’s urban talent pipeline and making a generational impact that expands beyond the walls of its buildings and deep into the communities it serves. Helping urban youth to navigate a fast-paced global climate steeped in change, the organization is recognized for fueling the future of the city and the Commonwealth through its innovative “readiness” programs centered on three outcome areas: Academic Success, Wellness and Workforce Readiness. It is an affiliate of the Atlanta-based Boys & Girls Clubs of America, with over 5,000 Clubs nationwide serving over 3.6 million young people.

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*The RTV “Game of the Week” for Revere High School Basketball is actually on double duty this week. The studio will be covering two games, one for girls and one for boys. You can rewatch last night’s Girls’ game versus Chelsea now replaying on the Community Channel over the next few weeks. Tune in live tomorrow, Thursday, when the Boys take on Malden. Tomorrow’s game can be watched live on YouTube as well but will then only replay on the Community Channel. Games on YouTube are set to private after the livestreaming until the end of the season so watch all your replays on television until then. The RTV Community Channel is channel 8/1072 on Comcast and 3/614 on RCN.*

*You can still watch The Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration program as it is scheduled to the Community Channel over this next month. The program features a dynamic roundtable discussion with Revere High School students and city dignitaries. Produced by Revere Public Schools in collaboration with RevereTV, this hour-long show delves into Dr. King’s legacy, focusing on his iconic “I Have a Dream” speech and its contemporary relevance. Elected officials, Human Rights Commissioners, and students share insights on racial equality, reflecting on the 38th anniversary of Dr. King’s national holiday. The event was a powerful exploration of Dr. King’s philosophy and legacy, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and ongoing efforts for positive change in our diverse community. Tune in now on television and YouTube.*

*There are a few new episodes of community shows to look forward to toward the end of the month. Be on the lookout for a new episode of “The Wave” featuring a local business owner in Revere and the services they provide to the city. Word on the street is that Jennifer Keefe will soon be back in the RTV kitchen studio to present a new recipe in time for Valentine’s Day. Stay tuned to the RevereTV Community Channel for the premiere of these episodes.*

*RTV GOV has been full with local government meetings since the new year. Meetings play live on Comcast channel 9 and RCN channels 13/613, and for internet users on RevereTV’s YouTube channel. The latest meetings in rotation on RTV GOV include the License Commission, RHS Building Committee, Traffic Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Revere Board of Health. Tune on live on Monday at 5pm for the Committee of the Whole Meeting that will then lead into the City Council Meeting.*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE**

As required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 132B, National Grid (New England Power and/or Massachusetts Electric Company) hereby gives notice that it intends to selectively apply herbicides along specific transmission line rights-of-way in 2024.

The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural, and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid’s IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

National Grid may utilize any of the herbicides noted the MA Sensitive Materials list. Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment and Dormant stem treatment). Krenite S or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treatment). Cambistat as a tree growth regulator. Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the following treatment periods. The herbicide mixes and additional information about rights of way management in Massachusetts can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

Municipalities that have rights-of-way that were treated in 2023 but may require some touch-up work in 2024:

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**Treatment Periods**

February 1, 2024 – May 30, 2024	May 30, 2024 - Oct 15, 2024	Oct 15, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024
CST	Foliar	CST
Basal	CST	Basal
Dormant Stem	Basal	Dormant Stem
	Cut stubble	

*\*The exact treatment dates are dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress.*

Further information may be requested by contacting (during business hours, Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-4:00 pm):  
Mariclaire Rigby, National Grid, 939 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01610.  
Telephone: (781) 290-8310 or email: [mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com](mailto:mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com)



# TAX PAYER

# ALERT!

The administration is about to make the

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They are about to try to build a

High School at Wonderland and

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# Forum

## HOW ARE THOSE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS GOING?

All of us, consciously or subconsciously, make some sort of New Year's resolution in the hope of improving our lives and those of our loved ones.

Without a doubt, the most common New Year's resolution is weight loss, which is not surprising, considering that 72 percent of all Americans -- an astounding number -- are either overweight or obese. Excess weight has been linked to just about every disease imaginable --- cancer, diabetes, and heart disease being among the most prominent. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, excess weight greatly increased the risk of death or serious complications from COVID-19 across all age groups.

We strongly condemn discrimination of any form against those who are overweight. Maintaining a healthy body weight is difficult for just about everyone (almost three-quarters of us, apparently) in our hurry-hurry world where the convenience of fast-food makes it all-too-easy to indulge in an unhealthy diet on a regular basis.

In addition, we are deluged with advertisements from the fast-food industry, who give us those full-screen shots of triple-bacon-cheeseburgers-with-fries-and-a soft drink -- a truly deadly combination that hits all of the "bad food" buttons for high calories, saturated fat, salt, and added sugar.

It is not a coincidence that the average American male today weighs 30 pounds more than the average American male did in 1960 and the average American female today weighs the same as that male in 1960 (and no, it's not because we're all taller than our grandparents) when you consider that in 1960, there were 248 locations of a certain fast-food franchise across America, but today there are 13,340 of them. (And that's just one fast-food company!)

However, we do not subscribe to the belief that being overweight is the result of a "disease" that somehow uniquely affects Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender, compared to the rest of the world. (We rank as the most-overweight people among every industrialized nation.) To be sure, there are some individuals who genetically are pre-disposed to having an unhealthy body weight. But wherever American-style food is imported into countries across the globe, health issues that previously did not exist in those countries become epidemic.

There is no question that bad food can be addicting, whether it's those triple-cheeseburgers, infinite varieties of snack foods, etc., etc., etc. in a society where bad food is cheap, available everywhere, and pushed on us by Madison Avenue -- and where we associate overeating as a form of reward.

Our present overweight society increasingly makes the 2008 Disney sci-fi movie "Wall-E," in which the humans of the future are grossly overweight, look prescient -- except that the distant future already is here. The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health recently estimated that, based upon current trends, by 2030 86 percent of Americans will range from overweight to obese.

With the odds stacked against us to make our weight-loss New Year's resolutions stick -- which is why so few of us are successful -- it would appear that our only hope is for those new weight loss drugs to become readily-available and covered by insurance for all Americans. Societal weight-loss would be the best thing we could do to improve our collective health, both physically and emotionally. The drugs may be expensive, but if that's what it will take for Americans to shed our excess pounds, the upfront costs of those drugs will save us billions of dollars in health-care costs down the road.

## RHS students testify at the State House for financial literacy course graduation requirement

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Members of the RHS Student Senate recently visited the Massachusetts State House in support of a bill related to financial literacy courses. Matthew Terrell, Erta Ismahili, Raihan Ahmed, Salsabil Mendoza and Leah Zuniga represented Revere and RHS in support of a bill that would make a financial literacy course a graduation requirement statewide. Revere currently requires the course for graduation.

The students testified in front of the Joint Committee on Education and were joined by financial literacy experts, non-profits, and elected officials in favor of Bill H.4199. The bill was co-sponsored by State Representatives Jessica Giannino and Jeffrey Turco.

State Representative Jeff Turco said, "I am pleased to be a co-spon-



sor of H.4199. I was approached by RHS student leaders at Mayor Keefe's Inauguration. They discussed the need for financial literacy for high school students across the Commonwealth and the fact that the Revere Public Schools were ahead of the curve in this regard. I was pleased to be present at the Joint Committee on Education hearing on this bill and was very impressed with the thoughtful and informative testimony of the numerous RHS students who testified."

State Representative Jessica Giannino added, "I feel strongly that financial literacy should be taught to students across Massachusetts so that they can begin their life with tools to succeed. When I graduated, there was no

class that explained how to write a check, balance a checkbook, or file your taxes. It was just assumed that you could figure it out. I am so glad that Revere is ahead of the State and already offers this as a course requirement. I am glad students today can leave high school with this knowledge."

Raihan Ahmed, a Student Representative on the School Committee and also serves on the elected board of the Student Senate as well as the MA Association of Student Representatives (MASR) as the Director of Curriculum said, "Our testimonies were primarily centered around the transformative effects we have seen in our district and convincing the committee to vote affirmative of this bill as a result. I felt like I heard a lot of the same complaints about our

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City Councilor Steven Morabito. However, Argenzio, who is now the Ward 4 Councillor, asked that the matter be taken up in February because he said he wants to send a letter to the residents of Hancock St. to make sure that they are aware of the proposal and to give them an opportunity to give him any feedback. The commission unanimously tabled the matter until its February meeting.

The one item on the agenda on which the com-

mission did take a vote was a request from Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky to add a stop sign on Shirley Avenue eastbound at Thornton Street. "This is something that's been talked about for a long time," said Novoselsky. "The mayor heard complaints about the speeding down Shirley Ave. during the recent campaign. Hopefully, the stop sign will slow people down. This is a public safety issue."

There were no opponents and the commission unanimously voted to

approve installing the new stop sign.

The commission took up a number of requests from City Council President Nicholas Cogliandro. The first items were requests to amend Schedule IV of Title 10 (isolated stop signs) by adding the following stop signs:

- Harris St., north-bound traffic at Sewall St.;
- Blaney St., north-bound traffic at Constitution Ave.; and
- Cooledge St., south-

bound traffic at Constitution Ave.

The fourth was a request to amend Schedule VIII of Title 10 (parking restrictions generally) by adding the following: "Sewall St. westerly from Harris St., 50 feet on the southern side along the fence of the housing."

The commissioners unanimously voted to move all four items to a public hearing at their February meeting, at which time they will take a vote on all four proposals.

## High School // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the project development team, asking them to look at building on the current high school site.

Over the past several months, the building committee narrowed down the preferred option for submission to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to two plans, a four-story new building on either the Wonderland site or at the current high school property.

The estimated cost of building on the Wonderland site would be \$522 million, which includes the \$29.5 million the city has already spent to take the 30-plus acre site by eminent domain. The estimated cost of building on the existing site is \$550 million.

After accounting for the MSBA grants, project manager Brian Dakin of Leftfield said the total cost to Revere for building on the current site would be just under \$311 million, while the cost to the city of the Wonderland option would be just over \$288.5 million.

Now, the recommendation of the building committee needs the approval of the school committee and the city council before it can be submitted to the MSBA as the preferred building option next month.

While the building committee did make the recommendation for the Wonderland site, which has the backing of Mayor Patrick Keefe, there is still the possibility that the current site could stay in play.

Former City Councilor and current building committee member Gerry Visconti raised the question of what would happen if the current council does not approve moving forward with the Wonderland recommendation. The preferred site recommendation only needs a majority vote of the council, however, the expected debt authorization vote in June would need 8 of 11 council votes to pass.

"Is it a possibility that we are back to where we were last year when it comes to a vote and it doesn't pass again?"

Visconti asked. "My major concern here is to go through this entire process and not know whether or not there are eight votes to bond it."

Dakin said that if all three boards approve the Wonderland site as a preferred option by a simple majority vote, it will be submitted to the MSBA.

"Which then means that by June-ish, the MSBA would issue a project funding agreement," said Dakin. "That project funding agreement would then need a supermajority at the council."

If the project funding agreement did not get the supermajority vote, Dakin that could likely be the end of the line for the project.

"So there is absolutely a risk there," said Dakin.

City Council President Anthony Cogliandro asked if there was a way to add language to the recommendation that would keep the current site on the table if a vote on the Wonderland site failed at either the school committee or

council.

Dakin said the building committee could add that language to the recommendation.

The building committee accepted the language, which offers the existing site as the preferred option if a vote on the Wonderland site fails.

"I think that is the best way to move the motion forward, because we don't want to take the chance of actually losing what we have," said building committee member Susan Gravellese. "If Wonderland failed, we would at least be able to have the existing site, which is far from ideal, but it's something."

The City Council is scheduled to take up the site recommendation at its Jan. 29 meeting.

All members of the high school building committee present at last week's meeting voted in favor of the recommendation, with the exception of Visconti, who voted present.

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# Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2024

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# East Boston Central Catholic School celebrates Catholic Schools Week

## Enrollment soars in school’s 50th year

By Cary Shuman

East Boston Central Catholic School will celebrate 50 years of excellence in Catholic education at its annual gala April 12 at Spinelli’s, Lynnfield.

In advance of that milestone event, EBCCS will celebrate Schools Week beginning Jan. 28 with an exciting slate of activities for students and their families.

There is certainly a lot to celebrate.

EBCCS Principal Robert Casaletto reports that there is an enrollment of 189 students for the current school year, which is an increase of over 20-percent from the previous year.

Casaletto said one of the reasons for the surge in popularity was the school’s high retention rate, proudly stating, “Our

students and their parents who were here last year all loved it, so they all came back this year. We had a 95 percent retention rate.”

Another key to the success in attracting students to the school was its considerable outreach to different parishes in the area beyond East Boston. Casaletto credits new School Chaplain, the Rev. Dan Zinger, for helping to bring in more Catholic families.”

The hiring of an assistant principal, Gabriela Twaalfhoven, has also been instrumental in building enrollment. Twaalfhoven worked directly with new families on enrollment last summer.

Casaletto also noted the Catholic Schools Foundation providing of financial support to families in need through its Building Minds Scholarship Fund.

Casaletto is in his seventh year as principal and 30th year as a member of the EBCCS faculty. His leadership of the school during the COVID-19 pandemic was extraordinary and in actuality, resulted in an increase in enrollment when the school was allowed to reopen.

“The people affected by COVID-19 was high in East Boston, so the Health Department wouldn’t let us open,” said Casaletto. “We opened our pre-K only for in-person learning. But we did a virtual learning program that our parents were just thrilled with, and because we did such a good job surviving the pandemic, we grew our enrollment coming out of it and it’s been going up since.”

### Catholic Schools Week Activities Schedule

Special student activities have been planned throughout Catholic Schools’ Week to give parents an opportunity to “join” your child’s classroom.

EBCCS Parents are invited to the following activities. Each activity will take place in your child’s classroom unless a different location is noted.

**Sunday, January 28**

Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael’s Parish - St. John’s Church in Winthrop at 10:00 a.m. to kick-off CSW. Our choir will sing and all families are encouraged to join.

**Monday, January 29**

- Kindergarten: Winter Art Project 8:45-9:30
- Cherubs, Kindergarten, 3, 4, & 5: Young Authors’ Presentation Auditorium (see Library Schedule)

**Tuesday, January 30**

- Grade 7: “Kahoots” Game 8:30-9:10
- Angels, 1, 2, 6, 7, & 8: Young Authors’ Auditorium (see Library Schedule)

**Wednesday, Jan. 31**

- Angels: Circle Time 8:30-9:00
- Cherubs: Morning Routine & Heggerty Phonemic Awareness 8:30-9:15



Students enjoying storytime in class at EBCCS.

- Grade 3: Reader’s Theater Presentation 1:00-1:30
- Grade 1: Chicken Soup w/Rice Activity 1:40-2:10.

**Thursday, February 1**

- Grade 6: Sarcophagus Design 8:30-9:10
- Grade 5: Math & Social Studies Super Bowl 9:30-10:30
- Middle School: Ice Skating Field Trip 1:00-4:00

- Grade 4: City of Snowdom Presentations 1:30-2:10

**Friday, February 2**

- Student Appreciation Casual Dress Day
- Grade 2: Groundhog Day Activities 9:00-9:30
- Grade 7 & 8: Science Fair 1:00-2:15 Auditorium

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# School Committee votes to bring back honors classes

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Following spirited testimony from students, teachers, and parents during the public speaking portion of last week’s regular School Committee meeting, two motions were passed that would bring separate honors-level classes back to the middle school and high school

levels in Revere. Superintendent of Schools Dianne Kelly explained that the district has worked to change its grading policies over the last decade. In 2020, it began detracking, meaning “all kids should have access to high-quality, rigorous curriculum,” per Kelly. Before detracking, Kelly explained that students

were placed into separate honors or pre-AP classes based on performance aspects such as MCAS scores and “internal testing measures.” With the implementation of detracking, changes came to Revere’s honors program at the high school and middle school levels. Now, at the high school

level, students take part in heterogeneous classes where teachers offer advanced tasks that students have the option of completing to earn honors credit or not completing to earn regular credit. “The idea was that any kid could choose at any time to accelerate their work and do the honors work because we know

that kids emerge in understanding at different points,” said Kelly. Furthermore, detracking has removed honors at the middle school level. Middle school students are now evaluated using a standards-based grading system that the district’s elementary schools use. Specifically, middle school students receive

marks of either exceeding, meeting, approaching, or not yet approaching expectations. These changes have sparked a feeling amongst many students, teachers, and parents, some of whom spoke at last week’s meeting, that the current honors system needs a re-

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## Trailer Park // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

with the City Council’s approval and the completion of the conservation process, the team would be “ready to break ground by the middle-to-end of this summer.”

### Mayor Keefe, Councillor McKenna are on board

Both Mayor Patrick Keefe and Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna say they support the dynamic project.

“The transformation of the formerly blighted

property will be a good addition to Revere’s portfolio of housing and commercial development,” said Keefe. “It is a significant investment in Revere. Thankfully between the developer and Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, we were able to negotiate the addition to much-needed affordable housing units, as this is a key initiative to our residents.”

McKenna is excited about the affordable-housing aspect of the project.

“It’s going to be the first fully private project in Revere to have 25 affordable apartments,” said McKenna. “Plus, the developer is going to give \$500,000 to get the new Revere fire station up and running. They’re going to clean up Green Creek and clean up the area. We had an abutters’ meeting and the residents did not have a problem with the project. I think it’s a great project for Revere. It’s a ‘win-win’ for the city.”

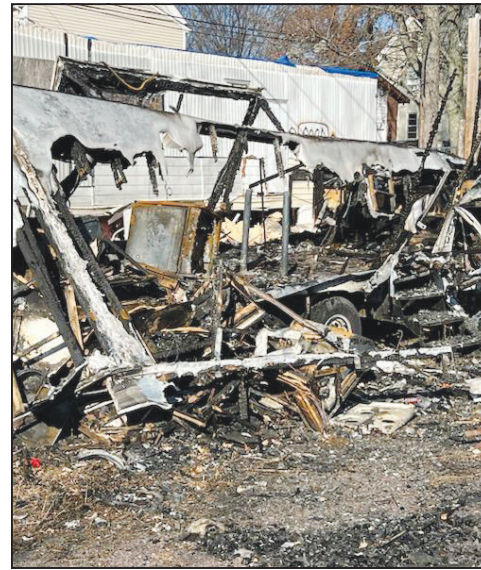


A rendering of the proposed new luxury apartment building to be located at 418 Revere Beach Parkway.



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Shown above and below, Lee's Trailer Park in its current condition.



## Showcase // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Dance, ELA 12 Research Project, Feminist Empowerment Movement, Field Hockey, Interact Club, JROTC, Latin American Student Organization, Math Team, Mock Trial, Model United Notation, North African Student Organization, Outdoors Club, Patriot Voice, Pre-Health Club, Robotics, Science Team, Robotics, Science Team, Speech and Debate, STEM Center, Student Center, Summer Research Institute, Synergy Club, Underrepresented Minorities in STEM, Unified Sports, United African Student Association, Writing Center.

Director of Fine Arts Kelly Williams could not be more proud of the event. "I'd really just like to mention how proud I am of the growth we have been able to make in one year, by increasing the visual and performing arts classes. I thank the district

for supporting my need for new hires last year to make this all possible. Last night's showcase was evidence of this growth, as well as how opportunities to showcase student work can bring community together and joy to our students. My department was able to work alongside RHS administration and other RHS teachers to bring together the arts and academics that took place over the first semester. Shout-out to my department for their amazing teamwork! I look forward to building more of these opportunities."

Superintendent Dianne Kelly is equally proud of the work of the Fine Arts Department. "Our fine arts teachers have always been amazing and done great work with our students. For too long, those programs were underfunded but our teachers managed to keep Fine Arts



A portrait by RHS Junior Janellys Zorrilla from the AP Art and Design Class displayed at the RHS Student Showcase.

alive. Having Kelly on board as director allowed us to expand the programming significantly, add staff to increase offerings, and really give students options to share their talents. We have so many gifted students and they deserve to have platforms for them to demonstrate their talents through musical performances, plays, and art shows. The Student Opportunity Act has provided the funding we lacked before and enabled us to reinstate these critically important educational opportunities."

Principal Christopher Bowen loves the collabo-

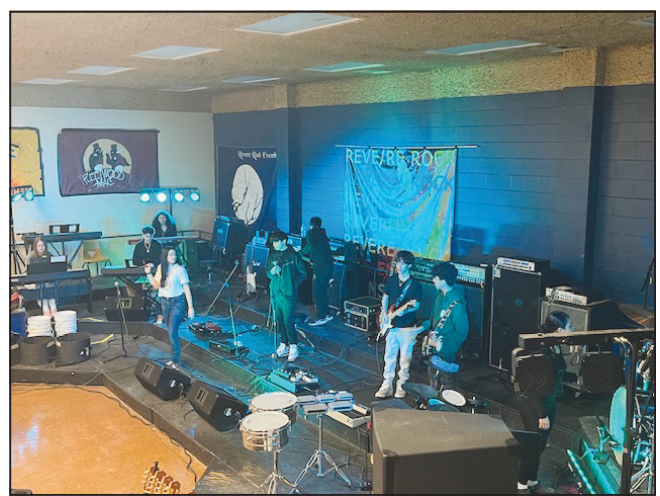


Pottery by RHS Senior Oumaima Attioui at the RHS Student Showcase.

ration happening at RHS through events like this. "I am so thankful that our Fine Arts Educators had





A piece designed in the RHS class Photoshop Graphic Art by junior Aiden Ulwick at the RHS Student Showcase.



The RHS Freshman Band performing at the RHS Student Showcase.

the idea to run a Semester 1 Art Exhibit. Putting this show on is a lot of work, but it was absolutely worth

it! We have so much amazing talent at RHS in this department, that it is great to be able to highlight all of the learning this semester. At the same time, I am also grateful to Ms. Goldman and Ms. Morgan for their leadership coordinating the Student Showcase, on top of the Art Exhibit. The event was an excellent collaboration between educators, students and school leaders - all in service of highlighting the amazing work that goes on at RHS every day! We are excited for another event like this in the Spring!"



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# Revere Housing Authority kicks off 2024 by voting in Board

Special to the Journal

The Revere Housing Authority kicked off 2024 by unanimously voting its Board of Commissioners to their respective seats: Chairman Anthony Perrone, Vice Chairman George Anzuoni, Treasurer Richard Viscay, and

Member Fatou Drammeh. The RHA Board also unanimously voted last November to extend Executive Director, Dean Harris’ contract for three additional years.

The RHA has kept it’s team intact that made great strides to improve public housing in 2023.

Highlights include: obtaining funding and hiring a full time Resident Services Coordinator, who connects residents with much needed services; over \$2 million in capital improvements to RHA’s housing portfolio; bringing free WiFi to residents of the Federal Family

portfolio; the repositioning of Hyman Towers which enables the RHA to completely renovate the 11-story high rise; and the continued work with consultants to reposition the entire RHA portfolio.

At the January, 2024 meeting the RHA unanimously voted to approve

the 2025 State and the 2024 Federal Housing Annual Plans. Both plans also had the approval of the Federal Tenant Council and the Revere City-wide Tenant Council. These plans include over \$2.5 million in capital improvements, continued work with Kaboom, to

bring a playground to the Gold Star Mothers Housing Development, and ongoing collaboration with consultants to renovate and rebuild the existing housing portfolio and to create additional affordable housing.

## Financial Literacy // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

education system: it's not equipping students with the skills they truly need for life after high school. When students around the state, and the country are concerned about their financial wellness: student debt, not knowing how to file taxes, not knowing how to manage bills or start a retirement account, we are doing them a disservice by leaving them with no security and in the hands of online schemes that prey on youth's drive to achieve financial freedom. By having students take a course at their high school, we are not only

equipping all with the financial skills necessary for life after high school but also teaching them about accountability and consequences in the real world.”

Fellow student Erta Ismahili added, “On the topic of financial literacy, this issue is especially pertinent for students of Revere. Speaking from my own experience, I have had to help my parents with understanding credit card rates, filling out taxes, insurance, and more. Understanding that many other first-generation students experience

the same in Revere, our financial literacy require-

ment serves as a lifeboat for many of us, and I hope

that students across the state can be afforded the

same support. While we are representatives of the Revere student body, we also must understand that there needs to be more consistent and widespread inclusion of ALL voices across the board.”

Mark Fellowes, the RHS Student Senate Advisor. “The group has been actively engaged in promoting the views of the student body and advocating on their behalf since our restart with them last year. They've been a dynamic, positive and creative force for students at RHS!”



RHS Student Senate at the Massachusetts State House testifying last week.

## Honors Classes // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

calibration.

For students, especially upper-classmen who find themselves applying to colleges, there are concerns that the current system could be costing students merit-based aid.

One student explained that in their time at Revere High School, their transcript had been questioned while interviewing as part of two prestigious programs, one offering around a \$250,000 scholarship.

el students are not feeling challenged.

“Why are we pigeonholing the advanced kids into these non-advanced courses? And also, just with regards to the rigor of the current course load, I feel like TikTok and Netflix could essentially make their annual revenue based on the amount of it watched at this school,” said a parent.

“So please give these kids some more rigorous class work to do,” they added.

program not just for the kids at the top but more so for the kids at the bottom; they need a pat on the back,” they added.

The public speak portion of the meeting indicated that a seemingly unanimous contingent of speakers favored reintroducing honors classes.

Later in the meeting, the School Committee began discussions on a motion brought forth by Members Aisha Milbury-Ellis, Anthony Caggiano, and Anthony Mattera to “have a separate class for honors level for both middle and high school core classes for the 24-25 school year.”

Following Kelly’s remarks, Member Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo motioned to table the discussion until next month to have more conversations about it; however, the request was not granted.

Mayor Patrick Keefe also commented on the proposal in part, saying, “However this motion goes this evening, if it is the will of the school committee to ask the superintendent and the administration to offer an honors program, if that means that they need to crawl before they walk before they run then we have to allow them to do that.”

“We need to be able to accept the administration’s ability to create this program to make sure that it can be implemented in a timely fashion and worked in a timely fashion,” he added.

Eventually, every Member besides Bronsdon-Rizzo, who voted present, supported a substitute motion made by the committee’s Vice Chair Jacqueline Monterroso to split the motion and have two separate votes, one for the high school and the other for the middle school level.

Before the votes on the newly split motions,

there was more discussion. Monterroso echoed Keefe’s previous comments about giving the superintendent and the administration time to implement the program.

Ultimately, the motion at the high school level passed with votes of yes from every member except Bronsdon-Rizzo, who again voted present, and the motion at the middle school level also eventually passed by a vote of 5 to 1 with another present vote by Bronsdon-Rizzo after a substitute motion to send the conversation to subcommittee was voted down.

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# OBITUARIES

## Gregory P. Simone

He cherished his family and is now in heaven with his parents.

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Monday, January 22nd in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Gregory P. Simone who died on Thursday, January 18th at the Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln, following a brief battle with cancer. He was 62 years old. His funeral was conducted from the funeral home on Tuesday, January 23rd and interment immediately followed in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Greg was born in Winthrop on August 25th, 1961 to the late Peter S. and Elizabeth R. “Betty” (McLaughlin) Simone. Greg was one of four children. He was raised and educated in Revere.

Greg was a graduate of Northeast Vocational School, Class of 1979, with a focus on Autobody Repair. For many years, Greg worked in the autobody business, mastering his craft. He eventually owned and operated his very own autobody shop, G.P.S. Autobody. Greg later changed his career path and began a career in retail. During this time in Greg’s life, he was a father to his son and daughter and a loving son to his parents and his brother and two sisters. He was a man



who cherished his family and it showed.

Greg also loved riding his bicycle all over Revere, and especially at the beach.

Greg was diagnosed with cancer less than a year ago, and tried to battle the best he could. He had the love and support of his family around him, but like many, he lost the battle. He is in heaven with his parents.

He was the beloved father of Gregory P. Simone, Jr. and his companion, Jayne Sweeney and Victoria E. Thompson and her husband, Tom Thompson; the cherished brother of Chris Simone and his wife, Patricia A., Dawn E. Stanwood and her husband, Jeff and Lynn M. Ristino and her husband, Boston Fire Deputy Chief Paul Ristino. He is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and his best friend, Erik Goodwin.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St. Suite B-102 Danvers, MA 01923.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

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## Linda Botticelli

Graduate of RHS, Class of 1959

Family and friends attended a Funeral Mass on Monday, January 22nd in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere for Linda (Alexander) Botticelli, who died on Thursday, January 18th at the Melrose – Wakefield Hospital in Melrose, following a brief illness. She would have celebrated her 82nd birthday on February 12th. Entombment followed in Holy Cross Cemetery - Community Mausoleum, Malden.

Linda was born in Malden to the late Alfred L. Alexander, Sr. and Agnes (Cirqua) Alexander. She was one of three children and the only girl. Linda was raised and educated in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1959.

She worked briefly before she married the love of her life, Joseph “Joe” Botticelli, Jr. on January 21, 1962. Both Linda and Joe settled in Saugus, where Linda became a homemaker. She took great pride and pleasure in maintaining their home and being a wife. Linda worked a great deal in the garden, tending to her flowers and around the property., She also enjoyed decorating and making her home beautiful and welcoming.

Linda also helped care for her parents as they became elderly and ill. She always remained very close to her brothers and sisters-in-law, as well as her nieces and nephews. She also remained extremely close to a group of her high school friends and would often have monthly luncheons and many frequent talks. Linda never had any of her own children, but she had the great



pleasure of watching and taking care of a wonderful little girl, who Linda became most fond of, Jennifer. Linda would remain very close to her, throughout her life.

Linda returned to the workforce as a bank teller for Eastern Bank in Lynnfield for almost 10 years. In her retirement, she cared for her husband, Joe while he was ailing, then passed away on February 23, 2021. Linda then moved to Melrose, where she has been for the past six months.

She was the beloved wife of 59 years to the late Joseph Botticelli, Jr., loving sister of Alfred L. Alexander, Jr. and his late wife, Carole of Chicago, IL, Reynold “Rennie” R. Alexander and his wife, Gail of No. Reading. She is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and her close loved one, Jennifer Entwistle.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to The National Kidney Foundation, 209 W. Centre St., Natick, MA 01760.

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## Dottie Galli

She loved her home, flower garden and family

Dottie Galli of Revere entered into rest on January 16 at the age of 97.

She grew up in Revere, graduated from Revere High School and raised her family in Revere.

Dottie worked at Modine paint in Chelsea as a young lady where she met her best friend of 65 years, Fannie. Later she was a ticket girl at the Revere Theatre where she met her future husband, Anthony “Tony” Galli who was the movie projectionist. They married on May 2, 1947. Dottie then went to work for the family business, Galli’s Market where she made many friends.

Later on in life, she



helped out at dancing school. She loved the children and made friends with all the moms. She truly enjoyed that so much.

They always enjoyed going to Lake Winnepesaukee with their boat and with family. Her famous saying was “Come on in for a nice cup of coffee!”

We will all miss her so much and most of all her great stories.

She loved her home, flower garden and family.

The beloved wife of the late Anthony “Tony” Galli, she was the devoted mother of Doreen Bennett and her husband, Bob Bennett, cherished grandmother of Kerrie Wilson and her husband, Walker Wilson, the loving sister of the late Joseph Armando and Richard Sasso and her treasured sister, Elena Ginnetti and dear daughter of the late Gaetano Sasso and Clementina (Caputo) Sasso.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 23 at Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere, Street, Revere with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

## Patsy Sforza

Retired President of Broadway National Bank in Revere

Patsy Sforza of Revere entered into rest on January 21. He was born in 1936 in Chelsea to the late Pasquale Sforza and Catherine (Sachetta) Sforza and was the beloved husband of 50 years to the late Elaine (Orsini) Sforza of Revere.

Pat was raised in Revere, attended Revere High School and was a graduate of the Class of 1954. He went on to attend Boston University and graduated in 1958 with a degree in Finance.

Pat was a hardworking man for his family who he was totally devoted to. He was very present in his family’s lives and was a constant support for them through the years. He helped run the family business, Sforza Farm of West Newbury which he thoroughly enjoyed. He worked in Malden for several years at Malden Jewelers and First National Bank of Malden, then in Revere as Bank President of Broadway National Bank, until retiring in 2005.

He and his wife loved to travel and visited several places in the US and abroad, as well as several cruises to the Islands. Pat was an avid reader and Patriots fan, he enjoyed spending time with friends and family in Wells, ME. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his son, David Sforza and his



partner, Deanna Fitzgerald of Revere. He was also the father of the late Paul Sforza and Joseph Sforza. He also leaves his sister, Anna Marie Walsh and her late husband, Joseph Walsh of Beverly, his brother, Charles Sforza and his wife, Joanne of Byfield. He was the brother of the late Fredrick Sforza of West Newbury and the grandfather of Alexander Sforza and the late Kaitlyn Sforza of Illinois. He is also lovingly survived by several loving uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and great grandchildren.

A funeral service for Pat will be held January 29 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Buonfiglio Funeral Home 128 Revere Street, Revere followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Anthony’s Parish in Revere. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation in Pat’s name to Saint Jude’s Children’s Hospital. [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

## Marie Oldoni

Retired City of Revere Assistant Treasurer and Revere City Credit Union

Marie E. (Copithorne) Oldoni, 92, died on Saturday, January 20th at the Pilgrim Rehab & Nursing Center in Peabody, following a long illness.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, January 26th from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated, following the visitation in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere at 11:30 a.m. Interment will immediately follow but will be held privately.

Marie was born on May 29, 1931 in Boston to the late John and Mary (Jacobus) Copithorne. She was one of four children, who were raised in Somerville, Malden and Brighton. She was educated in parochial schools, St. Joseph’s School in Maplewood Square, then the Little Flower School in Somerville and was a graduate of St. Clements High School, Class of 1949.

On February 24, 1954, Marie married the love of her life, Alfred Oldoni. The couple later settled in Revere where they raised their three children. Marie was a fun-loving mother, who raised her children with values and respect. Her family and home were paramount, in which she took great pride. She later returned to the workforce and was the assistant treasurer for the City of Revere for 20 years. After she retired, she went back to work for the city, this time as a secretary for the Revere City Credit Union, for another 12 years before retiring again.

Marie enjoyed reading, it was a passion of hers. She would read all types of books and novels. In



her later years, she moved to Rowley to be closer to her children. Marie cherished being with her family and enjoyed all the time she spent with them, making wonderful memories together.

She was the beloved wife of 52 years to the late Retired Revere Firefighter Alfred J. Oldoni, the loving mother of Retired Revere Firefighter Kevin M. Oldoni and his wife, Annette of Cotuit, Karen M. Oldoni and her companion, Edward DeStefano of Buzzards Bay, and Kristopher M. Oldoni and his wife, Sara of Rowley; cherished grandmother of Collin Oldoni of Reading and Isabella M. Oldoni of Rowley. She was the dear sister of Elaine Regan of Ft. Myers, FL and the late Joan H. Doherty and Paul F. “Coop” Copithorne. She is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

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## Susan Beth Gooley Crocker

Owned Reds Hair Salon who always found the good in everyone

Susan Gooley (Gigi) Crocker passed away January 21st peacefully at her home surrounded by her family.

Her greatest accomplishment was being a mother to her three children, Charro, Julian and Matt, a Gigi to her six grandchildren: Jake, Sofie, Eloise, Max, Eli and Emmett, a loving wife to her husband, John for 44 years, best friends with her son-in-law, Jay, a sister to nine siblings, a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews and the owner of her pride and joy, Reds Hair Salon that she proudly opened 26 years ago and has passed on to her daughter after her retirement four years ago.

She was so strong and resilient despite all her challenges in life and fiercely loved everyone she met, especially her family and their friends. She loved animals and nature, but to be honest, she loved everything and everyone so deeply. She was an amazing artist and passed that talent on to her two sons and grandchildren. She always found the good in everyone and taught us all how to love just as hard. She will be missed beyond compre-



hension but will watch over us all. The only thing deeper than the pain of losing you was our love for you.

A celebration of life will be held at the Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere on Saturday January 27th from 12 Noon to 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Ritchie Strangie to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via [jimmyfund.org/gift](https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/gift) ([https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=2101&mfc\\_pref=T&2101.donation=form1](https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2101&mfc_pref=T&2101.donation=form1))

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## Joe O'Donnell dies at 79

He will be remembered for his philanthropy and his efforts in fighting for a cure for cystic fibrosis

By Cary Shuman

Local and state leaders are mourning the loss of Joe O'Donnell, who died after a courageous battle against cancer. Mr. O'Donnell was 79.

Mr. O'Donnell grew up in the family home on Spring Street in Everett, attended Malden Catholic High School and Phillips Exeter Academy. He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College and his Master's in Business Administration from Harvard Business School.

A very successful businessman and highly respected leader in the food service industry, Mr. O'Donnell was very generous to numerous local causes, including the Everett public schools and its athletic programs.

Mr. O'Donnell became a universally recognized champion in the fight against cystic fibrosis, raising millions of dollars for the charity. He founded the Joey Fund in memory of his son, who died of cystic fibrosis. Each year, Mr. O'Donnell, his wife, Kathy O'Donnell, and their family host a film premiere and gala that raises money for the Joey Fund.

Mr. O'Donnell was also a generous contributor to Harvard and proud of his academic and athletic connection to the world's most prestigious educational institution. The baseball field at Harvard was named in his honor. The Harvard athletic program wrote about Mr. O'Donnell's generosity on its website: "Harvard dedicated its baseball field in honor of Joseph J. O'Donnell '67, MBA '71 in a ceremony preceding a doubleheader with Dartmouth on May 4, 1997. O'Donnell, a football and baseball standout at Harvard and captain of

the 1967 Crimson baseball squad, has been a supporter of the College for many years. In 1995, he endowed the baseball program with a \$2.5 million gift, enabling Joe Walsh to become the first full-time head coach in the history of Harvard baseball."

Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria was among the city leaders lauding Mr. O'Donnell's outstanding accomplishments and his contributions to his hometown.

"Like so many of us from Everett, Joe O'Donnell embraced the values of family, community, and charity. He worked hard to achieve his success and found numerous ways to share the wealth that he achieved by supporting so many worthy causes," said Mayor DeMaria. "Joe and his wife, Kathy, showed tremendous strength in how they chose to handle the loss of their son, Joey, by becoming incredible fundraisers in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. My thoughts are with Kathy and the rest of Joe's family as they deal with the loss of a man who I am sure considered his family his greatest gift."

Sen. Sal DiDomenico also praised Mr. O'Donnell, stating, "Joe O'Donnell never forgot his roots in Everett and was always proud of his hometown. His generosity and support to the people of our community was endless. Joe's legacy of helping our children and families will live on through the many organizations and charities that he founded and supported. So many people benefited from his kindness and no matter how successful he became he always made sure that Everett was close to his heart."

See O'DONNELL Page 10

10 years ago  
January 22, 2014

A statewide report on gun ownership and gun violence will be in the hands of House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop) as soon as this week and will likely contain recommendations to increase the disclosure of state mental health records for those pursuing a legal firearm permit.

Two more candidates have dropped out of the state representative race this week, and a former candidate has endorsed candidate RoseLee Vincent. Paul Nowicki, a longtime community activist and former President of the Chelsea City Council, announced late last week he would endorse Revere's RoseLee Vincent for state representative in the 16th Suffolk District, a seat formerly held by Kathi-Anne Reinstein. Nowicki, who previously served for 16 years on the Chelsea City Council, stated he has known and worked with Vincent for close to 20 years and is confident she will do a spectacular job.

The groundbreaking for the new Hill School will likely come in the second week of February, according to City officials. Superintendent Paul Dakin said the schools are ramping up for the groundbreaking and the upcoming construction project, something that hasn't been done since the Paul Revere School was under construction in 2009.

20 years ago  
January 28, 2004

A four-alarm fire demolished a three-decker at 70 Bellingham Ave. Friday afternoon, leaving 17 persons homeless and destroying all of their belongings. The three-family structure allegedly was being used as a six-family residence. Damages exceeded \$400,000. The remnants of the structure were demolished Monday morning.

Alfred V. Buccilli, a member of the Revere Zoning Board of Appeals, reportedly has been living in Lynnfield for the past several years. In addition, Buccilli has been voting in Revere city elections since 1999, even though he has sold the house at the street address at which he has been registered to vote.

The McKenna family of Revere is featured in a powerful PBS documentary, The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's, focusing on Isabel McKenna, the matriarch of the family, who is afflicted with Alzheimer's.

The City Council voted 6-5 to approve Mayor Thomas Ambrosino's request to create the new position of a chief financial officer.

40 years ago  
January 25, 1984

After an emotionally-charged debate during which it was obvious that the City Council had no idea in which direction to go, it was decided to start all over again with the sale of four of the five closed school buildings. All of the certified checks from the winning bidders for the Barrows, Liberty, Shurtleff, and Roosevelt schools will be returned to their bidders, with only the sale of the Achenbach School, which was awarded to the Chilton-Ralston Corp., the high bidder for that school, being allowed

## REVERE Through the Years



Celebrating "Totally RAD" Revere Awareness Day in 1992 are, from left to right, Frank DeLisi, Det. Mickey Casoli, Senator Tom Birmingham and Peter Felt.

to stand. The Council took its action to reopen the bids after Mayor George V. Colella had threatened to veto the sales of any schools to anyone other than the highest bidders.

Robert Bamberg has been elected the President of the RHS class of 1984.

The City Council has voted to increase its salaries from \$5000 to \$8500 and that of the mayor from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The council also voted to award a stipend of \$3000 to School Committee members, who presently receive nothing.

William G. Petrilli has been elected the Chairman of the Revere Housing Authority.

50 years ago  
January 23, 1974

The public feud between Mayor William G. Reinstein and Police Chief George P. Corbett has been resolved, with Corbett agreeing to place more of his men in uniform and on the city's streets, as Reinstein had requested.

A mother whose daughter was killed in an auto accident on North Shore Road in 1972 led a group of concerned parents to City Hall to express their opposition to a decision by the License Commission to grant a permit for the establishment of a used car dealership at Oak Island. After the citizens' group made their point to the council and was leaving the council chamber, the owner of the used car dealership got into an argument with the mother of the girl and Ward 5 Councillor Michael Edwards in which the owner allegedly threatened them. The police eventually were called to calm the disturbance.

The effort by Councillor Sidney Dubchansky to persuade his colleagues to rescind the sale of 1.4 million square feet of land in No. Revere to the Grandview Heights Realty Trust, which had been approved last year by the previous council, failed when the council voted 5-5 on the motion.

Edward V. Clucas has been elected Chairman of the Revere Housing Authority for the coming year.

The Revere Chess Club lost a match with the Winthrop Chess Club, 7-4.

60 years ago  
January 23, 1964

Superior Court Judge Harry Kalus has ruled that there were irregularities in the counting of the ballots in the November election and has ordered that Antonio Abbene Jr. be declared the winner of the sixth seat in the School Committee contest in place of Anthony C. Moschella. Abbene had been declared the los-

er by 28 votes to Moschella after the initial counting of ballots and then by 34 votes after the recount. However, Moschella challenged 95 of the ballots on the basis of odd markings. After examining those 95 ballots, Kalus took away 52 votes from Moschella and gave five to Abbene, resulting in a plurality of 23 votes for Abbene.

It is rumored that the Suffolk County District Attorney's office is prepared to present evidence to a grand jury regarding possible fraud in the city's financial operations. Assistant District Atty. Joseph Laurano, a Beachmont resident, reportedly is heading up the investigation. City Manager Edward P. O'Toole, who had served in that post for almost 11 years and before that had been City Auditor for 10 years, abruptly retired in November.

A reception was held at Caruso's Diplomat in Saugus for new School Supt. Dr. John Lindia at which 300 teachers and school personnel were in attendance.

A group of residents from the Colonial Acres section of the city has filed a lawsuit against the Zoning Board of Appeals seeking to overturn the board's decision that granted a variance to a developer to build garden-style apartments on a 36-acre parcel of former farmland on Sargent St. That area presently is zoned as General Residential.

70 years ago  
January 28, 1954

City Manager Edward P. O'Toole has informed the City Council in a report that the financial condition of the city is "excellent," with a current surplus of \$264,510. O'Toole will have served a full year as City Manager in February.

It took 96 ballots, but the City Council finally broke its deadlock and elected Edward R. White Jr. as the new mayor. Thomas U. Kelley was elected vice-chairman. White edged out fellow member Harry Della Russo by a vote of 4-2-1.

The Revere Housing Authority has ordered all tenants of the temporary housing apartments to vacate those units immediately because of the poor condition of the buildings, which the authority is planning to demolish as soon as they are vacant. The temporary units in question are located on Winthrop Ct., Proctor Ave., North Ave., and Hopkins St.

The head of the State Insurance Commission has labeled Revere's under-25 drivers as "the worst in the state."

80 years ago  
January 27, 1944

Leaders of the Revere committee in charge of the Fourth War Loan campaign have called for a mass meeting Friday night to report on progress toward the goal of the \$1,090,000 drive that must be reached by Feb. 15.

The first pre-induction draft group under the new system will receive their physicals this week and will report for their induction into the various branches of the are services next month. The new system now gives each inductee a full month to get his personal affairs in order before departing for training.

Chairman John P. Hennessey of the Revere Salvage Committee reports that collection of newspaper, tin, and clothing within the past few months have far exceeded the collection levels of previous months.

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# Beachmont STEAM Afterschool Program a hit with students

Special to the Journal

Something really special is happening every Friday at the Beachmont School. Each Friday from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., around twenty Beachmont fourth and fifth graders take part in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Art and Math) afterschool club with freshmen from Northeastern University's

School of Engineering. At a time when most kids want to run out of the school building to start their weekend, these Beachmont students have become totally immersed in STEAM activities with the Northeastern students—and they love it. Beachmont's STEAM Director, Christiane Amstutz, explained that the partnership began five

years ago, and after some trial and error, the STEAM after-school club has become a success. "We started the club in January 2019," said Amstutz. "A group of Northeastern students come every Friday to do STEAM activities with our students as part of their classwork with the School of Engineering."

Along with Northeastern Professor Katy Schulte Grahame, the university students try to do different kinds of lessons that focus on different kinds of engineering.

"For the most part, the Northeastern students write the lessons, and then they send them to me ahead of time, so I can take a look at them and kind of give them some feedback and some more age-appropriate directions," said Amstutz. "Then they come in and they run the activity, and I help to facilitate and oversee everything because they're not education students; they're engineering students."

The club has emerged as something both the Beachmont and Northeastern students look forward to every week.

"It's a really fun program, and it's really successful," said Amstutz. "When I had to cancel one time because I had to go to a wedding in Connecticut on a Friday, all the kids were like, 'What? Noooo.'"

Amstutz added that the club has become something many Beachmont students strive to join.

"It's pretty competitive to get into. I make the fourth and fifth graders who are interested actually apply. We've got about 20 kids right now, and that's actually the smallest it's ever been. But we do applications twice a year, so we can get new kids in January."

The Beachmont and Northeastern students spend these Fridays investigating the principles of engineering or building cool stuff.

"We try to stay away from building towers or bridges," said Amstutz. "We try to do stuff that is a little more exciting and creative."

For example, around Halloween, the students had to design and build a candy grabber.

"We had little pieces of candy taped to the wall, and the students couldn't stand closer than three feet," said Amstutz. "They had to figure out how to get the candy off the wall



Northeastern Professor Katy Schulte Grahame with Beachmont students and Northeastern University School of Engineering students during December's 'Pop-Up STEAM Museum'.

by building a device using only popsicle sticks, paper clips and tape. So those are the kinds of things that we do in our club."

Beachmont Principal Christopher Freisen said the students have been totally engaged during the after-school club.

"This is why we started this so many years ago," said Amstutz. "The whole point is to increase STEM and STEAM engagement and get kids excited. We can do things in the club that we wouldn't normally do in a classroom because we get support from Northeastern, and they help with materials. It's just a great partnership, and it gets kids so excited and helps the engineering students in Northeastern continue their passion and really see what the point of engineering is."

"It's not community service," Amstutz added. "It's service learning. They're getting something out of being here, and our kids are getting something out of them being here too. So, it's a mutually beneficial partnership."

Recently, the fall/winter club culminated in the Northeastern students hosting a 'Pop-Up STEAM Museum' at the school as part of their cornerstone requirement. Each engineering student must complete their capstone requirement before attaining a bachelor's degree. It provides the opportunity for students to integrate their curricular and experiential journeys into a multi-semester team project with a real-world outcome.

"During the pop-up



Beachmont's STEAM Director, Christiane Amstutz and Northeastern Professor Katy Schulte Grahame.



Northeastern University School of Engineering students with students from Beachmont STEAM after-school club.

museum, the Northeastern students have to treat the Beachmont students as potential clients," said Amstutz. "It was an opportunity for the Northeastern students to get to know potential clients and know what they're interested in, so that whatever they build is targeted toward the client."

"They're learning that engineering principle that you don't generally do engineering just for fun; you usually are doing it for a company, a client or somebody who's paying you to build something and do something," she added. "Their general theme for the museum capstone project at the Beachmont

focused on the environment and sustainability."

Professor Grahame said, "The STEAM club collaboration between Northeastern and the Beachmont School has been a success for many years for both sets of students. We are able to learn so much from each other and the projects designed for the Pop-up Museum are always specially tailored for our elementary friends. Sharing a love for science and engineering together helps everyone grow both technical and communication skills and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come."

## THE RHS SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB AT BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL TOURNEY



The RHS Speech and Debate Tournament competed at the 2nd Annual Keith West Memorial Tournament at Boston Latin School this past weekend. Dina Oufessa placed first in Declamation. Salsabil Mendoza placed 2nd in Radio Broadcasting. The Improv Duo teams of Chris Merveille and Adam Ouldzenagui and Raihan Ahmed and Safaa Laroussi placed 4th and 6th respectively. Shown above, left to right: Aadrita Rahman, Safaa Laroussi, Fatima Baoussouh, Dina Oufessa, Salsabil Mendoza, Adam Ouldzenagui, Chris Merveille, Raihan Ahmed, and Richard Taborda.

## O'Donnell // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Rep. Joseph McGonagle said, "Joe O'Donnell did so much for Everett and its residents, but he never sought recognition for his efforts. This is a very sad day for Everett. The city has lost a great person."

U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey, a graduate of Malden Catholic High School, said of Mr. O'Donnell, a fellow alumnus of MC:

"Joe O'Donnell was a giant - in business, in philanthropy, and in his commitment to finding treatments for cystic fibrosis. Despite

his lifetime of achievements and accolades, he never forgot where he came from as the son from a blue-collar family from Everett. He believed in paying it back, to Malden Catholic and the Xavierian brothers who gave him a world-class education, so that the next generation of students could get the same opportunities he did as a young man. Joe O'Donnell achieved such great success not despite his blue-collar roots, but because of them."

John DiBiao, former head coach of the Everett High School football team, said that Mr. O'Donnell was "a great man."

"He helped so people. What he's done for cystic fibrosis and the money he raised in the fight to find a cure is immense. There are so many young kids that are surviving now because of what he did. He did wonderful things for Everett and Malden Catholic, but in the big picture, he did so much more."



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Seniors left to right---Ashley Chandler, Hiba Fenni, Valerie Pietri, Yasmin Riazi, Giselle Salvador, Angelina Montoya, Camilla Echeverri and Coach Racquel MacDonald Ciambelli.



Captains left to right---Yasmin Riazi, Giselle Salvador, Angelina Montoya, Camilla Echeverri and Coach Racquel MacDonald Ciambelli.

Martinez brothers attribute success on the court to their Revere roots

By Melissa Moore-Randall

The Martinez family is one of the most well-known sports families in Revere. Will and Nick are the oldest and second oldest of seven siblings. Both boys played basketball at the Immaculate Conception, Malden Catholic and currently at Salem State. Their proudest accomplishments are back to back state championships while at Malden Catholic. Nick was also Boston Conference MVP and Boston Globe Dream Team.

The boys attribute most of their basketball success to many within the Revere community including Coaches John Leone, Mike D'Itria, John Walsh, and coaches Clarke, Dunn, Lee, Richie,Leary, and Garrity. Both boys also said a lot of their continued success was due to their involvement in the Revere PAL program and Kris Oldoni, the coordinator.

Nick said “Kris Oldoni has done a lot for me, and I am very grateful and thankful for him. He has taught me things on and off the court. I also work for him through the PAL program.” Will added, “PAL and Oldoni have been a big part of helping me get to where I am now. I built a lot of confidence playing at the open gyms



Will and Nick Martinez with PAL Coordinator Kris Oldoni.

and tournaments.”

Pal Coordinator, Kris Oldoni had high praise for the Martinez brothers. “Will and Nicky Martinez have been active members of the Revere Police Activities League for several years. It has been a pleasure to observe their hard work and maturation which has enabled these young men to pursue their goals to compete as NCAA athletes and continue their education at the college level. Both these guys possess a certain level of intensity, maturity, and a competitive nature that aligns with their success as demonstrated in their recent back to back State Championships as members of the Malden Catholic basketball team.

Even during pickup games in our open gym they play hard and demonstrate a high IQ for the game of basketball. As members of the Revere Police Activities League summer employment program, Will and Nicky are natural leaders and understand the importance of maintaining high standards and modeling civic responsibility. I am certainly excited for them and their family as they continue to develop into positive members of the PAL program and the Revere community that we can all be proud of.”

The brothers are excited playing at the college level and look forward to more success on and off the court.

LADY PATRIOTS CORRAL MUSTANGS; TIED FOR FIRST

The Revere High girls basketball team turned in one of the most impressive defensive performances in many years en route to a decisive 37-23 triumph over Greater Boston League rival Medford last Thursday at the Merullo Fieldhouse.

The Lady Mustangs, who had defeated the Lady Patriots 45-37 in their first meeting this season, entered the contest in a three-way tie with Revere and Lynn Classical for first place and had been averaging 42 points per game this season en route to compiling a 10-2 overall record.

However, Revere turned the tables in the rematch, expanding a three-point halftime lead with some timely offensive production after the intermission that resulted in a runaway victory.

Alisha Jean turned in a superb effort with a near double-double of nine points and nine rebounds. Nisrin Sekkat also hit for nine points. Senior captain Haley Belloise did her job, adding five points, dishing out five assists, and making three steals. Shayna Smith also turned in a solid performance with seven points and six rebounds.

"Our second match-up against Medford, with our full squad back and healthy, led us to a win," said first-year RHS head coach Ariana Rivera, whose squad now stands at 7-2 in the GBL (8-5

overall) as they prepare to enter the final third of the season. "We started the game with poor tempo, only being up by three going into the second half. Our play in the second half was a lot more crisp and we were able to pull away toward the fourth quarter."

Rivera and her crew were scheduled to meet GBL rivals Chelsea last night (Tuesday) and Malden tomorrow (Thursday). They will host non-league opponent Greater Lowell on Monday.

RHS BOYS LOOK TO GET BACK ON TRACK

The Revere High boys basketball team made the short trip to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Medford last Thursday looking to repeat their 50-43 victory earlier in the season, but the Mustangs turned the tables in the rematch to claim a 59-53 triumph.

Medford came out on fire, with the Patriots also playing up-tempo in an effort to get their offense going early to match the Mustangs. Junior guard Josh Mercado (5 points, 3 steals) drained a three-pointer, senior center Amir Yamani (3 points, 5 rebounds) made a fast break layup, and senior reserve Ryan El Babor drove to the hoop for two.

The Patriots did all they could to stay with the hot-shooting Mustangs, with senior co-captain Luke Ellis (7 points) making a putback and junior guard Ethan Day (18

points, 5 rebounds) making three baskets in the lane, but Revere trailed 26-15 to end the first quarter.

The Patriots did a much better job defensively in the second period to slow down Medford, Junior guard Sami Mghizou hit a corner three-pointer, junior guard Avi Lung (5 points, 5 assists, 2 steals) scored on the fast break and Day and Ellis made a few more baskets to cut into the lead, but Revere still trailed 34-27 at half-time.

The third quarter had a much different feel to it as both teams made adjustments on defense after the intermission and both had a hard time putting together any offense. Mercado hit another jump shot, Day got to the basket a few more times, and Ellis hit an elbow jumper, but that was all the Patriots could come up with, as they entered the fourth period still trailing, 46-36.

Revere made a nice run early in the final quarter behind junior forward Erick Mayorga (4 points), who had two nice baskets inside. Sophomore forward Sean Burnett (6 points, 4 rebounds, 2 blocks) also gave Revere a spark off of the bench, scoring all of his points in a two-minute span.

The Patriots moved to within four points, 53-49, with 4:24 remaining, but the Mustangs responded with a few baskets of their own. Revere came right back with a Luke



REVERE HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOT SWIM TEAM IN ACTION

The RHS swim team has started the season 1-2 with a win over Lynn English and losses to Somerville and Shawsheen Tech. At the Somerville meet senior Juan Cano qualified for state championships in the 50 free style with a time of 22.85. Juan also has four other first place finishes and a second place. Alem Csic has five first place finishes. Matthew Terrell has four, Nathaniel Hill has two and Jannet Sehli has one. The team has three remaining meets before the GBL championship meet on January 25.



Patriot Swim Seniors, in the front L-R: Leticia Coelho, Denis Quijada, Jannet Sehli, and Victoria Vilaca. Back L-R: Alem Csic, Matthew Terrell, Juan Cano, Harrison Rua, and Nathaniel Hill.



The Patriot Swim Team, shown front L-R: Juan Cano, Jean Builes-Uribe, Marcelo Fermin-Cuartas, Adam Ashour, Melany Cosme Sanchez, Victoria Vilaca, and Leticia Coelho. Middle L-R: Daniel Hallak, Nathaniel Hill, Alem Csic, Jannet Selhi, Matthew Terrell, Sofia Lee Li, Stephanie Phan, and Denis Quijada. Back L-R: Harrisso Rua, Wilson Feng, Stephany Vargas-Vargas, Leah Zuniga, and Naomi Tadele.



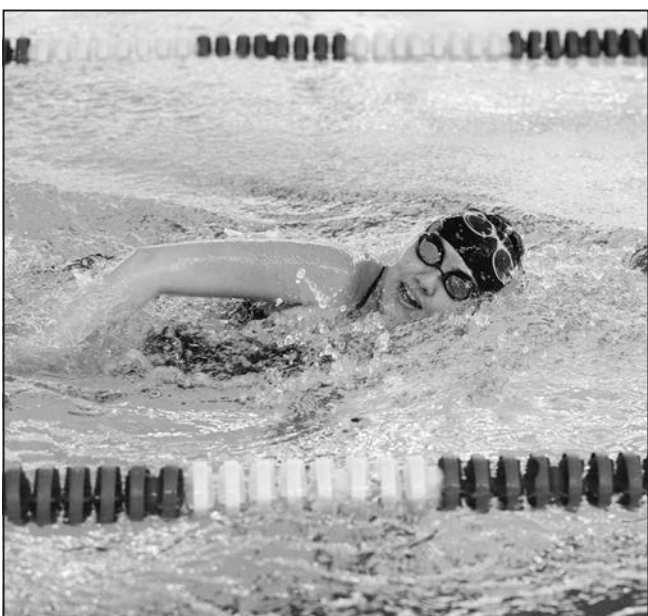
RHS Patriot Swim Captains: Alem Csic, Jannet Selhi and Matthew Terrell.



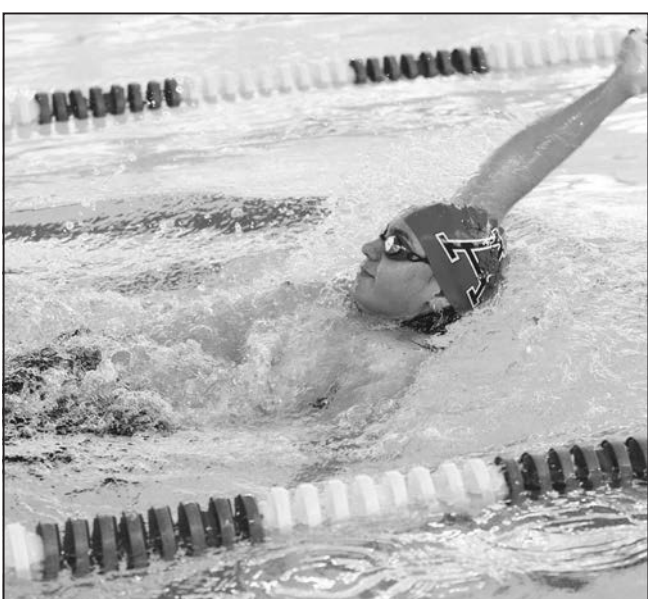
Capt. Alem Csic.



Capt. Jannett Selhi.



Nathaniel Hill.



Juan Cano.



Capt. Matthew Terrell.

Coach Hill commends ‘a very special group of seniors’ on Senior Swim Team Day

Revere High School swim coach Chris Hill praised his seniors for their dedication to the program and their excellent leadership during his remarks at an impressive Senior Day ceremony Jan. 18 at the Garfield School pool.

“This was the class that had a lot of struggles – this was the group that started as freshmen in the COVID year,” Hill told the gathering of swim team families and friends. “That was the year that we didn’t think we were going to have a swim team - when we didn’t have a winter season and we did swimming in the spring season. And basically, our first two

years, I don’t think we had a meet in person. We had to do virtual meets. We could only have four kids in a lane and had to start at different ends of the pool. These are the kids that really endured and kept the team alive, and they’re always going to be a group that I hold very special and very dear to me.”

Revere High Athletic Director Frank Shea looked on proudly during the ceremony, standing humbly near the flowers presentation area. Shea personally congratulated the seniors on their athletic and academic achievements during their RHS careers.



Senior swimmer DeAndre Quijada and Coach Chris Hill.



Senior swim team captain Jannet Sehli, with his mother, Amara Elabdi.



Revere High Athletic Director Frank Shea is pictured with Swim Coach Christopher Hill at the Senior Day ceremony last Thursday at the Garfield Middle School.



Senior swimmer Leticia Coelho with Jean Builes-Uribe, and Coach Chris Hill.



Senior swimmer Harrison Rua, with his mother, Erin Rua, and father, Greg Rua.



RHS PATRIOT SWIM TEAM CELEBRATE SENIOR DAY



Senior swimmer Juan Cano, with his mother (left), Paola Cano, father, Juan Cano, and friends, Samuel Posada and Sebastian Perdomo.



Senior swimmer Isabella Cintron and her friends.



Senior swimmer Nathaniel Hill, with his father, Coach Chris Hill, mother, Marla Quinones, and grandmother, Marla Perez.



Senior swimmer Alem Cescic, with friends and family, (front row), Marjorie Lopez and Virginia Lopez. Back row are Jilliam Rodriguez, Mohamed Bendzerdjeb, Isabella Abreus, Stacey Li, Menold Sinani, Alem Cescic, Jaamie Pineda, and Ariana Aguilar.



Senior swimmer Jannet Sehli, with her friends, Ricky Tran, Karla Leal, and Annabella Sandy-Roche.



Senior swim captain Matthew Terrell, with his brother, Zach Terrell, his uncle, Ed Terrell, grandmother, Corrine, friend, Ashley, father, Bill Terrell, mother, Nicole Terrell, and grandmother, Dottie.



Senior swim team captain Alem Cescic, with mother, Jasmina Cescic, sister, Leila Cescic, and father, Enes Cescic.



Revere High Coach Chris Hill and the athletes on the swim team from the Class of 2024, front row, from left, Coach Chris Hill, seniors Harrison Rua, Nathaniel Hill, Vilson Lipa, Alem Cescic, Isabella Cintron, and Juan Cano. Back row, from left, are DeAndre Quijada, Victoria Vilaca, Leticia Coelho, Jannet Sehli, and Matthew Terrell.



Senior swimmer Victoria Vilaca, with her mother, Lana Logatti.



Senior swim team captain Vilson Lipa, with his mother, Esmiralda Biti, and sister, Emili Lipa.



Senior swimmer Isabella Cintron, pictured with some of her friends, who honored her with their support on RHS Senior Swim Team Day at the Garfield School.

Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

Ellis three-pointer, Yamani and Lung each made a free throw, and Day sank another floater over the defense, but it was not enough to get over the proverbial hump.

The Patriots then were forced to foul a few times down the stretch to stop the clock, but the Mustangs converted on their free throws and held on for the 59-53 win.

Coach David Leary and his crew, who now stand at 3-8 on the season, were scheduled to make the short trip southward

to Chelsea for Round II of the Battle of Broadway last night (Tuesday). They will host GBL foe Malden tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:00 and will make the long trek to non-league opponent Greater Lowell next Monday.

TWO NEW RHS GIRLS' RECORDS SET AT D-1 RELAY MEET

Two new Revere High School girls indoor track and field records were set this past weekend at the Division 1 State Relay

Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston.

In the shot-put competition, the trio of Ashley Chandler, Francoise Kodjo, and Caleigh Joyce established the new school mark.

Francoise led the team, with her best throw being 25'-10.75." Ashley was close behind with a throw of 23'-0" and freshman Caleigh Joyce's best throw was 20'-10.5." In total, the school record they set was 21.26 meters.

"In past years this had

been an uncontested event for Revere," said RHS head coach Racquel MacDonald. "In a shot-put relay all team participants must hit at least 20 feet on their first throw. It definitely was nerve-wracking for the girls, but they all hit over 20 feet and were able to set the record.

"Our throwers continue to improve each week and I am really looking forward to seeing how they finish out the season," MacDonald added.

The second RHS school record to be set in the re-

lays came in the Distance Medley Relay (1200, 400, 800, 1 mile). The quartet of Hiba El Bzyouy (1200), Rania Hamdani (400), Gemma Stam-atopoulos (800), and Olivia Rupp (mile) ran a time of 15:07.23, eclipsing the former school record that was set nine years ago by almost 20 seconds.

"This was after half of the team had already run other relays earlier in the meet," noted MacDonald. "I'm confident this group can continue to break this record come outdoor sea-

son on fresh legs. This is the third school record broken this season for our girls and it is so exciting watching them put their mark in RHS history. It is so well deserved!"

MacDonald and her crew, who stand at 5-0 in dual meets and are in prime position to claim a Greater Boston League (GBL) title, were scheduled to conclude their dual-meet season with a tri-meet yesterday (Tuesday) evening against GBL foes Medford (which also stands at 5-0) and Everett







RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL VS. MEDFORD



TAKING THE HIT: Belma Velic (right) holds her defensive position as Medford's Isabella O'Brien fights for position under the basket between Velic and Revere's Alisha Jean.



OFFENSIVE BREAKTHROUGH: Shayna Smith fights her way between Medford's Isabella O'Brien (20) and Morgan Reynolds (24)

Photos by Bob Marra

Revere broke a two-game losing skid and improved their record to 8-5

with a 37-23 over Medford (10-3 overall) that boosted the Patriots into second place in the Greater Boston League standings.



OFF AND RUNNING: Shayna Smith leads the way out of the Medford end.



QUICK HANDS: Rocio Gonzalez (3, right) knocks the ball from the hands of Medford's Ava Lavoie.



EYES ON THE PRIZE: Alisha Jean (24) focuses on the basket as she is guarded closely by a Medford defender.



TRAFFIC JAM: Haley Belloise runs into defensive resistance on her drive toward the basket.



SIDELINE EFFORT: Haley Belloise reaches ahead of Medford's Kaileigh Dixon as they race to keep a ball in play.



UP AND AWAY: Rocio Gonzalez goes airborne as she drives toward the basket on Medford's Morgan Reynolds.



LOOSE BALL: Bella Stamatopoulos and Medford's Kaileigh Dixon (1) try to keep a ball in bounds.

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JACK SATTER HOUSE TENANTS ASSOCIATION INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Satter House receptionist Amy Courtney, Director of Resident Services Rose Shapiro, and Executive Director Steve Post.

Photos by Cary Shuman

The Jack Satter Tenants Association Installation of Officers Dinner was held Jan. 11 at the senior residences located at 420 Revere Beach Boulevard. Roxanne Aiello was installed for her fifth year as president of the JSHTA Board. Also installed as officers were Joanne Monteforte (first vice president), Kathy Bennett (treasurer), Ruth Burman (recording secretary), and Janice Gil-

man (financial secretary). Satter House Executive Director Steve Post, who is in his 20th year, welcomed the many guests to the event. Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Rep. Jeff Turco, and Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya delivered remarks. The guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres during the social hour and a delicious full-course dinner consisting of salad (baby greens, beet, and candied pecans), a main-course choice of Tuscan stuffed Statler Chicken or baked stuffed haddock, roasted fingerling potatoes and carrot medley, and moulton chocolate cake or fresh berry cup for dessert. Arslan Khydarov and his wife, Milika, provided the excellent after-dinner musical entertainment.



State Rep. Jeff Turco greets a contingent from the Satter House, Judy Yantosca, Pat Melchionno, Barbara Slayton, Director of Facilities Eric Desharnais, and Deedy Uliss.



Satter House Executive Director Steve Post (left), with the Tenants Association Officers, Treasurer Kathy Bennett, First Vice President Joanne Monteforte, President Roxanne Aiello, and Financial Secretary Janice Gilman. Missing from photo: Recording Secretary Ruth Burman.



Shown above, Mayor Patrick Keefe receives a warm welcome at Satter House from Ann Eagan, Paula Weiner, Satter House hairdresser extraordinaire Ruth Giannasoli, Rona Hearn, and Joanne Monteforte at the Installation of Officers Dinner.



Shown top-left: Satter House Dining Services Director Robert Crevatis, Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello, and Executive Director Steve Post.



Shown bottom-left: Satter House Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello, vocalist and musician Arslan Khydarov, and Satter House Executive Director Steve Post.



Front row are Pat Whitty, Judi Meaney, Mary King, and Larry King. Back row are Phyllis Snyder, Jack Meaney, and Domenic Logiudice.



State Rep. Jeff Turco, Satter House Tenants Association First Vice President Joanne Monteforte, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Satter House Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, and Satter House Executive Director Steve Post.

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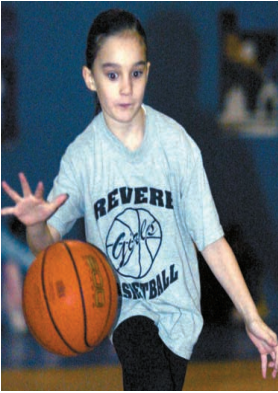
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Kayla Buonopane is one of many girls participating in the Rec. Department's winter basketball league. **PHOTOS, IN SPORTS.**



#### HIGH NOTE

Superintendent of Schools Paul Dakin and school officials celebrate music. **PHOTOS, PAGE 9.**



#### RIGHT HAND MAN

A.J. Terminiello Jr. is sworn in for another one-year term as president of the Chamber of Commerce. **PHOTOS, PAGE 15.**

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### WINTER WEATHER

## FREEZING COLD

By JOSHUA RESNEK  
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It is the dead of winter, 2004. If you heat by oil, your tank needs to be filled about every 12 days.

If by gas - well, the meter is running as if it were electric.

Either way, if you live in a modest home, your heating bill for the four week period beginning the end of December and stretching into January is going to be at least \$300 - \$400, depending on how warm you like to be and how insulated your home is.

Gas is more expensive - cleaner they say - but 20 per cent more expensive than oil.

Experts claim gas burns hotter than the oil. They claim less gas is needed to heat your gas boiler than oil to heat an oil-fired boiler.

Regardless however, the recent cold spell broke every record.

Not since 1917 has it been so cold for so long, to the point where public school was called off because it was dangerous to send kids out, onto the streets.

Whenever it gets this cold, I think of the Pilgrims and the first



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Snow and ice on desolate Revere Beach.

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### BUSINESS

## Sweet dreams

Popular Necco candy featured on Postal Service's 'Love' stamp

By SETH DANIEL  
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American Legion Highway turned into a glitzy, candy-coated fashion runway last week as the Necco Candy Company introduced its new 'Sweetheart' slogans and revealed the U.S. Postal Service's annual 'Love' stamp - which features Necco's conversation hearts.

It was the first time the company hosted the annual pre-Valentine's Day bash in its new Revere world headquarters.

The scene inside the company's function room was electric and high-class last Wednesday morning, Jan. 14. A DJ played up-tempo dance music while camera crews and photographers from Boston media outlets set up their equipment. It was quite apparent that the company spared no expense.

Necco President Domenic Antonellis took center stage first, welcoming everyone to the factory



SETH DANIEL PHOTO

Robert Wasak, Necco's mailman, unveils the newest Necco Conversation Hearts slogan, 'I Love You,' during a ceremony at the Necco World Headquarters.

and to Revere.

"This facility is a dream come true for us," he said, "and what better way to capture the season of love than by inspiring people to believe in their own hopes and dreams."

Wayne Levy, director of com-

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### FROM THE POLICE BLOTTER

## Faith stealing

Torah stolen in baffling theft at the Congregation Tifereth on Nahant Ave.

#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Members of Congregation Tifereth on Nahant Avenue are baffled by the theft of one of their Torahs and religious silver adornments.

Police, too, are stymied - considering a Torah is not something that could be sold just anywhere.

Rabbi Abraham Teitel first discovered the missing Torah on Jan. 10 while conducting services at the synagogue. After an investigation of his own, he turned to police and reported the theft on Jan. 15. Authorities have found no evidence of forced entry, and the Torah was kept downstairs in a special wooden box.

Police have categorized the theft as a hate crime, but still have no evidence to back that up. The missing Torah could simply be the work of a misguided thief.

"There must be a market for that stuff," Teitel said on the phone last week, indicating also that the Torah was insured.

However, many Jews would argue that a Torah is irreplaceable.

The Torah is a three-foot scroll consisting of two ornate wooden spools and parchment bearing holy scripture written in Hebrew, which is recited verbatim at regular services and special events, such as a bar mitzvah.

The Torah is considered very sacred, so much so that tradition calls for the congregation to fast for 40 days if it is dropped.

Now that it's stolen, no one knows quite what to do.

"It's crazy," said Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselsky, who is also a member. "We have no idea who would have taken it."

Missing with the Torah were silver crowns that sat on the handles and a silver adornment plate, which hung from a chain on the front.

Police valued the silver at \$10,000 and the Torah at \$20,000.

Teitel said they might replace the missing pieces.

"It all depends," he said, adding that there is a special procedure for replacement. "Maybe yes, and maybe no, because the money is tight now."

### SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

## A ground-breaking announcement?

By SETH DANIEL  
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Gov. Mitt Romney dropped some potentially exciting news on Revere last Thursday night in his State of the Commonwealth address, when he pledged to fund all the new schools on the state's waiting list.

Revere has four schools wait-

ing, one at the number three spot and three that are in the low 30s. There are a total of 420 schools on the state School Building Assistance (SBA) list.

If Romney's words become reality, Revere could be breaking ground on at least two of the new schools this summer, after being stalled for two years.

"Hopefully, the revenue stream will open up this year," said Super-

intendent Paul Dakin. "If it does, I'm confident we will begin the process sometime this summer."

However, if each governor this state has ever had would have carried through with every promise made, the Commonwealth would look like the Rockefeller Estate.

And it doesn't, so, naturally,

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CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. A JOURNAL SPECIAL, PAGE 8

*This year, we'll be taking a weekly journey through the pivotal headlines of 2004, revisiting the year's most significant events. Join us as we explore these historic moments, one week at a time.*



# License Comm. reaches middle ground on police details for Everett Street restaurant

By Journal Staff

The Revere License Commission held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday afternoon (January 17) in the City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chair Robert Selevitch and fellow members Dan Ocena and Linda Guinasso. The commission initially addressed two routine matters.

The first was a request from the Revere Beach Partnership/Waterfront Square, Chris Puiia, event manager, for a 1-day All Alcohol & Entertainment License to be exercised at Waterfront Square on Saturday, February 3, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, February 4. The event is a Winter Ice Sculpting Festival & Winter Market with an expected attendance is 800 - 1000.

Mr. Pujia presented the application. He said there will be ice sculptures on one end of the bridge and the beer garden at the other, similar to what the partnership conducted for its Pumpkin Dash.

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

The commission next took up an application from Commonwealth Auto Body, Inc. d/b/a Commonwealth Auto Sales, 335 Lee Burbank Highway, Andrew Sica, Manager, for a change of corporate structure and change of manager from John Sica. There were no other changes to the license.

The commission had no objections, there were no opponents, and the application was approved unanimously.

The commission then held a hearing, which was a continuation from October, regarding changes to security measures at the Carnaval Latino Restaurant, 7B Everett Street, which had been requested by the commission at its October meeting "to prevent a pattern of incidents involving late-night brawls, intoxicated patrons, vandalism, and motor vehicle accidents."

A representative from the restaurant informed the commissioners that there have been no issues since the establishment began hiring police details on Friday and Saturday nights since the October meeting. He also said that the individuals who had been causing the trouble no longer are allowed into the restaurant. Revere Police Lieut. Sean Randall, who was on hand for the meeting, confirmed that there have been no issues in the past few months.

Ocena made a motion to eliminate the police details in view of the lack of recent problems and because there was no "end date" to the details, which were proving costly to the business. Selevitch however, noted that the commission had extended the restaurant's hours until 2 a.m. on the condition that there be police details. Guinasso offered a compromise amendment to Ocean's motion to require a detail only on Saturday nights, on a trial basis, to be reviewed within six months. The motion passed, with Selevitch opposed, and the enforcement action itself was placed "on file."

The commission received the following communications in the past

month:

1. Notification from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) of approval of the application for a change of manager and change of officers for Beachmont VFW Post #6712, Inc.

2. Notification from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) of approval of the application for a change of manager for Revere Restaurant Operator, LLC d/b/a Mission Beach House.

3. Notification from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) of approval of the application for a change of manager for 99 West, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub.

The commissioners then voted to renew the following licenses for the coming year:

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Bajza, Inc. d/b/a Papa Jack's, 327 Broadway  
Common Victualler:  
Target Corporation d/b/a Target Store T-1942, 36 Furlong Drive  
7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a 7-Eleven 37520H, 140 Beach Street  
Bajza, Inc. d/b/a Papa Jack's, 327 Broadway  
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The commission then adjourned until its next meeting in February.



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Reports to: Julissa White Director of Leased Housing Management

Salary: \$52,000 - \$56,000 (depending on experience)

Primary Responsibilities:

- Critically review information provided by applicants and tenants for legitimacy, completeness and compliance with HUD program requirements and RHA Administrative Plan.
- Verify, all household family members, sources and amounts of income and assets.
- Work with HUD-provided reporting systems (EIV), other public agencies, private institutions and employers as appropriate.
- Contact program participants as appropriate to ensure timely completion of program requirements, annual recertification, and interim changes.
- Accurately complete initial, interim, and recertification calculations.
- Understand key documents and publications issued by HUD and incorporate into day-to-day program administration.
- Complete, issue, obtain signatures and send executed HAP contracts to landlords.
- Establish monthly landlord (HAP) payments in the RHA software systems.
- Serve as liaison with current and new landlords.
- Assist, provide information and help resolve landlord and tenant issues relating to program participation.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Applicant must be organized and capable of working independently and responsibly without close supervision. This position requires the ability to research, problem solve and propose recommended solutions. Excellent oral and written communication skills, including the ability to compose professional correspondence representing the department and the agency. Experience with PHA web software, Excel and Windows Office programs preferred. Must be a high school graduate or GED recipient.

Contact Information:

Please submit cover letter and resume to Dean Harris, Executive Director, Revere Housing Authority, 70 Cooledge Street, Revere, MA 02151. RHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Employer.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF REVERE  
MASSACHUSETTS  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION  
Notice of  
Public Hearing  
Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Revere. Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City of Revere Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Notice of Intent by Maria F. Pereira Raffetis, property owner of 100 Arcadia St. to do work on her single family home. The work involves removing and modifying existing concrete that was filled in along the northeast foundation encroaching the neighboring home and the entire backyard. The proposed work will involve saw cutting and removing concrete, leaving an 18-inch border around the fence in the back yard and removing concrete leaving 6-inch abutting foundation to return to good standing with the Wetlands Protection Act. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in the Conservation Commission Office at 249R Broadway, Revere, MA on Monday & Wednesday from 8 A.M. through 7 P.M. and Tuesday & Thursday from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Application and meeting information may also be obtained by contacting the Conser-

vation Commission by calling 781-286-8185 or be emailing concom@revere.org.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
Notice is hereby given by McGarvey Towing of 1481 Broadway Saugus, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L.c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following abandoned vehicles on or after January 25, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at McGarvey Towing:  
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5. 2017 Hyundai Sonata VIN 5NPE34AF-3HH508646  
Signed  
Stephen McGarvey  
Owner, McGarvey Towing  
1/10, 1/17, 1/24 R

### LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF REVERE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS  
INVITATION  
FOR BIDS  
STREET

SWEEPING  
SERVICES  
MUN-2024-1003  
Sealed bids to furnish all labor and materials for STREET SWEEPING SERVICES for the City of Revere, Department of Public Works, will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts prior to 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 8, 2024, immediately after which the bids will be opened and read publicly. Specifications and contract documents will be available beginning Thursday, January 25, 2024 electronically from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi at purchasing@revere.org. Revere City Hall office hours are Monday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday thru Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Fridays, 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Each bid submitted to the City of Revere must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond, money order, cashier's check, certified check, or treasurer's check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company, in the amount of six thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$6,750.00). Checks must be made payable to the City of Revere. The City of Revere as the awarding authority, may accept any bid or portion of a bid, waive any informality in a bid, order more or less of any item, investigate the ability of the vendors

to honor a bid, select a vendor who does not submit the lowest bid and award all contracts as shall be considered in the best interest of the City of Revere. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of minority business enterprises in all activities administered by this agency. Bidders must hold their bid prices for thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B  
Michael A. Piccardi  
Purchasing Agent  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
23 SM 003218  
ORDER OF NOTICE TO:  
Klariza Ramirez; Jonathan Ramirez; Carlos Merlos  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):  
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property

in Revere, numbered 10 Vinal Street, given by Klariza Ramirez, Jonathan Ramirez and Carlos Merlos to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Caliber Home Loans, Inc., dated December 29, 2021, and registered in Suffolk County Registry of District of the Land Court as Document No. 929868 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 138346, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 4th, 2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on January 16th, 2024.  
Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Division  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU24PD0122EA  
Estate of:  
John Santilli  
Also Known as:  
John A. Santilli  
Date of Death:  
09/14/2023  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Nicole A. Sokolove 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: Nicole A. Sokolove 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 03/01/2024. 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 within thirty days (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: January 19, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.  
Register of Probate  
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Complete Streets Reconstruction Project  
February 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, located at Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere  
Beginning this spring, the City of Revere will initiate sidewalk and intersection improvements under the Washington Avenue Complete Streets Reconstruction Project. The sidewalks and driveway openings along Washington Avenue from Amelia Place to Sherman Street will be reconstructed. The scope of the reconstruction project includes:  
\* The removal of the existing asphalt sidewalks or cracked concrete sidewalks to be replaced with new concrete and granite curbing.  
\* The delineation of shared driveways between property owners with the placement of curbing.  
\* Resizing driveway entrances to comply with the Revere Revised Ordinances Title 17 Zoning, Section 17.28.050-Driveways.  
\* Improved pedestrian accommodations: shorter crossing widths between intersecting streets, and the installation of ADA compliant panels and ramps installed at each crossing.  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE  
Washington Avenue

### LEGAL NOTICE

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# State leaders show support for Municipal Empowerment Act

Special to the Journal

Governor Maura T. Healey filed two bills that would increase resources for Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns.

The Municipal Empowerment Act expands on tools available to municipal leaders to generate revenue by allowing them to increase local option taxes on meals and lodging. The bill would also create a new local Motor Vehicle Excise surcharge option – a provision that could benefit every city

and town in the state. It also makes permanent a number of popular COVID-era allowances for hybrid public meetings, outdoor dining permits and to-go cocktail sales.

Governor Healey also filed a two-year, \$400 million Chapter 90 bill (HD4811) for local road and bridge repair, proposing a multi-year authorization to help build in predictability for municipalities looking to plan longer-term projects. The

annual Chapter 90 authorization would be supplemented by another \$100 million for local road and bridge repairs through Fair Share surtax spending proposed in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, and an additional \$24 million dedicated to rural communities.

Local leaders from across Massachusetts have shown their support for Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll's plan to support municipalities including : Mayor Patrick M. Keefe

Jr., Revere who said; "As the fastest growing city in the Commonwealth, Revere is poised to leverage these new tools to invest in education, infrastructure, new amenities and programs allowing our city to remain competitive while providing a great value for families to live and raise their children. Providing local options to grow revenue will allow Revere to position itself for the next generation without putting more of the tax burden on our homeowners."

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