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Parkway bridge project to begin in 2026

By Adam Swift

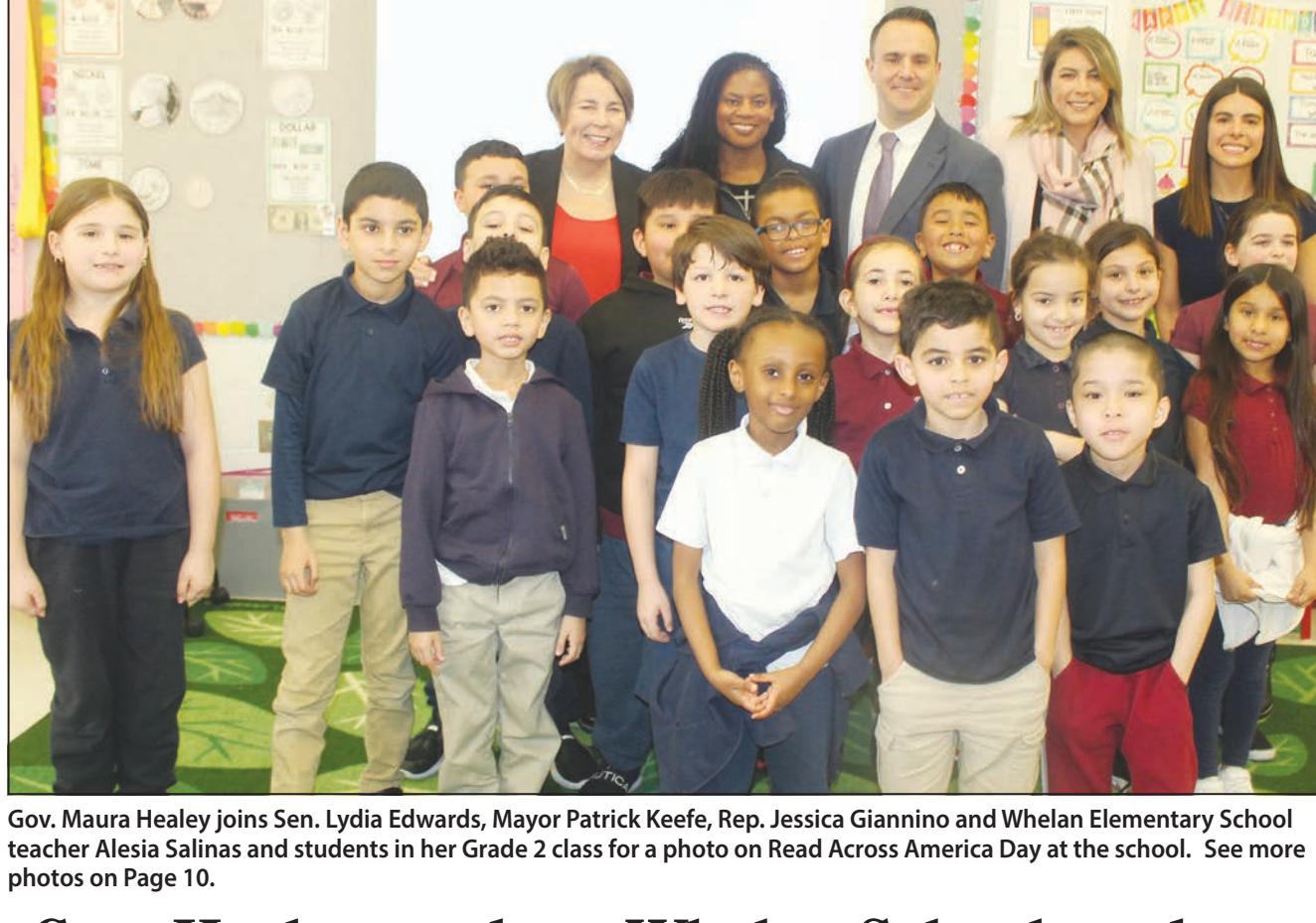
MassDOT officials and consultants laid out the plans for the replacement of the bridge on Revere Beach Parkway that spans Broadway at a public meeting at City Hall last week.

The \$14 million project, which will be paid for through a mix of federal and state funds, is expected to get underway in 2026 and take three years to complete.

Currently, preliminary planning for the project is underway, and MassDOT is expected to hold another meeting in the fall with more concrete design plans.

The proposed project

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Gov. Maura Healey joins Sen. Lydia Edwards, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Rep. Jessica Giannino and Whelan Elementary School teacher Alesia Salinas and students in her Grade 2 class for a photo on Read Across America Day at the school. See more photos on Page 10.

Gov. Healey reads to Whelan School students as part of Read Across America Week

Touts State's Literacy Launch Initiative during the event

In celebration of "Read Across America," Gov. Maura Healey joined Revere elected officials at Whelan Elementary School last Wednesday and read to students and

discussed the importance of learning this valuable life skill.

"It's so, so important to learn how to read," Healey told Whelan students. "You can read any

book and learn anything and everything about the whole world just by reading. But you know, you're not just born knowing how to read. Somebody's got to teach you how to read, and

you have to put the time in, but so we're here to help you."

The Healey-Driscoll administration recent-

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From left, Irene Harvey, Chris Amstutz, Katie Cerasale-Messina, Chelsea Wylie, Emma Stanital, and Principal Chris Freisen.

Beachmont picks up its National ESEA 'Distinguished School' Honor in Oregon

Principal Freisen, Beachmont staff, Asst. Super. Dr. Gallucci accept award during conference

Special to the Journal

In the fall, it was announced that Beachmont Elementary School was named a National "ESEA Distinguished School" by the National Association of Elementary and Secondary Education. Beachmont was one of two schools in Massachusetts to receive the honor.

In February, Beachmont Principal Chris Freisen and Revere Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Dr. Richard Gallucci traveled to Portland, Oregon, to pick up the school's award during the four-day 2024 National ESEA Conference.

"Attending the National ESEA Conference in Portland was a tremendous honor for our school community," said Freisen.

The Beachmont Veterans Memorial School was recognized as a Nationally Distinguished School, and there were special events that we participated in throughout the four-day conference."

Freisen said the conference offered a variety of engaging sessions for educators from across the country.

"Our Beachmont team attended these sessions with plans to share what we learned with our Beachmont and Revere colleagues," he said. "This conference gave us an opportunity to reflect on systems that we currently have in place and also identify areas of practice we can do better. It was great to meet educators and experts from across the country."

Each year, ESEA Program Administrators invite each state's Department of Education to identify two schools to be celebrated as a School of Distinction.

Schools that receive a National ESEA Distinguished School Honor must demonstrate high academic achievement, which may include high academic growth, or meet or exceed state-determined accountability criteria.

Freisen said DESE set a number of targets for Beachmont, as well as other schools in the state, to ensure they are closing the achievement gap.

Throughout the National ESEA Conference, select sessions feature

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Wilmot talks changes at EBNHC, the future of the healthcare provider

By Cary Shuman

After a major announcement last week that East Boston Neighborhood Health Center will rebrand its health system as NeighborHealth, President and CEO Greg Wilmot said he is looking ahead with excitement and optimism about the future.

EBNHC currently op-

erates nearly a dozen clinical sites throughout Greater Boston, including East Boston, Winthrop, Everett, Revere, and the South End. It serves approximately 120,000 people and has about 2,000 employees. EBNHC operates the fourth-busiest emergency department in

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BELLE ISLE ROTARY HOSTS FIRST-EVER GALA AT EBYC



Barbara Tscoyeanes was the big winner of the bucket of scratch tickets, shown with President Stephen Miliotos during the first Belle Isle Rotary Club gala held at East Boston Yacht Club. See more photos on Page 7.

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Council calls for executive session on Wonderland litigation

By Adam Swift

The city council is expected to vote in May on approving bonding for the new Revere High School project at Wonderland.

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 for the new high school.

However, there is still outstanding litigation from the former owners of the Wonderland property seeking additional money for the property.

CBW Lending, LLC vs. City of Revere was filed in Suffolk Superior Court in early 2023.

CBW Lending, a group that includes local busi-

nessman Joe O'Donnell and Vornado Realty Trust, is being represented by attorneys Peter Flynn and Jason Scopa of the Saugus-based Law Offices of Peter Flynn, which specializes in eminent domain cases. In the past, Flynn has estimated that the true value of the Wonderland property could run anywhere from \$50 million to as high as \$120 million.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Council President Anthony Cogliandro said he has spoken to Mayor Patrick Keefe about the motion and he is supportive of it.

"There is nothing malicious about this motion," said Cogliandro, who added he filed it because the council and city cannot discuss or comment on the ongoing litigation except in executive session.

"I want everyone to know that this is filed so that we can have every single bit of information we can possibly have when it comes time to bonding over a half a billion dollars, and that is what this is all about."

Cogliandro said he has spoken to Mayor Patrick Keefe about the motion and he is supportive of it.

"This is a great motion," said Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto. "It is going to be a challenge to vote this bond under all the circumstances, but

without knowing what it is going to cost, I certainly can't vote for it. I appreciate this motion, and I'm looking forward to the executive session."

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley said she was also in full support of the motion.

"I think that the sooner we can get the information, the better our decision making process will be when it comes time to bond the high school," she said.

Parkway Bridge // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

will also include improved intersections at the Revere Beach Parkway eastbound ramp at Broadway, with signalized intersection improvements, and at the westbound ramp with multimodal accommodations and ADA compliant curb ramps and crossings, according to consultant Paul Berthiaume of Howard Stein Hudson.

In addition, there will also be an acceleration and deceleration lane on Revere Beach Parkway for the length of the project.

"The primary goal of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge with a new, modern bridge while maintaining the existing Broadway traffic below it," said Berthiaume. "The existing bridge

was constructed in 1930 and widened in 1958, and the bridge deck and superstructure are in poor condition. We are looking to restore the bridge but maintain its historic aesthetics."

The other goals of the project are to improve safety at the intersection, enhance multimodal access such as pedestrian and bike access, and minimize impacts to roadway users during construction, he said.

Revere Beach Parkway along the span will also need to be raised slightly to improve the vertical clearance over Broadway.

"We are proposing to make minor changes to Revere Beach Parkway in the final condition, however, we are proposing

that the current westbound shoulder ... become an acceleration lane to assist traffic merging onto Revere Beach Parkway," Berthiaume said. "The project is proposing to connect back into the existing Revere Beach Parkway configuration at the project limit."

The project will also likely include the reconstruction of sidewalks on both sides of Broadway, bicycle accommodation, and bus priority measures where feasible.

There will also be improvements to both ramp intersections.

The new bridge itself will be a simple span steel bridge with a reinforced concrete deck, which Berthiaume said more closely represents the historic

structure being replaced than other alternatives.

There is still design work underway on the final alternative for the Broadway portion of the project.

"We are currently working on the design of Broadway," Berthiaume said. "The cross section of Broadway is limited by the bridge span, since this site contains Boston blue clay, which restricts how big the bridge span can get without having significant costs for deep foundations."

The proposed construction approach calls for a design, bid, build contract approach with three stages of construction. Each stage of construction will take about one year.

The current schedule

shows the contract going out to bid in the winter of 2026.

"Any necessary closings or reroutings of Broadway traffic will take place at nighttime only," said Berthiaume.

The first stage of construction will have the work zone on the Revere Beach Parkway eastbound exterior lane and will maintain two lanes eastbound and westbound. There will be no impact to Broadway and ramp access will be maintained, according to the consultants.

The second phase of construction calls for the work zone on the interior lanes of Revere Beach Parkway eastbound and westbound, with two lanes maintained eastbound and

westbound. Once again, consultants stated there would be no impact to Broadway users during this stage, and ramp access would be maintained.

The third stage of the project would move the work zone to the Revere Beach Parkway westbound exterior lane.

The temporary night closures along Broadway would be required for specific activities, such as demolition and beam placement, and would take place between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

According to the consultants, two lanes of traffic will be maintained on Revere Beach Parkway at all times, with temporary crossovers. Abutter access would be maintained at all times, as well.

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roundtrips between Moynihan Train Hall at New York Penn Station (NYP) and Washington Union Station (WAS), and a new weekday morning departure from William H. Gray III 30th Street

Station (PHL) in Philadelphia to NYP. There is also now one new weekend trip between PHL and Boston South Station (BOS). These service changes result in a 20% increase in weekday service and

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Mayor Patrick Keefe was a special guest at the DiDomenico Foundation's 11th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner March 8 at the Knights of Columbus in Charlestown. Shown above, from left, are former Boston Carpenters Union regional manager Richard Pedi, Tricia DiDomenico, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and former Everett city official Michael McLaughlin. Shown inset, special guests, pictured at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by Sen. Sal DiDomenico, from left, are Rep. Jessica Giannino, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Mayor Patrick Keefe.

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REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago**March 11, 2014**

Mayor Dan Rizzo and Revere Director of Finance George Anzuoni spoke at the City Council meeting Monday night about the city's recent Standard and Poor's Rating Servings Report upgrade. The City of Revere was granted a bond rating of AA- with a stable outlook, an upgrade from last year's A+ rating. The city is now in a high-grade investment category, meaning that Revere can save substantial amounts of interest charges when borrowing and issuing municipal bonds for large projects. It also contrasts with the city's rating just 15 years ago when Revere was at junk bond status and on par with war-ravaged El Salvador.

The Winthrop Avenue sewer pipe replacement project has doubled in cost over the last several months and will end up costing more than \$700,000 over original estimates, according to DPW Director Don Goodwin. Goodwin told the City Council on Monday that the complex replacement project became even more complicated as things went on, especially with the MWRA ordering the city to take on more costs by moving water pipes that were located above the collapsed sewer pipe.

A plan submitted by Suffolk Downs to state environmental regulators calls for the horse barns in Revere to be relocated to the East Boston side of the property, built out under the existing grandstand, and in new buildings adjacent to the track on the Boston side – a plan that eliminates the previous idea of putting the barns in an off-site location and

redeveloping the open land. The plan however, is contingent upon Mohegan Sun receiving a casino license from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

The Revere Parks and Recreation Department recently held its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament for middle school boys and girls.

Robocop, The Grand Budapest Hotel, and Mr. Peabody and Sherman are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago**March 17, 2004**

Both the local and national economies are in the spotlight. Economic reports reveal that Revere has lost 900 jobs since 2001 and that 21 million jobs have been lost nationally. The unemployment rate in Revere is 7.0% and is 6.2% across the state.

TV news cameras descended upon Proctor Ave. resident William Leyden as he exited Suffolk Superior Court last week after murder charges against him were dropped by the Suffolk County District Attorney. Leyden had been charged with the 2001 murder of his brother, Jackie, in East Boston, but a confessed serial killer has now become the prime suspect. William Leyden has spent the better part of the past two years in prison awaiting trial.

Two male senior citizens got into a fight at the weekly Senior Citizens Dance on Friday. They fought over which one was going to dance with a female attendee.

Police made the first alleged arrest for common street-walking in the city in many years when they arrested a woman who was flagging down cars with male occupants at

Broadway and Cushman Ave. Wednesday morning at 4:00 a.m.

School Supt. Paul Dakin writes in the Journal that he agrees with the City Council's decision to look into the permitting process of the Roseland apartment complex at Overlook Ridge because the city needs to look into how many more school children this project may bring into the city's school system.

Agent Cody Banks 2, The Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, and The Passion of the Christ are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago**March 14, 1984**

A citizens group calling itself the Committee to Keep Integrity and Decency in Our Schools, headed by Frederick Balboni and Carl Minkovitz, is undertaking a recall petition of School Committee members Hal Ford Abrams and John Correggio, the two most outspoken members of the Revere school administration who reportedly are on a mission to fire School Supt. William J. Hill. .

City councillors criticized the firm hired to undertake the revaluation of property in Revere for the alleged courtesy the firm's employees have shown homeowners who have appealed their revaluation decisions. However, Board of Assessors Chairman Ron Corbett said the assessors have been highly-satisfied with the job being performed by the firm.

Rain and sleet limited voter turnout in Tuesday's Presidential primary election, with only 5331 voters, about 25 percent, going to the polls. Democrats favored Colorado Senator

Gary Hart by a slim margin over former vice-president Walter Mondale. They were followed by former Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern and Ohio Senator and former astronaut John Glenn.

City Councilor William Bell has been named the house-to-house chairman of the Revere Cancer Crusade.

Boston Bruins goalie Doug Keans, Bruins forward Barry Pederson, former Bruin great John Bucyk, and New England Patriot defensive back Rick Sanford were the guest speakers at the Sports Night of the McKinley School PTA. The McKinley School basketball team, which won the city title this past season, was honored

Splash, Terms of Endearment, and Against All Odds are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago**March 13, 1974**

Mayor William G. Reinsteine has submitted a budget of \$23,715,587 to the City Council, an increase of \$3.5 million

over last year, representing an increase of \$35.40 on the tax rate. Reinsteine said that 80 percent of the increase is attributable to the School Department, which must implement the new Chapter 766 guidelines for special education this year.

For the third time in four years, the Revere High student newspaper, The Patriot, has been named the top school newspaper in Greater Boston in a competition sponsored by Suffolk University.

The City Council has called for a meeting with

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Biden, Trump top Revere ballot in primary

By Adam Swift

There were few surprises in the Revere results for last week's presidential primary, although President Joe Biden's share of the vote in the city did fall significantly below the state totals.

Biden topped the Democratic primary ballot and former President Donald Trump comfortably took the Republican side of the race.

Of the 2,755 votes cast in the Democratic primary, Biden collected 1,894, or just over 68 percent. The No Preference option came in with 341 votes in the unofficial results, while Dean Phillips had 204 votes and Marianne Williamson finished with 128.

While Biden easily topped the Democratic ballot in Revere, the 68.75 percent of the votes cast heavily lagged behind the state as a whole, where Biden came away with almost 83

percent of his party's vote.

Juan Pablo Jaramillo ran unopposed for Democratic State Committee man in the district, and finished with 2,006 votes in Revere. Gabriella Gigi Coletta was unopposed in the primary for Democratic State Committee Woman and tallied 1,832 votes.

In the Republican presidential primary, Trump cruised to victory with 2,079 votes to 400 for former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley. The other candidates on the ballot all finished well behind.

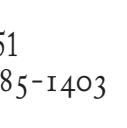
In the race for Republican State Committee Man, Paul Ronukaitus had 1,090 votes in Revere to 739 for Talen Carvalho. Verra Carducci topped the ballot in a three-way race for Republican State Committee Woman in Revere with 942 votes to 536 for Jeannemarie Tamas and 272 for Rachel Miselman.

The Libertarian primary saw the no preference option come away with 24 of

the 45 ballots cast, while none of the candidates finished above three votes.

Election Commissioner Paul Fahey said the total turnout was around 17

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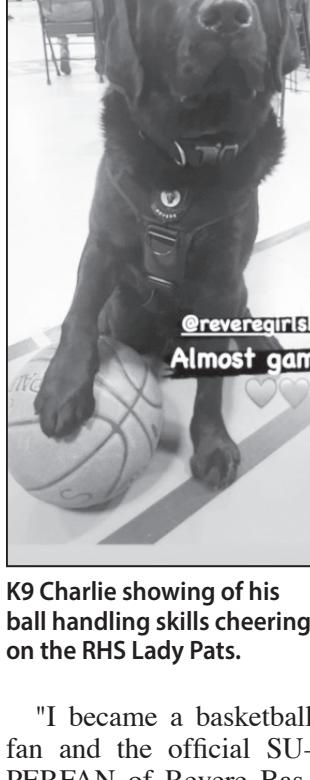
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The Winter Chronicles of K9 Charlie

By Melissa Moore-Randall

As winter comes to a close, Revere's Community Resource Dog K9 Charlie is wrapping up his first winter. Charlie, a full bred Black English Labrador who turned one on February 13th, was first introduced to the Revere community in April 2023. K9 Charlie shared his excitement and adventures of his first winter.

"My winter adventures included celebrating my first Christmas, being a basketball SUPERFAN, celebrating the big ONE and everything in between. I celebrated my first Christmas and boy was I spoiled. Humans love giving presents, and I received a ton from all of my friends in Revere."



K9 Charlie showing off his ball handling skills cheering on the RHS Lady Pats.

"I became a basketball fan and the official SUPERFAN of Revere Basketball. I was on the sidelines for both boys and girls middle school and high school games. I met my first four-legged Re-



K9 Charlie celebrating his first birthday on Feb. 13.



K9 Charlie meeting fellow basketballer Jet the Bulldog whose dad is Coach Leary.

vere friend, a guy named Jet the Bulldog. His dad is Coach Leary of the RHS Boys Basketball Team. The Middle School and High School girls basketball teams were both GBL Champions. I think I was the lucky charm!"

"I was able to experience my first time in cold, white stuff that humans call snow. WOW! It is amazing running around in that stuff. You can eat it too but just not the yellow snow! I am also a fashion icon now. I became a Croc gibbet. Everyone is walking around with ME on their Crocs. IMAGINE!"

"I have spent a lot of time at the Revere Boxing gym working out with students, teachers and other human friends. I love working out! I think everyone loves to work out with me too! I turned one this winter on February 13th! Humans really love to celebrate the day you were born. I received cards, treats, gifts, and hugs for my big day! Winter wrapped up with me meeting with Governor Maura Healey when she visited the Whelan School. She was pretty excited to meet me!"

"I look forward to making more people smile, building relationships and serving the Community of Revere as I also work towards my therapy certification."

"To learn more about me and my adventures, you can follow me on Instagram at charlie_rpd_comfortK9. To date, I have over 1,600 followers. Let's get to 2,000 by summer!"

ily traveled," said Guarino-Sawaya. "There is a crosswalk and a small sign, but some cars are traveling way too fast to get to and from Broadway."

She said it is hard for the seniors to move out of the way of speeding cars, and that a flashing senior crossing sign at the crosswalk could help slow down traffic.

"When seniors have events at the Rossetti Center, they normally use the Central parking lot and they cross the streets," said McKenna. "We do need to protect them, and I think this is a great motion."

Haas added that there have been several recent

discussions about safety along Winthrop Avenue and near the senior center.

"This is an area that I am concerned about, safety-wise," he said. "I'd love to see something done along that stretch."

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said he is not always in favor of installing speed bumps in the city, but that he was in favor of adding one near the senior center.

"Whatever we can do to make that area safer," he said. "It is a challenge because there are a lot of competing things going on there."

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky noted that last fall, he put in a motion to put a flashing speed sign along Winthrop Avenue, and that any additional measures taken to protect senior citizens in the area would be welcomed.

Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino applauded the motion, but added that a raised crosswalk across from the senior center might be preferable to a speed bump.

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley said she liked the idea of a raised crosswalk, and added that the city needed to take quick action to protect seniors.

"I think this is also a prime example of why I would like to see a new senior center altogether in a new location," she said.

Council calls for improved traffic safety near senior center

By Adam Swift

The city council is looking for improved traffic safety measures near the senior center on Winthrop Avenue.

Monday night, Councilors Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Joanne McKenna, and Robert Haas, III introduced a motion asking that the mayor have the traffic commission install traffic calming measures such as a speed hump and a flashing speed sign near the crosswalk near the senior center.

The seniors crossing on Winthrop Avenue are in danger of getting hit by a car as it is heavy-

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Revere, Chelsea, Everett, Winthrop join regional homelessness program

Special to the Journal

For the first time, eight communities north of Boston will launch a joint program to provide supportive services and outreach to those who are homeless, at-risk of becoming homeless, or fleeing domestic violence. The new program will serve Malden, Arlington, Chelsea, Everett, Medford, Melrose, Revere, and Winthrop and will respond to incidents of homelessness and provide basic necessities like food and water as well as dedicated case management, housing problem solving, and more to help get people transition from homelessness to stable housing.

The services will be available in the eight communities, which are funding the effort with approximately \$1.8 million over four years with federal HOME-ARP funds that the cities collectively receive. The program is being managed by the City of Malden through its Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, with service delivery from Housing Families and their partner The Neighborhood Developers.

"We look forward to expanding on the continued partnership that we have cultivated with Housing

Families in this new iteration of homelessness support," said Mayor Patrick Keefe of Revere. "We are confident that this program will mesh well into each community's existing infrastructure and fill in the gaps we know are still occurring. Homelessness and domestic violence don't recognize traditional city borders, and with this regional approach, we can tackle these issues more collaboratively."

Malden Mayor Gary Christenson of Malden announced the initiative during his annual State of the City address last week, noting that none of the communities would be able to provide these services on their own.

"Only together can we respond with the care, compassion, and capacity that these most vulnerable residents need," Christenson said. "I'm grateful to the mayors and managers of our partner cities for their continued commitment to this vital work."

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez stated that vulnerable populations are experiencing unprecedented difficulties when it comes to accessing social services that help them overcome the hardships they are going through.

"Unfortunately, this reality exceeds city borders, so I am proud of Chelsea

for joining this collaborative effort to serve the most in need in our region," said Maltez.

Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria said that as government officials, it is the duty of the communities' leaders to respond to the needs of all residents.

"Far too often, it is those with the greatest need for support that are overlooked in the allocation of resources," said DeMaria. "I am proud to support this initiative to provide wrap-around services for our most-vulnerable populations and I greatly appreciate the collaboration and partnership between the participating municipalities, Housing Families, and The Neighborhood Developers to address such a critical need."

The program is scheduled to launch in April.

"Housing Families is very excited to broaden the scope of services we are able to offer in our communities for those who are experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness," said Housing Families, Inc. CEO Laura Rosi. "This program will complement the work we do with both our Homelessness Prevention and Individual Homelessness teams. The street outreach component fills an especially critical area of service in our region."

Beachmont //

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"Stories of Success" from Distinguished Schools, highlighting the notable work they have done to make significant improvements for their students. Distinguished school attendees are celebrated during several exclusive conference events.

"I had the honor of attending the 2024 National ESEA Conference in Portland with an amazing group of educators from Beachmont Elementary School," said Dr. Gallucci. "Beachmont Elementary School was recognized as a 2024 National ESEA Distinguished School based on their exemplary performance last year.

Together, alongside my esteemed Beachmont colleagues, we had the opportunity to attend workshops that focused on academic learning, educational leadership, special education,

and other critical topics related to our daily work.

I am proud of the entire Beachmont Elementary

community—students, staff, and parents—for this incredible accomplishment and look forward

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Schools that have closed the achievement gap between student groups for two or more consecutive years.

AR S.C. Tucker Elementary

DE Smyrna Elementary

KS Wheatland Elementary

LA Southside High

MA Beachmont Veterans Memorial

MD Oak Point Elementary

ME Vancleave Lower Elementary

MO Bell City Elementary

MT Garfield Elementary

NE Seymour Elementary

NY Solvay Elementary

NC Union Cross Traditional Academy

TX Florence J. Scott Elementary

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WI Henry A. Coffeen Elementary

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to their future work. Go Bees!"

Revere's Beachmont Veterans Memorial School received the National ESEA Distinguished School Honor for its continued success in closing the achievement gap between student groups.

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TECHNOLOGY

Info aged

City Hall prepares for much-needed upgrades to computer systems

By SETH DANIEL
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Imagine paying your tax bill from a computer terminal at the senior center, or complaining about a pothole on your street after business hours in the comforts of your home office.

Right now, it's only a dream here, but it could soon become a reality as the city prepares to update and integrate its computer systems for the first time in a very long time.

"Basically, we haven't done an upgrade in City Hall since 1999 and that was just for the Y2K stuff," said Information Systems Manager Glen DeRosa. "We've been running the same tax system and utilities software since 1988."

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KIDS IN A HAT



RICH BAILLIE PHOTO

Beachmont School students Sabrina Arruda and Tenysha Calderia dress up like the Cat in the Hat for last week's 'Read Across America' celebration. Revere schools used the event to honor Dr. Seuss, who would have turned 100 years old this year.

JUSTICE

DA drops murder charges against Leyden

By SETH DANIEL
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A three-year-old dark cloud has finally parted from above the heads of William Leyden and his family of Proctor Avenue in Revere.

Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley announced late Monday that his office planned to drop the murder charges against William Leyden, 42, which alleged he murdered his brother, Jackie Leyden, in the summer of 2001 in East Boston.

The charges were formally dropped before a judge in Boston's Suffolk Superior Court on Tuesday afternoon.

At the same time Monday, Conley's office announced that it was freeing a Roxbury man who has been jailed since 1992 for a kidnapping and rape incident there that Boston Police said he committed, though DNA evidence recently cleared him.

"They're cleaning up all their dirty laundry at once," said an incensed Attorney Steven Reardon, who represents the Leyden family. "You have to wonder what they were thinking in the Boston Police Department over there...Even if you accept the accusation, events unfolded relatively quickly that certainly proved Billy was innocent."

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*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.

BELLE ISLE ROTARY CLUB HOSTS FIRST-EVER GALA AT EAST BOSTON YACHT CLUB

It was the first, but it was a success, the Belle Isle Rotary's Gala for its members. President Stephen Miliotos welcomed everyone to the East Boston Yacht Club, the facility has a beautiful view overlooking Boston Harbor, and welcomed the rotary club that includes members from East Boston,

Winthrop, and Revere.

The evening started with a delicious buffet from Anthony's Italian Specialties from Stoneham and followed by a very tasty dessert table with coffee. Following the meal, the dance floor was opened for all to enjoy the rest of the evening.



Belle Isle Rotarians, Sterling Sobe, President Stephen and Amy Miliotos, Peter Scolaro, Felicia Puopolo, Vera Carducci, President-Elect Joe Stefano and Mike Triant.



The hosts from the East Boston Yacht Club, Matthew Gleason, Jay DeAmaral, and Rebecca Moran.



The DeCicco, Puopolo, Mulry, and the McGowan families and friends enjoyed themselves at the Bell Isle Rotary Gala last Saturday evening at the EBYC.

Evacuation Day Commemoration honors historic day; underscores current restoration of site

Special to the Journal

The National Parks of Boston and South Boston Citizens' Association will host the annual Evacuation Day Commemoration on Friday, March 15 at 10 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.

While the ceremony is traditionally held on the grounds of the Dorchester Heights Monument, due to current restoration work, the program will take place at the Edgerley Family South Boston Boys & Girls Club at 230 West Sixth Street in South Boston. Confirmed speakers include Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey, and state and city elected officials.

The Excel High School JROTC Color Guard will lead a procession to the western edge of Thomas Park for a wreath laying following the speaking program.

The commemoration will feature a ceremonial presentation of arms by the Lexington Minutemen and Henry Knox Color Guard. The Boston University Band will provide music.

Superintendent Creasey will share a brief overview of the current restoration project. The National Parks of Boston began the more than \$30 million restoration of Dorchester Heights Monument on

September 15. Funded by the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA), rehabilitation work will be complete by March 17, 2026, Evacuation Day, during the nation's 250th birthday year. The Monument and its surrounding area remain closed to the public during the restoration.

The GAOA funds are being used to restore the iconic 1902 Dorchester Heights Monument tower and surrounding area known as Thomas Park. The rehabilitation work includes structural upgrades, masonry restoration, and improvement of the monument's foundation, superstructure, exterior enclosure, roof, interior stairs, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems. The grounds, lighting, and signage will be vastly improved for visitors' experience.

In early March 1776, General George Washington ordered the construction of fortifications at Dorchester Heights. Two weeks later, these actions led to the evacuation of British forces from Boston. For over a century, Bostonians in the South Boston community have commemorated March 17 as "Evacuation Day" at Dorchester Heights.

More information on the Dorchester Heights Monument restoration and photos are available online.

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the firms managing the construction of the new Revere High School to get answers as to why there is a \$1 million shortfall in the account for furnishings and equipment for the \$12 million school.

The City Council has adopted a new ordinance sponsored by Councilor Edward O'Hara that requires a dress code for the employees of nightclub acts in the city. The measure is aimed principally at the Squire strip club. Councilor Louis H. Ciarlone was the lone dissenting vote on the measure, which featured heated debate and yelling on both sides of the issue from those in the audience. At one point, Ciarlone called Mayor William G. Reinste "a punk" and Ward 4 Councilor John Dobbyn "a jerk."

The Licensing Board has revoked all 4:00 a.m. food licenses in the city. Chairman Berg Barrooshian and member Dominic Melchionno cited the after-hours sale of alcoholic beverages by some of these establishments as the reason for their support of the measure.

Grover Manor Hospital has been granted accreditation for the next two years.

Kerry Tunstall is the winner of the recent pool tournament sponsored by the Parks and Rec. Dept.

The ongoing city chess tournament now is down to seven contestants from the original 49 entrants. Police Chief George P. Corbett has cited officers Ronald DiGiovanni, Donald Cuccio, Joseph Anzalone, Leonard Randall, Leonard Cafarelli, and Nicholas Melchionno for their fine work recently in three separate incidents.

Burt Lancaster stars in Executive Action at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

60 years ago

March 12, 1964

Despite bitter protest from the School Committee and school officials, the City Council accepted the recommendation of City Manager Melvin Taymore and slashed almost \$500,000 from the School Committee's requested budget of \$3.5 million. School Supt. Dr. John Lindia, who said he has received phone calls warning him to keep his mouth shut, said he will continue to fight for more school funding, even if it means going to court. The Revere Teachers Association also said it may go to court if the budget cutback means that the pay raises agreed-to by the School Committee to take effect in September will not be funded.

Despite two weeks of protests by large groups of citizens, the City Council voted 5-2 to move out of committee the question of a pay raise for new City Manager Melvin Taymore to a new salary of \$15,000 from his present salary of \$13,000. Councillors Ray Carey and George Colella opposed the pay hike.

Cherry sheet figures released by the state reveal that the city will receive a net total of \$221,119 from the state, an increase of \$64,363 from last year.

Capt. Samuel Moschella, 33, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carmine Moschella of 871 Revere Beach Parkway, has received a Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam from 1962-63.

Paul Newman stars in The Prize at the Revere Theatre. Joan Crawford and Jeff Chandler star in Female on the Beach at the Revere Drive In.

70 years ago

March 18, 1954

The Harvard Study Group has released its sur-

vey of the Revere schools system. Major recommendations include construction of a new high school and four neighborhood schools to meet the need of a growing population, while also abandoning four of the present, older schools.

The study also recommends the modernization of the Lincoln, Garfield, and present high school, with the high school to be used as an intermediate or junior high school. The new high school, which would include vocational courses, would cost an estimated \$3.4 million.

City Manager Edward P. O'Toole has announced that he will establish the position of a Juvenile Guidance Council, to consist of public officials, clergy members, business leaders, and concerned citizens in order to combat the growing problem of juvenile delinquency in the city.

State Public Works Commissioner John A. Volpe has recommended a \$200 million highway construction program to the legislature, of which \$8 million is earmarked for the Northeast Expressway that will cut through the city from the Mystic River Bridge to points north.

Crescent Motor Sales of this city, owned by Ben Abrams, recently delivered 41, 1954 Fords to the State Police in Framingham to be used as patrol cars.

Pandolfo Rexall Drug, formerly known as Tranfaglia Drug, at 374 Broadway, corner of Park Ave., announces its grand opening this week.

Rock Hudson stars in Taza: Son of Cochise at the Revere Theatre. Richard Widmark stars in Take the High Ground at the Revere Drive In.

80 years ago

March 16, 1944

The South Pacific area added another Revere man to the grim toll of war dead with the announcement this week that Sgt. Raymond Venezia, 24, a gunner and radioman with the U.S. Marine Corps, has been killed. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Venezia of 272 Park Ave. His brother, Michael, is a S/Sgt. who recently was decorated for his bravery. Raymond died in a plane crash, according to the short telegram received by his parents.

Another Revere serv-

iceman, T/Sgt. Stephen Langone, 20, a U.S. Army Air Force radio gunner, has been declared missing in action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Langone of 4 Ridge Rd.. Langone's bomber went missing in action on February 17 in a raid over Italy.

A fitting celebration of St. Patrick's Day is set for tomorrow evening when the annual reunion of Immaculate Conception parish is set to take place at the Oceanview Ballroom.

Capt. James G. McDonald Jr. has been promoted to the rank of Lieut. Colonel. He is the son of Mrs. Mary F. McDonald of 43 Bennington St. In addition to his high promotion, the local man also has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. McDonald was a star athlete, having been the captain of the 1940 B.U. football team, and was the first member of his class to sign up for the Air Force. He also was his class president at B.U. His brother, Lieut. Robert F. McDonald, also of the Army Air Force, was killed in action in the European Theatre on May 29, 1943.

Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon star in Madame Curie at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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OBITUARIES

Alice Mortali

Devoted wife, mother and friend



Alice M. Mortali, a beloved mother and resident of the Revere community, passed away on March 10, 2024.

Born Alice M. Farren on May 25, 1935 in Boston, Alice grew up in Jamaica Plain and Charlestown. Before marrying an Italian American boy from Revere in the late 1950's, Alice worked a variety of interesting jobs in Boston, including as a key punch operator in the early days of computers. She often reminisced about the fun, carefree days of dancing and partying in the venues of the 1950's on Revere Beach.

As a young mother and wife, she moved to Vermilion, Ohio in 1959. After decades of missing her large, fun-loving extended family, she returned to Massachusetts in the mid-1980's and enjoyed a life filled with family, travel, laughter, and the joy of everyday moments. Alice was creative and talented and excelled in knitting and needlework. She made countless beautiful sweaters, hats and scarves for family and friends. She possessed a lively sense of humor and keen intelligence along with being an avid reader.

Alice was a devoted wife, mother, and friend who filled her home with love and warmth. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Mortali, and her parents, Daniel and Rose Farren. Her lov-

ing spirit lives on through her children: Frank Mortali and his wife, Nancy of Toledo, OH; Roseann Mortali and her husband, Patrick Fitzgerald of Laguna Niguel, CA; Jill Mortali and her husband, Chad Reed of Hanover, NH; and Fred Mortali and his partner Mandy Mitchell of Mandeville, LA. She was the cherished grandmother of Daniel, Sean and Kevin Mortali, Robert Lee, Devin Reed, and Sydney Mortali, and the adored great-grandmother of Aria, Chiara, Riley, and Theo Mortali. Alice is also survived by two sisters and many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St., Revere on Monday, March 18 at 11 a.m. (Everyone is to meet directly at the church). Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery. For those wishing to offer condolences, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com to sign the guestbook.

She's Only Gone On

*At last her gallant soul Took Flight
Into the Land Where There is no Night,
But her name is carved in Our hearts to stay
As we think of things that
She used to say.
So she is not dead, she's only 'Gone On Into a
Brighter, More Wonderful Dawn For people
like her were not born to die, But like the
Sun that shines in the Sky, She warms the
earth and the hearts of all, And in happy
Remembrance she lives again.
So while she sleeps and her voice is still, Her
spirit goes on, and always will.*



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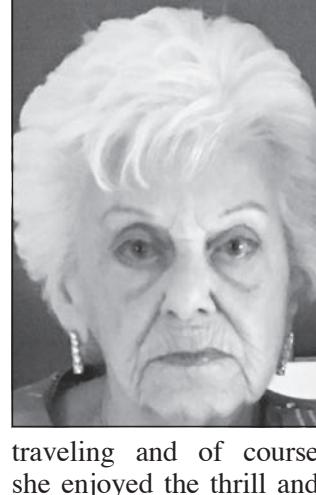
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Virginia C. "Ginger" Pinabell

Retired at age of 97 as a Case Manager for the Department of Consumer Affairs in Revere



Family and friends attended visiting hours on Tuesday, March 12th in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Virginia C. "Ginger" (Guerra) Pinabell, who died on Friday, March 8th at the Beverly Hospital. A funeral will be conducted from the funeral home today, Wednesday, March 13th beginning at 10 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere and interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Ginger, as she was affectionately known, was born on January 28th, 1923, to her late parents, Vincenzo and Catherine (Adracchio) Guerra. She was one of ten children who were raised and educated in East Boston. She was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1940. Ginger was married the following year to her husband, Anthony "Tony Bell" Pinabell. The couple remained in East Boston where they began their family and then later moved to Revere.

Ginger was a wonderful mother who devoted herself to her six children. She later returned to the workforce and was a supervisor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Board of Industrial Accidents. Her career would span 25 years before she would retire. Her retirement didn't last long, she then worked for the Department of Consumer affairs in Revere as Case Manager, she worked until she was 97 years old.

Ginger later moved to Peabody, to be with her family. She enjoyed many things throughout her long life. Family was always first and foremost in her life and especially her heart. She enjoyed

traveling and of course she enjoyed the thrill and excitement of going to the casinos. One of her best trips was going to Las Vegas with all her family on her 90th birthday. She is the matriarch of her family who bestowed so many valuable life lessons and good morals to her family through the years.

She was the beloved wife of 49 years to the late Anthony "Tony Bell" Pinabell, the loving mother of Anthony Pinabell and his wife, Charlotte of Florida, Richard Pinabell and his companion, Cecilly DiStephano of Florida, Lorraine Pinabell of Revere, Roberta Marmiani and her late husband, Thomas Marmiani, Sr. of Peabody, Robert Pinabell and his late wife, Joanne Pinabell of Revere and the late Cathy Spinelli and her late husband, Anthony Spinelli; the cherished and adored grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother of many and the dear sister of nine deceased brothers and sisters. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandnieces and great grandnephews.

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

Gloria Catino

Lovingly known as "Auntie"



Gloria C. Catino of Revere, formerly of Saugus, lovingly known as "Auntie," passed away surrounded by her loving family. Gloria would have celebrated her 100th birthday on October 13th.

She was the daughter of the late Pasquale and Margaret (Giannitti) Catino, the dear sister of six late brothers, Anthony, Dr. Andrew, Frank, Alfred, Theodore and William Catino. Gloria was an adored aunt who leaves behind many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, March 12th in The Most Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Church, 670 Washington Ave., Revere. Interment immediately followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers,

please make a donation in Gloria's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Pauline Romano

Her legacy will always be her bubbly personality, bright smile and adventurous spirit

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Monday, March 11 in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Pauline L. (Hubbard) Romano, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 5 at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere following a long illness, she was 95 years old. A Funeral Mass was celebrated following the visitation in Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere and entombment was in Holy Cross Cemetery - Community Mausoleum, Malden.

Pauline was born in Lynn on June 7, 1928 to the late John and Catherine (Comeau) Hubbard. Pauline's parents moved to Nova Scotia, where she and her brother were raised. At age 16, the family returned to Revere and she then attended Revere High School and was a graduate of the Class of 1945. Following high school, Pauline worked as a telephone operator for New England Tel & Tel.

In 1952, Pauline married her husband, Richard Romano and the couple remained in Revere. Pauline then focused on her family and raising her three children. She later returned to the workforce and became a telephone operator for the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. She was one of the last of the "Revere Girls" who staffed the switchboard for over 32 years.

One of Pauline's favorite pastimes was traveling. She and her husband traveled extensively all over the globe. She enjoyed many trips with her family. Pauline was known for being up for anything and was always very lively at parties. She was an avid bowler and was a member of the Immaculata Guildettes. She was a past member of the Immaculata Guild.

Pauline's legacy will always be her bubbly personality, bright smile and adventurous spirit.



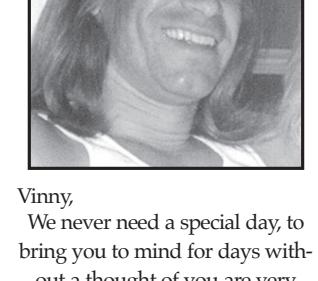
She was the beloved wife of 45 years to the late Richard J. Romano, Sr., loving mother of Richard J. Romano, Jr., Paul A. Romano and Lisa A. LaCroix, all of Revere; proud grandmother of Jason LaCroix of Somerville and Valarie Grams and her husband, Skye of Wilmington and the great-grandmother of Alie Grams; the dear sister of the late Robert N. Hubbard and his wife, Marie and the devoted sister-in-law to Elaine M. "Ginger" (Kirkpatrick) Romano and her late husband, Frank C. Romano of Revere. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Thomas Ferrairo Sr.

Proprietor of TDF Metal Finishing Company

Thomas D. Ferrairo Sr., belovedly known as Tom to many, born August 1, 1944, passed away peacefully at home on March 9, 2024 surrounded by his family. Tom was a man of boundless generosity, resilience, and devotion to his family and large circle of friends.

He is survived by his loving children, Thomas Ferrairo Jr., Christine Ferrairo, Michelle Dion and Nicole Ferrairo. Tom wore the badge of Grampy, and was "The Best" Grampy to Stephen Prizio, Michael Carifio, Lauren Carifio, Tori Lucifora and Danielle Dion. He leaves behind his dear brother, Joseph Ferrairo and his wife, Bernadette. He also leaves behind a very special angel, his "favorite" cousin, Ann Marinelli, with whom he resided during his final time with us. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Margaret Ferrairo and his siblings: Ann Lupo, Al Ferrairo Jr., Diana Borgosano, and David Ferrairo.

Tom was the esteemed proprietor of TDF Metal Finishing Co., a testament to his unwavering dedication and entrepreneurial spirit. His business was not merely a livelihood, it was a manifestation of his lifelong passion. Despite the demands of his profession, Tom always prioritized his family and friends, showering them with affection and care. Known for his infectious zest for life and unique sense of humor, Tom's



presence illuminated the lives of those around him. Tom worked hard, played harder, and was near perfect at everything, with one exception...it was a well-known fact that he "could not catch a fish to save his life."

While Tom may no longer be with us physically, his spirit will forever reside in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. If you knew him, you loved him, and he will be deeply missed by so many. We invite friends and loved ones to share their cherished memories and photographs on his memorial page as we honor and celebrate the remarkable life of Thomas D Ferrairo Sr.

Funeral services will take place at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St., Revere today, Wednesday, March 13, at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are warmly welcome to attend.

Arthur Foshey, Sr.

Retired US Navy Chief Petty Officer

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Tuesday, March 12th for Arthur W. Foshey, Sr. who died at the Melrose Wakefield Hospital on Wednesday, March 7 following a very brief illness. He was 96 years old. A Funeral Service was held in the funeral home with interment with military honors immediately following in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Peabody.

Arthur was born in Boston on December 15, 1927 to the late George W. Foshey and Marion (Rumrill) Foshey. He was one of 11 children raised in Boston. Arthur was educated in Boston Public Schools. On December 28, 1944, he enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. Arthur fell in love with the Navy and he made a career that spanned almost 24 Years -- World War II, Korean War, The American Landing in Lebanon and the Vietnam War.

Arthur was honorably and proudly discharged on August 16, 1967 as a Chief Petty Officer.

He was a father to six children. He lived in Lynn, Winchester, and for the past 50 years, Revere is where he called home.

Arthur had worked for the City of Revere as a Senior Parks Maintenance Supervisor for 10 years. He also worked for the Revere Election Department as warden for several years.

Arthur spent 50 years with his longtime significant other, Angela "Dolly" Marino, and they treasured one another's companionship, love and time spent together.

Arthur was an avid bowler and belonged to leagues in both Revere



and Lynn. He bowled for the Revere Senior League and other leagues at Lucky Strikes in Lynn. It truly was one of Arthur's passions.

He was the significant other of 50 years to Angela M. "Dolly" Marino of Revere, the beloved mother of Arthur W. Foshey, Jr. of Texas, Edward Foshey and his wife, Stella of Washington, Stephen Foshey of Georgia, Janet Hilgen and her husband, Roger and Christine Galindo, all of Nebraska and Brenda Standerfer of Texas. He was the proud grandfather of 16 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren; the dear brother of Charlotte McLeod and David Foshey, both of Maine and Robert Foshey of Holbrook, MA.

He was predeceased by his siblings: George, Donald, Fred, Charles, Helen, Marion and Lois. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

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APPRECIATION

Robert 'Bob' O'Brien, former director of community development, passes away

By Cary Shuman

Robert "Bob" O'Brien, who was instrumental in the development of many successful residential and commercial properties in Revere during the Mayor Brian Arrigo Administration, died Feb. 19, 2024, following a brief illness.

Mr. O'Brien served as the director of planning and community development for the City of Revere.

Local developers and city officials lauded Mr. O'Brien for his expertise in the field of community development and the pro-

fessional way in which he led the department at City Hall.

"Bob was a great person, a true professional, a problem solver and solutions guy," said Jamie Russo, a prominent developer who has been a big part of the city's resurgence. "I worked with Bob on several occasions, and he was always accessible and helpful. He was an asset to the city. He will be missed dearly."

Mayor Patrick Keefe, who is the former Ward 4 councillor, expressed his admiration for Mr. O'Brien.

"Bob was a class act that really took our planning and development team to a new level," said Keefe. "His vision for Revere and his institutional knowledge were a boon to Revere's transition as a first-class, regional destination to live, work, and do business."

Rep. Jessica Giannino also paid tribute to Mr. O'Brien, stating, "In the wake of Bob O'Brien's passing, our city mourns the loss of a true gentleman. As we reflect on Bob's legacy, let us carry forward his dedication and commitment to the City of Revere, inspired by the in-

delible mark left by a true visionary. I will miss his emails of timely news articles and thoughtful input on projects throughout our region."

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto served on the Council throughout Mr. O'Brien's tenure in the city.

"Bob was a decent, kind-hearted man who was always professional in his collaborative efforts with the City Council," said Zambuto. "We will miss him. I extend my condolences to his wife, Annette, and family."

FRESH & LOCAL

March Holiday Breads and Pastries

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

March is a delicious month for those who indulge in the abundance of treats that celebrate the change of season and specific holidays. We're talking about Irish soda bread for Saint Patrick's Day, Zeppoles for Saint Joseph's Day, and pies for Pi Day. The Spring Equinox, Easter, Purim, Ramadan, and Holi celebrations all have associated bread or pastry. We have lovely local sources for many holiday pastries and breads.

Irish Soda Bread

A few years ago, we discovered Flour Bakery made soda bread as whole loaves on special order and individual scones in the pastry case in March. We order one loaf to devour around the 17th and another to freeze for future treats. This year, we plan to try the Clear Flour bakery version, which will be available through the end of the month.

Year-round, you can pick up a delicious loaf at Greenhills Bakery in Adams Village. This bakery also supplies Irish brown bread without the raisins and caraway seeds. Plus, they carry a selection of Irish grocery items for your Saint Patrick's Day celebration.

Zeppole

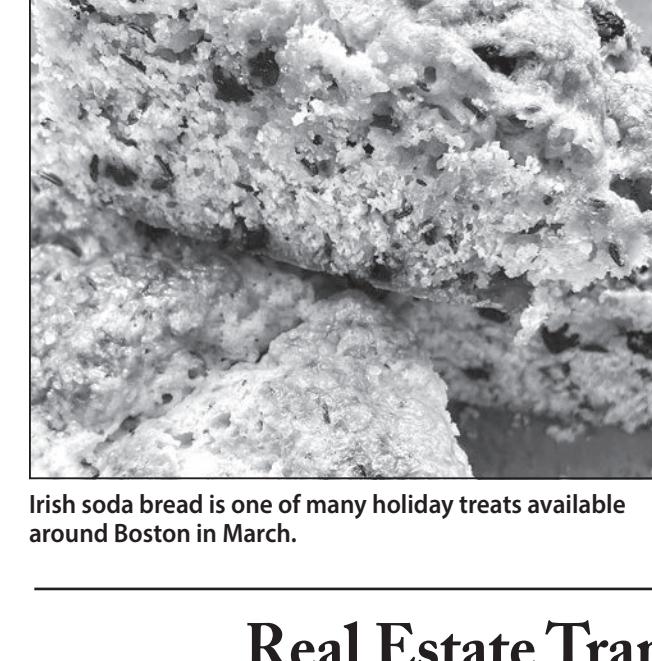
For a Zeppole tasting around the 19th, you can visit the North End and pick your favorite from Modern Pastry, Bovas, or Mike's. Other cities and towns in the area have many great Italian bakeries that make their version of this seasonal treat.

Spring Equinox and Easter

This year, the Spring Equinox is on the 20th, and Easter is on the 31st. One of the most famous easter pastries, the Hot Cross Bun, originated in pagan Spring Equinox celebrations.

The British website Chef in's article "The Pagan Origins Of Easter" explains, "These were taken from the Saxons, who would bake fresh bread in honour of the goddess Eostre. The fresh buns would be marked with a cross. At the time, the cross represented the four quarters of the moon, four seasons, and wheel of life."

Many local bakeries make hot cross buns in March. It's a great reason to visit your favorite bakery and try this item, especially if it is only on



Irish soda bread is one of many holiday treats available around Boston in March.

their seasonal menu. We'll be picking one up at Clear Flour.

If you visit the North End for Zeppole, you could select some excellent Italian Easter pastries and bread. You'll see Pane di Pasqua, Easter bread with colorfully dyed eggs as decoration. You might also want a beautifully decorated Sicilian Cassata cake or the more straightforward and not too sweet Ricotta pie.

Other Excuses to Indulge!

Ramadan begins on the 11th, and a special bread called Ramazan Pides is baked in the Turkish Is-

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Mayor Keefe's Office welcome famous Revere Beach landmark mural

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Revere City Hall is filled with artifacts of Revere many of which highlight Revere Beach. The newest piece of art is the mural of the Revere Beach Clock in Mayor Keefe's Office.

According to Revere Historian Jeff Pearlman, the clock which is located in the Peter McCauley Plaza, was once used to remind beach goers to return their rented bathing suits. It has since become a popular tourist attraction for beach goers.

Pat Keefe shared his thoughts about the mural.

"When I first got into the office, I felt it needed a little more culture, and I also was very appreciative of our youth artists who have historically done a great job sprucing up hallways and classrooms at

our schools. The choice to put the clock was really just what the team chose, I only offered some suggestions. I would like the mural to represent a bit of Revere's past, present and future. We know our beach represents a huge portion of Revere's identity, and the Clock has been a huge tourist attraction over the last few years, I believe it is currently the highest trafficked and photographed site in our community. I guess if you take the clock in a deeper sense we know that time is symbolic of so much. How much time do we have on this planet, how much time do we have to experience and make our impact on society, or maybe just a reminder to not be late for an appointment. Regardless I think the students hit a home run and have brightened up my view and I look forward to future installations at City Hall and across our community."

Noelle Stillman, a teaching artist at Revere High School, worked with four students on the extracurricular project which was conducted after-school. Students responded to a "Call to Artists" and were selected based on artistic merit. Alexarose Trainito, Junior, Alexandra Gracias, Junior, Steven Espinal Blanco, Junior, Melanie Hernandez Pleitez, Junior were the students selected.

Stillman discussed the collaboration of the



RHS students who created the mural for Mayor Keefe Al-exarose Trainito, Alexandra Gracias, Steven Espinal Blanco, Melanie Hernandez Pleitez.

project. "City Hall approached the Revere Fine Arts Department for this project. Students were involved in every step of this mural-making process, working collaboratively to brainstorm design themes representative of the history and culture of our city, and installing the work as a team."

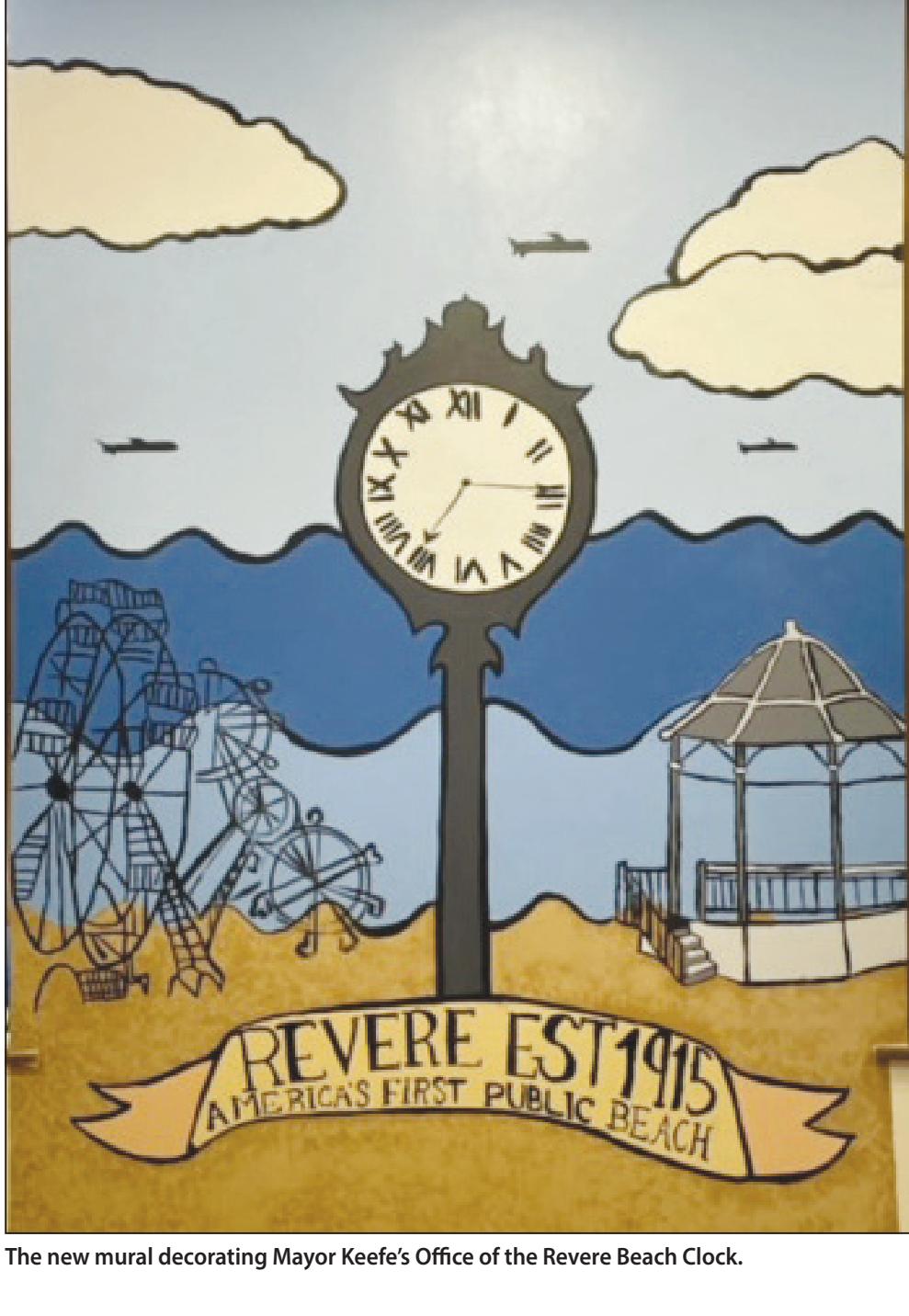
Stillman went on to add, "The Revere Fine Arts Department is currently in talks with a few additional student community mural projects, including dog park banners and crosswalk designs near Shirley Ave. Additionally, the month of March is Youth Art Month and Music in our Schools Month, a time where educational communities nationally honor the creative work students complete in these essential fine arts school programs.."

"Community arts projects, like this opportunity provided by City Hall, are a critical pathway for students to step into com-

munity leadership roles in the arts. These social engagements of arts education also provide intrinsic values that are vital for our youth today- from cross-curricular integration, creative problem solving, and constructive expression of personal voice in real-world applications. These opportunities help them engage in the place-making of our city, allowing our young citizens to share their values and take ownership of the legacy of our common community."

Director of Fine Arts Kelly Williams was so excited about the project. "Huge shoutout to Noelle Stillman! Noelle is new to RHS but not new to teaching as she comes to us from a 15 year teaching career in Florida. Noelle has been a great addition to our high school art department and has shown her willingness to support students in lots of different ways!"

"Community arts projects, like this opportunity provided by City Hall, are a critical pathway for students to step into com-



The new mural decorating Mayor Keefe's Office of the Revere Beach Clock.

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lamic community. We have yet to find a source but will reach out to Turkish cafes and bakeries that offer Halal food to see if we can find one.

On Pi Day, the 14th, you can pick up a great pie or slice from Petsi Pies in Somerville or one of the Tatte locations in the area. Don't forget that pies and diners go together, so check out the pie selection at your favorite diner or bakery.

Purim begins on the 23rd and is known for Hamantashen pastries, which will be available at Clear Flour bakery until the 24th.

Holi, a colorful Hin-

du celebration of Spring, abounds with sweets and pastries. Check the dessert menus at your favorite Indian restaurant to see if they offer Holi treats for the 21st.

March is when we enjoy learning more about other cultures by eating the foods they use to celebrate their versions of welcoming spring. Indulge since acceptance and education about others can begin with their food.

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Sports

REVERE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SET FOR SPRING START-UP



Head Coach Corrie O'Neil with Asst. Coaches Paul McCabe and Mark Medeiros with some of the softball players at RHS last Sunday for the free clinic.

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It's getting to be that time of year, when baseball and softball are king, and the fields are filled with players young and old in many levels of the game.

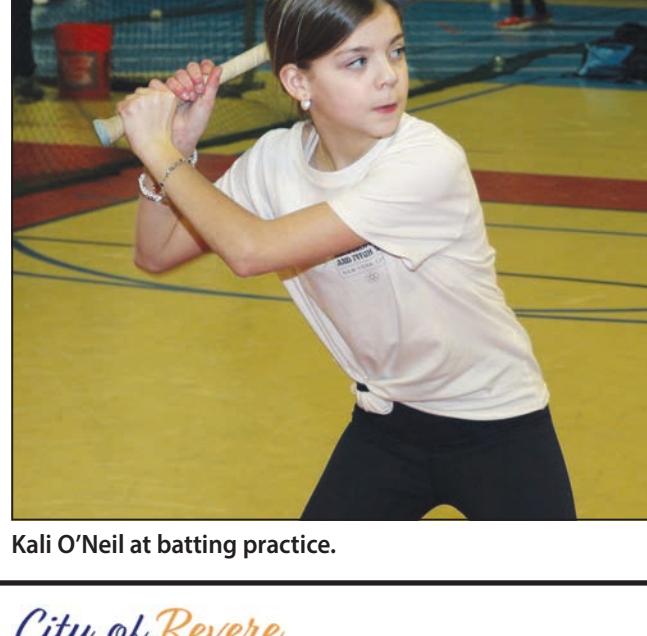
President of the Revere Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues, Shawn Vetere has set forth a full schedule, for free clinics, tryouts, and registration for all players for both leagues. Clinics have been held on March 3, 10th. All held at the RHS Field House, starting at 1pm for tee ballers, 2pm for Minor Leaguers and 3.40pm for Major Laagers.

Tryouts will also be held there starting on March 16th, times for Minor League (ages 7-10) 3-445pm, and Major League (10-12) 5-7pm, on Sunday March 17th Minor League at 3pm, and Major League 3pm.

Add a note for the Opening Day Parade for Saturday April 27, at 9am, ceremony at 9:45am and 11 Tee Ball Game, ceremonies at Griswold Field.



Head Coach Corrie O'Neil shows proper batting technique.



Kali O'Neil at batting practice.

City of Revere MARCH CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY

- 6:00 AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.)
- 9:00 AM - SPIN - CHERYL (50 MIN.)
- 5:30 PM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.)
- 6:30 PM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.)
- 6:30 AM - BOOTCAMP - DANIEL (45 MIN.)
- 9:00 AM - SPIN - CHERYL (50 MIN.)
- 6:00 PM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.)
- 6:30 PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.)
- 7:00 PM - YOGA - HALEY (50 MIN.)

FRIDAY

- 6:00 AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.)
 - 6:30 AM - BOOTCAMP - DANIEL (45 MIN.)
 - 9:00 AM - SPIN - CHERYL (50 MIN.)
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- 6:00 PM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.)
- 6:30 PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.)

THURSDAY

- 6:00 AM - BOOTCAMP - NIKKI (55 MIN.)
- 6:30 AM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.)
- 9:00 AM - BOOTCAMP - DANIEL (45 MIN.)
- 6:30 PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.)
- 7:00 PM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.)

SATURDAY

- 9:00 AM - YOGA - HALEY (50 MIN.)
- 10:00 AM - SPIN - HALEY (35 MIN.)
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The sun shone on over 200 participants and spectators at Constitution Beach for Save the Harbor's 14th annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash.

The 2024 JetBlue Shamrock Splash on Constitution Beach

Special to the Journal

On Sunday, March 10th the clouds parted and the sun shone brightly on over 200 Splashers, Dashers and Spectators at the 14th Annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash on East Boston's Constitution Beach. All together, the event raised \$55,000 to support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program partnership with the Department of Conservation & Recreation, including at least \$5,405 for South Boston events and programs.

"On behalf of my colleagues at the State including our MBC Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton and Rep. Adrian Madaro, I want to thank all of the splasher and fundraisers for your effort to support

our beaches and community," said Rep. Jessica Giannino, who was also participating in her fourth consecutive cold water plunge with Save the Harbor. "We might have to sacrifice a bit of our comfort jumping into the 39 degree water, but it's well worth it to have amazing programming on our beaches for our youth, seniors, families and everyone to enjoy all summer long."

Kennedy Elsey from "Karson and Kennedy" on Mix 104.1 was the event MC for the 14th year in a row. She and JetBlue's Donnie Todd judged the always popular costume contest, with winners Josette Williams from Dorchester (as a "Sea Goddess") and Ohana New England Dragon

Boat Team (in "Dragon Boat" team costume) each taking home a coveted round trip JetBlue flight as their prize. In total, six JetBlue flights were up for grabs for biggest fundraiser and biggest team as well as a raffle for anyone who raised over \$100.

"This event would simply not be possible or as fun without our friends and title sponsors at JetBlue, or our event sponsors at Tito's Handmade Vodka, Dorchester Brewing Company, Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, and FMC Ice Sports," said Save the Harbor Executive Director, Chris Mancini. "I'm so grateful to the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Healey/Driscoll administration for their important annual investment in



Costume contest finalists, judged by Mix 104.1's Kennedy Elsey and JetBlue's Donnie Todd included Quint from Jaws, a Moose on the Loose and audience applause winners Josette Williams as "Sea Goddess" and Captain Allen Huang with his "Ohana New England Dragon Boat."

the Better Beaches Grant Program and free beach events all summer long."

Mancini also thanked Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the Blue Sky Collaborative, Boston Consulting Group, Calamari Fisheries, Coast Cannabis, Comcast, David Nardella, EveryDejaVu, Harpoon Brewery, NamaStay Sober, Vololo Sports, Income Research

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took part in the JetBlue Shamrock Splash for their support.

Proceeds from this year's Shamrock Splash will be invested in free Better Beaches events and programs on the metropolitan region's public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull. In 2023, this included over 200 free events including Diversity Matters Fest organized by the North Shore Juneteenth Association, the 19th Annual Endless Summer Waterfront Festival hosted by the Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce, yoga on Revere Beach hosted by NamaStay Sober, Community Game Nights at the Beach hosted by South Boston en Accion, and more all over our region's beautiful beaches.

More information is available on the Save the Harbor/Save the Bay website at www.savetheharbor.org



With temperatures hitting a balmy 50 degrees outside, hundreds of splasher cooled off in the 39 degree water of Boston Harbor to raise money for free kids and family programs all summer long.



Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and JetBlue's Donnie Todd hosted the JetBlue Shamrock Splash on behalf of the Better Beaches program and Metropolitan Beaches Commission on Constitution Beach.

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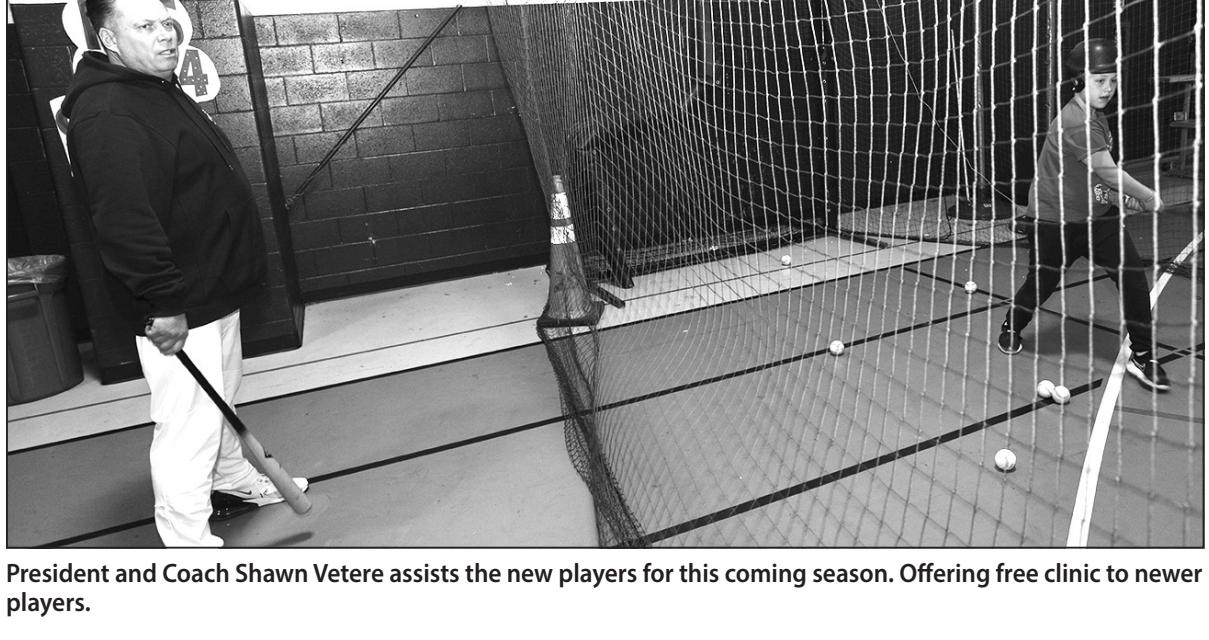
SCENES FROM REVERE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SET FOR SPRING START-UP



Nick Rufino in the batting cage.



President Shawn Vetere welcomes everyone to the free clinic at RHS last Sunday, tryouts for the 2024 Spring Season start March 16 and 17.



President and Coach Shawn Vetere assists the new players for this coming season. Offering free clinic to newer players.



Sluggers, Ayla Edelstein and Kyleigh Dolan.



Closing out the final clinic last Sunday afternoon. President of the Revere Youth Baseball and Softball League Shawn Vetere, Commissioner Mark Medeiros, and Asst. Coaches, Paul McCabe, Al Giorgio and Giuseppe Cincinnati.



Looking forward to the Spring Season, Albie Georgio, Matt DeSisto, Camden Mom and Declan Roach.



Troy Miller awaits his turn in the batting cage.

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES BY FIRST LADY KEEFE, REP. GIANNINO, SUPT. KELLY HIGHLIGHT RCC WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON

Photos by Cary Shuman

The Revere Chamber of Commerce hosted its first Women's History Month Luncheon March 8 at the Four Points Sheraton.

RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio and Luncheon Chair Amanda Bonasoro welcomed the guests to the luncheon. Board Member Anasha Girma presented a poem in honor of the event and highlighting women's contributions to society.

First Lady of Revere Jennifer Keefe, Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, and State Rep. Jessica Giannino each delivered inspiring keynote addresses.

Mrs. Keefe, with her husband, Mayor Patrick in attendance, lauded the many women who were elected to positions, including Congresswoman Katherine Clark, Gov. Maura Healey, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, State Rep. Jessica Giannino, city councillors and School Committee members, along with Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly.

"And of course, the

Mayor's Office, which is run by five, amazing multi-generational women who make sure to keep the mayor on his toes when I'm not around," said First Lady Keefe, who showed a true flair of excellence as a public speaker.

Dr. Kelly, who is completing her 29th year in the Revere school system, spoke of "the incredible women and men who have been mentors to me throughout my life throughout my career as an educator."

In a display of originality that has helped make Revere a national model for urban school districts in the United States during her reign as superintendent, Dr. Kelly distributed a "quiz" sheet to the guests, asking questions about women's history on topics such as banking, education, gender pay gaps, and the percentage of women in the United States Congress.

"Thank you for taking the time to be here, for your commitment to amplifying the voices of women, and for your work

toward gender equity," said Kelly in concluding her message.

Rep. Giannino, who made history herself as the youngest person ever elected city councillor in Revere in 2012, said she was humbled by the prestigious honor of being a keynote speaker at the Chamber's first-ever Women In History Luncheon.

"It's truly an honor to be here today and follow such amazing women and such amazing speakers – our superintendent of schools, Dr. Dianne Kelly, and our First Lady, Jennifer Keefe," said Giannino. "It's an honor to reflect on the strong spirit and contributions of the women in our community throughout history."

Giannino credited her family who set the foundation for her ascendancy in the Revere community as a councilor, council president, and state representative.

"When I think of strong women in business, I think about my grandfather's



Mayor Patrick Keefe and First Lady of Revere Jennifer Keefe, who delivered an inspiring address as a keynote speaker at the Women's History Month Luncheon.



Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center Director Deb Peczka and Kerri Abrams.

mother, Mary Giannino, who owned Giannino's Greenhouses. She was a force," said Giannino. "She drove when women didn't drive. She owned property when women didn't own property. She lost both her legs to diabetes and still ran a business, had 10 children, and just did things that were so beyond her years. I think that fighting spirit and that force that she had to raise her family and she instilled in her children really car-

ried on through our generations. She was an Italian immigrant and was really proud of her heritage and that she raised her children in Revere."

Giannino also expressed gratitude for the vital presence in her life of her grandmother, Joann Giannino, a popular Revere resident.

"Anyone who knows Googie, she's a force. She's a four-time breast cancer survivor," Gianni-

no told the assemblage. "She's 83 years old. She's unbelievable. You talk about strength. You talk about resiliency. She raised four kids. She worked full time. Her husband worked two jobs. My parents were divorced. My dad came back home to work nights in the police department. She brought me up. She gave me an opportunity that I wouldn't have had if it wasn't for her strength and her resiliency."



RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio welcomes Mayor Patrick Keefe and Rep. Jessica Giannino to the Women's History Month Luncheon.



Distinguished guests and Revere Chamber of Commerce leaders, from left, Revere Business Liaison John Festa, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Rep. Jessica Giannino, keynote speaker, First Lady of Revere Jennifer Keefe, keynote speaker, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sowaya, RCC Event Chair Amanda Bonasoro, and Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, keynote speaker.

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School Committee Member John Kingston (standing), with luncheon guests Kathy Donahue, Enoy Souvannasy, Donna Infantino and Marion McDuffee.



RCC Board Member Anasha Girma, RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio, RCC Executive Secretary and Event Chair Amanda Bonasoro, RCC Secretary Jessica Teixeira, and Four Points Sheraton Director of Sales Julie Rynkowski.



From left, are Valery Zamora, Nicole Da Silva, RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio, Norma Subervi, Alicia Villatoro, and Meghann Gregorowicz.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISHED FOR SPORTS LEAGUES

CHELSEA - A new special committee created by City Council President Norieliz De Jesus will work to encourage youth sport leagues in the city and ensure they have the support they need to continue serving the youth in Chelsea.

While the president has the authority to establish special committees, several councilors at Monday night's meeting said they would like to see the city take additional steps to address programs and opportunities for youth in the city. District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown asked for a separate subcommittee on conference meeting to discuss those issues.

Council Vice President Todd Taylor will chair the new special committee, where he will be joined by Councilors Melinda Vega and Tanairi Garcia.

"Last year, concerns were raised about actions taken by the leadership of Chelsea Pride Football, the team's suspension from the league, and the resulting impact on the youth who participated," stated De Jesus. "Numerous concerned parents came before the City Council to express their concerns, and a consensus was reached among the Councilors present that the Council should have a role in encouraging and promoting youth sports in Chelsea."

While the issues with Chelsea Pride Football were addressed, new leadership put in place, and the team reinstated, De Jesus said lingering concerns remain about the stability of youth sports leagues in Chelsea and the level of support provided by the city.

"This is simply an effort for us to create a table where deeper conversations can happen regarding sports and recreational activities for our youth, whether that's football, little league, soccer, softball," she said. "I know that these conversations will be in good hands with Councilor Taylor, Councilor Melinda Vega, and

Councilor Tanairi Garcia."

Several councilors said there needs to be steps taken beyond the scope of the special committee to address youth issues in the city.

"I think it is very important that we look at this, but we need to look beyond sports," said Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson. "When I talk about that, you have to talk about mentorships, and you also have to talk about taking Chelsea kids out of Chelsea and showing them about other things in the world. It's not just about sports, it's about education and if we're going to approach it looking at sports, we are going to lose right from the start."

District 5 Councilor Lisa Anne Santagate also noted that there needs to be a discussion about opportunities for youth who may not be involved in sports.

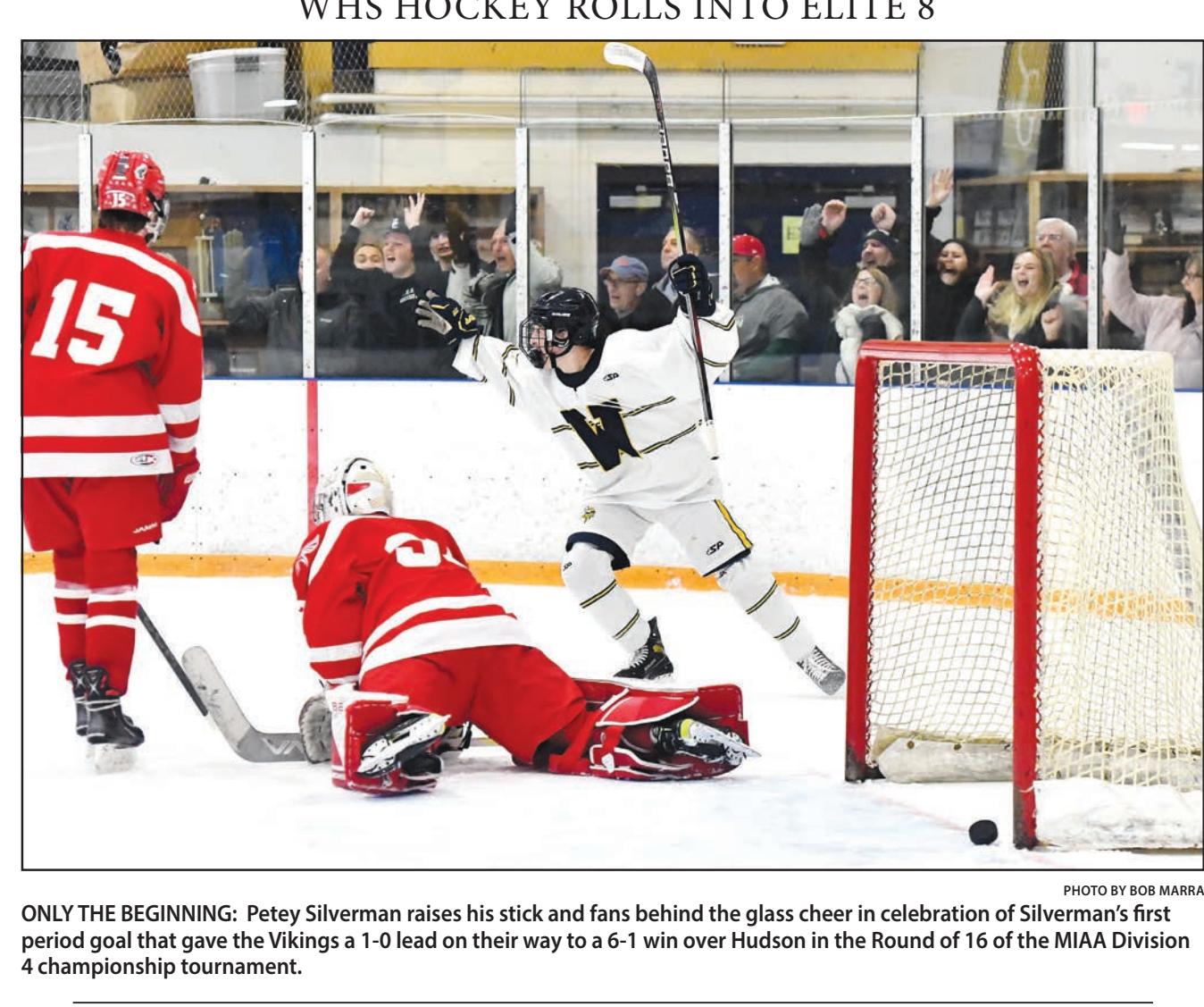
"I think that we need to develop a well-rounded program for our youth, and if we can't have a museum here, we need leaders and mentors, and people to lead Chelsea youth in the city," she said. "We are a part of Greater Boston, and I think we need to have a broad range of programs and interests for our youth."

Councilors Manuel Tesse and Tanairi Garcia said they both agreed about the council taking broader steps to address youth issues, but noted that the youth sports special committee was established to address a specific need.

"I think that there is so much more to offer our youth, but we have to fix the sports part first before we get into anything bigger," said Garcia. "I think we need to be more supportive for our sports, especially for those who want to be involved and don't know how to take the lead or be part of a board. Guidance is necessary to keep our sports and youth on the right path."

BIDEN, TRUMP TOP BALLOT IN EVERETT

EVERETT - There were



ONLY THE BEGINNING: Petey Silverman raises his stick and fans behind the glass cheer in celebration of Silverman's first period goal that gave the Vikings a 1-0 lead on their way to a 6-1 win over Hudson in the Round of 16 of the MIAA Division 4 championship tournament.

few surprises in the Everett results for last week's presidential primary.

The Everett vote totals closely mirrored those across the state, and the nation so far, with President Joe Biden topping the Democratic primary ballot and former President Donald Trump easily taking the Republican side of the race.

Of the 2,112 votes cast in the Democratic primary in the city, Biden finished with 1,431. There were 287 votes cast for no preference in the contest. Dean Phillips tallied 154 votes, while Marianne Williamson totalled 95 votes.

Brian Corr ran unopposed for Democratic State Committee Man in the Third Suffolk District and tallied 1,392 votes.

In a contested race, Olivia Anne Walsh topped the ballot for State Committee Woman in the district with 683 votes. Trump tallied 1,081 votes to 238 for former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. All the other candidates listed on the ballot finished well behind.

Incumbent Republican

State Committee Man for the Third Suffolk District Todd Taylor came out ahead of John David Olds in Everett by a 609-399 margin. Regina Taylor was unopposed in the race for State Committee Woman.

No preference was the preference in the handful of votes cast in the Libertarian presidential primary, coming out on top with 22 votes compared to the single digit totals for the actual candidates on the ballot.

Overall, 3,517 of the city's 22,918 registered voters cast ballots last Tuesday, for a total of 15.3 percent in Everett.

RESIDENTS HEAR ABOUT PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - Last week, several residents attended a meeting hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to provide comments and learn more about a project at 9 Geneva Street.

The project, presented by Attorney Richard Lynds, involves the combination of seven parcels

for a total of nearly 15,000 square feet of land.

As part of the proposal, the existing structures at the site, which include a single-family home and auto repair shop, would be demolished, and a five-story, 28-unit rental building would be built in their place.

Regarding the unit mix for the building, there are plans for four one-bedrooms, 20 two-bedrooms, and four three-bedrooms. Additionally, the project, which is subject to the city's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), will contain five affordable units at 70% area median income (AMI).

Lastly, in terms of parking, there are slated to be up to 28 parking spaces, along with at-grade bike parking.

After Lynds provided an overview of the project, he spoke about a process the project team had gone through with the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) in its review of the proposal and how it led to some changes.

"We had an opportunity, a very robust community process with the Gove Street Citizens Association. We had offered two alternatives when the Gove Street Citizens Association was voting on its project," said Lynds.

Through this community process, the developer committed to modifying the fifth level by pushing it back, adding parking stackers to get the total number of spots up to 28, and maintaining the IDP units at five units at 70% AMI.

Later, Lynds went through the zoning relief that would be necessary for the project. Under current zoning, the site sits in the MFR (multi-family residential) subdistrict and would require variances for the side yard, floor area ratio, height, open space, and parking.

However, under new zoning developed through PLAN: East Boston — a BPDA neighborhood planning initiative — adopted by the agency's board, the site is in the East Boston Residential (EBR)-4 subdistrict.

Under the new zoning, the project largely complies with the zoning requirements with a couple of caveats.

For example, the project is proposed to have a height of 55 feet; however,

lowed in EBR-4 is 50 feet.

However, Lynds explained that due to Article 25A, the proposal could exceed the 50-foot maximum.

"Article 25A of the Boston Zoning Code deals with coastal flood resiliency. Even though we're not in a flood zone, the city now recognizes that there are areas, including areas that are not necessarily regulated as flood plain, that would have higher risk for potential flooding or potential damage from sea level rise," said Lynds.

"As a result, under Article 25A, any project currently that requires Article 80 review, must design the building to be compliant with coastal flood resiliency regulations. As a result of that, they actually allow for increased height of the building over what the actual zoning would allow," he added.

Another caveat was related to parking in that "it is determined under new zoning per Article 80," according to Lynds.

"Even though the zoning code may have a different requirement for the number of spaces you need and the new zoning is only going to require one per unit, the Article 80 process will determine what an appropriate parking number is," he added.

Lynds went through different plans, renderings, and elevations as the meeting progressed. He also spoke about other facets of the project, including planting street trees and the introduction of a dog run, before taking questions and comments.

Several residents participated during the question and comment portion of the meeting. For example, Neel Batra, a GSCA Board Member, made some comments about the fifth-floor setback and confirmed the association's vote regarding the project.

"The vote is done. A majority of the neighborhood supported the project," said Batra.

Additionally, there were several comments from residents who either supported the project or opposed it.

One resident, who spoke on behalf of himself and his wife, indicated that they had several concerns, including parking, height, and density.

Later in the meeting, Batra also wanted to pro-

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the City of Boston, with more than 45,000 visits in 2023. "It's a very busy place," said Wilmot.

Rebrand to Neighbor-Health begins in June

"I think the rebrand does a few things," said Wilmot. "It unifies our organization which has really grown to a multi-site, multi-community organization and it allows us to reflect that to our patients during their care journey with us," said Wilmot. "It also works well for our staff, who may serve patients at one location or another, but we really wanted to make sure that everyone felt part of the same organization with the same values across our organization."

Wilmot added that when EBNHC joined forces with the South End Community Health Center in 2020, "it was important for us to have a unified brand to avoid confusion, but also to make sure everyone felt connected to the same institution."

Becoming a national model and an award-winning health center

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is the largest community-based primary care health system and community health center in Massachusetts and one of the largest in

the United States.

"We find ourselves connecting with communities across the nation to talk about the work that we've done for many years," said Wilmot.

One of the health center's most recent achievements was being honored by the U.S. Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) as one of the top-performing Federal Qualified Health Center in the nation, with specific recognition for its work in maternal and child health, where it received a gold badge for quality – earning EBNHC status in the top one percent of community health centers in that category. EBHNC also received a gold badge for its HIV treatment and care.

"Some of the ways we were able to achieve those national awards is based on the innovative model of care that we have here," noted Wilmot. "I am proud of our continued accomplishments. What is true is that our health center is 55 years old. We're born out of an acknowledgement and recognition of community-based access, and I've been privileged to continue to serve that mission. It is a mission that has been served by many. I'm the third CEO of this organization, but I feel like I've been handed



EBNHC President and CEO Greg Wilmot is pictured with Revere PACE Center Manager Marcy Nicholson during a visit to the center Monday.

the baton and just continuing to run a race that was started many, many years ago."

Expanding life expectancies

On average today, people in the United States are living a lot longer.

"What's really important is that people not just live longer, but that they live high quality lives as well," said Wilmot. "We believe that families, especially our aging population, should have the opportunity to age in the community, which is important to improving quality of life, but also improving health outcomes ultimately. So, programs

like PACE (Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) are one of the ways that we support seniors."

Addition of behavioral health services at EBNHC

Last October, EBNHC introduced behavioral health urgent care services at its site at 10 Gove St. in East Boston where it shares a location with its emergency department.

"Those services are meant to allow patients who are having an urgent behavioral health issue to receive their care in an appropriate setting," said Wilmot. "Often times, patients might go to an emergency department for that care, which isn't a great place for behavioral health care services. So, we created this very unique access point to make sure that our patients could receive their care in a high-quality environment and receive treatment from behavioral health providers that are trained in emergency and urgent behavioral health care services. And then we connect those patients back to treatment in primary care."

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Active in their communities

Greg Wilmot, who stands a towering 6 feet, 6 inches, has become a highly visible and charismatic presence in the Greater Boston community. He is active in many organizations and causes and attends numerous events.

"I'm active in the community as are many members of our staff," said Wilmot. "What's really interesting about our organization is that 50 percent of our employees are residents of the communities we serve. Our new name, NeighborHealth, was a little bit of a nod to that, because we are, in fact, serving our neighbors. We live in the communities that we serve. It's important that we maintain that deep connection to our communities."

Future growth and expansion

EBHNC has become widely known for its excellence and being a national model in the health-care industry. Many cities and towns in Massachusetts would welcome a health center as comprehensive and well established as the one founded in East Boston a half-century ago. For example, EBNHC opened a center for senior care in the City of Everett in 2023.

Wilmot said that EBNHC will "continue to grow to meet the needs of our communities."

"If that means new services, new locations, we are here to serve, and based on our history, that has been something we have done, and I think it's something we will continue to do," said Wilmot. "I think our name change allows us to do that flexibly and engage with our new communities in an inclusive way."

Asked about EBHNC's record of success and accomplishments, Wilmot credited his staff. "We have 2,000 amazing staff members," said Wilmot. "We have a great team of professionals that have a deep commitment to what we do, and that's the thread that connects every person in this organization."

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vide information about those concerned about the project, and he confirmed that the issues dealt with parking, height, and density.

While at least one resident who spoke during the meeting had concerns about the project, several others seemed to be in full support.

"What we have there now is an eyesore. I mean, come on, look at the difference, this is a beautiful building. That whole end of Geneva Street will all be done once this building is put up," said an attendee.

Another attendee said, "We need more housing. It's great that there's some affordable housing; it's going to clean this all up."

Another big topic discussed during the meeting was the condition of Geneva Street and how it might be improved through this project and others.

"There will be some work that will be done on Geneva Street, and as a result of that — even though this is a private way — the city has standards that require us to make corrections or improvements," said Lynds.

"For a project this size, there will be the improvements — at least for our portion of Geneva Street out to Maverick Street," he added.

For those interested in learning more about the project, viewing the recording of this meeting, or leaving comments about the project, visit <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/9-geneva-street>.

Currently, a comment period concerning the Small Project Review Application is open until March 8th.

"Even though we do have a comment period

set on the website, that does not mean that people cannot submit comments past the comment deadline," said Daniel Polanco, a Project Manager at the BPDA.

Comments can be made at the link mentioned above or directly via email to dan.polanco@boston.gov.

STATE SAYS NO TO RECLASSIFYING TOWN UNDER MBTA ZONING

WINTHROP -The state does not look as if it will take action to reclassify Winthrop's standing under the new MBTA Communities Act, which calls for zoning allowing for increased multi-family housing in communities with or near MBTA transportation.

Under the zoning guidelines, Winthrop would need to create multi-family zoning districts that could create 882 new housing units. That plan would need to be approved by the state by the end of the year.

In a letter the Town Council sent to Governor Maura Healey in early February, the council requested the state reclassify Winthrop as an adjacent small town. That classification would reduce the number of units that would need to be created in half.

The council also asked for a one-year extension of approval and implementation of the new MBTA zoning guidelines.

"Winthrop's need to maintain its identity as a welcoming small community of 1.6 square miles on the shores of Boston Harbor and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' demand to build more housing via the MBTA Communities/3A zoning

mandate are at odds with one another," stated the letter from the council "While we agree that we could add some housing in a planned and organized manner, 882 units are beyond our capacity."

Communities that do not enact the MBTA Communities zoning mandate are at risk of losing state grants and other funding opportunities.

In the response to the council, Ed Augustus, the secretary of the state's Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, stated that Winthrop does not meet the definition of adjacent small town which would lower the housing creation requirement in the guidelines.

"In choosing this definition, EOHLIC used the same criteria as the Executive Office of Economic Development uses to identify the communities eligible for its 'Rural Development Fund' competitive grant program," Augustus stated.

To qualify as an Adjacent small town, an Adjacent community must have a population of 7,000 or fewer year-round residents, or a population density of less than 500 persons per square mile.

Winthrop has a population of 19,316 residents and a population density of 9,702 persons per square mile according to the 2020 US Census.

"It is not the kind of community that the Adjacent small town category is intended or designed to include," Augustus stated. "For this reason, EOHLIC cannot reclassify Winthrop as an Adjacent small town."

In the letter, Augustus also noted that the state has already significantly revised its MBTA Communities requirements between the Draft Guidelines

of December 2021 and the Guidelines that are in place now, in part because of the factors the town council identified in its letter. He said the changes substantially reduced the minimum multi-family unit capacity that "Winthrop's reasonably sized multi-family zoning district must accommodate, and also provided

Winthrop with greater flexibility in determining where to locate its multi-family zoning district."

Augustus said the EOHLIC recognizes that densely populated neighborhoods may have a limited ability to accommodate new housing.

"It is important to note that the minimum unit capacity requirements for MBTA Communities refer to zoning capacity, and not to production of new housing units," Augustus stated. "Under the Guidelines, zoning capacity means the number of units that the zoning would allow if all of the land was undeveloped."

Augustus continued that adopting compliant multi-family zoning would not require Winthrop to add 882 new housing units.

"Indeed, given Winthrop's relatively high existing density, the number of 'net new' units that could be created under compliant zoning would likely be much less than the minimum unit capacity," stated Augustus.

In the communication with the state, and at several council meetings this year, a number of councilors and residents have spoken out against the burden the MBTA zoning would place on the resources of an already densely populated town.

"Winthrop is a small sliver of land threatened

by pollution, rising tides, aging infrastructure, high density and limited commercial tax base," the council stated in the letter to Healey. "Please consider our request for reclassification and a reduction in the MBTA district acreage requirement, as we are truly a unique community with challenges that do not fit the one-size-fits-all that the MBTA Communities/3A law/guidelines offered by the Commonwealth."

State Representative Jeff Turco said the zoning is a bad, one-size fits all policy, and that he hopes the council and the town continues to stand against it.

"I read the secretary's letter and I have a lot of respect for him, but I think this one-size fits all state policy to basically take over the zoning in Winthrop and other communities is wrong," said Turco.

"I hope the town council takes a stand for the future of the town and says no, we don't want your grants, you can keep your grants and if you want to sue us, sue us. I think it is dangerous the idea that we are going to make the possibility of building an extra almost 900 units in this town coupled with some of the changes in the upcoming housing bond bill."

Turco said he is frustrated that the MBTA zoning puts an undue burden

on Winthrop and other working class communities, while more affluent suburbs that still benefit from the commuter rail do not have to pay as steep a price.

The representative noted that there has already been a healthy amount of residential development in Winthrop over the past several years, and that those units should count toward the MBTA zoning guidelines.

"For the state to come in and say none of that counts against your number, for me, that is just wrong," said Turco.

In the next several months, Turco said he intends to file an amendment to try to change Winthrop's designation under the zoning.

"I'm not overly optimistic, the Speaker of the House came out just last week and sort of said every community that is still fighting this is going to comply," said Turco. "But I do think that we have a compelling argument of why Winthrop is mis-designated. If we can get them to reevaluate our designation, and give us credit for some of the stuff that has already come on the line in the last year or two or three, I think it is certainly a lot more palatable for the town, so that is the angle that I am going to be pushing."

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surface of the soil, as its name suggests.

The exact dates for these applications differ depending on the area you live in, but generally speaking, pre-emergents should be applied between the beginning and middle of March in the spring.

Apply post-emergent herbicides throughout the spring as needed to control summer annual and perennial broadleaf weeds like crabgrass, goosegrass, sandspurs, dallisgrass, dandelion, chickweed, white clover, knotweed, spurge, dollarweed, dove-weed and lespedeza.

5. Watch Out for Insects That May Begin Coming Out

If your lawn has suffered from insect damage around this time in the past, it is a good idea to apply a broad spectrum insecticide at this time to prevent them from coming back again.

If the insecticide is a granular product, be sure to water it in so that it soaks into your soil. On the other hand, if it's a liquid product, you will either need to attach it to the end of your garden hose or tank mix it.



Some of the most common insects in the springtime are white grub worms, chinch bugs, sod webworms and billbugs. White grub worms can be

found in most turfgrasses at this time while chinch bugs are more likely to be spotted in St. Augustine grass, sod webworms in bermuda grass and billbugs in zoysia grass.

Sod webworms are typically more of a summer or fall pest, however, they can still cause a significant and costly nuisance to lawns located throughout the Southern regions of the U.S. during the spring season.

6. Prevent Disease as Temperatures Begin to Warm Up

As previously mentioned, if you have a warm

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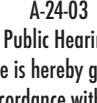
Other potential disease outbreaks include brown patch and gray leaf spot.

If you notice any disease outbreaks, you may need to make applications of a systemic fungicide. Even if you don't have disease in your lawn, it's still good practice to apply it preventively to keep disease from taking over—especially if you've had disease in the

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



A-24-03

Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, March 27, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of MJM Real Estate Holdings, LLC, 193 Crescent Avenue, Revere, MA 02151 requesting the following variances from the ZBA to enable the appellant to construct three duplex dwellings on Lots 115, 116, and 117 Campbell Avenue, Revere, MA 02151:

1. RRO Section 17.16.040 footnote "^^" with respect to minimum area requirement of 6,000 s.f. and frontage requirement of 60 feet for duplex dwellings within the RB District;

2. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum front yard setback requirement of 20 feet within the RB District;

3. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum side yard setback requirement of 10 feet (each side) within the RB District;

4. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to maximum building coverage requirement of 30% within the RB District;

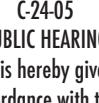
5. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to maximum requirement of 2 1/2 stories within the RB District;

6. RRO Section 17.24.070 (A) (4) with respect to minimum requirement of 40% landscaping within the front yard within the RB District.

A copy of the aforementioned proposed plan and application (A-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-5:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before January 16, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org.

Attest:
Ashley E. Melnik
City Clerk

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 (CZ-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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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

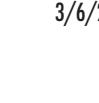
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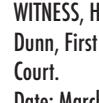
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past around this time. Systemic fungicide applications should take place before you apply any spring fertilizer. If you have fungus in your lawn, the nitrogen found in fertilizers oftentimes feeds it and helps it spread. Apply a systemic fungicide and wait a few weeks before applying any fertilizer.

Read product labels thoroughly.

There are a few other optional things that can be done to help your lawn thrive in the spring.

Before the onset of summer heat, lawn patchwork and light top dressing with

a sand and topsoil mix is a great way to recover any weak areas. Plugs can be purchased to fill in areas of the lawn with bare spots.

Aerating your lawn is also an ideal way to help deliver nutrients and really break up compacted soils. We typically recommend doing this once every couple of years. If you notice thatch that is thicker than 1/2 inch, dethatch in late May.

Spring maintenance tips somewhat differ from maintenance practices that take place during the rest of the year because the weather is starting to

warm up and everything starts to turn green again.

Although cool season grass doesn't usually go dormant during the winters, snow in a lot of the areas up north starts to melt and your lawn will receive more sunlight. It is important to partake in spring maintenance so that you can set your lawn up for success for the rest of the year.

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GOV. HEALEY VISITS THE WHELAN SCHOOL



Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly welcomes Governor Maura Healey to the Whelan Elementary School for a Read Across America event. Also pictured are Whelan School Principal Rachel Shanley (left) and Mayor Patrick Keefe (right).



Gov. Maura Healey talks with Whelan School students about the joy of reading books and learning during a visit to the school as part of the Read Across America celebration.



Whelan School teacher Alesia Salinas welcomes Gov. Maura Healey to her classroom where Gov. Healey talked with students about the importance and enjoyment of reading books.

pride ourselves on education and our delivery

of education," said the governor after reading to students. "We also want to make sure that we are providing our schools and our educators with the very best tools possible. We know a lot about the science of reading, which

shows there's a particular way that kids will learn how to read that will set them up for success."

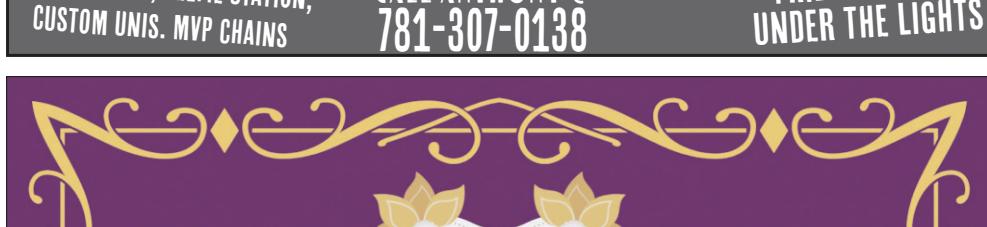
Healey continued, "That's why we're so committed to this literacy. A child's ability to read will determine so much

in terms of their success in life, and I want to make sure as governor that every young person in our state has access to the best learning available and is given the right tools, especially when it comes to reading."

Gov. Maura Healey joins Revere officials and Whelan School students for a photo during a visit to the school on Read Across America Day.



From left, are Whelan School Principal Rachel Shanley, Sen. Lydia Edwards, Councilor-at-Large Bob Haas III, School Committee Member John Kingston, School Committee Member Anthony Caggiano, Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, Mayor Patrick Keefe, School Committee Member Stacey Brondson-Rizzo, Gov. Maura Healey, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and Mayor's Office Communications Associate Taylor Giuffre-Catalano.



MORE SCENES FROM READ ACROSS AMERICA CELEBRATION IN REVERE

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For Read Across America Day, Sergeant Joe Internicola read "Police" by Pamela Hubbell and "We Don't Eat Our Classmates" by Ryan T. Higgins to Ms. Gulizia's kindergarten class at the Garfield Elementary School.



Sgt. Joe Internicola reads to kindergarteners at the Garfield School last week during Read Across America Day.



Ms. Gulizia's kindergarten class poses for a photo with Sgt. Internicola.

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