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SERVICES AT FIRST  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH

First Congregational Church, located at 230 Beach Street, will be hosting a series of services in observance of Holy Week:

Palm Sunday Services: March 24 at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service: March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service: March 31 at 6:00 a.m. at Revere Beach Bandstand

Regular Easter Services: March 31 at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at First Congregational Church, 230 Beach Street.

TREASURER  
ANNOUNCES  
LATEST RELEASE  
OF UNCLAIMED  
PROPERTY  
LISTINGS

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners. Over 50,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

"Did you know there is \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property here in Massachusetts? 1 in 10 people in this state are owed money and one of them could be you," said Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "So

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REVERE LIBRARY CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA



Revere Police Chief David Callahan, who stopped by to read, with some of the many children at the Read Across America event at the Revere Public Library last Saturday. See more photos on Page 10.

Council updated on high school project timeline

By Adam Swift

There are a number of big dates on the horizon for the building of a new Revere High School at Wonderland.

Last week, project manager Brian Dakin of Leftfield appeared before the city council to update it on the schedule that would see the new high school open around August of 2028 for the 2028-29 school year.

In January, the council

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East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to rebrand as NeighborHealth

Special to the Journal

During an announcement to its nearly 2,000 employees, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) outlined plans to rebrand its health system, which serves more than 120,000 people and has an operating budget of \$270 million. The largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts announced it will become NeighborHealth in June 2024, taking on a new name and visual identity.

"For over 55 years, we've proudly served the East Boston community. In recent decades,

our thriving and growing health system is serving many more families, in many more communities through a comprehensive and diverse set of services, programs, and clinical locations. Now, as our state's largest provider of community-based primary care services, we have an opportunity to unify our health system under one name that is inclusive of all our clinical locations and reflective of the diverse communities we serve," said EBNHC's President and CEO Greg Wilmot. "As NeighborHealth, we will remain as committed as ever to our mission and patient prom-

ise to provide high-quality, patient-centered care to all who live and work in our communities."

EBNHC was founded in 1970 during the Civil Rights Movement to meet a gap in healthcare services for East Boston's working class and predominantly Italian immigrant population, serving as a relief station for Boston City Hospital in the early 1900s. As its patient community grew beyond East Boston, EBNHC followed with new sites and services to provide more convenient care. Today, EBNHC operates nearly a dozen clinical sites throughout Greater Boston including

East Boston, Winthrop, Everett, Revere, and Boston's South End. Providing high-quality primary care services to the largest Health Safety Net population as well as the largest Latino population in the Commonwealth, NeighborHealth will remain committed to eliminating barriers to care due to disparities associated with race, cultural background, and economic status.

"Five decades ago, community leaders of East Boston planted a seed of love in the heart of our community that grew to become the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Joined

together with the South End Community Health Center, we will become NeighborHealth, serving many thousands of families in several communities. Along with our entire Board of Directors, I'm brimming with pride," said Rita Sorrento, EBNHC's long-time Chairwoman of its Board of Directors.

"I am proud to see how East Boston Neighborhood Health Center continues to expand to meet the needs of our communities and remains committed to its founding mission of serving all who walk through our doors,"

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The City of Bright

Nicolas Rojas Taborda hopes to lead RHS team to Paris for science competition

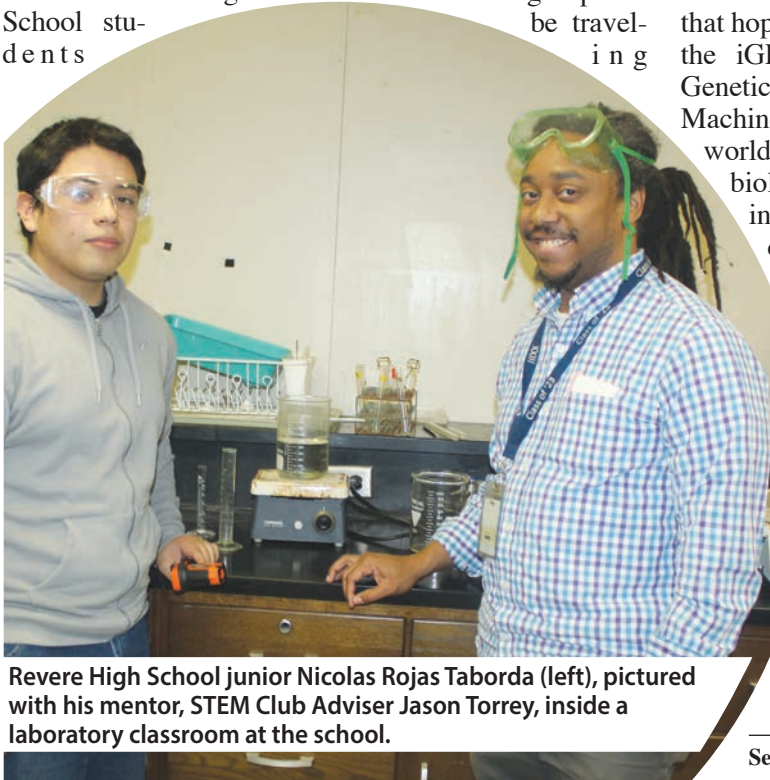
By Cary Shuman

If all goes according to form and he and his team of Revere High School students

can raise the funds necessary to make their incredible dream a reality, Nicolas "Nico" Rojas Taborda and the group will be traveling

to Paris in October.

Rojas Taborda, an outstanding junior at Revere High School, is leading a team of young researchers that hopes to participate in the iGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machine competition, a worldwide synthetic biology competition in France. Taborda is the team captain and the RHS members are Belma Vilic, Rayan Elmzabi, Carlos Umanzor, Yossra Khassim, and Leonardo Mayorga. Rojas Taborda's contingent has already begun working on



Revere High School junior Nicolas Rojas Taborda (left), pictured with his mentor, STEM Club Adviser Jason Torrey, inside a laboratory classroom at the school.

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CELEBRATING VALENTINES DAY AT THE SENIOR CENTER



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTO

Sandi Lozier, dancing to the "Cupid Shuffle" while dressed as Cupid during the Revere Senior Center Valentine's Day celebration held on Feb. 28. See more photos on Page 20.

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# City takes steps to enforce chicken-keeping violations on Augustus Street

By Journal Staff

The Revere Board of Health held a brief (seven minutes) monthly meeting last Thursday evening (February 22) in the City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chairperson Dr. Drew Bunker, fellow board member Dr. Craig Costanza, Director of Public Health Lauren Buck,

Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services (ISD) Michael Wells, and Board of Health Clerk Paula Sepulveda. Buck presented the Communicable Disease monthly report. She said that there was a significant number of 196 influenza cases and 97 confirmed COVID cases in February. "We are in respiratory-illness season and it is important for those who are sick to stay home," said Buck. "Those who have health issues should wear masks." Buck also informed the Revere community of the need for blood donations and said there are Red Cross blood drives throughout the year in conjunction with the American Legion. Buck

also noted that COVID-19 test kits are available while supplies last in the 311 office, though they have a short expiration date. Wells presented the ISD's monthly report. He said the department issued 36 certificates of fitness and conducted three reinspections, 10 interior complaints, and one reinspection. The food department conducted 23

routine inspections, 10 reinspections, three complaint inspections, two pre-opening inspections, six inspections for temporary food licenses, and one for rodents. The ISD issued 26 citations for accumulation of litter, trash, and debris, one for placing carts out at the improper time, 202 for improper placement of garbage, and one for snow,

ice, or sump pump violation. The only new business before the board pertained to a summons to appear that had been issued to the owner of the premises at 89 Augustus Street regarding chicken-keeping violations. Buck said that numerous complaints have been

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said EBNHC's CEO Emeritus Jack Cradock. "Under the name NeighborHealth, I am excited to see the next chapter unfold and the positive impact it will undoubtedly bring to communities throughout Greater Boston." Acquired by EBNHC in 2020, the South End Community Health Center, with an equally rich legacy, will also embrace the new name, NeighborHealth, in June of this year. "In the 1960s, I saw firsthand the urgent need for community-based primary care in the South End and was fortunate to join forces with an incredible group of people who shared my vision for justice in healthcare. For me, NeighborHealth symbolizes a renewed dedication to serve our communities with compassion and sensitivity, something we need now more than ever," said Dr. Gerald Hass, co-founder of the South End Community Health Center. Responding to community feedback, EBNHC worked with patients, staff, and community leaders across the Boston area to arrive at a name that best unified the health systems' breadth

of services across multiple campuses. The new brand, NeighborHealth, will align the health system's visual identity with its mission and vision to deliver a healthcare experience that is compassionate, person-centric, culturally relevant, and most importantly – accessible to all. Undergoing the official name change in June 2024, the soon-to-be NeighborHealth will continue to be a staple in Boston's diverse communities by leveraging its core values:

- With community: We don't just serve communities; we belong to them. We understand the lives of our patients because they're deeply interconnected with our own; and that's why we can address complex needs and cultural nuances. We're more than providers; we're neighbors.
- Open to all: Too many people face barriers to receiving high-quality care due to disparities associated with race, cultural background, or economic status. As a community-focused health system, we are committed to eliminating these barriers to provide the right care to everyone who needs it, no matter who they are.

- Beyond the clinic: We know that health care doesn't start or end in the exam room. The fact is, where and how people live can have a profound impact on health outcomes and wellbeing. That's why we take a holistic approach to care, working with community partners to engage people in the community before they become patients at our clinics.
- A valued team: A healthful workplace is essential to great patient care. That's why we are committed to the wellbeing of our team, building a safe and supportive space where staff are recognized and valued for their work, and patients are treated based on their unique needs by providers they trust.
- Better care: We bring compassionate, high-quality care to communities across Greater Boston. Community, however, is not just a place where care happens – it's a healthful state we all should aspire to. We live longer, healthier lives in community, with those who know and care about us. That's why we believe that care in community is better. And that's what we're here to champion.



A rendering of Neighborhood Health's Maveric kSquare location with the updated signage.

Patients and partners seeking additional information about the upcoming rebrand, please visit [ebnhc.org](http://ebnhc.org). East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive primary care,

specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, EBNHC joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods. EBNHC champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other health care providers in our state. In addition to primary and specialty care, EBNHC operates Massachusetts'

only satellite Emergency Department, which is the fourth busiest ED in Boston and is co-located with advanced radiology, including CT scan services, same-day Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an integrated pharmacy. Today, EBNHC remains dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals both in and out of the exam room by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services. For more information, visit [www.ebnhc.org](http://www.ebnhc.org)

## RHS SPEECH AND DEBATE AT MARDI GRAS



The RHS Speech and Debate Team competed at the 2024 Mardi Gras Tournament Saturday, March 2 at Shrewsbury High School. Dina Oufessa placed Second in Prose Reading while the team of Chris Merville and Safaa Laroussi placed Second in Team Improv, a special event. The teams final regular season tournament will be in Needham on March 16th. Shown are Back row from Left to Right: Fatima Baoussouh, Salsabil Mendoza, Coach James Conway, Maya Merino, Chris Merville, and Safaa Laroussi. Front row: Dina Oufessa, Aadrita Rahman, Heba Marouane, and also pictured Mariah Ayala.

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## FIRE, FIRE EVERYWHERE

The fires that have been burning out of control this past week in Texas and Oklahoma -- and which are continuing to rage as this is being written -- are yet another harbinger of what awaits us thanks to the ever-increasing rate of climate change that is affecting every corner of the earth.

The fires in Texas, which have killed two persons, destroyed 500 homes, and caused entire towns to be evacuated, come on the heels of the recent fires in Chile, which destroyed entire communities and claimed 131 lives, more than the tragic fire a few months back that occurred in Hawaii.

Fire in other parts of the globe in recent years have charred millions of acres of land and wiped out entire communities, from Australia, to California, to Canada, and the Siberian tundra.

The out-of-control wildfire fires not only have caused loss of life and brought economic devastation to communities and individuals, but they also have sent acrid smoke that enveloped large swathes of neighboring countries, as happened in the Midwest and East Coast last summer when the fires in eastern Canada raised our air quality to extremely unhealthy levels for days at a time.

But these fires are only part of the equation of climate change. Ocean temperatures reached record highs this year, threatening coral reefs and marine life across the globe. What had seemed as inconceivable -- that the world's oceans could turn into dead zones -- no longer is in the realm of science fiction. It's a reality that could occur within a few short years.

In addition, with the hot oceans providing the fuel for tropical storms, hurricanes promise to be ever-stronger and more devastating.

Air temperatures have set records month-after-month and year-after-year for the past five years, with each successive year exceeding the one before. The record warmth in the continental U.S. this winter has resulted in the least snow cover on record and has prevented the usual lakes from freezing. Glaciers are disappearing everywhere, from the polar regions, to Greenland, to the Alps in Europe.

In short, everything that is climate related is off-the-charts -- and not in a good way. If what climate scientists tell us is true -- that we are in a race against time to change our ways and that we must stop burning fossil fuels in order to save the environment as we know it -- then it is becoming increasingly clear that our feet are stuck in the mud.

## PLEASE: NO PUBLIC DRINKING ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

With the St. Patrick's Day holiday and traditional South Boston parade approaching on Sunday, March 17, we urge our public safety officials to plan for enforcing the laws which prohibit drinking in public, especially by underage drinkers.

Last year in the aftermath of the South Boston parade, we found ourselves in the unfortunate position of riding the Red Line to the South Shore. The trains were packed with highly-inebriated, rowdy, under-age drinkers who were drinking openly on the trains and then flinging their empties around the train cars, striking other passengers. The platforms resembled war zones, with large-scale fights and scores of youths who were passed out left-and-right.

We realize that everyone wants to relax and have a good time on St. Patrick's Day, but that is no excuse for our public safety officials to turn a blind eye to underage drinking and drinking in public. In addition, for those of us of Irish descent, the perception that being "Irish for a day" means drinking heavily is highly-insulting.

It is inevitable that with the high degree of public intoxication that is tacitly permitted by our public safety officials, there will be a tragedy. We urge our public officials to take steps ahead of time to stop this annual reign of dangerous mass chaos.

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## Lisa Cutting, owner of Oceanview Kennel, thanks Council for Certificate of Commendation

By Cary Shuman

Lisa Cutting, owner of Oceanview Kennel and Pet Resort on Squire Road, had the high honor of receiving a Certificate of Commendation from the Revere City Council at its Feb. 12 meeting in the Council Chambers.

Ward 5 Councilor Angela Sawaya-Guarino, who is a dog owner, made the presentation to Cutting, noting her dedication in helping animals in need and the outstanding reputation she has in the industry.

"Lisa and her staff at Oceanview Kennel take pride in providing the best service possible to all dogs that attend doggie daycare," said Guarino-Sawaya.

The councilor said that

Cutting's efforts have helped saved many dogs in the area.

"Lisa has gone to multiple cities, including Winthrop, Woburn, Malden, and Revere, providing aid for lost and homeless dogs," said Guarino-Sawaya. "Not only does Lisa help save dogs, but she has helped numerous wildlife. Lisa will go above and beyond to get the best care for any animal in need. She has taken time out of her busy schedule many times to personally transport animals to save havens and veterinarian facilities. I can't say enough about this woman and her family for what they have done for dogs and other animals in their care. Lisa's a woman whose contribution to society needed to



Lisa Cutting of Oceanview Kennel

be recognized."

Cutting thanked Guarino-Sawaya and the Council for the award.

"I'm grateful for this recognition from Councilor Guarino-Sawaya and her colleagues on the Council," said Cutting.

Cutting spoke of the positive influence that her

mother, the late Marion Viveiros, had in her life as an animal lover and kennel owner.

"Most of all, I would like to thank my mom, because this wouldn't exist if not for her opening the kennel 20 years ago," said Cutting.

Lisa's daughter, Morgan Burdulis, and her husband, Jay Burdulis, have also been instrumental in the continuing success of the business. "We wouldn't be in business if it weren't for them," credited Lisa.

"They took over the whole business for three years when I was battling cancer. They did more than help out - they kept this place running while I was undergoing treatments. I'm very lucky to have such an amazing daughter and son-in-law."

## Public meeting scheduled on Parkway bridge replacement

By Adam Swift

MassDOT is scheduled to hold a public information meeting on the replacement of the Revere Beach Parkway bridge over Broadway on Thursday at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The project, with an estimated cost of just over \$20 million, is expected to be funded through the

2025 Transportation Improvement Program for the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Construction on the project is slated to begin in the spring of 2025, according to MassDOT officials.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide information on the project, as well as to hear comments on the project. All

comments and views will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible, according to MassDOT officials.

"The City will be working with MassDOT on long overdue repairs to the Casassa Overpass. A few years ago, Representative Katherine Clark secured funding for accelerated bridge repairs," said May-

or Patrick Keefe. "I'm happy Revere received the funds to address safety concerns. During construction, there will be planned disruption in normal traffic flows. I believe that long term, planned disruption is better than the alternative of an emergency situation."

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received about chickens roaming in the street, which she said she herself had witnessed, and which are a violation of the city's health codes.

"We have taken incremental measures up to

now before summoning the owner of the property," said Buck. "However, we have not made any traction. There is a route for keeping chickens legally, but the owner has not complied."

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voted to move forward with building on the Wonderland property.

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

After accounting for the MSBA grants, the total cost of building on the Wonderland site to the city would be about \$285.5 million, according to the project team.

The schematic plans for the four-story school are currently under review by the Massachusetts School Building Authority and are expected to come back to the building team with remarks and questions before the MSBA Board is scheduled to vote on the project on April 24, according to Dakin.

If that vote is successful, Dakin said there are two votes that will come back to the council later in the spring.

The first is the project scope and budget agree-

ment, which Dakin said the council will be asked to approve in early May.

"We will then get that back to the MSBA ... and they will then issue the project funding agreement," said Dakin. "That is the big one, that is the real legal agreement that has the project scope and budget and the numbers attached to it."

With that debt authorization vote, which will require a two-thirds vote by the council, the project will then be able to enter the design development phase, Dakin said.

In parallel with the MSBA process, Dakin said there will also be an ongoing local and state permitting process.

While the overall permitting process could take up to 18 months, Dakin said there should be enough permits in hand to begin site preparation this spring, with site remediation and utility work getting underway next spring.

There would be a full mobilization to get the foundation and steel work

Wells then detailed the further steps taken by the city, including the issuance of a summons that was served by a constable. However, the person did not appear at the hearing. In the meantime, Wells

said the property owner will continue to be fined.

"We will continue to respond to the residents' complaints and try with Animal Control to capture the chickens," said Wells.

underway by next summer, with substantial completion and an opening date in 2028, Dakin said.

"We would like to be back before the council in the next month or two

with more updated details on permitting and how we hope to get through the permitting path, and why we still believe we can start construction on these dates," said Dakin.

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## REVERE HIGH HOSTS BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, Revere Public Schools, in partnership with the City of Revere and RevereTV, hosted a special Black History Month event with local artist Ifé Franklin at Revere High School and celebrated this year's Black History Month theme, African Americans and the Arts.

During the event, Franklin showed her powerful film, *The Slave Narrative* of Willie Mae, a fictional account of Willie Mae Lennox's escape from slavery to freedom. The work was

adapted into a short film in 2021.

The *Slave Narrative* of Willie Mae is the story of Willie Mae Lennox, a 20-year-old black woman enslaved in Virginia in the mid 1800's, who sets upon her journey to freedom, assisted by family, abolitionists, African traditions, love, courage, and determination.

Following the film, Franklin, RPS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lourenço Garcia, and Revere High School students

Francoise Kodjo and Alexandra Gracias discussed the film, its impacts, and the struggles that continue today for BIPOC communities across the country.

Ifé closed out the event by inviting attendees to participate in a ring-shout dance. The Ring Shout was practiced by slaves as a religious activity, with Christianity augmenting the African elements. Participants moved in a circle, providing rhythm by clapping their hands and patting their feet.



Revere High School Principal Chris Bowen, RPS Human Resources Director Lori Maida, School Committee member Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo, RPS Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly, and RPS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lourenço Garcia.



Revere High School students Francoise Kodjo interviews local artist Ifé Franklin.



Human Rights Commission member Kourou Pitch (left) talks with guests.



From left, RPS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lourenço Garcia, City Councilor Juan Pablo Jaramillo with his wife and son, School Committee member Aisha Milbury-Ellis, Human Rights Commission member Kourou Pitch, Ifé Franklin, RPS Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly, Mayor Patrick Keefe, School Committee member Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo, Human Rights Commission Director Steve Morabito, and School Committee Vice Chair Jacqueline Monterroso.

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the project that amazingly could make an impact internationally in the medical community.

Rojas Taborda, son of Cecilia Taborda and said they are proposing to make a yeast (generally used for bread and baking) that will create heprin, a substance used in treating blood clots.

"Heprin is injected into patients to help get their blood start flowing again after it's clotted, and we're trying to get a yeast to be able to produce that, since the method of getting heprin is a little hard," explained Rojas Taborda, who was born in Colombia and is the son of Cecilia Rojas and Elkin Martinez. "This process would be less expensive."

Teams that have won awards at the iGEM competition have often received funding from investors for their ideas.

Rojas Taborda said the cost of the trip to France for the Revere High team would be approximately \$2,500 per student.

"Raising the funds is a big endeavor for us," said Rojas Taborda, who works weekends in the hospitality industry at the Charles

Hotel in Cambridge. "We have a bake sale scheduled and we've been reaching out to local businesses."

### Inspired by teachers at Revere High School

Nicolas Rojas Taborda is a member of the Underrepresented Minorities in STEM Club at Revere High School. One of his mentors, RHS teacher Jason Torrey, is adviser to the club.

"Mr. Torrey leads most of the workshops where we are taught lab skills," said Rojas Taborda. "He also helps me personally write the protocols we use for the labs. His advice in general has been so helpful in the pursuance of our goals. I look forward to having him as my AP biology teacher next year."

Torrey, who graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta and studied neuroscience as a graduate student at the University of Michigan, has set a somewhat novel approach to the students' involvement in the STEM club. Torrey has given his students the independence to lead and run the STEM club.

"One of the advantages of this particular organiza-

tion (STEM Club) is that it is student-led (Rojas Taborda is the club president)," said Torrey. "I understand and recognize the importance of belonging as it relates to extracurricular learning. So being able to hold space for students who have been historically minorized and underrepresented in the STEM fields is something that is near and dear to my heart."

One of the top-ranked students academically in the Class of 2025, Rojas Taborda has taken courses in biology, chemistry, AP precalculus, AP chemistry.

"I've had some great teachers – Mr. [Alexander] Gilligan for chemistry, Ms. [Bethanne] Goldman for math, Mr. [Ethan] Costello for AP language, and of course, Mr. [Jason] Torrey, my freshman biology teacher and STEM club adviser," said Rojas Taborda. "I showed an interest in math and now I'm taking an independent study course about number theory. All my teachers at Revere High have really inspired me."

Asked about his college intentions, Rojas Taborda replied, "My dream is to go to MIT. They have a really great synthetic biology and bioengineering research program. That's the field and career that I want to pursue."

Torrey believes that Nicolas Rojas Taborda can realize his dream of attending MIT, one of the top universities in the world.

"I think he has it within him, in both the ingenuity and integrity, and realistically the stick-to-itiveness, to be able to reach his goals," said Rojas Taborda. "Based on his course load he's been taking to-date, he's putting himself in the same category as

students that historically you would see as going to MIT. It's also critically imperative for our students to have goals."

### Praise and encouragement from Principal Christopher Bowen

Revere High Principal Christopher Bowen is on board for Nicolas Rojas Taborda and the Revere High students impending academic journey overseas.

"That's really impressive," Bowen told Taborda upon hearing a summary of the science project and the trip to France. "I am impressed by the talent and drive of students like Nicolas to push themselves to do things that students at other high schools don't do. And the support of the teachers that work with them at Revere High School is great to see."



Makin' Jamaican owner Kevin Williams is serving up some delicious Jamaican food.




Revere High School teacher Jason Torrey kicked off the night with his saxophone.



Local artist Ifé Franklin and Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Revere High School Principal Chris Bowen congratulates student Nicolas Rojas Taborda on his trip to Paris where he and other students will participate in an international science competition. Also pictured is RHS teacher Jason Torrey, adviser to the Underrepresented Minorities In STEM Club at the school.



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MAYOR PATRICK KEEFE HOSTS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY AT CITY HALL



Pictured at the Employee Appreciation Day reception at City Hall are, from left, Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio, Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Mayor Patrick Keefe.

Courtesy Photos

Mayor Patrick Keefe hosted an Employee Appreciation Day reception at City Hall. Keefe thanked employees for their dedication and professionalism in their positions in the city.



City employees mingling during the event at City Hall on Monday, March 4.



Mayor Patrick Keefe with Lisa Tramelli and Ralph DeCicco..



Pictured at the Employee Appreciation Day reception are, from left, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Lisa Tramelli, Ralph DeCicco, and Asmaa Abou-Fouda.

Revere Works organizes job search focus group to improve local offerings

Department of Workforce Development seeking participants for a second focus group

Special to the Journal

Revere Works proudly announces the initiation of the Job Search Challenges Focus Group in Revere. Revere Works is a dynamic coalition comprising of City departments, workforce training agencies, and educational providers committed to fostering workforce development citywide.

This collaborative effort aims to address the diverse needs of Revere residents by facilitating an open discussion on job search interests and challenges. By uniting the community’s voices, Revere Works seeks to enhance the effectiveness of job search support programs.

Eighteen community members, of diversified racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, participated

and shared their experiences with job searching during the first focus group on February 1st. Representatives from Revere Works, including CONNECT (TND), MACIR, Women Encouraging Empowerment (WEE), and Revere Community School (RCS), were present to provide interpretation services in Spanish and Arabic, to facilitate the discussion.



Scan the above QR code to register for the upcoming job search focus group.

During the working session, participants shared insights about their past employment experiences, current job situations, and aspirations for their dream jobs. Alexa Shabecoff, Director of CONNECT, noted that “the group had a wide range of skills and credentials but almost all found that their English proficiency was a barrier to good jobs. Some even had a good understanding of English but lacked the confidence to interview in English.”

“We invite all Revere residents to participate in this impactful focus group and share their valuable insights,” said Ms. Shabecoff in her opening remarks, “By joining, you contribute significantly to shaping the direction of local non-profit organizations such as TND,

MACIR, WEE, and RCS in tailoring job search assistance for the benefit of Revere residents.”

As a token of appreciation for their involvement, every participant received a \$20 Target gift card, and complimentary refreshments were provided during the session. The event ultimately aims

to improve workforce development opportunities in Revere by addressing community members’ job search challenges and providing avenues for support and improvement.

The next focus group will be held at Women Encouraging Empowerment (50 Walnut Ave) on Tuesday, April 16th

at 6pm. Participants will receive a \$20 Target gift card and complimentary refreshments. Individuals interested in participating can register by scanning the QR code, or at [bit.ly/RWfocusgroup](https://bit.ly/RWfocusgroup). For more information about Revere Works, visit the city’s website [www.revere.org/revere-works](https://www.revere.org/revere-works).

Tye Honored // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

about rooting for Tye when she was going for Superintendent and watching it on local cable television.

Anthony Mattera, who is also newer to the Committee, acknowledged he and Tye have not always seen eye to eye but provided a powerful statement about his sister, who had Tye as a teacher.

“She has always said you were the most influential person on her life. More than my mother, more than my father, more than any relatives that we had,” said Mattera.

Aisha Milbury-Ellis also had Tye as a teacher, shared fond memories, and shared how Tye fostered her love for reading as a student.

“It’s been amazing to go from that to working alongside you. So, thank you, I appreciate all the years of dedication you’ve provided to our community,” said Milbury-Ellis.

Jacqueline Monterroso, the Committee’s Vice-Chair, spoke about Tye’s impact in that so many people in the city have a connection with her and how she brought respect to being an educator.

“You started your path as an educator when this profession was not respected — it still is not respected now, but it was much less respected then — and you brought respect to a profession that is creating life-changing work,” said Monterroso.

Superintendent of Schools Dianne Kelly spoke about the gift of having someone like Tye — who has served as Superintendent — on the Committee and called her one of the greatest mentors she has ever known.

“I’ll always be thankful for everything that you’ve taught me, and I know that you’ll continue to teach me because you’re certainly a life-long teacher as much as you are a life-long learner, and that’s something that we all can take from our experiences having the opportunity to work with you,” said Kelly.

After Tye’s colleagues shared their thanks, Mayor Patrick Keefe presented her with a Chelsea Clock.

Tye then stood before those in attendance and said a few words about her career in Revere, which began as a student teacher at the Garfield School in 1959.

“I really wasn’t planning to stay in the Revere Public Schools after I did my student teaching,” said Tye during last week’s meeting.

She explained that while going to school for her Master’s Degree, she had substituted “almost always” at the old McKinley School for gas money, and the exuberance of the 7th and 8th-grade kids she taught led to her applying for a job in the district.

Tye would eventually be hired to work at Re-

vere High School, where she stayed for 35 years. She later talked about the influence of the late Richard Champa and her work with collective bargaining as part of the Revere Teachers Association.

In 1994, Tye became the district’s first female superintendent and, years later, joined the school committee, where she would be able to “try to support the mission of all of the people that I believed in.”

“I’ve been so fortunate to spend a lifetime in the world of education. The world is always young, always optimistic, always challenging, and always reinventing itself,” said Tye.

“I’ve served with administrators and teachers and school committee members who have vision and commitment and who have worked harder than anyone ever expected them and you to do,” she added.

One by one, Tye eventually spoke about every member of the School Committee and thanked them. Tye also saved a special thank you for her “best friend and lifetime partner,” Kathleen Heiser.

Ultimately, Tye acknowledged this was an emotional time and thanked everyone who helped her through an illustrious career. “Thank you all for everything that you have done for me.”

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REVERE Through the Years



The year was 1993 and the Citywide Spelling Bee hosted at the Lincoln School comes down to the final two contestants: Christopher Reynolds, of the Lincoln School, and Debra Strong, of McKinley.

**10 years ago**  
**March 4, 2014**  
RoseLee Vincent won Tuesday night’s Special Election Democratic Primary for the 16th Suffolk District with 1,154 votes, beating Revere’s Linda Rosa by 540 votes. Rosa collected 614 votes and Chelsea Attorney Josh Monahan finished with 504 votes.

Mayor Dan Rizzo joined other elected officials and public employees who took time out on Monday to read some of the favorite Dr. Seuss stories to local school children celebrating Dr. Seuss Day.

The city has agreed to pay \$1.55 million to take three properties, which are appraised at \$805,000, by eminent domain from four owners, including one owner who works in the mayor's office. The takings -- all on Fernwood Place and Fernwood Avenue -- will accommodate a traffic plan for the new Hill School that turned out to be the preferred alternative for city and school officials, including Supt. Paul Dakin, Fire Chief Gene Doherty, and Mayor Dan Rizzo.

The Revere Journal's annual list of the highest-paid city employees shows that School Supt. Paul Dakin (\$222,330), police captain Terrence Reardon (\$202,445.70, including details of \$67,226) and Police Chief Joseph Cafarelli (\$198,719) ranked as the top-three earners for 2013.

**20 years ago**  
**March 10, 2004**  
Although Police Chief Terence Reardon has assured parents that there was no chance that a troubled 13 year-old student at Immaculate Conception School could have carried out his death threats that were directed at eight fellow students, a Juvenile Court hearing will be set up to determine the best course of action for all concerned.

Revere Information Systems Manager Glen DeRosa, noting that computer systems in the city have not been upgraded in more than five years, said that plans are in the works

to implement much-needed updates to the city's computer systems.

Justice finally was done this week when the Suffolk County District Attorney dropped murder charges against Revere resident William Leyden, 42, who had been charged with the murder of his brother, Jackie, in East Boston in 2001. A suspect, Eugene McCollum, an admitted serial killer from Winthrop, has confessed to the murder.

A Beachmont School science teacher allegedly was assaulted by the parent of a student in the school parking lot and police have issued a summons to the parent, a 48 year-old man, on charges of assault & battery.

**40 years ago**  
**March 7, 1984**  
Revere School Supt. William J. Hill once again locked horns with the School Committee over the implementation of a recent audit report. School Committeemen John Correggio and Hal Ford Abrams did most of the questioning and criticizing.

Richard J. Persia, a senior at Revere High, has been named a National Merit semifinalist, one of only 13,500 seniors nationwide to be so recognized.

Edward H. Elfman, a member of the Prince-Strauss Post No. 161 Jewish War Veterans, has been elected State Commander

and will be feted at a testimonial breakfast at Temple Tifereth Israel in Winthrop.

Mayor George V. Colella has named Joseph D. Cortazze, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, of 80 Vinal St. as the new director of the city's Veterans Services Department.

George Caporale Jr. of 15 Tapley Ave. has been elected the vice-president of the Suffolk University Student Governance Association.

**50 years ago**  
**March 6, 1974**  
The City Council voted 5-5 on a proposed ordinance requiring a dress code for employees in businesses in the city, but the matter will be taken up again next week. The ordinance is aimed at the Squire Club, which features strippers. City Council member Edward O'Hara filed for reconsideration of the measure. City Councillor Michael L. Edwards, who was not present for the vote this week, said he will be on hand next week and will vote in favor of it.

Even though ticket sales in Revere were more than \$6000 for the Division I Super Bowl game between Revere and Brockton, the Revere School Dept. received a check for only \$939 from the Mass. Schools Assoc. as its share of the gate. RHS football coach Silvio Cella noted that it cost the Revere School Dept. \$895

to buy the special shoes needed by his team in order to play on the artificial turf at Boston College's Alumni Stadium. A crowd of 22,000, the largest ever to watch a schoolboy grid game in Massachusetts, was on hand for the contest.

Joseph C. Staub of 74 Beach St. has been named to the Prep All-American Football team. Staub has been a standout lineman at B.C. High for the past three seasons.

**60 years ago**  
**March 5, 1964**  
More than 400 residents stormed into the City Council meeting to protest the pay raise that City Manager Melvin Taymore, who has been on the job for less than three months, is trying to obtain for himself. One

of the audience members, Louis H. Ciarlone, told the City Council, "If the council agrees to the pay raise, you are asking for the biggest political fight of your lives." After two hours of discussion, the council took no action on the measure and approved Councillor George V. Colella's motion to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole. Colella also filed a motion that was approved by the council that will ensure that all discussions on the matter will be held in public.

The Revere High football team, which completed the most successful season in the football program's history, recently returned from its three-day educational trip to Washington, D.C. Highlights of the trip were visits to the grave site of the late Pres. John F. Kennedy and a trip to the House of Representatives while it was in session.

**70 years ago**  
**March 11, 1954**  
The Harvard Study Group, which has been conducting a survey of the Revere school system, is readying its report for next week. It is expected to recommend the construction of either a new senior high school or new junior high school as well as a new elementary school.

Gov. Christian Herter is expected to head the list of dignitaries who will be on hand for the dedication of the new Jewish Community Center on Nahant Ave. on March 28,

City Manager Edward

P. O'Toole has called for a meeting among city officials, clergy members, and concerned citizens to address the growing problem of juvenile delinquency in the city.

City Manager Edward P. O'Toole has named Atty. Sydney Zuker as the new City Solicitor. He succeeds Archie Cohen, who resigned the post last week to take a position as head of the city's new Insurance Department.

**80 years ago**  
**March 9, 1944**  
Well-known Revere police officer Arthur Sweeney, a WWI veteran, died of pneumonia at the Chelsea Soldiers Home after a three-day illness. He was 45. Sweeney had been with the police force since 1923 when he was appointed a reserve patrolman by Mayor Thomas Noone.

Family members of First Lieut. Thomas H. Von Holzhausen, 22, are hoping that the airman landed safely after his plane was downed in a mission over Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herold L. Von Holzhausen, of 45 Withebee Ave., recently received a letter from their son's comrades in which they expressed their belief that he was safe. They said that they believe he bailed out of his bomber as it was returning homeward and running out of gas. Von Holzhausen recently was awarded the highest decoration of the U.S. Army Air Force for his many previous missions.

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Federal grant would fund Routes 1A and 60 plans

By Adam Swift

A federal grant could help the city make the Routes 1A and 60 highway corridors safer for pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists.

Last week, the city council approved a letter of support for a grant application through the Department of Planning and Community Development for federal funding through the US Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program.

“We are applying for a planning grant to study the ways in which we can improve Route 1A and Route 60 from Revere Street and North Shore Road all the way up to Bell Circle,”

said Julie DeMauro of the planning and community development department. “This is going to look at the environmental impacts, road calming measures, and making the roads safer for not only vehicles, but also pedestrians and cyclists.”

DeMauro noted that the corridor is especially hazardous for many students and young people who try to cross from one side of the highways to the other. The planning would look at the options for better and safer connections and walkways.

She said Routes 1A and 60 highway corridors currently separate many of the city’s neighborhoods from each other, transit, employment and educational opportunities, goods and civic services.

The planning will look

at not only how to connect those roadways and make them safer for the proposed new high school at the Wonderland property, but also how they would connect to a potential new commuter rail station at Wonderland.

DeMauro noted that MassDOT is currently preparing to launch a feasibility study that could get underway in the next several months for the potential Wonderland commuter rail station.

If the city is awarded the RAISE grant, DeMauro said the work would likely get underway next January and would be about an 18-month planning process with a lot of community engagement.

“Right now, the ask is \$1.8 million for the planning grant,” she said.

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# Dates set for 20<sup>th</sup> Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival

By Journal Staff

The dates have been set for the return of the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival. The Revere Beach Partnership announced that the hugely popular festival will take place from July 19-21 this year. This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the festival, which will once again be free for all and feature food trucks, food vendors, live music and fireworks, a beer garden, and local vendors in addition to the international array of top level sand sculpting artists. “This summer from July 19th - 21st, we look forward to transforming the shores of Revere Beach into an awe-inspiring boardwalk and open-air festival,” the partnership stated in a release. “Celebrating our 20th anniversary, we will once again bring world-class sand sculptors to Revere to showcase their incredible talents to hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.” Last year’s theme was Kong, celebrating 90 years of the release of the original King Kong movie, and featured sand sculptures of the giant ape and some of his outsized friends among other works of art. The theme for this year’s event is still to be publicly set. The Revere Beach Partnership is currently seeking sponsorships, vendors, and food trucks for the 2024 festival, and applications are available at the festival website at [internationalsandsculptingfestival.com](http://internationalsandsculptingfestival.com). Last year, over 75 food trucks and food vendors took part. The Revere Beach Partnership’s mission is to enhance and preserve America’s first public beach and hosts several other events during the year in addition to the sand sculpting festival, including the Revere Beach Kite Festival, the Revere Beach Art Festival, and the Pumpkin Dash. State Representative Jeff Turco has praised the festival for showcasing the city of Revere and being one of the largest outdoor festivals on the state’s calendar each year, with economic benefits for businesses in Revere along the beach and beyond. Last year, there were visitors from 35 states and 14 countries who came to Revere Beach for the event. State Representative Jessica Giannino has said the festival brings in visitors from Massachusetts and beyond who get to explore all that Revere has to offer. “The City of Revere is expecting to host 500,000-750,000 visitors over the course of the week of the festival,” said Mayor Patrick Keefe. “It has a significant impact on hotel occupancies and local restaurants, as well as many small vendors able to operate stands on the boulevard. The ripple effects of the festival are positive: Though it is a busy time, it allows Revere to shine as a vibrant beach community, while bringing millions of dollars annually to our local businesses.”

## Bridge // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

The project aims to improve public safety and maintain through travel on Revere Beach Parkway and Broadway by replacing the bridge. Along with the replacement of the bridge, the project will include roadway improvements on Route 107 below the bridge from the Revere/Chelsea line to the intersection of Route 107 with Taft Street/Page Street. The project is also expected to include intersection improvements where the Route 16 on and off-ramps meet Route 107. Interpretation for Spanish will be provided at the meeting, and interpretation for Khmer will be provided upon request.

# OBITUARIES

## Albert Penney Retired MWRA Surveyor

Albert Penney, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away at the age of 78 on March 3, 2024. Born on May 15, 1945, he was the son of the late Albert and Millie Penney. Al was more than just a beloved husband to Susan Penney; he was a cherished brother, respected uncle, and a true friend to many. Al dedicated many years of his professional life as a surveyor to the Mass Water Resource Authority. Al had a zest for life and enjoyed nothing more than playing in the Monday and Thursday night Basketball Leagues. He was also very active in numerous softball leagues throughout his entire life. Albert is survived by his wife, Susan Penney, his sister, Jeanette O'Donnell and her husband, James, along with his nieces and nephews: Ginine Penney, Robert Penney Jr., Brian O'Donnell, Julie Genovese, Tina Daigle, Suzanne Harde, Matthew Critch, and Jennifer Critch. He was predeceased by his parents Albert and Millie Penney, and his late brother Robert C. Penney Sr. His life was enriched by the love of his family, close friends, and countless others whose lives were touched by Al's warmth, kindness, and generosity. He was truly a gentle soul. Visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere, on Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a 1 p.m. Prayer Service in the funeral home. Family and friends are invited to gather afterward for a celebration, location TBA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shriners Children Fund C/O, Aleppo Shrine Center, Wilmington, MA 01887. For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Lois Pagliuca Marriott Corporation Retiree

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, March 8th from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Lois M. (Lunde) Pagliuca of Nahant, formerly of Revere, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 2nd at her home, surrounded by her family, following a very brief illness. A funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Saturday, March 9th beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 1 a.m. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Lois worked for over 40 years for the Marriott Corporation at Boston Logan International Airport as a server. During this time, she made many lifelong friends, one of which is her most cherished friend, Patty Moschella. She was the devoted daughter of the late Albert and Helen (McEachern) Lunde; beloved wife of

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## Elizabeth Curtis Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Elizabeth A. Curtis of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 1. The loving daughter of Philip Puzzo and the late Elizabeth Gallagher, she was the beloved wife of the late Richard Curtis, devoted mother of Christopher Curtis, Angela Curtis and her fiancé, Steven McGrath; dear sister of Brian Puzzo, Barbara Puzzo and Danny Gallagher. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family and friends will honor Elizabeth's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Saturday, March 9th from 1 to 5 p.m. A prayer service will be held in our Chapel at 4:30 p.m. Committal services will be private. For more information, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

## Nicholas Liberato Jr. Respected carpenter who left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew him

Nicholas Liberato, Jr. of Revere passed away on March 2. Born on April 30, 1946, he was the son of the late Nicholas Liberato Sr. and Teresa Liberato. Nicholas, known for his dedication and craftsmanship, was a respected carpenter for over 60 years, owning and operating his own business. He was a beacon of strength, wisdom, and love who left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew him. Nicholas is survived by his devoted wife, Carol Ann Liberato, the beloved father of Wendy Spinnelli and her husband, John, Tina Liberato, Gina Poto and Jackie Bufalino and her husband, Darin. He was a cherished grandfather to: Courtney, Kendyl, Jonathan, Cassandra, John, Daniel and Billy. He also leaves behind his dear sisters, Jeanie Stewart and her husband, Eugene, and Annie Graham and her husband, Tom. Nicholas was predeceased by his brother, Jimmy Liberato. His memory will also live on through the many nieces and nephews who loved him. A visitation for Nicholas will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, on Thursday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon followed by a prayer service at 12 noon in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105 or at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). The family welcomes you to leave memories and upload photos to Nicholas's memorial page as a way to celebrate his life and legacy at [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

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## NAPOLIS BAKERY AND CAFÉ HOSTS GRAND OPENING

Photos by Cary Shuman

Napoles Bakery and Café held a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 4 at the new business located at 180 Shirley Ave.

Mayor Patrick Keefe thanked business owners Dianna Marcela Grajales

and her father, Humberto Grajales, for investing in the city with their new bakery.

“We welcome you to Revere,” said Keefe. “We’re very excited. I am very happy and thankful that you want to come to our city and set up your

roots. Thank you and congratulations.”

Dianna Grajales, whose

parents are originally from Colombia, said the bakery sells sandwiches in addi-

tion to baked goods such as croissants, cakes, and waffles.

The business hours are Monday through Sunday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Alison Amaya of Napoles Bakery and Café holds a tray of smoothies that are available at the bakery.



From left, are Revere Business Liaison John Festa, Rep. Jessica Giannino, Dianna Marcela Grajales, and Humberto Grajales.



Mayor Patrick Keefe welcomes Humberto Grajales to Revere at the grand opening of Napoles Bakery and Café Monday at 180 Shirley Avenue.



Mayor Patrick Keefe joins business owners Humberto Grajales and Dianna Marcela Grajales in cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of Napoles Bakery and Café on Shirley Avenue.



The Grajales family is pictured at the grand opening of the new bakery and café. From left, are Laura Grajales holding Luna Zapata, Humberto Grajales, Dianna Marcela Grajales, and Jennifer Grajales.



The staff of Napoles Bakery and Café, from left, business owner Humberto Grajales, Martin Espitia, Alison Amaya, Dianna Marcela Grajales, Sandra Gomez, Paula Monsalve, and Yefer Tobon.



Pictured at the grand opening of Napoles Bakery and Café are, from left, Councilor-at-Large Bob Haas III, representing Sen. Lydia Edwards, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Humberto Grajales, and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky.

## CITY PAWS The Name Game

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Would you like an excellent conversation starter for the people you meet on dog walks? Asking the dog’s name seems to come naturally. For a great conversation, ask how they came to choose that name. We often find a fascinating tale behind a dog’s name.

One of the rescued Westies we placed in a local home came with the name Rad. His new family (we soon learned they

were truly fun and funny people) renamed him Swiffer. Why not? His sometimes long and shaggy coat did a great job of dusting their hardwood floors.

A friend’s Ragdoll cat was called Max, but his full name was Maximilien De Whisker, a take on Maximilien de Winter, hero of Daphne du Maurier’s book "Rebecca." One Back Bay couple adopted a mixed breed dog and named him Del. They ex-

plain it’s short for Delany because he now had a "New Deal."

We knew a dog named Kepler, after the German mathematician, astronomer, and astrologer Johannes Kepler. That’s a very Bostonian approach to naming a dog. Of course, naming a dog after someone or something related to sports is also very Boston.

### Tips for Name Selection

The Seeing Eye is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to breed, train, and place guide dogs for the blind, and they name about 500 puppies a year. Since these dogs must respond to that name for the rest of their lives, they must choose well. They offer the following tips for the rest of us.

First, count the syllables in the name. They try to stick to names with one or two syllables because shorter names are faster when communicating with the dog. Avoid names that sound like a command and might confuse the animal.

Here are their examples, “‘Mo’ can sound like ‘No’ and ‘Kit’ sounds like ‘Sit.’” Finally, avoid names with embarrassing or negative connotations. You may find yourself shouting the name in public one day.

We’d add that you should skip names that sound like those of other pets or family. And remind you that, in the dog show world, each animal has a full registered name and a shorter call name. Moreover, most dogs answer to nickname variations of their official one.

### Popular Names

Each year, groups like the American Kennel Club, dog walking services, and pet insurance

companies publish lists of the most popular dog names—The Wildest website reported on these listings last November.

They wrote that the top ten male dog names for 2024 were Charlie, Max, Cooper, Milo, Buddy, Teddy, Rocky, Bear, Leo, and Duke. The female dog list included Luna, Bella, Daisy, Lucy, Lily, Lola, Zoe, Sadie, Stella, and Bailey.

### People Names

Would you be insulted if someone named their dog after you? Penny is always happy to meet a dog who shares her name.

We’ve heard of family feuds from using a name someone felt was their exclusive property. That

doesn’t seem to happen with dogs. No one cares if there are three dogs named Fenway in the neighborhood. Dog people just add the breed when talking about them.

One final tip: take your time christening a new pet. Kitty or puppy work fine until you get to know one another. The perfect name may come to you, or you may notice that certain sounds or words get a response from your new family member. The dog or cat may give you a clue to their favorite name.

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



Poppy’s full name is “Duchess Poppy Whitehead.” “Duchess Poppy” comes from an E.F. Benson book character and our love for the pop of Champagne corks!



REVERE CHILDREN’S LIBRARY CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA

Last week was “Read Across America”. The Revere School System was filled with volunteer readers in all grades, bringing to life characters, and events to Revere students in all grades.

The Revere Children’s Library concluded the week on Saturday with their annual event of readers and free books for lots of young and eager readers. Special readers were Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Representative Jessica Giannino and Revere Police Chief Dave Callahan, these readers brought smiles to lots of happy children that enjoyed the intimate gathering with their peers and friends.



Using the library’s computer to look up information is Sami Zeroug.



Library Assistant Christina Puleo gives Jani Lora a T Rex tattoo.



Books for all the children, Sara and Gabriela Arboleda pick out their new books.



Children’s Librarian Lisa Ferrara (left) and Director of the RPL Diana Luongo (5th from right) welcomed their guest readers and lots of children to the annual Read Across America event. Police Chief Dave Callahan, Representative Jessica Giannino, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Chair of RPL Board Mark Ferrante and Revere School Committee member Anthony Caggiano.



Mayor Patrick Keefe enjoyed his time at the Revere Children’s Library last Saturday morning, reading a children’s favorite, Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!



Police Chief David Callahan answered the question, Should I Share my Ice Cream? With lots of help from the audience. The title of his chosen book.



Jeremiah Rodriguez with a book from the Revere Children’s Library.



Zayn Ed was looking at the many books in the Children’s Library.



Representative Jessica Giannino always has a great time reading to the children at the RPL. Her choice was a true story about a young girl who dreamed to become an astronaut, Mae Among the Stars, about the first Black female astronaut, Mae Jemison, who traveled into space in September of 1992.

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Councillor Bob Haas III represented Senator Lydia Edwards Office, joined by State Representative Jessica Giannino with some parents and children that were present at the Revere Children’s Library Saturday morning.



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Sports

RHS SPORTS *Roundup*

YUONG IS GBL TRACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR; 10 MORE NAMED ALL-STARS

The post-season accolades poured in for the Revere High girls indoor track and field team this week.

Junior Liv Yuong was named the Greater Boston League (GBL) Track Athlete of the Year. Liv was the GBL champ in all three of her events. She set a personal record (PR) in all three of her events, the long jump (her leap of 15'-10" established an RHS school record, the 55 meter hurdles, and the high jump (5'-0"). In addition, Liv qualified for the state meet in all three of those events.

Yuong also competed in

two pentathlons this year and is only 200 points away from the school record in this event, having improved by almost 50 points in the event score from December to February.

"Liv is one of the most coachable athletes I've had the pleasure of coaching in my last seven years," said RHS head coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli. "She takes direction extremely well and uses it to supplement her natural talent. She has put in the work since her freshman year and has been a standout in this league since 2021. We're so glad to see her getting the recognition she deserves."

Her Lady Patriot teammates who joined Yuong

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The record-breaking shot-put relay team (Francoise Kodjo, Ashley Chandler, Caleigh Joyce) is shown above.



The record breaking Distance Medley Relay team (Gemma Stamatopoulos, Olivia Rupp, Hiba El Bzyouy, Rania Ham-dani) is shown above.



GBL Track Athlete of the Year Liv Yuong won three GBL titles at the GBL Meet in the high jump, long jump, and 55 meter hurdles. In the photo above, Young is shown after setting a new RHS school record of 15'-10" in the long jump.



Shown above is the Lady Patriot record-breaking 4 x 200 relay team (Jaliyah Manigo, Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, Giselle Salvador, and Danni Hope Randall), who won the GBL championship this year and set a new Revere High record.

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Senior ALISHA JEAN is this month's RHS female athlete of the month. Alisha was a solid performer at both ends of the floor for the Lady Patriot basketball team and consistently was among the team's leaders in points and rebounds, helping the Lady Patriots to achieve a sterling 14-6 record during the regular season and a co-share of the 2024 GBL title.

Junior ETHAN DAY of the Revere High basketball team is the RHS male athlete of the month. Ethan averaged 23.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, and 3.5 assists for the Patriots in the month of February.

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# RevereTV, Revere Public Schools kick off Ambassadors Cooking Series

Special to the Journal

A partnership between RevereTV and Revere Public Schools has resulted in a new cooking series that will feature RPS family liaisons from across the school district making recipes from their native countries.

The first episode of the RPS Ambassadors Cooking Series kicked off last week with host Estaphany Rodriguez, RPS Family and Community Coordinator, and Sujeiris Ryan, Hill Elementary School Family Liaison.

The duo, along with Ryan's two children, Jesse

and Juliana, made several dishes from the Dominican Republic in honor of Dominican Independence Day, which is celebrated on February 27th. You can watch the full episode of Ryan and company making a delicious meal of shrimp sauteed in garlic, avocado salad, and fried plantains at [tinyurl.com/32pp2n54](https://tinyurl.com/32pp2n54).

The new series, part of RevereTV's popular What's Cooking Revere, was the brainchild of RPS Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Inclusion Dr. Lourenço P. Garcia and RevereTV Executive Director Bob Dunbar.



Sujeiris Ryan, Hill Elementary School Family Liaison prepared a delicious meal of shrimp sauteed in garlic, avocado salad, and fried plantains in honor of Dominican Independence Day.

Dunbar said Dr. Garcia approached him with the idea as part of the ongoing collaboration between RevereTV and RPS.

"Dr. Garcia had this idea of having the RPS liaisons come do a cooking show on RevereTV," said Dunbar. "After a bit of brainstorming, we came up with the idea of doing a cooking show that would spotlight the different countries that are represented in the school system."

Dunbar admits that he may have planted the seed in Dr. Garcia's head a few months ago.

"I've been pestering Dr.

Garcia for a while to come on RevereTV and do a cooking show," Dunbar said with a laugh. "From there, we continued these conversations on how to best spotlight RPS on What's Cooking, Revere."

It was through these conversations that the idea percolated to invite RPS Family Liaisons onto the show and cook homemade recipes that spotlight their native cuisine and culture. The show would also serve as a way for the RPS liaisons to promote themselves and their work in the schools.

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## Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

as GBL All Stars are as follows:

- Ashley Chandler, who is the RHS record-holder in the weight throw and who was a member of the school record-setting shot-put relay team;
- Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, who was a member of the school record-setting 4 x 200 relay team which won the GBL championship;
- Danni Hope Randall, who was part of the school record-setting and GBL champion 4 x 200 relay team
- Francoise Kodjo, who was a member of the school record-setting shot-put relay team and who was a consistent scorer in the shot-put in dual meets;
- Gemma Stamatopoulos, who was a double-GBL champ in the 600 meter (in which she was undefeated in the GBL and qualified for the state meet) and 2-mile events, and finished second in the high jump. Her 28 points at the GBL Meet was the



The 2023-2024 Revere High Boys Basketball Team was voted the GBL Sportsmanship Award for this season.

second-highest individual total, exceeded only by teammate Yuong. Gemma also was a member of the

school-record distance medley relay team;

-- Giselle Salvador, who was a team captain and

member of the school record-setting 4 x 200 relay quartet who won the GBL title;

-- Hiba El Bzyouy, who was a consistent scorer in the 1000 throughout the GBL dual-meet season and was a member of the school record distance medley relay (DMR) quartet;

-- Jaliyah Manigo, who was a member of the school record-setting 4 x 200 relay team which won the GBL title;

--- Olivia Rupp, who was the GBL champ in the 1-mile and a member of the school record DMR team. Olivia was a state qualifier in the 1-mile; and

-- Rania Hamdani, who was a member of the school record DMR team.

"Overall, I really can't say enough about the team this season," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "The 7-0 undefeated record, the GBL Championship Meet win, the five school records they set -- truly incredible! On top of all their successes, the team really came together this year with a goal and consistently worked not only for team wins, but to better one another. They also were able to pass on their love and excitement for the sport by hosting a youth track clinic over their February break.

"No success just came easily to them," the coach continued. "They've worked hard in practices since December and I am confident they will continue this pattern of success into the outdoor season. I have to give a huge shout-out to my captains, Yara Belguendouz, Camila Esteves, Angelina Montoya, Yasmin Riazi, and Giselle Salavador. I don't have an assistant coach, so I have to rely on my captains for support with coaching and keeping the girls motivated. Each one of them excelled in this role and the

whole team looked up to them."

### MACDONALD, RIVERA, FLEMING ARE COACHES OF THE YEAR;

First-year Revere High girls basketball coach Ariana Rivera, boys indoor track and field coach David Fleming, and girls indoor track and field coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli have been chosen as the Greater Boston Leagues (GBL) coaches of the year by their colleagues.

MacDonald-Ciambelli's Lady Patriot tracksters put together a perfect 7-0 season to win the regular-season GBL title and then capped their successful campaign with a victory in the GBL Meet. "It truly is all thanks to the incredible team I had this year, so they deserve all the credit," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "A team this strong and dedicated makes my job easy."

Rivera's Lady Patriots compiled a superb 14-6 record in the regular season to qualify for the post-season state tournament and earned a share of the GBL title with Lynn Classical with a league mark of 12-2.

Fleming's Patriots overcame some adversity early in the season, but improved steadily throughout the year, concluding with a victory in the GBL Meet, defeating all seven of their GBL opponents.

### ETHAN DAY NAMED GBL HOOP ALL STAR

An accolade was received for the RHS boys basketball team with the selection of junior guard Ethan Day to the GBL all-star team. Ethan led the Patriots in scoring for the season, and particularly shone during the month of February when he averaged 23.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, and 3.5 assists.

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# Gov. Healey announces “Massachusetts Maple Month” in support of local commerce

Special to the Journal

To celebrate a new agricultural season in Massachusetts, Governor Maura Healey is declaring March as Massachusetts Maple Month. Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Commissioner Ashley Randle joined state and local officials and representatives from the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association today at Severance Maple Products in Northfield to raise awareness of the state’s maple sugar industry and to encourage residents to visit their local sugar house and purchase locally made maple products.

In a recent visit to Severance Maple Products included a tour of their operations and retail store, along with a reading of a Governor’s Proclamation and ceremonial tapping of a maple tree to commemorate the official start of the sugaring season. Owners Milt and Robin Severance have been sugaring since 1976. Their first year yielded a couple of gallons of maple syrup, but today, they produce a couple thousand gallons annually. All of their products are produced locally in Northfield at their sugarhouse kitchen, with availability online, in local stores, and at craft and agricultural fairs in the area.

Massachusetts is one of the top maple-producing states in the country, home to over 300 maple producers that produce more than 70,000 gallons per year. The sector employs over a thousand people, contributing over \$15 million to the local economy. Maple sugaring profits allow many Massachusetts farms to stay in business year-round by diversifying their offerings, serving as a supplemental source of income to their other crops.

“We are tapping into this maple month with more support and appreciation for our sugarmakers than ever. The maple industry is not only economically, culturally, and historically important for the region but also plays a vital role in our environmental and climate resilience efforts,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “The industry maintains and preserves more than 15,000 acres of land and is working to modernize equipment and install renewable energy sources. We are proud to see this the sector transition to one

of the state’s most energy efficient and sustainable in agriculture.”

Since 2018, MDAR has awarded over half a million dollars in Climate Smart Agriculture Program Grants to maple producers throughout the state. These grants have been used to offset the costs of installing updated, environmentally friendly equipment, including high-efficiency evaporators, heat recovery and reverse osmosis equipment, and photovoltaic solar arrays, lowering carbon footprints and environmental impacts.

“Our farming community had an enormously challenging year in 2023, so it’s with great optimism that we usher in a new growing season and celebrate our maple producers with the first agricultural crop of the year,” said MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle. “While the maple sugaring season may be brief in Massachusetts, our maple producers work hard year-round to bring us this naturally sweet and nutritionally dense crop that is versatile and universally enjoyed by all. We’re proud to support them, and I can’t wait to enjoy a pancake breakfast topped with fresh maple syrup at a local sugarhouse this month.”

All month long, maple sugarhouses around the state will open their doors to host visitors with fun, family-friendly interactive activities, as well as serving stacks of pancakes, waffles, and French toast covered in local maple syrup. Maple sugaring is one of the few agritourism activities available during the early months of the year. Over 60,000 visitors spend more than \$2 million during the sugaring season. Farms, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, country inns, and other tourist businesses share in this income, which primarily flows into small towns and farm communities.

“Sugarhouses and local farms across Massachusetts provide memorable and immersive experiences for visitors of all ages,” said Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism Executive Director Kate Fox. “We encourage visitors and residents alike to check out Massachusetts sugarhouses during Maple Month, where they can experience a behind-the-scenes tour, sample delicious treats, and purchase local maple syrup and maple products from these unique small businesses.”

“I’m so thankful to kick off maple season here in the Second Franklin District,” said Representative Susannah Whipps (1 – Athol). “This brief sweet period of time is a sign that spring is coming and a reminder of the importance of this industry to our economy, tourism and food system.”

“I am delighted to join Governor Healey, EEA Secretary Tepper, MDAR Commissioner Randle, the MA Maple Producers Association, and many others in celebrating March as Massachusetts Maple Month,” said Senator Jo Comerford (D-Northampton). “I am tremendously proud to represent many outstanding maple producers who are living and working in the Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester district.”

“We expect a great maple syrup harvest this spring as many sugarmakers across the state are off to an early start,” said Massachusetts Maple Producers Association Coordinator Missy Leab. “As the sweet steam rises from our local sugarhouses this spring, we encourage everyone to take the opportunity and visit one or more of the 300+ Massachusetts maple producers where you can talk with a sugarmaker, ask all your maple questions, and see, smell, and taste spring! Watch the fascinating process of turning fresh maple sap into pure maple syrup. Don’t forget to bring home a jug of Massachusetts sweetest crop: pure maple syrup!”

Maple syrup has been produced and consumed for centuries in North America. Its initial availability during the tail end of the winter season signals the start of the agricultural awakening in Massachusetts and is a sure sign that spring is around the corner. Tree tapping in Massachusetts can start as early as late January and continue through April, though March is officially Maple Month. Most importantly, the temperatures must be below freezing at night and above freezing during the days for the tree sap to flow. Furthermore, weather, soil, and genetics of the tree can affect maple syrup flavor.

Please visit the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association (MMPA) to learn more about the maple sugaring process. For a complete listing of maple sugar houses in the Commonwealth, visit the MassGrown website.



Host Estaphany Rodriguez (right), RPS Family and Community Coordinator, and Sujeiris Ryan, were joined by Ryan’s children, Jesse and Juliana.

## Cooking Series // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

“Revere is a cultural mosaic shaped by different ethnic and racial groups, languages, and cultures striving to coexist in a community embarked on a journey of self-discovery, identity recalibration, and transformation,” said Dr. Garcia. “Expressing ourselves through food is a powerful way of bridging cultures. Through its family liaison ambassadors, Revere Public Schools can help members of our community overcome cultural barriers by working with the mayor’s office and Reveretv to open its schools to the wider community.”

Rodriguez, who oversees RPS’s Family Liaison program, said she’s excited for future episodes after the successful launch of the series last week.

“It will really give viewers a peek into the different types of food our liaisons grew up with and the food and culture that ex-

ists in the homes of many of our students across the district,” she said.

Rodriguez, whose family is originally from Peru, hopes to showcase some Peruvian fare during the next episode.

“The hope here is that we can involve not just family liaisons but parents, students, or anyone from the schools that wants to get involved,” she said. “I think once people see a couple of episodes, they’ll want to take part.”

Dunbar is hoping to film and air a new episode once a month.

“We are shooting for an episode a month but also working towards some of the programs being scheduled around important holidays in a particular country,” he said. “We started with the food from the Dominican Republic because it happened to be Dominican Republican Independence Day, so the timing was right.”



Estaphany Rodriguez and Sujeiris Ryan begin plating the food.

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ing of the team, to honor the seniors and recognize the personal achievements of members of the team throughout the 2023 season.



The 12th Player Award went to Zak Benkirane presented by Asst. Coach Jared Gordinas.



Captain Abbas Atoui was presented the Unsung Hero Award by Asst. Coach Oscar Lopez.



The RHS Parents Club presented all the seniors with parting gifts for the team.



Head Coach Lou Cikatelli with his staff, Sylas Davis, Oscar Lopez, Brandon Brito, Jose Escobar and Jared Gordinas with the RHS Patriot seniors. Front row: Zak Benkirane, Carlos Jimenez, Felipe Maja, Abbas Atoui. Back row: Victor Andre, Anthony Pham, Guillermo Menjiver, Ahmed Bellemsieh, Carlos Rizo Jr., Walter Rodriguez, and Hakim Malki.

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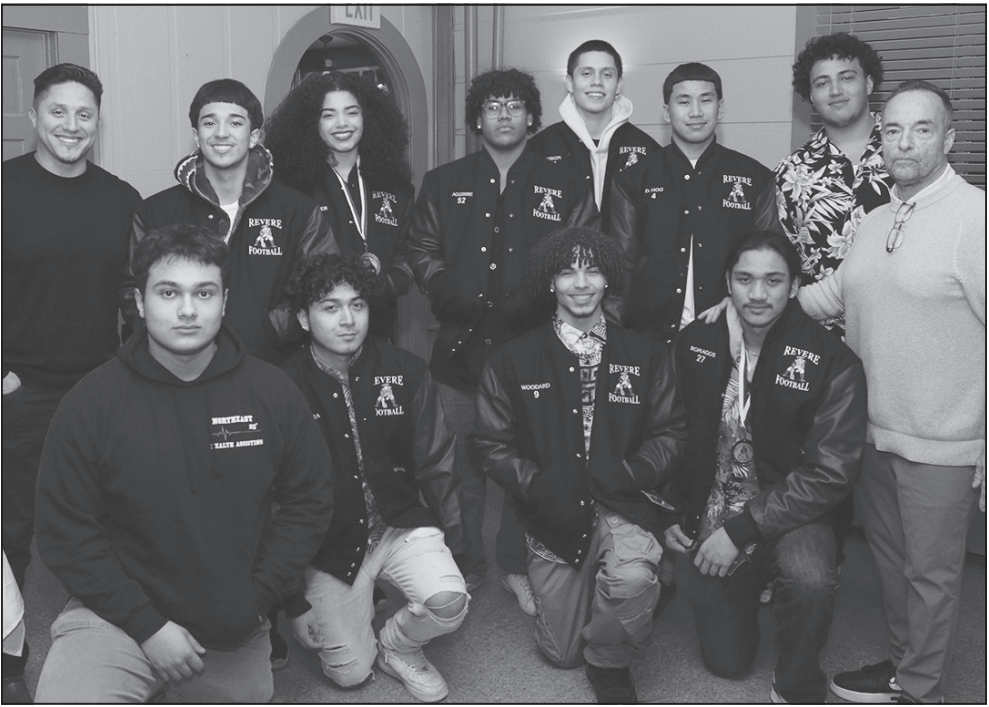
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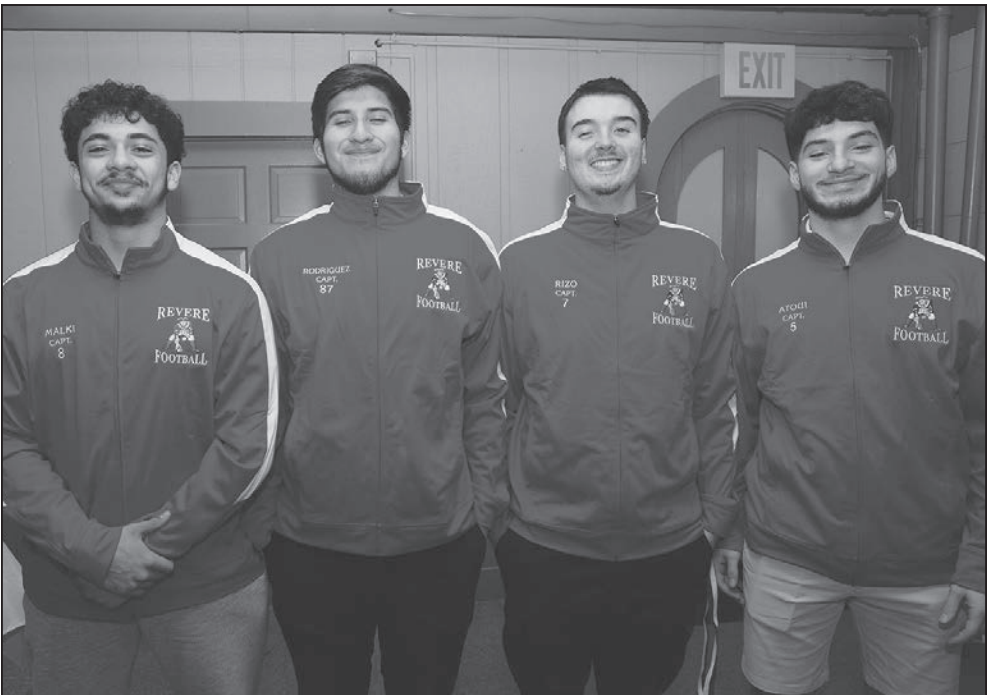
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The RHS Patriot Freshman and Sophomores with their gifts from the parent’s club.



The Patriot Juniors received their team jackets.



Patriot Senior Captains, Hakim Malki, Walter Rodriguez, Carlos Rizo and Abbas Atoui.



RHS FOOTBALL PATRIOT’S PARENTS CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT  
AT PRINCE HOUSE OF PIZZA



Coach Jose Escobar presented Geovani Woodard with the Offensive Player of the Year with 850 yards and 9 TD's.



Mehdi Bellemsieh was the RHS Defensive Player of the Year with an outstanding 5 sacks and 61 tackles as well as being a GBL All-Star. The award was presented by Head Coach Cicatelli.



Asst. Coach Brandon Brito presented Captain Carlos Rizo the Leadership Award.



Felipe Maja was presented the Special Teams Award by Asst. Coach Ed Doris.



Captain Halkim Malki received a Caoches Award presented by Asst. Coach Syllas Davis.



Anthony Pham received a Coaches Award by Asst. Coach Oscar Lopez.



RHS Patriots with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are shown with Head Coach Lou Cicatelli and the coaches.



Head Coach Lou Cicatelli presents flowers to Parent's Club members, Noelle Forte and Nancy Martel.



The George Fabiano Memorial Award was presented to Captain Walter Rodriguez by Head Coach Lou Cicatelli.



Patriot Team Managers, Jasmine Ayala, Dousa El Kawakibi and Hiba El Bzyouy.

House passes bill to increase the Commonwealth’s competitiveness for federal funds

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a bill that will enable the Commonwealth to leverage the interest earned by the Stabilization Fund, which currently stands at a historically high balance of \$8.2 billion, to bolster our ability to compete for federal funds and pay down debt obligations, such as pensions and other post-employment benefits. With the passage of this bill, Massachusetts will be able to more aggressively compete for federal funding made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act.

“Ensuring that the Commonwealth is able to aggressively compete for the federal funding being made available to states is critical, especially given the challenging revenue conditions that we are facing here in Massachusetts this fiscal year,” said House

Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “The projects and investments that will be funded throughout the U.S. because of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act will transform this country and create a significant number of jobs in the process. It’s vital that Massachusetts does everything that it can to share in that prosperity. I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz and Chairman Lewis for their work on this issue, as well as all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the importance of this legislation.”

“Giving the Commonwealth a competitive edge when it comes to competing for Federal dollars is paramount. By building off the interest earned from the historic high balance of the Rainy Day Fund we will be better positioned to compete for Federal matching grant to improve our infrastructure and other critical needs,” said House Com-

mittee on Ways and Means Chair Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston). “I want to thank Speaker Mariano and Chair Lewis for their hard work and determination on this issue and I look forward to seeing this bill over the finish line in the weeks ahead.”

“This legislation expands our Commonwealth’s competitive edge as we compete for federal funds and pay down our debt obligations. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, CHIPS Act, and Inflation Reduction Act, all contain time-sensitive opportunities for our Commonwealth and our local communities, opportunities that require us to have matching resources available,” said Rep. Jack Patrick Lewis (D-Framingham), Chair of the House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight. “The passage of this bill ensures that we can properly compete for all available federal funds. I am grateful to

Speaker Ron Mariano and Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz, along with the House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight, for their support of this legislation.”

“I want to thank Speaker Mariano, Chairman Michlewitz and Chairman Lewis for their work on prioritizing this issue and making sure that we remain competitive in Massachusetts, especially when it comes to federal funding,” said Rep. Jessica A. Giannino (D-Revere). “It is critical that as we look at challenging financial times, we are thinking ahead and looking at creative and forward-thinking ways to leverage our ability to access and compete for any available funding opportunities.”

“I was pleased to support this important piece of legislation. At a time of shrinking state revenues, this legislation allows us to leverage existing rainy day fund interest monies

while protecting our reserve balances,” said Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D-Winthrop). “Smartly used, this legislation can leverage large amounts of federal funds into the Commonwealth.”

The legislation passed establishes the Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction Fund to be administered by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F). The fund will consist of the interest earned on the Stabilization Fund in each fiscal year, any money appropriated to the fund, and interest earned on the fund. The Comptroller will transfer interest from the Stabilization Fund to the newly established Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction fund each quarter, but as a safeguard, no transfer will occur if the balance has decreased over the preceding year, or if it no longer exceeds 10 percent of budgeted revenues.

A&F may expend the funds to pay down the Commonwealth’s debt or pension obligations, OPEB, capital leases, general or special obligation contract liabilities, or transfer any amount back to the Stabilization Fund. A&F may expend up to \$750 million from the fund to provide matching funds for federal programs through December 1, 2026:

- Up to \$50 million may be used for matching funds for federal programs in the form of grants, loans, and other financial assistance to cities, towns, tribes, and regional organizations.
- Up to \$12 million may be used to provide grants to support municipal, tribal, and regional organizations in planning efforts.

Having passed the House of Representatives 152-0, An Act to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts now returns to the Senate for further consideration.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CONSTRUCTION STARTS AT PARK

CHELSEA - Construction is slated to begin on Monday on a new pocket park in the Forsyth neighborhood.

The new park is at the corner of Lafayette Avenue and Sturgis Street, and will enhance the safety, functionality, and aesthetics of the existing community open space in the Powder Horn Hill area while beautifying the neighborhood as part of the ARPA-funded Strategies for the Open Space Community Investments. The city's contractor for this project is JJ Phelan Construction.

Construction work will start on Monday, March 4, with possible mobilization of equipment beginning on Friday, March 1, according to city officials. Construction hours will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bi-directional traffic around the construction site will be maintained at all times, and police details will be present during construction hours. Pedestrian detours are expected to happen around the construction site.

The first two weeks of the construction schedule will include setting up a perimeter construction fence, a demo of the sidewalk and staircase, and excavating for retaining wall footings

Community Preservation Act funds are being used to fund a portion of the project, which will include a seating area, bike rack, shade trees, and green infrastructure. The triangular parcel is located uphill from Carter Heights Apartments where Forsyth Street becomes Sturgis Street and extends to Lafayette Avenue.

In related construction news, construction has been completed regarding the historic staircase at Franklin Avenue and Spruce Street, connecting Franklin Avenue to Lafayette Avenue, and the lighting was connected to power last week. There are still a few outstanding pieces to finalize for the city to announce its full completion and remove the temporary fencing in the staircase area.

PUTTING NUMBERS ON HOUSES

EVERETT - In her campaign for a seat on the City Council, now-Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers noticed that several residences in Everett did not have house numbers on them.

To address that situation, Rogers has reached out to the Everett Fire Department to allocate funds

EVERETT AND CHELSEA JOIN TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ISLAND END RIVER PROJECT



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley joined city officials from Chelsea and Everett on Feb. 20 to celebrate the \$750,000 in federal funding she helped secure for the Island End River Coastal Flood Resilience Project.

from its grant program to assists seniors in need of house numbers on their properties.

“During the campaign season, I learned that many house numbers are missing on various buildings in Everett,” Rogers said at Monday’s Council meeting. “I had discussions with some of our safety officials who agreed that it is a safety hazard because it does make it difficult for all departments in safety to identify addresses.”

Rogers said that under Massachusetts law it is a requirement that residences must be able to be identified by house numbers.

“In lieu of emphasizing enforcement on something so small, it would be preferable to collaborate with existing departments in the city to ensure that some of our most vulnerable residents have access to house numbers,” said Rogers, adding that seniors or residents with disabilities should be able to call 311 for assistance in the placement on house numbers on buildings.

Rogers said she has corresponded with [Deputy Fire Chief] Will Hurley and [Director of Constituent Services/311] Chad Luongo, “who agreed that it would be a pretty simple process in setting something up” for the installation of house numbers.

Council President Robert Van Campen praised Rogers’ motion, calling it “a great proposal.”

The Council voted unanimously to refer the proposal to Mayor Carlo DeMaria’s administration for further action and eventual implementation of the house-numbers program.

HEARING ABOUT CONCERT SERIES

EAST BOSTON - Those in attendance at the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council’s (OHNC) monthly meeting last week spoke about the future of the Suffolk Downs Concert Series and voiced

concerns about traffic, noise, and parking problems stemming from last year’s iteration.

To start the discussion, District A7 Police Captain Dean Bickerton, who attended the meeting whilst on vacation to speak specifically about the topic, stood alongside HYM’s Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer Thomas O’Brien to address concerns from last year from those in attendance.

One attendee spoke about traffic issues and explained that it took her almost an hour to get home from Revere to Orient Heights during last year’s concert series.

“When he [O’Brien] was here the last time, he said the traffic was going to be under control. On 1A, it was not under control. Revere police were stopping people from making a turnaround right across from the gas station there — I was not allowed to go down Boardman Street — I had to go way down to the end to make the turn,” said the attendee.

Bickerton, in response, said that Boardman Street should not have been shut off and spoke in depth about the traffic management plan.

Another attendee had talked about concertgoers parking on Waldemar Avenue and had suggested getting 24/7 resident-only parking for the days that there are concerts to prevent that from happening.

“Huge issue for us because when we went through all the processes, we didn’t want any of that to happen during the build-out of the entire site, so we’ll work with BTM (Boston Transportation Department) to try and get that done,” said O’Brien.

Another attendee had voiced frustration with the sound, saying, “I realize it’s a concert series. However, you probably should work with your sound engineer a little bit more because Swan Avenue is getting blasted.”

O’Brien explained that there were no complaints regarding noise for the first round of shows last year, which occurred in June.

However, he did say, “Going into the second round of shows, it was a different type of music, and the speaker setup was set to kind of get the far end of the group of people who are gathered on the lawn, and that first night we got a lot of noise complaints.”

He also added that

they adjusted the speakers on the second night and “didn’t receive much in the way of noise complaints on the second night.”

O’Brien also indicated that they are not looking for the type of show that occurred during that second installment of concerts last September, which he described as a “techno sort of thing,” to return.

To close out this part of the discussion Bickerton went through specific asks he had for Suffolk Downs, HYM, and The Bowery Presents (the concert operator) regarding the concert series.

Specifically, Bickerton wants decibel readings to be done on the perimeter and to have them monitored in real-time, a better security team, increased lighting, crosswalks, and no sound checks during school hours.

It should be noted that decibel reading was done last year, and Bickerton is hoping the city sets a decibel level to maintain at the establishment.

Bickerton also mentioned that the group is looking for a seven-day license for the concert series.

In describing the ask for the seven-day license, O’Brien said, “The concerts have not been set, so at the end of the day, we hope to be permitted for, say, 15 shows and maybe 20 shows for next year, right, but you don’t know what days they’re going to be so in order to file a permit you have to file a seven-day permit because it could be Friday it could be Saturday.”

Additionally, East Boston Neighborhood Liaison Mela Villa Gomez spoke about a community process that will occur regarding the concert series and indicated that the process is currently being developed.

Later in the meeting, O’Brien presented to the council about the Suffolk Downs redevelopment and the concert series.

In speaking about the concert series, he recapped last year’s events. He reiterated that during the June shows, they “received very few if any complaints, traffic seemed to work fine, the noise levels seemed to work fine.”

As for the second stretch of shows in September, he acknowledged “a ton of complaints” during the September 15th show, spoke about the changes made during the second show the next

night, and received “next to no” complaints.

“Lessons learned. We’re going to implement all those lessons learned. Hopefully, none of that kind of music and direct the music in a way that doesn’t disturb the neighborhood,” said O’Brien.

O’Brien also walked through what is planned for this year, which includes three confirmed shows on May 18th, July 27th, and August 19th, with more to be announced.

“We’re thinking that there will be about 14 or so concerts this summer. On the seven-day permit question, because we don’t know what the dates of those other concerts will be, we were advised to apply just for the seven-day permit, so it could be — if somebody wants to come on a Thursday — or whatever it is in the summer we’re trying to be flexible in that regard,” said O’Brien.

Additionally, O’Brien walked through the schedule of a typical concert with a new change in response to feedback, which was that sound checks would not occur before 3 P.M. so it does not interfere with schools in session.

An attendee suggested some schools still have students learning until at least 4 P.M. O’Brien and his team seemed amenable to pushing the sound check time further back.

He also indicated that there will be a traffic management plan and a sound, security, and emergency response plan.

Again, O’Brien took questions from those in attendance. One attendee asked about mitigation regarding weeknight concerts — especially concerning rush hour traffic — and O’Brien mentioned that they encourage concertgoers to use public transportation and that he would focus more on the scheduled Monday night concert.

Another attendee had made suggestions for further sound mitigation through the construction of a temporary structure or even a tent.

Overall, the topic of concerts at Suffolk Downs certainly fostered an extensive discussion, and residents should keep an eye out for the upcoming community process regarding the concerts. To learn more about the scheduled concerts, visit <https://stageatsuffolkdowns.com/>.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL HALF DAY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

WINTHROP - The school district is looking to potentially add a half day for its elementary schools to the calendar in June.

At Monday night’s School Committee meeting, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard said she will be back at the next meeting with more specific information, although she said it looks like that half day could be on June 5.

“We want to add a half day for the elementary schools only to the calendar,” Howard said. “The purpose of that half day is going to be very specific training on a newly adopted ELA curriculum.”

Howard said the district has not yet chosen and adopted a new ELA and reading curriculum, but she said teachers, administrators, and staff are going through options and should soon have a presentation before the school committee on a preferred curriculum option.

In other business, Howard said the district is in the midst of continuing its PowerSchool training. The new student information software will be implemented for the 2024-25 school year, she said.

“It takes a full year to train everyone and take all of our data and get it transitioned into the new system,” said Howard.

The PowerSchool software is more powerful than the current school information system and provides more communications opportunities for families and staff, Howard said.

Later in the year, there will be training opportunities for families to learn how to use the new system, she added.

During February vacation, there was a major wifi upgrade at the Gorman Fort Banks School using federal Covid relief funds.

“We needed all new access points,” said Howard. “There is a lot of difficulty in that building because of the cement walls.”

Howard said the issues with the service didn’t have to do with the bandwidth, but with issues getting the wifi connections through certain walls in the school.

Howard said the district will also be using some of its ESSER III Covid relief funds to purchase a new server for the district.

“One of the servers that we thought was going to get us through the school year is flashing us that it will not,” said Howard.

It is anticipated that the server will be replaced during April vacation.

The superintendent noted that the next meeting of the school committee’s budget subcommittee is scheduled for March 6. Howard said the administration will have more detail on the budget and should have details on what will be required for a level-services budget for the 2024-25 school year. She said there will likely be more information about what is required for a needs-based budget at a future meeting.



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#### CATS STY

Revere Pet Clinic plays a part in rescuing cats from Chelsea 'hellhole.' **PAGE 9.**



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Next Thursday is the deadline to enter our St. Patrick's Day coloring contest. **DETAILS, PAGE 16.**

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Recipe ideas for Lent. **A COLOR SPECIAL, PAGE 8.**

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Sen. Jarrett Barrios wants his colleagues to spend more time on issues that affect working families. **COMMENTARY, PAGE 6**

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### ENTERTAINMENT

## Now playing

Showcase Cinema to air NCAA tourney games on big screen

#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

With Showcase Cinema's latest promotion, theatergoers not only can see seat-clenching college basketball games, but also a new way of doing business in corporate America - one that rings reminiscently of Henry Ford's top-to-bottom control of the product.

The promotion will bring a new product, basketball, to the big screen at Revere's Showcase Cinemas this month as part of a package that shows first-round games of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) annual tournament to those who win tickets. It has been dubbed "Big Shots on the Big Screen."

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### FIGHTING FOR POSITION



A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

Revere High junior defenseman Dino Mazzarelli battles for position with a Bishop Fenwick Crusader during the Patriots' 5-1 victory in the first round of the MIAA Div. 2 Hockey Tournament. Complete coverage of Revere's tournament run, Page 17.

### BLUE WAVE



SETH DANIEL PHOTO

John and Pat Rodrigues, owners of Sea Creatures on Revere's Lynnway, are shown deep within the depths of their store, which sells a huge selection of fish and related products for fresh and salt water tanks. Business feature, Page 5.

### CRIME

## Residents, beware: housebreaks on the rise

#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Housebreaks have surged over the past week, especially in West Revere, and police are warning residents of the entire city to watch for and report suspicious activity.

"Certainly, we are aware that in the past 14 days there has been a noticeable increase in the amount of housebreaks, particularly in the west side of the city - Cooledge Street and the Constitution Avenue areas," said Capt. Dennis Collyer.

In the past week, according to police records, there have been 23 reported breaks around the city. For the week, that's over a dozen more than usual. On Monday alone, seven breaks were reported.

Collyer said patrolmen were warned in a bulletin this week to be on the lookout in their beats throughout the city. Likewise, the police are asking the public to report anything in their neighborhood that doesn't jibe.

Last Wednesday night, police closed in on one juvenile on Cooledge Street they believed was a suspect. However, Collyer said they weren't able to pin the youth to the recent spree of burglaries.

"Unfortunately, in these situations and in car thefts, it's one or two people who go on a spree and when you get them, you see the rate drop off," said Collyer.

To report anything, call 781-284-1212.

'It comes down to the judge screwing up and we could end up paying for it. Justice was served already.'

ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR  
PAUL CAPIZZI

### DEVELOPMENT

## Initial work begins on Suffolk Downs shopping center

BY SETH DANIEL  
seth@reverejournal.com

Bulldozers and backhoes rolled onto Diner Road this week to make shopping part of the experience at the Suffolk Downs Race Track.

New England Development took out its first permits Thursday for site work, demolition of existing buildings and installing footings, the initial work required on the shopping center that will eventually contain a Target Store and a Stop & Shop.

The permit was valued at \$5,697,400, with \$85,460 in fees going to the city.

According to Mayor Tom Ambrosino, union contractors won both of these first two contracts.

Dick Prince, project manager from New England Development, did not respond to several phone calls for comment on the project.

While Target and Stop & Shop are definite tenants in the new center, several other smaller businesses and a restaurant are yet to be signed on.

The developers hope to have the center open in early 2005.



A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

Construction crews begin the first stages of construction on the Suffolk Downs shopping center that will one day include a Target and Stop & Shop.

*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.*



# Spring forward in safety: when you change your clocks, check your alarms

With daylight saving time beginning on March 10, Massachusetts fire officials are reminding residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when they change their clocks.

“We’ve seen too many tragedies in homes without working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Most fires and CO incidents take place at home, and these alarms are your first line of defense. As we spring forward this weekend, remember to check your alarms when you change your clocks. Be sure they’re present on every level of your home. And unless you have new-

er alarms with sealed, long-life batteries, this is a great time to replace the alkaline batteries in all your alarms.”

Most Fatal Fires Occur in One- and Two-Family Homes

Of 45 fire deaths in Massachusetts last year, 31 – nearly 70% – took place at home. Nearly 75% of these residential fire deaths took place in one- and two-family homes. Investigators found working smoke alarms at just one-third of those dwellings.

**Replace Expired Alarms**

“Smoke and CO alarms are like any other appliance – they don’t last for-

ever,” said Hyannis Fire Chief Peter Burke, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. “An alarm’s manufacturing date is printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms need to be replaced after 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model. If your alarm is out of date, or if there’s no date at all, it’s time to replace it.”

Replacing an out-of-date alarm? The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family

homes to be photoelectric and have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. These alarms are easier to maintain and less likely to be disabled while cooking or by someone using the batteries for other household appliances.

“Disabling a smoke alarm puts you and everyone in your building at risk,” said Chief Burke. “Test your alarms once a month to be sure you and the people you care for are protected.”

Fire officials recommend that you choose alarms from a well-known, national brand. Look for the mark of an independent testing laboratory such as UL or Intertek.

Many Massachusetts fire departments have found alarms purchased on Amazon and other online retailers that do not meet the Fire Code – and may not perform when they’re needed most.

“If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is,” said State Fire Marshal Davine.

**Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan**

“We have less time than ever before to escape a fire at home,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “You could have three minutes to escape safely. Creating and practicing a home escape plan that includes two routes out will help


you make the most of that precious time to get outside before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible.”

“Working smoke alarms and a practiced home escape plan are among the most fundamental and important tools for surviving a fire,” said Chief Burke. “Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, including young children, older adults, and people with disabilities. Always keep doorways, stairways, and windows clear of furniture and other obstructions so you can leave quickly and

See FIRE SAFETY Page 19

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

  
**C-24-05**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Sections 17.40.020 and 17.40.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, March 25, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of 8 Revere Street, LLC, 8 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a special permit from the Revere City Council to raze the existing non-confirming structure and construct a nine (9) unit townhouse development at 8 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151.

A copy of the aforementioned application (C-24-05) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before March 19, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org.

Attest:  
Ashley E. Melnik  
City Clerk

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conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:30PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere: **A ZONING ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING TITLE 17 RELATIVE TO FAMILY HOME-BASED CHILDCARE REGULATIONS** Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Law Chapter 43, Section 23, in as much as the full text of the proposed zoning ordinance (CZ-24-02) exceeds eight pages in length, the full text of the aforementioned zoning ordinance amendment is available online at [www.revere.org/departments/city-clerk](http://www.revere.org/departments/city-clerk), and on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before March 19, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org.

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Megan Simmons-Herling  
Planning Board, Chair

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**CZ-24-03**  
**City of Revere, MA Public Hearing Notice**  
Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17, Chapter 17.56, Sections 17.12.010-17.12.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, that (a) the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:00PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, and (b) the Revere Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:30PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts

02151, relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere: **A ZONING ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF REVERE RELATIVE TO THE CD AND RA1 DISTRICTS**

Section 1. Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere and the Zoning Map provided by Section 17.12.020 of said Title is hereby amended by changing the zoning district designation of Parcels 33-475-9, 33-475-10, 33-476-6, 33-476-7, 33-476-8, and 33-476-13 from RA1 to CD.

Section 2. Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere and the Zoning Map provided by Section 17.12.020 of said Title is hereby amended by changing the zoning district designation of Parcel 34-467B-29A from CD to RA1.

A copy of the aforementioned application (CZ-24-03) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before March 19, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court**

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.C. 190B, §5-304**

Docket No. SU23P2807GD

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

In the matter of: Ernesto Williams Of: Revere, MA

**RESPONDENT** Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that Ernesto Williams is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/27/2024.

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 28, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett  
Register of Probate

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by G/J Towing Inc of 655 North Shore Road, Revere, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L.c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after March 7, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers’ lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at G/J Towing,

Inc.

1. 2017 Nissan Sentra VIN 3N1AB7A-POHY268490

2. 2022 Honda HR-V VIN 3CZR06H38NM701929

Signed,  
Frank Russo  
G/J Towing Inc

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Docket No. SU24P0421EA

Estate of: Hugh R. Sanders

Date of Death: January 17, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Hugh T. Sanders of Whitman, MA John H. Sanders of Newmarket, NH Hugh T. Sanders of Whitman, MA John H. Sanders of Newmarket, NH have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.  
Register of Probate Court

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### LEGAL NOTICE

  
**MASSACHUSETTS INVITATION FOR BIDS BROADWAY AND PAGE STREET/**

**TAFT STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS MUN-2024-1008**

This bid is for Broadway and Page Street/Taft Street Intersection Improvements, Revere, Massachusetts as per plans and specifications. Separate sealed bids will be received by the City of Revere Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, at his office, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, prior to 10:00 am on March 21, 2024, at which time they will be opened and publicly read. The time stamp in the Purchasing Office shall govern the time. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained electronically from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, beginning February 29, 2024, at [purchasing@revere.org](mailto:purchasing@revere.org). For additional information, please contact Michael Piccardi, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, 781-286-8157. Revere City Hall office hours are Monday’s 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday’s and Thursday’s, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Friday’s 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or treasurer’s check from a bank or trust company or money order of not less than five percent (5%) of its bid. The selected contractor shall provide Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract price. The City’s right is reserved to reject any or all bids or any part of a bid, which in the opinion of the City Purchasing Agent is most advantageous to the City of Revere. Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. Minimum wage rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on minimum wage rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.


The City of Revere is an equal opportunity employer. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of Disadvantaged

Business Enterprises (DBE). The City of Revere has established a goal of five percent (5%) participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in all construction projects. The bidding and award of this contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30 39M. No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Michael Piccardi  
Purchasing Agent

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### LEGAL NOTICE


  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, that a meeting of the Revere Housing Authority will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 70 Cooledge Street, Revere, Massachusetts.

**REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
By: Dean Harris  
Executive Director

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### LEGAL NOTICE

  
**CZ-24-01**  
**City of Revere, MA Public Hearing Notice**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17, Chapter 17.56, Sections 17.56.010 – 17.56.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, that (a) the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:00PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, and (b) the Revere Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:30PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere: **A ZONING ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE OVERLOOK RIDGE**

**OVERLAY DISTRICT**

Section 1. Section 17.23.040 is hereby amended by deleting, in each of subsection C.2, C.3, and C.4 the words “,accessory to hotel (limited to the first floor and not to exceed five thousand square feet).”

Section 2. Section 17.23.080 is hereby amended by deleting, in its entirety, the final sentence of Section 17.23.080, which currently reads as follows: “The provisions of Title 17, Chapter 17.23 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, the Overlook Ridge Overlay District (OROD), the boundaries of which are set forth in Exhibit A attached and illustrated as OROD “A” and “B” shall not take effect for OROD “A” and “B” until a building permit is issued by the City of Revere Building Inspector for the hotel proposed to be constructed on OROD “C”.”

A copy of the aforementioned application (CZ-24-01) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before March 19, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org.

Attest:  
Ashley E. Melnik  
City Clerk

Megan Simmons-Herling  
Planning Board, Chair

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### LEGAL NOTICE

  
**PUBLIC NOTICE REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY (RHA)**

**OPENING OF FEDERAL-AIDED ONE BEDROOM ELDERLY THE REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL BE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ITS FEDERAL-AIDED HOUSING PROGRAM FOR ONE BEDROOM ELDERLY/ YOUNG DISABLED WAITING LIST.**

**INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FROM THE RHA WEBSITE: WWW.REVEREHA.COM, THROUGH MAIL UPON REQUEST BY CALLING 781-284-4394 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. FRIDAY.**

**HUD INCOME LIMITS**

**APPLY TO THIS PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO INCOME ELIGIBILITY, APPLICANTS FOR FEDERAL-AIDED HOUSING WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP OR ELIGIBLE IMMIGRATION STATUS. ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE INCOME AND STATUS ELIGIBLE TO BE PLACED ON THE WAITING LIST. MORE INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. ALL APPLICANTS MUST UNDERGO A CORI SCREENING. EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY. REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court**

24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Docket No. SU23P2265EA

Estate of: Marie D. Cowhig

Date of Death: 06/03/2023

To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Vincent G. Cowhig, Jr. of Wenham, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent’s real estate at a private sale.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/02/2024.

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 written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 27, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.  
Register of Probate

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# Fire Safety // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18

safely.”

**Older Adults at Greatest Risk**

More than half of last year’s fire deaths involved adults aged 65 and older. In FY23, the Department of Fire Services’ Senior SAFE grant program awarded more than \$575,000 to hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts to support assistance with alarm installation and testing. Older adults who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms

should contact their local fire department, council on aging, or senior center for assistance.

**Carbon Monoxide Hazards**

Heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide at home, State Fire Marshal Davine said, but winter isn’t over yet and CO remains a hazard even in warmer weather. While many carbon monoxide incidents involve furnaces and other heating appliances, CO is also produced by stoves,

grills, and vehicles, as well as generators put into use during a power outage.

“Firefighters detect carbon monoxide at about 5,000 calls each year in Massachusetts, and we’ve already seen cases of fatal carbon monoxide poisoning in 2024,” said Chief Burke. “We can’t see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this silent, invisible killer. If you hear you CO alarms sounding, get out to fresh air and call 9-1-1 right away.”

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REVERE SENIOR CENTER VALENTINE’S DAY CELEBRATION



Photos by Marianne Salza

Seniors raised their arms while singing “Love is in Revere” in the style of “Love is in the Air” during the Revere Office of Elder Affairs Valentine’s Day Celebration on February 28. Members enjoyed musical entertainment by DJ Alan LaBella, and lunch provided by Nick’s Bistro at the Saint Anthony of Padua Parish hall.

Seniors celebrating members with February birthdays



Janet Rapucci, DJ Alan LaBella, and Mary Vigliotta.



Eleanor Vieira, Barbara Stoddard, and Janet Rapucci.



Eleanor Vieira singing, “Love is in the Air.”



Joanne Monteforte, Councilor-at-Large Tony Zambuto, DJ Alan LaBella, Anna Piccardi, Project Coordinator, and Barbara Stoddard.



Councilor-at-Large Tony Zambuto, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ann Eagan, City Council Vice President Ira Novoselsky, Pattie Manzo, and Pati Epsimos.



DJ Alan LaBella posing with singers who participated in singing the “YMCA.”



Deb Pecza, Director of Elder Services, and Bob Haas, District Director for Senator Lydia Edwards, with Revere senior center members.



Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, John Kingston, School Committee, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and City Council Vice President Ira Novoselsky.



Councilor-at-Large Tony Zambuto and Deb Pecza, Director of Elder Services, with Revere senior center Valentine's Day Celebration volunteers.



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