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WHIP CLARK  
CELEBRATES \$11  
MILLION FOR  
MA-5 COMMUNITY  
PROJECTS IN  
FUNDING

The City of Revere was awarded a \$500,000 grant to cover resiliency efforts at Gibson Park Project.

Democratic Whip Katherine Clark (MA-5) celebrated the House’s passage of a funding package that includes \$11 million for 13 local community projects in the Fifth District. The projects were selected in collaboration with state and local leaders.

“These 13 projects will touch so many lives in our community,” said Democratic Whip Clark. “This federal funding will help clean our air and water, enable the construction of new community gathering spaces, and advance our work of building climate readiness and resiliency.”

Revere is amongst those 13 local communities who will receive funding from this package. A detailed summary of the bills are available here.

\$500,000 for Riverside and Gibson Park Project, City of Revere:

The funding will be used by the City of Revere for construction costs for shoreline stabilization and

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## Council voices opposition to Bennington Street project

By Adam Swift

Ward 1 City Councillor Joanne McKenna does not want to see MassDOT install a bike lane as part of a redesign of Bennington Street into East Boston.

In the past, state officials have stated that the project would eliminate a travel lane in either direction, with the main focus of the pilot program is to slow down traffic, increase safety, and potentially tie into larger regional traffic and bicycle and pedestrian traffic initiatives.

At last week’s city



Side-walk	Grass buffer	Parking	Vehicle travel	Buffer	Vehicle travel	Buffer	Two-way SBL	Grass buffer	Side-walk
6'	10 - 14'	8'	11'	11'	11'	5'	14'	10 - 14'	6'

Shown above is the layout the Bennington Street project as proposed so far would take. Read more about MassDOT’s Bennington Street Targeted Safety Improvement Pilot online at [tinyurl.com/RJ-Benningtonproject](https://tinyurl.com/RJ-Benningtonproject).

council meeting, the council supported a motion made by McKenna to send a letter of opposition to the project to MassDOT.

McKenna said the project will negatively impact the residents of Beachmont by narrowing the emergency evacuation route out of the neighborhood and for neighboring Winthrop residents.

“When we thought of storms occurring every

## Council approves drainage repair stabilization account

By Adam Swift

A new stabilization fund will set aside a percentage of the city’s free cash to help cover the costs of unforeseen or emergency drainage, stormwater, and culvert repair projects.

The council approved the establishment of the stabilization fund last week, agreeing to fund it with 10 percent of the city’s certified free cash amount.

The fund was initially proposed at a 20 percent rate of free case, but city finance director Richard Viscay said he had some concerns about the level of funding given the other stabilization fund commitments taken on by the city.

“We did get our free cash certified (for Fiscal Year 2024) on the 15th of February for \$3.66 million,” said Viscay. “Through city ordinance, we put 20 percent into the capital improvement stabilization, 15 percent into our general fund stabilization, and we put 10 percent into our affordable housing trust fund. All three of these are by city ordinance.”

In addition, the city also recently established a high school stabilization fund seeded with 10 percent of the free cash, and it makes a \$250,000 contribution to post-retirement benefits.

Of the \$3.6 million in free cash, Viscay said there is currently \$1.4 million remaining.

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CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

State Rep. Jessica Giannino welcomes to the Revere City Council Chambers the team from Save The Harbor/Save The Bay, from left, Public Policy Coordinator Aliya Zwyer, Executive Director Chris Mancini, Program Coordinator Meghan Gonzalez, and Community Engagement Coordinator Emma Stout.

## Workshop focuses on beach climate resiliency

By Adam Swift

Climate resiliency and the future of Revere Beach and the city’s coast were the focus of a Metropolitan Beach Commission and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay hosted workshop held at City Hall last week.

Residents and city officials discussed ways the city’s coast could be best used, as well as ways to protect the future of the beach and protect those who live near the ocean.

The workshop was part of a series of workshops this spring that are being held from Nahant to Hull to aid in the creation of an upcoming report with recommendations for climate resiliency for the region’s public beaches.

State Representative Jessica Giannino, who sits on the Metropolitan Beach Commission, and Mayor Patrick Keefe offered words of welcome to those attending, and both pointed to the rich history and importance of Revere Beach.

“When we talk about the city of Revere, we talk about its vital resources and we think about its people and its industry,” said Keefe. “But we sometimes tend to forget that we are a beach community and it is certainly one of our most valued resources.”

Keefe noted the importance of having state leaders like Giannino, state Representative Jeff Turco, and state Senator Lydia Edwards that value the history of the beach and are stewards for its future.

“But we all have to be champions and stewards of our environment, as well,” said Keefe. “We have to understand the footprint that we leave behind and we need to make sure that we are continuing to protect our resources, whether it is the beach, Riverside, or our salt marshes, we have

a huge obligation to make sure we protect our beaches and our natural beauty for lifetimes to come.”

Turco noted that the Healey-Driscoll administration is committed to environmental justice communities like Revere, and that the region will benefit from that. Over the past several years, Turco said that the majority of calls he receives are about either housing or climate issues.

“When you look at what is happening to Beachmont, you look at what’s happening in all sections of Winthrop, which is completely surrounded by water – the most basic of storms are now causing massive flooding,” said Turco. “I think it is really eye-opening for everyone, even the most ardent skeptic has to open their eyes and say we need to fix this.”

Giannino said she has worked with Save the Harbor since she got to the State House in 2021, and praised the work the organization has done for more than 30 years, start

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## ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DINNER DANCE AT BLESSED MOTHER



STEPHEN FIELDING PHOTO

The O’Cammarata table pictured at the St. Mary’s Holy Name Society’s annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16, featuring Irish Step Dancing and a boiled dinner. See more photos on Pages 8 and 9.

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## COUNCILLOR SAWAYA AT THE PAUL REVERE SCHOOL



Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya reads to Ms. Epp's and Ms. Correa's Second-grade class at the Paul Revere School, and worked on a project relating to the book with kids as part of recent Read Across America Day celebrations.

## Bike lane // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

like they are occurring in Beachmont and in some other parts of the city. We have MassDOT that wants to eliminate lanes for an evacuation way to get out, and it is just ridiculous.”

McKenna showed her fellow councillors several photos of backed up traffic in the Beachmont and Bennington Street area when a lane was closed recently due to flooding.

“People were trying to get out of Beachmont to go to Winthrop, and they couldn’t,” said McKenna. “They were going down dead end streets and not realizing it was water or the marsh, and turning around. It was a nightmare.”

If MassDOT goes ahead with eliminating a lane on Bennington, McKenna said it could cause major issues stuck in their houses and not able to leave the area during a major flooding event.

Councillor-at-Large Robert Haas, III asked if the council could get in touch with MassDOT to have them explain the plans and listen to concerns.

McKenna noted that the

council has tried to set up a meeting with MassDOT and has not heard back.

“They want to change everything, but they don’t come and tell the people they are going to do it to, they just do it,” said McKenna.

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said she supported McKenna’s motion, and asked if there was a way the city could hold MassDOT responsible for not listening to its concerns.

Council President Anthony Cogliandro said he supported sending the letter, but was not optimistic that MassDOT would listen to the concerns.

“Ultimately, they are going to do what they want,” said Cogliandro. “There is a difference between moving forward into the future and being dragged there ... and that is sometimes what it feels like.”

In addition to the letter, Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley said there could be a petition from the city and residents outlining the negative impact of the proposal and the opposition to it.

# RPS celebrates Ramadan with a special edition of RevereTV’s Family Liaison Cooking Series

### CityLab’s Ouafa Kinaoui makes Moroccan tea, shares the traditions of the Islamic holiday

Special to the Journal

Last week, Estaphany Rodriguez, the Family and Community Coordinator

for Revere Public Schools, hosted a special segment on RevereTV’s Family Liaison Cooking Series.

In celebration of Ramadan, Rodriguez welcomed CityLab High School’s family liaison, Ouafa Kinaoui, who demonstrates the art of making traditional Moroccan tea.

Ramadan, the holiest month of the Islamic year,

started at sunset on Sunday, March 10, and will end at sunset on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. During this time, observers must abstain from eating and drinking from dawn to dusk for 30 days.

Kinaoui is known in the RPS community for her delicious Moroccan mint tea, which she serves at CityLab to guests and dig-

nitaries visiting the school.

“Today we’re here at RevereTV, where, under the suggestion of so many families who keep asking about how Ouafa (Kinaoui) makes her Moroccan tea,” Rodriguez began the episode. You can watch the full episode and follow along as

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“Am I a little hesitant to put another 20 percent in free cash towards that?” Viscay said. “Yes, in some respects, because that free cash helps us at the end of the year when we have maybe utilities that might run high, or we have some kind of extraordinary, unforeseen event that we have to keep within the balanced budget.”

Viscay said the council might want to consider stepping back and look at the overall policies and percentages for all of the stabilization accounts if it

wants to add another account into the mix.

“I think it is a noble, worthy cause to try to save money, it helps our bond rating and it serves the city well, but I would be hesitant to say put 20 percent of the remaining balance in,” said Viscay. “I think maybe we should look a little bit at the overall distribution of free cash as it comes and what our policies are, and adjust accordingly.”

Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio, who chairs the

legislative affairs subcommittee, asked if there was capacity with the remaining certified free cash to fund the new drainage repair account at 20 percent.

Viscay said there is the \$750,000 available to fund it, but that it would leave the free cash account with about \$600,000 remaining for any unforeseen FY24 bills. He recommended a vote to establish the account this year as a good first step, with a further discussion in FY25 on the funding level.

Argenzio suggested the

stabilization account be funded at 10 percent of the certified free cash, a move the council agreed with. He noted that the council can always come back to adjust the amounts for all of the city’s stabilization accounts.

“I think 10 percent is a reasonable amount and does not constrain anything in the future, and if we want to put more in later, then we can do it,” said Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto.

## RHS SPEECH AND DEBATE WRAPS UP SEASON AT NEEDHAM

The Revere Speech and Debate team competed at Needham March Merryness on March 16th, the final tournament of the Mass Speech and Debate League season. Maya Merino placed 2nd in Children’s Literature, Dina Oufessa placed 2nd in Prose Reading, Safaa Laroussi placed 3rd in Freeze Improv, Chris Merveille placed 5th in Freeze Improv, Salsabil Mendoza placed 6th in Radio Broadcasting, and Fatima Baoussouh placed 7th in Radio Broadcasting. Adam Ouldzenagui received an honorable mention in Group Discussion. The team extends a hearty thank you to all our judges, competitors, and the Revere community who made this a great season.

Raihan Ahmed received honorable mention in Group Discussion, Alex Gracias received honor-

able mention in Poetry Reading. Salsabil Mendo-

za and Leah Zuniga also competed well in Group

Discussion and Radio Broadcasting.



Shown above, members of the RHS Speech and Debate team gather for a photo with their awards at the Needham March Merryness Tournament at Needham High School.

Shown right, left to right, Raihan Ahmed, Leah Zuniga, Salsabil Mendoza, and Alex Gracias.

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the Gibson

Park portion of the project aimed at reducing risk and redeveloping the Gibson Park and Mills Avenue Neighborhood. The project benefits the climate resilience of the community.

“The City of Revere is grateful for the ongoing support of the Gibson Park Project. Bringing resiliency and recreational benefits to the community will offer great opportunity for our residents and build off a yearslong planning process,” said City of Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe. “A project of this magnitude requires many partnerships to successfully bring it to fruition.

We are especially appreciative of the strong strategic advocacy from Congresswoman Clark to recognize and support flood risk reduction measures for this neighborhood, which has been experiencing increasingly significant flooding events over the past ten years.”

### FBIM ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 24

The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh (FBIM) will

be holding their Annual Meeting on March 24 from 2-4PM. The event is free and open to the public, and will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Church Hall, 222 Bowdoin Street, Winthrop.

Keynote Speaker will be Conor Ofsthun

Conor Ofsthun serves as a coastal scientist for Woods Hole Group, working on a variety of proj-



Conor Ofsthun holds a bachelor’s degree in geological sciences and environmental studies from Tufts University, and a master’s degree in coastal processes and physical oceanography from the University of South Carolina. He has lived and worked on the Atlantic coast, Gulf coast, and Pacific coast, and aims to take a holistic approach to problems and an innovative approach to solutions.

ects ranging from local redevelopment projects to regional planning studies. He prepares studies on the topics of coastal hazards (erosion, flooding) evaluation, sea level rise planning and adaptation, shoreline and sediment management, living shorelines, beach nourishment, wetland restoration, inlet and harbor dredging, and environmental conditions assessments. He specializes in coastal processes assessment and adapting our shorelines to present and future conditions for the mutual benefit of the environment and society.

### PEDESTRIAN KILLED ON SQUIRE ROAD

At about 8:40 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, SOFIA

Isabel Mejia Zambrano, 28, of East Boston was walking across the street at 169 Squire Road in Revere when she was struck by a vehicle. Ms. Zambrano was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver remained at the scene and no charges have been filed. The incident remains under investigation.

Massachusetts State Police assigned to District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office notified Ms. Zambrano’s husband, who lives in Ecuador, of her death.

“We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Ms. Zambrano’s husband and family. To lose a loved one, especially at such a young age, is a terrible tragedy,” Hayden said.



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**SPOTLIGHT**

March is Women’s History Month! The City of Revere has taken many opportunities to celebrate women in Revere. Last week, the Revere Chamber of Commerce held a Women’s History Month luncheon at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton on Squire Road. The hotel also sponsored the event. Dr. Dianne Kelly, Representative Jessica Giannino, and First Lady of Revere Jennifer Keefe were three featured speakers at the luncheon. A recording of this event is now scheduled to the Community Channel. Revere’s Director of Equity and Inclusion, Steve Morabito, worked with City Hall and got help from RevereTV to make a video compilation of some of the women who work for the city. Participants in the video share thoughts on women in history and women who currently inspire them. This celebratory video is now posted to all RTV social media outlets and the Community Channel.

Ramadan has begun and continues through the beginning of April. The “Revere Public Schools Ambassadors Cooking Series” features a special Moroccan recipe this week. In this episode, Ouafa Kinaoui, a family liaison at CityLab, demonstrates the art of making traditional Moroccan tea in honor of Ramadan. Joining her is Estaphany Rodriguez, the Family and Community Coordinator for Revere Public Schools. Follow along with this latest episode as they guide you through the preparation of this delightful tea. The show is spoken in three languages: English, Arabic, and Spanish.

The Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with entertainment and a festive lunch last Wednesday. Murray’s Tavern helped to provide the traditional corned beef and cabbage meal for all who attended. This celebration will soon be playing on the Community Channel at noon every weekday for the next few weeks. You can also find it posted to YouTube to watch at your convenience.

March celebrations will continue next week with an Easter episode of “Cooking with the Keefes.” Keep an eye on the RTV Spotlight to read about what Mayor Keefe is cooking for this holiday. All RevereTV community programming is played on the Community Channel and is posted to the RTV YouTube page. The Community Channel is 8 and 1072 for Comcast subscribers and 3 and 614 on RCN.

The meeting rotation currently scheduled on RTV GOV includes the latest from the Conservation Commission, Human Rights Commission, Legislative Affairs Subcommittee, Revere City Council, Commission on Disabilities, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and the License Commission. There was a special state meeting last Thursday in the Council Chambers for a Revere Climate Workshop about preparations for future storms and sea level rise. Watch this meeting in the usual RTV GOV rotation over the next few weeks or on YouTube. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and 13 and 613 on RCN.





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# Forum

## MARCH IS THE CRUELEST MONTH

Spring officially arrived this week, with March 19 marking the vernal equinox. According to meteorologists, “meteorological spring” began even sooner on March 1.

The poet Emily Dickinson extolled the arrival of March (“Dear March—Come in— How glad I am—”). But we always have viewed March as the ultimate tease. Emily Dickinson lived in Amherst, far from the coast, where ocean breezes off the still-frigid Atlantic -- water temps are their coldest in March -- can lower the dreaded wind-chill factor by 10 degrees even on sunny days. For those of us who have been lifelong residents of Eastern Mass., March is the month on the calendar that we long for with great anticipation after the harsh winter season. But it always disappoints, like an object of desire who fails to live up to our expectations.

Admittedly, these past few winters have not been too tough to take, both in terms of the lack of cold and snow, which environmental scientists tell us is the beginning of a long-term trend of warmer winters because of climate change. Those milder winters have given us all the more reason to hope that March would be even more temperate compared to the past, but our hopes have been dashed by Mother Nature.

To be sure, we had some warm weather last week and the crocuses and snowdrops have been pushing through the ground for a while now, especially in the areas of our gardens in full sun. But the cold weather that is forecast for the coming week, with below-freezing temperatures every night and early-morning, is anything but a harbinger of the coming spring season.

One of the earliest memories of our childhood was learning the aphorism, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” Despite the onset of climate-change, that saying remains as true today as it was then.

### IT’S A SAD, SAD, SAD, SAD WORLD

It is fair to say that for everyone reading this editorial, the world is in a greater state of chaos than at any time in our lives.

Although the decades in the aftermath of World War II brought us the Cold War and two “hot wars” in Korea and Vietnam, plus the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the world overall was a more orderly place, divided between the Western democracies and the Eastern European Communist autocracies. Everyone knew where they stood and played by the rules. Both sides possessed huge nuclear arsenals that could destroy the other 10 times over, but that equilibrium brought us relative peace thanks to the concept of mutually assured destruction, appropriately known by the acronym MAD.

Even during the height of the Cold War, we could laugh at movies such as “The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming,” and the Beatles could make a parody of Chuck Berry’s “Back in the U.S.A.” and the Beach Boys’ “California Girls” with their song, “Back in the U.S.S.R.”

But since the demise of the Cold War’s hierarchy, turmoil has erupted in many places that had been relatively-peaceful. The civil wars that engulfed Somalia, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s pre-saged the terrible situations we have today.

Those relatively-contained civil conflicts have evolved into the ongoing cross-border wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Syria, and sub-Saharan Africa, where civilians are being bombed, murdered, raped, and displaced by the millions. No one is making jokes about the evils of Vladimir Putin and Hamas or the dire situation in Gaza.

In our own hemisphere, Haiti has collapsed into complete and total chaos, ruled by warring criminal gangs, and the Central American nations of El Salvador and Honduras are not far behind. In Mexico, the drug cartels effectively control large swathes of the country.

Venezuela has descended into desperate poverty despite having oil reserves that made it one of the wealthiest nations in South America just 10 years ago when its GDP was five times what it is today.

Even Chinese citizens are fleeing their country, where there is a huge crisis in the real estate market, because of economic stagnation that has brought record-high unemployment and a lack of opportunity to a nation that had known exponential growth for three decades.

It is estimated that 280 million people worldwide today are migrants, of whom 110 million are refugees, asylum-seekers, and others who are internally displaced people and in need of international protection. Both of those numbers are all-time records and are growing parabolically year-after-year.

The New York Times columnist and best-selling author Thomas Friedman has divided the post-post-Cold War world into two camps -- the nations of order vs. disorder. America remains a beacon, not only among the disorderly nations, but also compared to the industrialized world. We emerged from the pandemic as the strongest economy on earth, with an historically-low unemployment rate and a taming of post-COVID inflation that by far have outpaced our peers in Western Europe and elsewhere.

But despite our success, the news headlines each day inform us that the world today is a sad, sad place, instilling in all of us a sense that our relative strength and stability is fragile and cannot be taken for granted.

**10 years ago  
March 18, 2014**  
Revere High School has advanced to the final eight schools in the nation in competition for one of three gold medals to be awarded by the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) in San Diego, the pre-eminent national award for the top urban schools in America.

The Revere Elks Club held a Boiled Dinner Party and Community Awards night last Saturday. Joanne McKenna received the club's first-ever Citizen of the Year award.

Many senior citizens enjoyed a St. Patrick’s day lunch at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center last week.

**20 years ago  
March 24, 2004**  
TSA officials at Logan Airport this week discovered the head of a dead seal in the luggage of a Denver man who was returning home. The man said he had found the dead seal on Revere Beach where he decapitated it. Officials are looking into the veracity of the man's story.

An 89 year-old Saugus man was killed by a hit-and-run driver at Copeland Circle Thursday morning at 9:30. Police theorize that the victim's car was run off the road and over a guard rail by the other operator.

Everett Police arrested a former Revere City Councillor last week at the Whidden Hospital, where he had been transported after being involved and injured in a motor vehicle accident in Revere. He accused the ambulance drivers of taking his money and left the hospital before police arrived. When the police caught up to him, they alleged he became disorderly and the officers arrested him on that charge.

A Malden St. man was stabbed in the face by his ex-wife, who had come to his house and then fled the scene.

The Revere public schools held a March on the Arts festival at the Comfort Inn and Suites Sunday. The event also featured musical performances by Revere students.

City Councillor and former Mayor George V. Colella has returned from his annual trek to the Red Sox spring training camp in Ft. Myers, Florida. Colella spent 10 days at spring training with friends Joe DelGreco and John DeSimone.

50 First Dates, Mystic River, and Monster are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago  
March 21, 1984**  
Barbara Tufts, President of the Chamber of Com-

merce, announced this week that the annual Expo Showcase of local businesses, which had been scheduled for March 31 at Revere High, has been cancelled because of the leaky roof at the school.

Supporters of a petition to recall School Committee members Hal Ford Abrams and John Correggio will meet next week to discuss their strategy. Correggio, meanwhile, held firm to his belief that there must be a change in the school administration and that it must be pared down, pointing out that there has been a decrease of 2000 students in the Revere schools in the past decade. However, School Supt. William J. Hill said that many administrative posts in the schools already have been eliminated.

City Councillor William Bell said that if the minimum bid of \$140,000 for the sale of the closed Liberty School is not met, he will seek to have the former school building turned into a pediatric hospital for handicapped children.

Ward 1 Councillor Rita Singer said that she wants the city to take by eminent domain the gas station in Donnelly Square which Singer claims is an eyesore.

**50 years ago  
March 20, 1974**  
State Senator Joseph J.C. DiCarlo and State Rep. Francis Doris have co-sponsored a bill that would prohibit utility companies from adding fuel adjustment charges onto the bills of customers.

Patrolman Michael Casoli, who recently was removed from the Detective Bureau by Mayor William G. Reinstein, led a contingent of state and local police on a series of raids that resulted in the arrests of 17 persons on drug charges in Chelsea and Revere.

Gov. Francis W. Sargent has proclaimed March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day in the Commonwealth. Seven Revere soldiers died in the conflict: Martin L. Gillespie Jr., John M. Glasser, Arthur LeGrow Jr., Robert L. Blais, Stephen J. Penta, and Walter S. Olinsky Jr.

Mayor William G. Reinstein said that in light of the \$35.00 tax increase facing the taxpayers in the coming year, the city cannot afford to build a new middle school on the site of the old Revere High School as some are proposing.

The School Committee was informed this week that an additional \$1.35 million will be needed to provide the new Revere High School, which is nearing completion, with furnishings and equipment. At a meeting held

to discuss the situation, Si Associates, the firm hired by the city to oversee the project, laid the blame on chief architect Harold Turiello, who refused to come to the meeting.

The RHS football team, which competed in the Division I Super Bowl against Brockton, departed this weekend for a trip to Florida. The Football Parents Club raised \$18,000 for the trip.

**60 years ago  
March 19, 1964**  
Paul E. Fulchino, a senior at B.C. High and the son of RHS Principal and Mrs. Albert Fulchino, has received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point from Congressman Torbert Macdonald.

The City Council took only 45 minutes to discuss and approve a record-high budget of \$8,079,577 for 1964. Although there were more than 200 persons in the audience, no one knew what the council members were talking about as they flipped through page after page of the budget submitted by City Manager Melvin Taymore and spoke to each other in very low tones and without mentioning what it was they were talking about.

The Council also voted 5-2 to approve a pay raise of \$2000, to a new salary of \$15,000, for City Manager Melvin Taymore who has been on the job for two months. Councillors Ray Carey and George Colella opposed the raise.

Gov. Endicott Peabody has named former State Rep. and current Whelan School Principal William J. Hill to the State Civil Service Commission.

State Senate President John E. Powers of South Boston announced this week that he will be leaving the senate to assume the duties of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, an elected post in Suffolk County.

**70 years ago  
March 25, 1954**  
The Harvard Educational Study Group, which has recommended that the

city construct a new high school, renovate the existing high school into a new junior high school, construct a new elementary school, and close several of the older elementary schools, has stressed that the city needs to widen its tax base in order to finance the construction of these new schools. The report notes that the city's principal taxable property consists of modest homes and therefore the city needs to attract more business development.

The MDC is advertising for bids for the re-sanding of Revere Beach to address the problems of erosion that have occurred in recent years. The MDC says that 500,000 yards of sand will be needed.

Police were kept busy this week responding to a number of breaks into homes and businesses across the city.

The official dedication of the new Jewish Community Center building on Nahant Ave. is set for Sunday. Dr. Sidney Sokolove is the chairman of the dedication committee.

John Brown was elected the new commander of VFW Post 940, 212 Shirley Ave., in a spirited contest with Senior Vice Commander Rocco Maglione.

Ralph Permatteo is the new Commander of the Beachmont VFW.

**70 years ago  
March 23, 1944**  
A number of well-known and prominent residents of the city have been included in the draft call for boards 128 and 129 this month. The combined groups are the second-largest contingent of draftees to be sent by the city since the war began. A great majority of the men are pre-Pearl Harbor fathers and include Patrick Rinaldo, a teacher and basketball coach at the Garfield Junior High; City Auditor Edward P. O'Toole; School Committeeman Salvatore Aloisi; and Joseph Gibbons, the director of pupil placement at Revere High School.

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A DAY AT THE RACES



Revere’s irrepressible scenesters, Dave and Karen Martineau, John and Debbie Coleran, and Mary and Bruce Singer, enjoy a day at the races, part of the championship meet at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Florida. The group is pictured in the exclusive newly opened Carousel Club on Feb. 25.

MassDOT launches second billboard design contest for Massachusetts college students

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the launch of its second National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard design contest, exclusively for Massachusetts college students. The contest aims to raise awareness of work zone safety and encourage drivers to exercise caution when passing through active construction and maintenance projects.

“We’re calling for all great ideas for our second annual National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard contest,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. “Creative designs and advertisement are a powerful way to reach residents and remind them how to keep our construction crews safe.”

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual event that brings attention to work zone safety and education around preventing crashes and fatalities in these areas. The theme for NWZAW 2024 is “Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever.” The main takeaway is while work zones may be temporary, the choices made by drivers in these areas can have far-reaching effects. Whether it’s excessive speed, distracted driving, or ignoring traffic laws, poor behaviors exhibited behind the wheel can lead to severe injuries, fatalities, and long-lasting trauma for individuals and families.

MassDOT is taking an active role in promoting work zone safety to protect the men and women working out on the roadway and would like to invite all Massachusetts college students to create a billboard design that promotes the theme and encourages drivers to be cautious when driving through work zones. Massachusetts college students interested in participating should create a billboard design that includes the theme and promotes work zone safety. Review the MassDOT Digital Billboard Design Specifications before preparing your submission.

The contest is open to all students who are currently enrolled in Massachusetts colleges. The winning designs will be selected based on creativity, impact, and relevance to the NWZAW theme. The contest ends on April 19, and the winning designs will be announced on May 1 during the 2024 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference. The top 3 designs will be displayed on a series of digital billboards along the highways in Massachusetts throughout the 2024 construction season. The winning designs will be awarded a scholarship generously provided by the Massachusetts Aggregate and Asphalt Pavement Association (MAA-PA). As staunch advocates for roadway safety, MAA-PA recognizes the crucial importance of promoting work zone safety and is dedicated to increasing awareness about driving responsibly near work zones.

- 1st place: \$500 and 3-month billboard display (June, August, November)
- 2nd place: \$300 and 2-month billboard display (July, October)
- 3rd place: \$200 and 1-month billboard display (September)

Chelsea, Revere residents arraigned on possession of child pornography

By Journal Staff

Two local men are facing child pornography charges.

On Monday, Timothy Brown, 38, of Chelsea was arraigned in Chelsea District Court today on one count of possession of child pornography. Judge Matthew Nestor set bail at \$10,000 and ordered Brown to return to court April 18 for a pre-trial hearing.

The case stems from an investigation conducted by Massachusetts State Police assigned to District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office and by Assistant District Attorney Ashley Polin, chief of Hayden’s human trafficking and exploitation unit.

A second man connected to the case, Kenneth Higgins, 45, of Revere, was arraigned on March 13 and ordered held on \$75,000 bail. Higgins was charged with one count of possession of child pornography, third offense. Higgins returns to court April 10.

Both cases stem from a National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) cyber tip from Yahoo. Yahoo reported to NCMEC that an email user had sent an email with 16 picture attachments (8 of which are duplicates of the other 8 images). The pictures are a series showing a young boy becoming undressed, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office.

Yahoo also gave NCMEC the IP address, dates, and times that the email was sent and the account was accessed. Through a series of administrative subpoenas based on the information in the cyber tip, Massachusetts State Police and the Suffolk DA’s office identified Kenneth Higgins and Timothy Brown as the suspects.

Higgins was identified through the email address itself and a phone number associated with the email address and Brown was identified from one of the IP addresses used to access the email account, according to the DA’s office.

On March 13, the Massachusetts State Police executed search warrants at both Higgins and Brown’s addresses. In Higgins home, they located a Motorola Moto cellphone and several additional devices, SD cards, and USBs. Higgins then participated in a recorded interview and confessed to having the child sexual abuse material, according to the DA’s office. Higgins was arrested and then arraigned in Chelsea Court that same day.

In Brown’s home, law enforcement officials stated they located and seized three black iPhones and a Coolpad cellphone. On March 15, troopers assigned to the Cyber Crime Unit accessed the SD card from the Coolpad cellphone and found a downloads folder. Within the downloads folder, troopers found additional folders including one titled, “13-17 year old females.”

Within that folder, troopers matched some of the images/videos to known images of child sexual abuse material. In addition to the known images, troopers found 600 images believed to be child sexual abuse material within that folder. The Coolpad cellphone itself had over 2,700 images/videos with most of those images and videos believed to be child sexual abuse materials, according to the DA’s office. Following this discovery, troopers arrested Brown over the weekend.

“This investigation provides an excellent example of a tech company flagging a serious crime for law enforcement and then investigators from State Police and our human trafficking and exploitation unit following that lead directly to these two individuals,” said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayde. “This should make clear to anyone who contributes in any way to the sexual exploitation of children that they are likely to be caught and brought to justice.”

Higgins is a level 2 sex offender and was on probation following a prison term for previous child pornography charges, according to the Massachusetts State Police.

REVERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS CHATTING WITH THE CHAMBER



The Revere Chamber of Commerce hosted a Chatting With The Chamber event March 15 at Four Points By Sheraton Hotel, the event sponsor. Pictured at the event are, from left, RCC Board Member Amanda Bonasoro, Judie Vankooiman (Those Who Can For Those In Need), Shanika Costa, (Sheraton Four Points staff), Julie Rynkowski (Director of Sales- Four Points Sheraton), Valery Zamora (RHS Intern) with Lily Bonasoro, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erica Porzio.

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THE REVERE LODGE OF ELKS 1171 HOSTS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY AWARDS CEREMONY

The Revere Lodge of Elks celebrates St. Patrick’s Day with a delicious dinner, and an awards ceremony recognizing their members for their service.

The awards were presented by Exalted Ruler Jewel Martin, who was happy to present the recognition to lodge members that do so much throughout the year.



Nessa Schena (left) was presented the ‘Outstanding Service Award’ by Exalted Ruler Jewel Martin. No one shows a willingness to server and support the Lodge and all its endeavors.



Serina Hanlon (left) received the “Helpful Award’ by Exalted Ruler Martin. Serina is always part of the events, with her willingness to help, was a hands down choice.



Esquire George Travis is definitely a go-getter, and Lodge 1171 showed its appreciation by awarding him the “Officer of the Year” and the “Outstanding Service Award” by Exalted Ruler Jewel Martin.



Amy Chamness is not just a member of Elks Lodge #1171, she because of her dedication to the fraternity, she was chosen at the 2024 “Elk of the Year”. Exalted Ruler Martin couldn’t say enough about Amy, and how she brings such enthusiasm and energy to every meeting and event hosted by the lodge.

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ing with the cleanup of Boston Harbor.

Recently, she said the group has expanded its efforts to cover public beaches from Nantasket to Nahant.

“Revere is a barrier beach, one of the very few on the North Shore, and it is incredibly important to our ecosystem,” said Giannino. “We are surrounded by Rumney Marsh on one side of us, and Belle Isle to the other side.”

Giannio said the MBC and Save the Harbor would be taking all the comments and input from Revere and other communities as part of the climate resiliency report.

“This is the first step of a process that we started

last week when we did a workshop in Lynn at the Lynn Museum,” said Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini.

Mancini noted that Save the Harbor’s most recent published report was on increasing accessibility and equity at the region’s public beaches. This summer, he said people will see some of the results of that work, from multilingual signs to mobility mats at the beaches.

Now, Mancini said, the focus of the next report will be on how the region adapts to climate change and protects the future of those beaches.

During the workshop, there were several breakout groups where attend-

ees discussed how they use the beach, as well as steps they would like to see to protect and improve the beaches.

“We are really coming at this from the lens of how do we think about the beach itself, and how do we adapt ... and if at all possible save these resources for the next many generations,” said Mancini.

Ward 5 City Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya stressed the importance of climate resiliency measures for Revere Beach and the surrounding coastal areas.

Guarino-Sawaya said the flooding facing residents living near the coast is an immediate concern.

“Water is coming up at

such extremely high tides that a coastal resiliency study that was done six or seven years ago is now ob-

solete,” she said.

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo advocated for natural bar-

riers that can help keep residents safe from coastal issues, while still keeping the beach accessible.



Councilor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Councilor-at-Large Bob Haas, representing Sen. Lydia Edwards, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and Save The Harbor/Save The Bay Executive Director Chris Mancini.

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Kinaoui guides us through the preparation of this delightful tea at: <http://tinyurl.com/2255km3w>. The show is spoken in three languages: English, Arabic, and Spanish.

“Moroccan tea is a popular beverage in Morocco,” explained Kinaoui. “Every house has a Moroccan tea set, and it’s part of our tradition and part of our culture. Whenever we have guests, it’s the first thing we offer to make them feel welcomed.”

Kinaoui makes the tea with simple ingredients like gunpowder green tea, mint, and sugar.

“It is so easy, and everyone can make it,” said Kinaoui. “It also doesn’t take long and will be ready

in 15 minutes.”

Kinaoui was born and raised in Casablanca, Morocco, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in English and came to the U.S. in 2005. She recently traveled to Mecca with her family for the Hajj—an Islamic pilgrimage to the holiest city for Muslims. Hajj is a mandatory religious duty for Muslims that must be carried out at least once in their lifetime.

“We did this episode for Ramadan because we Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset for a month, and there is a lot of preparation when we break our fast after sunset,” said Kinaoui. “Today we did just one quick thing we made during Ramadan. But we have other dishes that are

popular (deserts during Ramadan).”

Aside from her tea, Kinaoui brought some sweets courtesy of Casablanca House of Pastry in Revere.



Estaphany Rodriguez, the Family and Community Coordinator for Revere Public Schools, with CityLab High School’s family liaison, Ouafa Kinaoui, as they demonstrate the art of making traditional Moroccan tea.

“During Ramadan, after sunset, we will present the tea with pastries that are popular in Muslim homes during Ramadan, like almond cookies,” she said.

RPS Assistant Super-

intendent of Diversity and Inclusion Dr. Lourenço P. Garcia said RPS would like to extend its warm wishes for a happy Ramadan to our Muslim students, colleagues, families, and friends.

“As a community that prides itself on equity, inclusion, and diversity, we should strive to value each other’s’ humanity and differences,” said Dr. Garcia. “Hence, we urge you to go the extra mile and treat our Muslim students, families, co-workers, and friends with compassion, respect, and dignity during this time of the year.”

He added that while many of us do not observe the holiday, there is a lot we can learn from Rama-

dan’s teachings and universal principles of gratitude, altruism, and service.

“We hope that these values can reinvigorate our efforts towards building a more just and equitable world for all of us,” said Dr. Garcia. “While many families are celebrating, others, especially children and elders, are suffering due to conflicts and wars. Let’s keep them in our thoughts!”

The new series, part of RevereTV’s popular What’s Cooking Revere, was the brainchild of Dr. Garcia and RevereTV Executive Director Bob Dunbar. The first episode aired last month in honor of Dominican Independence Day.

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9:00 AM - SPIN - CHERYL (50 MIN.)	9:00 AM - YOGA - HALEY (50 MIN.)
5:30 PM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.)	5:30 PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.)
6:30 PM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.)	6:00 PM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.)
	6:30 PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.)
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
6:00 AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.)	6:00 AM - BOOTCAMP - NIKKI (55 MIN.)
6:30 AM - BOOTCAMP - DANIEL (45 MIN.)	6:30 AM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.)
9:00 AM - SPIN - CHERYL (50 MIN.)	9:00 AM - BOOTCAMP - DANIEL (45 MIN.)
6:00 PM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.)	6:30 PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.)
6:30 PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.)	7:00 PM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.)
7:00 PM - YOGA - HALEY (50 MIN.)	
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6:00 AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.)	9:00 AM - YOGA - HALEY (50 MIN.)
6:30 AM - BOOTCAMP - DANIEL (45 MIN.)	10:00 AM - SPIN - HALEY (35 MIN.)
9:00 AM - SPIN - CHERYL (50 MIN.)	11:00 AM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.)
10:00 AM - STRETCH & TONE - CHERYL (45 MIN.)	
5:00 PM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.)	SUNDAY
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## OBITUARIES

### Theresa Merino

July 19, 1928 – March 10, 2024

Theresa V. (Meads) Merino of Peabody, formerly of Chelsea and East Boston, passed away peacefully at home on March 10th after a short illness. She was 95 years old.

Theresa was born in Boston on July 19, 1928 to the late Manuel F. Meads and Julia (Diaz) Meads. She was one of six children raised in East Boston. Theresa was educated at the Barnes School and was a graduate of East Boston High School. Growing up she worked in local bakeries as a donut maker and later worked at Conrad Chandler and Commercial Union Insurance Company.

On November 5, 1950, she married Arthur R. Merino and remained in East Boston to raise her family. She later moved to Chelsea and returned to work at the Commercial Union Insurance Company where she was a Records Keeper Manager. The family then moved to Peabody where they have lived for the past 37 years.

Theresa loved nothing more than her family and was completely devoted to her husband and four children. She was blessed to be a Nan to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a deeply religious woman with a great faith.

She was a late member of the St. Johns Portuguese Church in East Boston and a member of the Empire of the Holy Ghost in East Boston. She will be forever remembered by all who loved her.

She was the beloved wife of 54 years of the late Arthur R. Merino, Sr., the loving mother of Arthur R. Merino, Jr. of Peabody, Laurie Resca and her husband, James of North Reading, Bobbie Merino and Steven Merino, both of Peabody; the cherished



“Nan” of Kristen A. Desmarais and her husband, Bill of Wilmington, Steven J. Resca and his wife, Shamima of Dracut and Gage Merino and his sister, Chloe of Boxford; the treasured great grandmother of Claire and Evelyn Desmarais, Amaan Shaikh and Adara Resca, sister-in-law of Philomena Meads and cherished friend of Elisabeth Desmarais and the dear sister of the late Manuel Meads, Mary E. (Meads) Burns, Ernest L. Meads, Stanley Meads and Anthony J. Meads. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Sunday, March 17th in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere and a funeral was conducted from the funeral home on Monday, March 18th followed by a Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 45 Brooks St., East Boston. Interment followed in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St. Danvers, MA 01923.

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

### John J. Selevitch

October 5, 1957 – March 2, 2024

John J. Selevitch, formerly of Revere, passed away at the age of 66 in Arcadia, California on March 2nd after a long battle with Parkinson’s Disease.

Born on October 5, 1957, he was the son of the late Vital Selevitch and Anne (Seretta) Selevitch of Revere. John is survived by his stepmother, Ilene Selevitch of Venice, Florida; his brothers: Robert of Revere, Michael of Monrovia, California and Joseph of Northhampton, Massachusetts. John leaves behind his cousins, Beatrice Malisko of Methuen, Barbara Lowe and Jerry Lowe of North Augusta, South Carolina and Paula Keefe of Amesbury. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Stephanie, Sara, Andrew, Steven and Jake.

John attended Revere High School and was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he served as a Security Police Officer. He served his country proudly overseas and domestically until he was honorably discharged in 1980.



John had a very successful professional career as a loss prevention specialist. He worked in California, Ohio and North Carolina for several major U.S. retailers and rose to become a leading expert in the field of retail loss prevention and retail security.

John was a kind hearted soul with a quick wit, who always found humor in everyday life. His life was enriched by the love of his family and friends and countless others who were touched by his kindness. John will be greatly missed. He had many friends who loved him, as well as the love of his family and his loss will be felt by all of them.

John will be missed by all who knew him.

### Hugh F. Hibbard

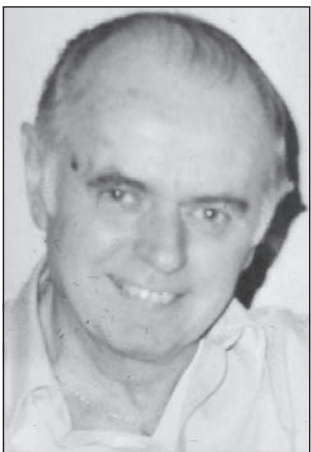
US Postal Service Retiree

Family and friends attended a Memorial Funeral Mass on Saturday, March 16th in St. Anthony of Padua Church for Hugh F. Hibbard of Revere who died unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, March 6th, he was 88 years old. Interment was held privately at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Hugh was born on July 20th, 1935 in Everett to the late Austin S. Hibbard and Mary E. (Russell) Hibbard. He was one of 10 children. He was raised and educated in Everett and attended Everett Public Schools. Hugh enlisted in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He served his country proudly and was honorably discharged for his services.

He married Lillian (Oreto) on September 13th, 1959. They made their home in Revere and raised their children together. Hugh worked as a milkman for several years before he became a U.S. Postal Worker. Hugh was a letter carrier from 1964 until he retired in 1994. Hugh was a member of the French Club in Everett for many years. He passionately enjoyed bowling, specifically candlepin bowling. He was an avid reader of all types of books and was a true “Diehard” Red Sox fan, as well as all the other Boston teams.

He was the beloved hus-



band of 64 years to the late Lillian F. Hibbard who recently passed on November 11th, 2023; the loving father of Daniel P. Hibbard and his wife, Patricia A. of Winthrop, Sandra Marino and her husband, John of Saugus and the late William E. “Billy” Byrne, Jr.; cherished grandfather of 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren and the dear brother of nine brothers and sisters, living and deceased. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 17 Court St., Boston, MA 02114. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

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### Michael Hooton

Program Coordinator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, RMV Division

Michael L. Hooton, 60, of Revere, passed away suddenly on March 9.

Michael was the loving son of Joan F. Hooton and the late Henry S. Hooton of Melrose and the brother of Timothy Hooton and the brother-in-law of Deborah Hooton of Chelmsford.

Michael spent his childhood and teenage years in Melrose where he graduated with honors from Melrose High School, Class of 1982. He then matriculated to Boston College in Chestnut Hill where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and graduated cum laude in 1986.

Michael worked as a Program Coordinator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the Department of Transportation, RMV Division. He was an avid reader, loved music, and enjoyed visiting Florida and Cape Cod. He always enjoyed family gatherings, especially the annual party at West Brookfield.

Michael is survived by his mother, Joan Hooton of Melrose, his brother, Timothy Hooton and his wife, Deborah of Chelmsford, his nieces and nephews: Ashley McGarry and



her husband, Stephen, and their daughter, Lillie of Nashua, NH, Brett Hooton and his wife, Alyssa of Winter Garden, FL, Matthew Hooton and Kylie Hooton, both of Chelmsford and his uncle, Richard Hooton of Southlake, TX. Michael is also survived by many cousins, two very special cousins during Michael’s life were Christine and her husband, Frank Tavano of Revere with whom he shared many cherished times and memories.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in Michael’s memory to : Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Conservancy, 185 Kneeland Street, Boston, MA 02111 or [RoseKennedyGreenway.org](http://RoseKennedyGreenway.org).

### Dorothy Greenwood

She will always be remembered for warmth, generosity and devotion to family

Dorothy S. Greenwood, a beloved mother and resident of Saugus, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2024.

Born Dorothy S. Nappa in Revere on January 18, 1933 to Modestino Nappa and Ernesta Stornaiuolo Nappa, originally of Avelino, Italy, Dorothy grew up in Beachmont with her sisters Louise Nappa Conti, Virginia Nappa Shaughnessy and Lorraine Nappa Parkes. She was a graduate of the Mary T. Ronan School and Revere High School.

In 1955, Dorothy married her husband, John Shannon Greenwood, U.S.M.C. They settled in Winthrop, where they lived for many happy years. She worked at Boston Consulting Group. In her later years, she resided with her family in Saugus and was an active member of St. Margaret’s Parish and the Red Hat Society. Dorothy will always be remembered for warmth, generosity, and devotion to her family.

She was the beloved wife of 46 years to the late John Shannon Greenwood, the loving mother of Ann Greenwood Chabane and her husband Sidney Chabane of Reading, and Dorothy Greenwood O’Neil and her husband Edawrd O’Neil of Saugus, and the cherished grandmother of Nancy Shannon O’Neil of Saugus.

In honor of Dorothy’s life, a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Margaret’s Parish, 431 Lincoln Ave, Saugus, on Thursday, March 21st at 10:30 a.m. Services will conclude



with Dorothy being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Care Dimensions Hospice House, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA, 01923 or online at <http://caredimensions.org/donate>.

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### Thomas Graham Jr.

Boston Gas Retiree

Thomas Graham, Jr., 91, of Belmont, NH, formerly of Saugus and Revere, died on Thursday, March 14th at St. Francis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Laconia, NH. He was the husband of the late Sheila (Cody) Graham and Catherine (Burke) Graham.

Born in Lynn, Mr. Graham was the son of the late Thomas and Judith (Tipton) Graham. He was a machine operator for Boston Gas for 38 years. Tom enjoyed hunting and fishing and volunteering with the Shriners. He was a Korean War Veteran who served in both the United States Navy and United States Air Force. He was a former member of the Mt. Carmel Masonic Lodge, Lynn. Thomas adored his beloved pets: Gus, Radar and Peanut.

Mr. Graham is survived by his two sons, Thomas A. Graham and his wife, Karen and Robert Graham, all of Revere; two



daughters, Dawn Comeau and her husband, Donald of Revere and Cheryl Maccioli of Belmont; four grandchildren; one great grandchild and his sister, Marilyn Cockerham of Texas.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral in the Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, 549 Lincoln Ave., today, Wednesday at 11 a.m. Interment in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Thomas’s memory may be made to Shriners Children’s Boston at <https://donate.lovetoth-erescue.org>

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ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DINNER DANCE AT BLESSED MOTHER AT ST. MARY’S



The O’Decristoforo table.

Photos Courtesy of Stephen Fielding

St. Mary’s Holy Name Society hosted their Annual St. Patrick’s Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, part of Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish.

A corned beef boiled dinner was served to a large gathering and featured dining, dancing, Irish music, and was highlighted by the Murray Academy of Irish Step Dancers of Exeter, NH who compete internationally.



Vincent “Sonny” Cammarata and Roro Cattoggio.



The O’Modica table.



The O’Molinaro table.



Grace Vargus displays table centerpiece.



Joey and Roro Cattoggio.



Johnny Jimenez shows off his Irish .



Elizabeth “Illish”McManus of Derry, Ireland and Revere with The Irish Step Dancers.



Raffle winner Ellen Chapman with Fr. Stanley Rousseau and DJ Ricky Freni.



ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DINNER DANCE AT BLESSED MOTHER AT ST. MARY’S



The Holy Name Society with Murray Academy of Irish Step Dancers.



A solo performance by Tierney.



Bob and Priscilla White with Jim Bocelli.



Bob White, Ricky Serino, Anthony Carbone, and Ralph DiCicco .



Olivia Freni sings a special song.



Donna DeGregorio, Donna McNeil and Clara Lander.



Donna DeGregorio, Donna McNeil and Clara Lander.



Cheryl Cammarata and dad, “Sonny”.



Fr. Stanley Rousseau and friends.



The O'Deangelo table.



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EVENTS BY LE HOLDS GRAND OPENING

Cary Shuman Photos

Events By Le, a new event-planning business owned by Lesley Garcia, held its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday at its location at 8 Pleasant St., Revere.

Mayor Patrick Keefe delivered remarks at ceremony, congratulating Mrs. Garcia and wishing her much success in her new endeavor. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erica Porzio welcomed her to the city's business organization.

Garcia was a nursing assistant for 15 years. Pri-

or to that, Garcia worked in the event planning business and she decided to return with her new venture. She will help her clients plan events and also sell balloons, floral arrangements, and gifts at her location across from City Hall.

In her remarks, Garcia thanked Mayor Keefe and Revere Business Liaison John Festa for helping her find a location and start up Events By Le.

Asked about the name of her business, Events by Le, Garcia explained that "L and E" are the first two letters of her first name.



Lesley Garcia of Events By Le, assisted by her husband, Jorge, and son, Riaz, and Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of her new business. Also pictured, from left, are Revere Business Liaison John Festa, Chief of Planning and Community Development Tom Skwierawski, Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, School Committee Member Anthony Caggiano, School Committee Member Aisha Milbury-Ellis, and Revere Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erica Porzio.



City officials, from left, School Committee Member Anthony Caggiano, Councilor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, School Committee Member John Kingston, and Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya join Lesley Garcia for a photo at the opening of her new business, Events By Le.



Mayor Patrick Keefe welcomes Events By Le owner Lesley Garcia, her husband, Jorge (left), and her son, Riaz (right), as the newest business in the city.

EBNHC appoints Gioioso as Vice President of Campus Operations

Special to the Journal

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), soon to be NeighborHealth, announced the appointment of John Gioioso, CFM, MCR as Vice President of Campus Operations. Bringing with him over 30 years of experience in the healthcare and financial asset management sectors, Gioioso will support and advance the health center's commitment to expanding access to care and providing a patient-centered healthcare experience in its facilities.

As Vice President of Campus Operations, Gioioso will be responsible for overseeing the operation of more than 20 properties owned and leased

by EBNHC for patient care and administration, as well as spearheading new development and renovation projects in the communities EBNHC serves, including East Boston, Revere, Everett, and Boston's South End.

Former Vice President of Campus Operations Stephen Fraser will be instrumental in helping transition John into his new role and will continue to work closely on a part-time basis with EBNHC leadership to execute special projects across the EBNHC campus as he transitions into retirement.

"With campus locations across Greater Boston, we are confident that John's extensive knowledge and experience will help ensure that our health system



John Gioioso.

provides an exceptional environment for patient care," said EBNHC Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Ryan Boxill. "We at EBNHC would also like to extend a great deal of gratitude and thanks to Ste-

phen for his many years of service which have been invaluable in creating an environment that facilitated exceptional care to our patients."

Prior to joining EBNHC, Gioioso oversaw project management for Mass General Brigham's Northshore Physician Group's clinic locations. In this role, he expertly managed new development and renovations, while working with both contractors and the community to promote best-in-class standard operating construction procedures. Gioioso is also well-versed in tenant fit-ups and built environment enchantment project management from his time with commercial real estate firm Keypoint Partners.

"As an East Boston native, I am excited to bring my expertise to a community so close to my heart," said Gioioso. "I look forward to ensuring that EBNHC's properties continue to be well-maintained and represent the best in community-based patient care."

In addition to his leadership role at EBNHC, Gioioso is an adjunct professor at Boston University and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Gioioso holds a masters' degree from Cambridge College with a concentration in facilities management. He received his bachelor's degree in management from Suffolk University and his associate's degree in management from Northshore Community College.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to com-

prehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, EBNHC joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods.

EBNHC champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other health care providers in our state. In addition to primary and specialty care, EBNHC operates Massachusetts' only satellite Emergency Department, which is the fourth busiest ED in Boston and is co-located with advanced radiology, including CT scan services, same-day Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an integrated pharmacy. Today, EBNHC remains dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals both in and out of the exam room by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services.

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# Sports

## RHS SPORTS Roundup

### 13 RHS BOYS ARE NAMED GBL ALL-STARS

A total of 13 members of coach David Fleming's Revere High boys track and field team, which captured last month's Greater Boston League (GBL) Meet with an outstanding team performance, have been named to the GBL all-star team.

The all-stars are: Edwin Alarcon, Kenan Batic, Medy Bellemsieh, Yousef Benhamou, Youness Chahid, Joao Victor Cunha, Isaiah DeCrosa, Oliver Escobar, Mohammed Fares, Allen Hou, Kevin Purcifull, Richard Vilme, and Jeremy X.

### EAST COAST JR PATRIOTS WRAP UP SEASON IN PLAYOFFS



The East Coast JR Patriots Mite 2 team of Everett/Revere geared up for their playoff game on Sunday. Despite a loss to Agawam, the kids had a blast this season. Registration for next year is now open at [eastcoastjuniorpatriots.com](http://eastcoastjuniorpatriots.com).

COURTESY PHOTO

## Revere's JKA Martial Arts Team to compete at Shotocup Championships in Japan

By Melissa Moore-Randall

On March 9, the Revere JKA Martial Arts Team attended the Japan Karate Association American Federations USA/JKA/AF in New Orleans. The competition was for a U.S.

team spot at the World Shotocup Championships in Japan. The Revere athletes competed in multiple categories.

Coach Walid Karaf discussed the experience. "The level of competition was very high but our ath-

letes were committed and determined to secure a place in the national team. As a result 6 of our Revere athletes are now officially selected to the USA National Team."

This includes Karaf who will be one of the

National Team coaches. The team will compete in October 2024 in the World Shotocup Championships in Japan. The Shotocup is

held every 3 years, and is one of the oldest and most prestigious championships in the world. Athletes from all around the world

will gather for 3 days of competition. According to Karaf, it's the first time 6 JKA karate athletes from

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# Oars in Motion

# Greater Boston Veteran's inspirational Row Across the Atlantic begins March 27

Special to the Journal

Bryan Fuller, a Greater Boston veteran and rowing record-holder will shove off from a dock in Charlestown in June, with plans to row from Boston to London as part of a team of four on an unsupported journey. He will highlight plans for the trip and answer questions at Cottage Park Yacht Club on Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

The crew will depart from a Charlestown dock near the Spaulding Rehab Hospital, heading for another dock near Big Ben in London. The unsupported journey will likely take at least fifty days.

Fuller, 54, is a seasoned adventurer from Brookline, Mass., where he operates Power Rowing, an

indoor rowing gym. He brings a wealth of experience, having previously rowed the Atlantic from the other direction, leaving the Canary Islands off of Morocco for the Caribbean. Fuller captured the record as the fastest American to make that more southerly crossing.

Fuller says he has a keen desire to “do the impossible,” and plans to raise money for the veterans rowing program at Community Rowing in Boston. He credits that program for not only teaching him to row, but also helping him survive his own PTSD.

Joining Fuller are John Lowry, 55, a childhood friend and an orthopedic rehabilitation doctor from Danvers, Mass.; Klara Anstey, 51, a marketing

professional and coastal rower from Wales, UK; and Elizabeth Gilmore, 40, a record-holding river rower and indoor rowing world champion from Richmond, VA. Together, they aspire to set a new speed record for the crossing. Their progress will be monitored by the Ocean Rowing Society.

Their vessel is a specially designed, 28-foot ocean rowing boat. It contains two tiny sleeping quarters and will be equipped with essential supplies, including a water desalinator, freeze-dried food, emergency beacons, and advanced communication gear.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu will see the team off and present them with a gift to bring to the Mayor of London, to mark this historic moment.



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**Bryan Fuller plans to row from Boston to London with three others to be the first to take that route across the Atlantic. The unsupported trip starting in June is expected to take 50 days.**



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### The team heading to competition.

## Shotcup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

the Revere been selected to participate and compete in the World Shotocup Championships. "As a Coach and Chief Instructor of Revere JKA, I am hope to lead the team to achieve their dream! Let's support our team!"

Located at 318 Squire Road in Revere, JKA Martial Arts Center has been operating for the past 7 years and offers a

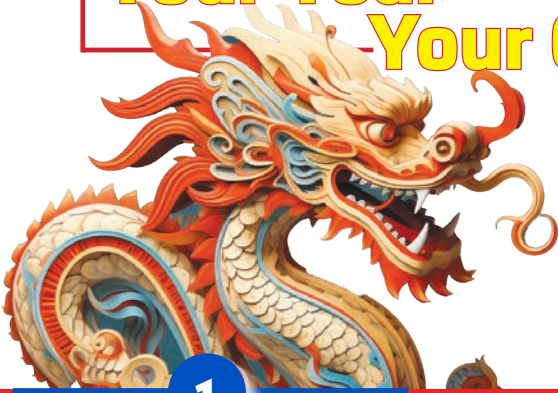
variety of classes. They specialize in traditional Shotokan karate, as well as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Aikido and MuThai classes. In addition, they are members of the Japanese Karate Association. The BJJ program is affiliated with the Brazilian Top Team. The classes are open to children ages 5 and up as well as adults, both men and women.

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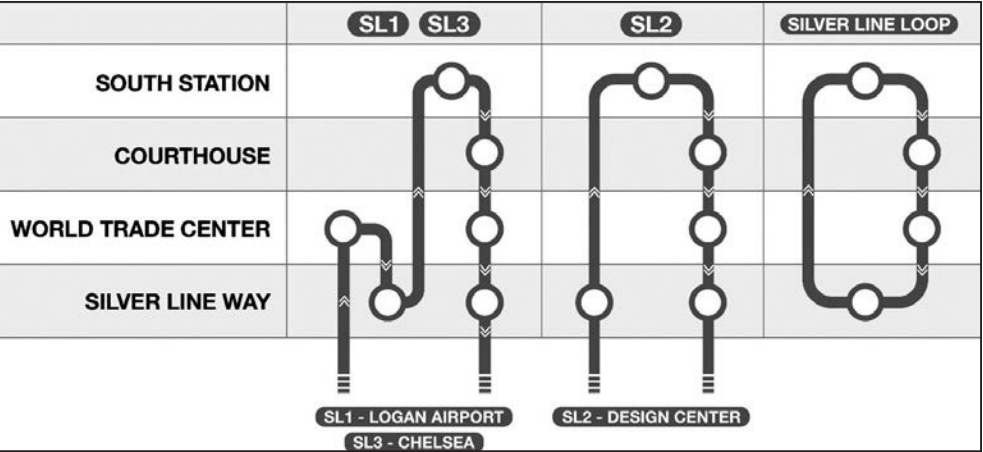
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# April service changes: MBTA continues work to improve reliability across the system

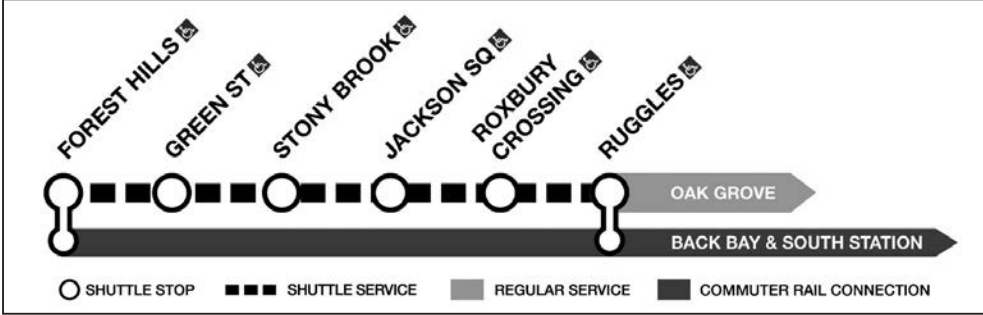
The MBTA today announced service changes in April on the Silver, Orange, Blue, Red, Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, Haverhill, and Newburyport/Rockport lines. The MBTA will continue working to maintain its infrastructure and improve reliability across the system. Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at [mbta.com/alerts](https://www.mbta.com/alerts). Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA, @MBTA\_CR, and @MBTA\_CR\_Alerts for up-to-date service information.

## ON THE SILVER LINE



- Silver Line Routes 1, 2, and 3 will operate at the street level beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service on April 6.
- Riders can make connections at the following street-level stop locations:
- Connections for South Station can be made on Summer Street @ Atlantic Avenue (at the Federal Reserve Building)
- Connections for Courthouse Station can be made at Congress Street @ Thompson Place.
- Connections for World Trade Center Station can be made on Congress Street @ World Trade Center Station.
- Connections for Silver Line Way Station (outbound) can be made at 601 Congress Street.
- Connections for Silver Line Way Station (inbound) can be made at Congress Street @ The Renaissance Hotel (between D Street and Harborview Lane).
- This service change will allow for the removal of the overhead wire system from the west side of D Street to the end of Silver Line Way. Silver Line buses operate on battery power in this area, making the overhead wires no longer necessary.

## ON THE ORANGE LINE

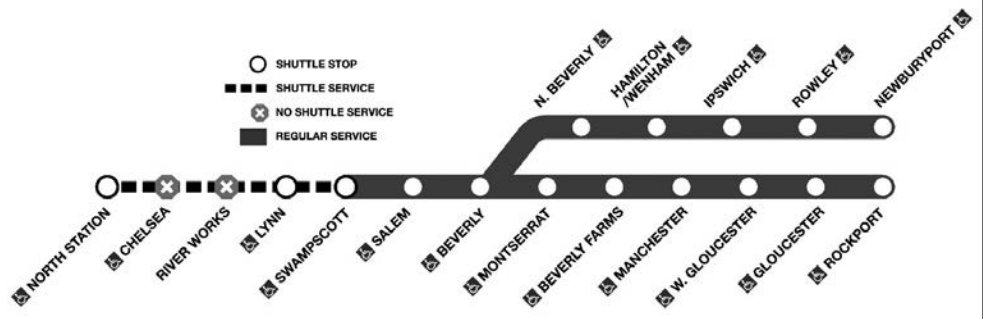


- Orange Line service will be suspended between Forest Hills and Ruggles stations during the weekends of March 30-31, April 6-7, April 20-21, and April 27-28.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Forest Hills and Ruggles.
- The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station. Riders should note that regular Commuter Rail fares should be purchased beyond Forest Hills.
- This service change is in place for crews to perform critical signal and switch improvement work.

## ON THE KINGSTON, MIDDLEBOROUGH, AND GREENBUSH COMMUTER RAIL LINES

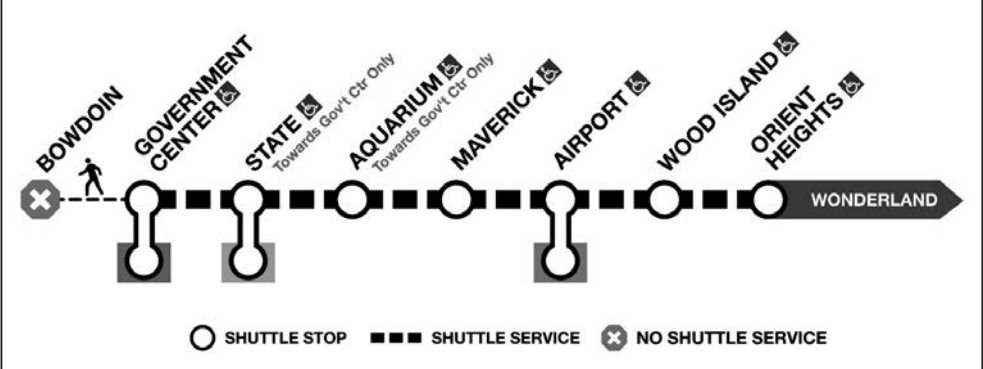
- Kingston, Middleborough, and Greenbush Commuter Rail line service will be suspended between South Station and Braintree Station during the following days and times:
- As previously announced, beginning at approximately 7:30 PM through the end of service on Friday, March 29, and continuing all day from start to end of service during the weekend of March 30-31.
- Beginning at approximately 7:30 PM through the end of service on Friday, April 5, and continuing all day from start to end of service during the weekend of April 6-7.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace trains between South Station and Braintree. Express shuttle buses will operate directly between South Station and Braintree. The diversion schedule will be available online soon at [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com)/CommuterRail.
- Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses, and regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, and Braintree stations.
- Keolis Customer Service Agents, MBTA staff, and Transit Ambassadors will be on site at impacted stations to support riders.
- This service change is in place because these Commuter Rail lines run adjacent to the Red Line where Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replacement Project work is taking place.

## ON THE NEWBURYPORT/ROCKPORT COMMUTER RAIL LINE

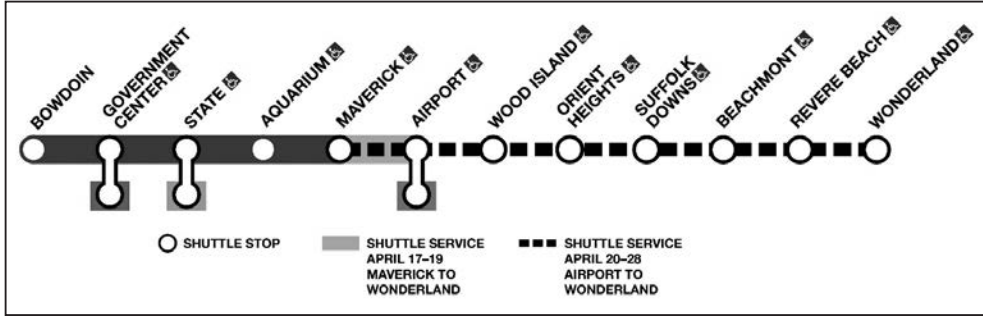


- Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between North Station and Swampscott during the weekend of April 6-7 and for nine days from April 20-28.
- Shuttle buses will make stops between Swampscott, Lynn (within the busway at the legacy station), and North Station. Chelsea passengers are asked to utilize the Silver Line 3 for service to the downtown area. A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and available on [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com) soon.
- Passengers should note that this service change overlaps with a planned shuttle bus diversion on the Blue Line. More information is available above and at [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com).
- This service change allows for crews to perform Positive Train Control (PTC) / Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. PTC/ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed.
- The MBTA previously announced service changes in March. More information is available here.
- The MBTA understands how these service changes affect riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.
- For more information, visit [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com) or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA and @MBTA\_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

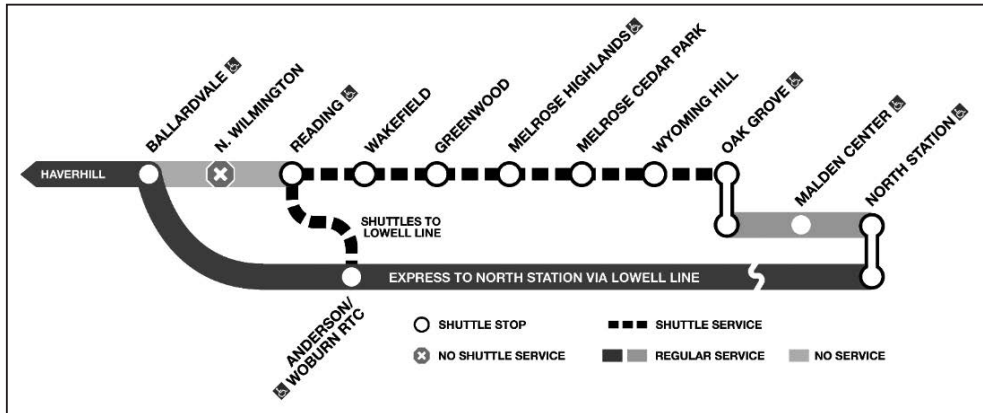
## ON THE BLUE LINE



- Blue Line service will be suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights stations beginning at approximately 8 PM through the end of service each day from April 9-11.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops between Government Center and Orient Heights.
- Riders should note that shuttle buses will not stop at Bowdoin station. Riders can instead utilize shuttle buses at Government Center, which is about a quarter mile away (or about a four-minute walk).
- This service change is in place as part of the MBTA's Track Improvement Program. Crews will perform track and tie replacement work with the goal of removing speed restrictions near Aquarium Station. Crews will also maximize the outage by performing signal work and station amenity upgrades, including new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing, and more.
- As previously announced, Blue Line service will be suspended between Maverick and Wonderland for three days from April 17-19 and between Airport and Wonderland for nine days from April 20-28.



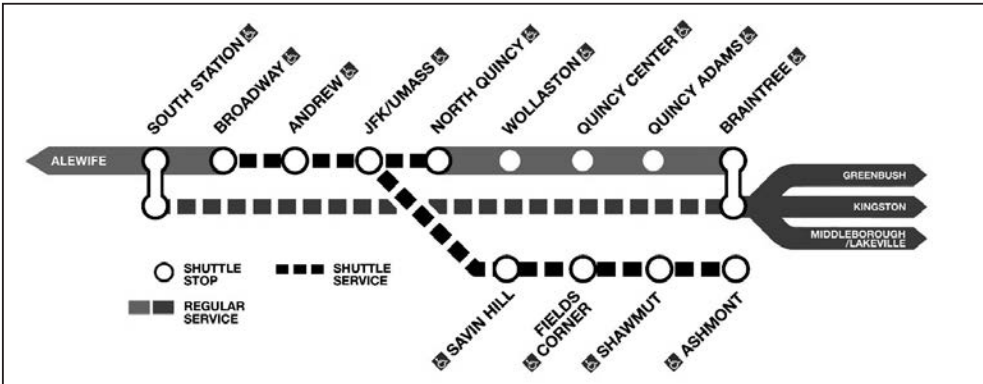
## ON THE HAVERHILL COMMUTER RAIL LINE



- Haverhill Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between Ballardvale and North Station during the weekend of April 6-7 and for nine days from April 20-28.
- A dedicated diversion schedule will be available soon on [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com).
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace train service between Reading and Oak Grove where passengers can connect to Orange Line subway.
- A free and accessible shuttle bus will also provide service between Reading and Anderson/Woburn for connections to the Lowell Line and Haverhill Line.
- Regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Haverhill and Ballardvale.
- The shuttle service between Reading and Oak Grove will stop in Wakefield, Greenwood, Melrose Highlands, Melrose Cedar Park, Wyoming Hill, and Oak Grove.
- North Wilmington Station will not have shuttle bus service with passengers encouraged to utilize Lowell Line service at Wilmington Station instead.
- Train service for passengers between Ballardvale and Haverhill will be re-routed along the Lowell Line after Ballardvale, making one additional stop at Anderson/Woburn and then running express to North Station. Riders desiring service to or from Reading and Oak Grove should disembark at Anderson/Woburn and board the shuttle bus service.
- Bus Route 137 will be fare free.
- This service change allows crews to perform Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed.

## ON THE RED LINE

- Red Line service will be suspended between Broadway and Ashmont stations on the Ashmont Branch and between Broadway and North Quincy stations on the Braintree Branch during the weekend of March 30-31 as previously announced as well as the weekend of April 6-7.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Broadway and Ashmont / North Quincy.
- There will be free fares at Broadway and North Quincy stations with the fare gates open. Riders boarding Mattapan Line trolleys at Ashmont also do not have to pay a fare.
- This service change is in place to allow crews to perform necessary work as part of the Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. Originally built in 1925 and last rehabilitated in 1975, the bridge will be replaced to protect its structural integrity and ensure reliable service. When complete, this project will result in safer, more reliable Red Line service. The MBTA will also perform upgrade work to the Red Line signal system.





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#### CITY SERVICES

## A small treasure for trash?

City Council begins initial debate on adopting a 'trash fee' system

By **SETH DANIEL**  
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The hot topic of the year in city government is going to be a heap of garbage.

More specifically, what to do with all the city's garbage.

As budgets thin in Revere and trash costs grow, city officials are initiating a research committee composed of city councillors and citizens to discuss the future of

curbside trash pickup - specifically discussing whether to go to a trash fee system or to find a creative way of maintaining the status quo.

Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselsky is heading the ad hoc Solid Waste and Recycling Committee and said it will begin discussions in April, perhaps reaching a conclusion by the end of the year.

"We don't even know how we will do anything yet," said Novoselsky in a phone interview last Friday. "I know people are used to free,

free, free, free, but with \$4 million in cuts by the state government, we may not be able to do free anymore."

Novoselsky stressed that the discussions haven't even begun and his committee is dedicated to listening before sealing any deal on the issue. He did say that something must be done within the next few years.

Mayor Tom Ambrosino had no

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A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

With budget constraints growing tighter, the city is considering charging residents for curbside trash removal.

#### REVERE BEACH

## Mutilated seal found on Short Beach

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It wasn't salty seaweed, a hollow crab or an unlucky beached cod that halted a mother and her 7-year-old daughter on Short Beach last Saturday; those are just a natural part of life on the ocean.

No, what stopped them was an unnaturally gored harbor seal lying lifeless on the sand.

There was no indication that the seal is related to the actions of a Colorado man who hacked off an allegedly dead seal's head on Revere Beach two weeks ago and tried to transport it on an airplane to Denver, only to be stopped by authorities at Logan Airport.

The mother and child summoned

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#### CHIEF ANZUONI



A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

George Anzuoni takes the oath of office from City Clerk John Henry as Mayor Tom Ambrosino watches last Saturday morning in the City Council chambers. Anzuoni, who is the city's treasurer/collector, will now assume the duties of chief financial officer (CFO) of the city, managing the financial arms of City Hall for the mayor. The position came after years of debate with various city councils and department heads, who were wary of streamlining city government. Anzuoni's salary won't increase this year for assuming the new position.

#### LAW AND ORDER

## Test case

Alleged drug dealer almost walks on a bizarre technicality

By **SETH DANIEL**  
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William Shakespeare tells us that the only certain things in life are death and taxes, but most can reasonably assume there are a few no-brainers in life, too.

One of those would be if you get caught with 22 kilograms of cocaine, it's probably a sure thing that you'll face, at the very least, charges in court concerning possession of such a large amount of drugs.

But such a sure thing almost didn't happen in a case that began down Revere Beach in August

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#### BUSINESS

## MIXED DRINK

For liquor stores, an extra day of business doesn't necessarily mean more revenue

By **JOSEPH DOMELOWICZ JR.**  
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A trip to the liquor store on a Sunday afternoon used to be a convenience that was only afforded to local shoppers during the holiday season, from Thanksgiving Day to New Year's —

unless, that is, you wanted to take an hour out of your day and head north towards the New Hampshire border.

However, a change in the state law allowing liquor stores to open on Sundays has allowed consumers to not have to worry about "stocking up" each weekend, and simultaneously stripped liquor store employees of the one definite

day off they used to get.

From large liquor store chains to the smaller, independently owned local liquor stores, most owners and managers agree that the extra day has not really meant any extra business.

"I think it has just taken away from the other days," said Mike Davis a manager at the Blanchards Liquor Store on Route 60, American Legion Highway, in Revere. "We're not really seeing any more business, it's just spreading the business out over the week."

Davis said that though the extra day of work isn't helping his store in terms of added revenue, he really doesn't see it hurting the store, either.

"It's really just an added convenience for the customers," said Davis. "We might see business

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#### SO, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?



A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

Popular comedian Joe Yannyetty headlined the Revere Rotary Club's Comedy Night at the Comfort Inn and Suites. The event attracted a large crowd of Rotarians and guests, who were treated to a lot of laughs and a buffet dinner.

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RHS JROTC PATRIOT BATTALION HEADING FOR NATIONALS IN FLORIDA



Jeanene Ellis at the raffle table with cadets, Isabella Snyder and Gisel Portillo.



Enjoying a great event, Anthony Spinney, Virginia Mullen and Adelina Spinney.

The RHS JROTC has claimed many victories in competition around the state. Coming this May the Patriot Battalion is heading south to Daytona, Florida to compete in the National's, where only the best of the best gets to compete.

It takes money as well a talent and determination to get the opportunity to show your best efforts. Last Monday evening the

Patriot Battalion hosted a fundraiser dinner at the Joseph L. Mottolo Post #4524 on Lucia Avenue. The meal was donated by Ciro and Leslie DeCicco, parents of RHS Cadet Ambra DeCicco.

Family members, as well as local and state officials joined in supporting the cause making the event a huge success for the cadets, and the City of Revere.



Helping serve the many guests, Kauanny Souza, Ashlee Rodriguez, and Kamilla Souza.



The RHS JROTC seniors with Mayor Patrick Keefe, Major Deborah Bowker, State Representative Jeff Turco, School Committee members John Kingston and Aisha Milbury-Ellis, SFC James Burke, Councillor Bob Haas, and Sgt. Maj. Steven Calendar.



Cheryl Szymanski, Courtney Guadagno, Brandon Avila and David Eatovera.



RHS Patriot Battalion Major Deborah Bowker (4th from left) welcomed special guests, Councillor Bob Haas III, Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Representatives Jessica Giannino, Jeff Turco, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino Sawayer, School Committee members Aisha Milbury-Ellis, John Kingston, and SFC James Burke and Sgt. Major Steven Calendar.



Mayor Patrick Keefe gets line dancing lessons from Major Bowker and cadet Karla Leal.



State Representative Jeff Turco, with Major Deborah Bowker, Brian Ramirez and cadets Katelyn Leary.



Enjoying a great meal, Evangeline Ellis, Etienne Ellis, and Layla Portillo.



Ciro and Leslie DeCicco cooked and donated the delicious meal served last Monday evening at the RHS JROTC fundraiser. The generous couple is shown with their daughter and RHS Patriot Battalion Cadet Ambra DeCicco. Also shown in photo, School Committee member Jacqueline Monterroso, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Maj. Bowker, and SFC James Burke.



State Representative Jessica Giannino (center) with Cheryl Kelly, Councillor Angela Guarino Sawayer, Jacqueline and Lorelei Snyder.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ATTENDANCE IS UP AT CHELSEA SCHOOLS

CHELSEA - While not totally unexpected, there was good news on the school attendance front in February.

At last week's school committee meeting, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Adam Deleidi presented the monthly indicators of success for the district, including attendance and the drop-out rate.

The district compares the prior month's attendance rates to the month previous to that, as well as the year-to-date attendance to the previous year at the same time, Deleidi said.

"In the month of February in all grades, we beat our attendance rates over January with the exception of grade two, which started exactly the same at 91.5 percent, and our post graduate," he said. "Everyone else actually improved their attendance rates."

Compared to this time last school year, Deleidi said every grade is on pace to have a better attendance rate, with the exceptions of grades six and nine.

"Now, before we get too excited, I will say ... last year we were dealing with the tripledemic of flu, Covid, and RSV," said Deleidi. "We talked about that last year, so we expected improvements, but we are glad that we are seeing them here."

While the attendance rate has seen improvement, there has been a slight increase in the drop-out rate for the current school year.

So far this year, there have been 95 drop outs, while at this time last year, there were 75, Deleidi said.

"We do have more students this year, so the percentage of students who had dropped out at this point last year was 4.25 percent, this year at this point it is 5.13 percent," said the deputy superintendent.

The dropout rate was highest for multilingual students at 9.7 percent. The rate for students with disabilities was 3.63 percent, and for students who are both multilingual and have special needs was

6.95 percent. The drop out rate for students who are neither multilingual nor have special needs was 2.78 percent.

There was good news with the dropout rate, as Deleidi said only one student dropped out in February, and that student was redirected to an adult education program.

Overall in February, the district saw 59 new students while 37 left the district.

"We continue the pattern of more students enrolling than they are leaving," said Deleidi.

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

EVERETT - Everett Affordable Housing Coordinator Zerina Gace presented the specifics of the Everett First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program at Monday night's City Council meeting.

Following her informative remarks, the Council unanimously approved to accept and expend a state grant of \$400,000 that will establish the program.

Gace, who was appointed to her position in January, said that 20 separate grants will be awarded for up to \$20,000. A total of \$300,000 will be granted to Everett residents looking to purchase homes in Everett. A total of \$100,000 will be granted to Everett employees looking to purchase a home in Everett.

Gace, who works in the Planning and Development Department led by Director Matt Lattanzi, will be overseeing the application review process, determining whether candidates are income-eligible for the grants.

"The income would be between 60 and 100 percent area median income, so it's like a working-class family," said Lattanzi. "This is a first-time program in Everett that originated from the Office of Mayor Carlo DeMaria. We feel this program is going to do some great things for the city. Overall, it's going to be great project."

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS EARTH MONTH IN EVERETT

EVERETT-The Council unanimously approved a resolution by Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers declaring the month of April as Earth Month in Everett.

Earth Day is celebrated nationally on April 22 to show support for the environment.

"April is time to raise awareness on environmental issues that impact everyday life in Everett," said Rogers. "Our city faces many challenges affecting the entire community such as air-quality concerns and access to our riverfront property. We officially do a cleanup once a year on April 20. Since we don't necessarily celebrate Earth Day on April 22 each year, designating the month of April would open opportunities to raise awareness of environmental issues in our community while allowing inclusivity beyond just one day. With this resolution, the Council recognizes that celebrating our outdoor space exceeds a single day of the year should be encompassed within daily life in Everett, especially throughout the month of April."

Rogers requested that Mayor Carlo DeMaria's Administration join the Council in recognizing April as Earth Month going forward.

PLANS FOR PROJECT PRESENTED AGAIN

EAST BOSTON - For the third time, representatives for a proposed project at 112 Marginal Street presented their plans during Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) meeting — plans that have frustrated abutters.

Attorney Jeff Drago, who owns the property along with Tom Falcucci, presented the proposal. It involves changing the occupancy of the existing building from a one-family to a three-family, building a rear addition, and building a roof deck.

UNITED FIRST CHURCH HOSTS ST. PATRICK'S DAY BOILED DINNER



Families and friends lining the buffet table for corned beef and cabbage during the St. Patrick's Day Boiled Dinner hosted by United Methodist Church.



Marie Greenlaw, Judy Anderson, Barbara Fronduto, and Audrey DiPasquale enjoying an evening with friends.

"The building to the right of us, to the left of us, to the left beyond that are all three-unit buildings... there's a number of four-story multi-family residential as well," said Drago.

"We felt this was a very reasonable proposal — eventually to turn these into condominium units over time," he added.

As Drago progressed through his presentation, he reviewed changes made to initial proposals for the building based on feedback from the JPNA and other neighbors.

These modifications included removing a proposed fourth-floor addition, reducing the unit count from four to three, and reconfiguring rear window layouts to address abutters' concerns about

privacy.

Drago then continued to outline the context of the current site by showing images and highlighting four-story buildings in the area.

Additionally, he reviewed the projected zoning relief needed for the project. While new zoning developed through PLAN: East Boston awaits approval from the Boston Zoning Commission, Drago indicated they would have to work under the current zoning parameters.

"This was filed while we still had the existing zoning code so we would be grandfathered in," said Drago.

However, he did mention, "Although all of the BPDA (Boston Planning & Development Agency) recommendations going forward are looking toward the new planning study."

Drago detailed other facets of the project before the floor was opened up to questions, such as the unit mix and roof deck.

Each of the three proposed units is planned to be two bedrooms and 799, 864, and 833 square feet, respectively. Also, Drago pointed out that the roof deck, which is exclusive to the top unit, has been pulled back several feet in the front, back, and right side.

Initially, when the question and comment portion of the presentation began, everything seemed to be going swimmingly.

However, the presentation quickly became passionate when it came time for abutters to ask questions or comment.

Michael Dwyer, an abutter, had concerns about a rendering shown during the presentation in which he thought a wall was being built in the backyard on an easement, which would not be allowed.

In response, Drago confirmed that there was an easement in the back and had referred to a concrete item on his property from

"somebody else," which caused Dwyer to raise his voice at Drago.

One of JPNA's Co-Chairs, Margaret Farmer, quickly shut down the loud retort and reminded everyone to be respectful before allowing Drago to continue.

Drago claimed they are not building a wall in the back as part of the project and that it is just a "depth in the back with a bump."

Dwyer was unsatisfied with the explanation and still believed something was being built on the easement. Later, he said, "Forgive me for not taking you at face value, but to me, it looks like you plan to build a wall around your first-floor apartment and create a little yard in front of that sliding glass window."

However, Drago again emphasized, "We are not touching that easement," which prompted confusion from Dwyer and more discussion before Farmer insisted that they move on to other questions.

As the presentation continued, Drago answered other questions from abutters concerning trash storage, fire suppression, and more before the JPNA moved on to a presentation from an abutter.

In addition to Drago's presentation, Kaitlin Andryauskas, an abutter, made one of her own, detailing her and other abutters' concerns with the project.

During her presentation, Andryauskas walked through several projects under construction, slated to be under construction, and others that have been completed, pointing to issues with noise, traffic, and parking, which residents in the immediate area have had to endure.

Additionally, she pointed to other impacts of these aforementioned projects, such as the displacement of other residents and concerns about

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# FBI Boston Division recovers and returns 22 historic artifacts to Japan

Special to the Journal

The FBI Boston Division has recovered 22 historic artifacts that were looted following the Battle of Okinawa and has orchestrated their return to the Government of Japan, Okinawa Prefecture. These artifacts had been missing for almost 80 years. A formal repatriation ceremony will be held in Japan at a later date.

The 22 artifacts, some of which date back to the 18th and 19th centuries, represent a significant piece of Okinawan history and include six portraits, (three of which were one piece and appear to have been divided into three pieces), a hand drawn map of Okinawa dating back to the 19th century, and various pieces of pottery and ceramics.

In 2001, the Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education, as a result of its participation in the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program, registered some of these artifacts with the FBI’s National Stolen Art File (NSAF), a database of art and cultural property that have been reported stolen to the FBI by law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad.

“It’s incredibly gratifying when the FBI is able to recover precious cultural property that has been missing for almost 80 years,” said Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division. “This case highlights the important role the public plays in recognizing and reporting possible stolen art. We’d like to thank the

family from Massachusetts who did the right thing in reaching out to us and relinquishing these treasures so we could return them to the people of Okinawa.”

Last year, a family (who wishes to remain anonymous) was going through their late father’s personal effects and came across what appeared to be very valuable Asian art. Their father was a World War II veteran, but never served in the Pacific Theater. In an effort to identify the provenance of the artifacts, they checked the National Stolen Art File and determined that at least four of the items were missing 18th century portraits that had been listed in the database. Included with the artifacts was an unsigned, typewritten letter stating these items were collected

in Okinawa during the last days of World War II.

The FBI conducted a logical investigation and was able to authenticate the artworks.

“It’s an exciting moment when you watch the scrolls unfurl in front of you and you just witness history, and you witness something that hasn’t been seen by many people in a very long time,” said Geoffrey Kelly, an FBI Boston Special Agent, and Art Crime Team member. “These artifacts are culturally significant, they’re important pieces of Japan’s identity. These were especially important because they were portraits of Okinawan kings dating back to the 18th, 19th centuries. This case really illustrates part of the work we do on the Art Crime Team. It’s

not always about prosecutions and putting someone in jail. A lot of what we do is making sure stolen property gets back to its rightful owners even if it’s many generations down the road.”

The National Museum of Asian Art at the Smithsonian Institute assisted the FBI in ensuring that the artifacts were properly packaged for transport back to Japan.

“The FBI reached out, asked us for some help making sure they knew how to care for the works and that they had a safe place to store them while they worked out the repatriation details,” said Danielle Bennett, head of collections management at the National Museum of Asian Art at the Smithsonian Institute. “It’s an honor to be able to help

the works go back to their home.”

The FBI also thanks the U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) 38 G Monuments Men and Women, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and the U.S. Air Force for their assistance in securing and transporting the artifacts to Okinawa Prefecture, Japan.

On Friday, March 15, 2024, Denny Tamaki, the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture, announced the return of the artifacts to the people of Okinawa, Japan, in a news conference stating “it is very meaningful that the FBI, along with others in the U.S. Government, have cooperated to realize this return.”

# Catholic Schools Foundation receives match support for new donations

Special to the Journal

The Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) is thrilled to announce a special initiative in support of their signature program, the Building Minds Scholarship Fund. Bill, CSF Trustee, and Jane Mosakowski will generously match one-to-one all new and increased contributions to the fund, up to

\$500,000.

The Building Minds Scholarship Fund grants scholarships to over 3,500 low-income students each year who wish to attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Bill and Jane’s match gift was announced ahead of CSF’s upcoming 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala, taking place at Boston

Marriott Copley Place on April 11th, 2024. Thanks to their generosity, every new sponsorship, ticket purchase, and donation made will now have double the impact.

Bill Mosakowski, CSF Trustee, said:

"Jane and I are honored to support the Catholic Schools Foundation's Building Minds Scholarship Fund.

Every child deserves the opportunity to build a brighter future. By matching new and increased contributions to the Building Minds Scholarship Fund, we hope to inspire others to join us in making a lasting impact on the lives of in-need students and their families in the Archdiocese of Boston.”

The 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship

Fund Gala is the single largest fundraiser held by CSF, raising over \$4M annually for low-income students to attend Catholic Schools across Boston and the surrounding communities.

Drawing together approximately 800-1,000 members of the Greater Boston business community and beyond, the event will be chaired by

Renee, CSF Trustee, and Mike Minogue, President & CEO of Minogue Consulting, LLC, and Retired Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Abiomed.

Some of the most recognized and influential names in the Commonwealth will be in atten-

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what the proposal at 112 Marginal would mean for the safety of some of the older abutting homes.

She also outlined concerns from direct abutters, including the proposed project being built to the property line, privacy, and more, and laid out questions they are looking to get answered.

Andryauskas also presented a table disputing some of the figures related to zoning parameters and spoke at length about trying to reach an enforceable agreement with the developer to quell some of the abutters’ concerns.

“We have made efforts since November to come in good faith to work with the developer to come up with an enforceable agreement regarding these matters,” said Andryauskas.

Ultimately, the terms of an enforceable agreement could not be agreed upon, and Andryauskas claimed conversations did not continue after there seemed to be what she described as disagreement concerning what was enclosed in the proposed agreement.

It should be noted that Andryauskas also claimed that multiple abutters who opposed the project were sent letters indicating that they needed to remove alleged encroachments or they may face legal action.

The abutter presentation prompted more fiery moments both during and after the presentation. For example, Falcucci interrupted Andryauskas and claimed she was lying mid-presentation, which induced Farmer’s wrath.

After the presentation, Dwyer, referring to the letters concerning supposed encroachments from abutters, alleged Drago was abusing power, and the meeting once again turned tense, with Drago trying to defend himself and Farmer trying to bring about some order.

Finally, after more comments and questions from abutters, Drago was given the floor to respond.

He spoke at length about the changes made to the project and working with neighbors, saying, “We started this process working and listening to these neighbors, so for it to be said that we weren’t — that’s concerning to me.”

He also spoke about trying to come to an agreement with neighbors and how that fell through.

“What we got was an agreement limiting our liability from any future lawsuits... I had concerns with it — I still do,” said Drago.

“We are willing to work with our neighbors but when neighbors hire lawyers, and now it becomes legalese in all of the writings, we have to be very careful about limiting liability. So I can’t just sign a good neighbor agreement that isn’t a good neighbor agreement and is designed by an attorney to limit all liability,” he added.

Eventually, Drago and Andryauskas had a back-and-forth regarding the enforceable agreement and potential miscommunications, which seemed to move things in a more positive direction, which Farmer acknowledged.

“I’m happy to see — it seems to be that there’s a little bit of progress in terms of communication here, and that is good to see. I am hopeful to see it continue,” said Farmer.

Overall, this project is slated for a JPNA vote. Ballots will be sent to eligible voters tonight, and polls will close on Friday.

To learn more about the project, the abutters presentation, and more, visit the JPNA website at <https://jeffriespoint.org/>. The next JPNA meeting is scheduled for April 8.

## PARKWAY BRIDGE PROJECT TO BEGIN IN 2026

REVERE - 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 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 east-

bound 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.

## GOODWIN APPOINTED NEXT POLICE CHIEF

WINTHROP - Fresh on the heels of Town Council President Jim Letterie’s State of the Town address, there was a lot of big news about transitions in the town on Monday night, including the resignation of one town councilor and the selection of a new police chief.

Earlier this year, Police Chief Terence Delehanty announced he will be retiring this summer. On Monday night, Town Manager Tony Marino announced that Winthrop Deputy Police Chief John Goodwin will be the town’s next police chief.

Marino said both the de-

partment’s deputy chiefs were interviewed for the department’s top job. He said Goodwin brings 30 years of police experience in both Winthrop and Revere to the chief’s position.

Goodwin will be appointed chief on April 1, and Marino said there will be some time for the transition from Delehanty to Goodwin.

Monday night, Letterie also announced that Precinct 1 Councilor Richard Fucillo resigned his position on the council. The council presented a citation to Fucillo for his service, and announced that it is now seeking candidates to fill out the remainder of his term in Precinct 1.

“Rich is an incredible young man,” said Letterie. “For 24 years of age, he has accomplished so much and we are so thankful. He joined the council a couple of years ago, and what did I do for his first task? I made him chair of the finance commission, which is just incredible.

“I know that I was on the council for six years before I was able to do that, and he did it at 22, 23.”

Letterie said Fucillo brought youth and enthusiasm to the council and town politics.

“This is not an easy decision for Rich, but he was fortunate enough to buy a piece of property outside of the town,” Letterie added. “We wish him nothing but the best.”

In other town partings, Marino said that Town Planner Rachel Kelly is moving on to another position outside the town. He said the town will be looking at how to best replace Kelly, whether by hiring a new town planner or readjusting the position.

Marino said he has been involved with many of the planning issues in the town, and will stay on top of them until the transition is complete.



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Public Hearing

Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Revere Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City of Revere Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Notice of Intent by Rosa Grieco on installing a 20x24 single story-addition to the rear of home 48 Jones Road. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in the Conservation Commission Office at 249R Broadway, Revere, MA on. Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Application and meeting information may also be obtained by contacting the Conservation Commission by calling 781-286-8185 or by emailing [concom@revere.org](mailto:concom@revere.org).

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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](mailto:amelnik@revere.org). Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals 3/13/24, 3/20/24 R

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF  
REVERE, MA  
INVITATION  
FOR BIDS FOR  
SUPPLY AND  
INSTALLATION  
OF HOT MIX ASPHALT

Bid No:  
MUN-2024-1009

Separate sealed bids will be received by the City of Revere Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, at his office, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, prior to 10:00 am, April 4, 2024, at which time they will be opened and publicly read. This bid is for the Supply and installation of hot mix asphalt and associated work, including milling or pulverization of existing roadways, casting adjustments and all necessary preparation work. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151, beginning March 7, 2024 electronically from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi at [purchasing@revere.org](mailto:purchasing@revere.org). Revere City Hall office hours are Monday's 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Tuesday thru Thursday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Friday's 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. For additional information, please contact Michael Piccardi, Purchasing Agent at the email listed above. Each bidder must deposit with their bid, a Bid Bond or a Certified or Treasurer's check from a Bank or Trust Company or Money Order of not less than five percent (5%) of the first-year total of the bid. The selected contractor shall provide Performance and Payment Bonds for the faithful fulfillment of the contract. The dollar amount awarded a vendor for the first year of the contract shall be the dollar amount used to determine the amount of the performance and payment bonds. Bonds shall be renewed upon any and all expirations throughout the duration of the contract. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or any part of a bid, which in the opinion of the City Purchasing Agent is most advantageous to the City of Revere. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to extend the contract for two (2) additional 12-month options. Valuation for purposes of MassDOT Prequalification is based on first year times three (3) to arrive at an estimated total value of all bid items. The estimated value provided in this Invitation to Bid is for one year. Vendors are expected to be able to provide their services over three (3) years at three (3) times the initial estimated value. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, Pavement – Surfacing or Highway - Construction, for the project with an estimated value of \$5,675,250 will be required under this contract. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract that the contractor must ensure the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin under Executive Order 11246, as amended. The successful bidder shall be required to comply with Section 3 of HUD Regulations relative to the project area and local concern when applicable and all pertinent Federal and State Laws. The City of Revere is an Equal Opportunity Employer. It is the Policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises. The City of Revere has established a goal of ten percent (10%) participation of Minority Business Enterprises in all construction projects. No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30 (39M). Michael Piccardi Purchasing Agent 3/20/24 R

LEGAL NOTICE



City of Revere  
Public Hearing  
Notice

Proposed FY 2024 Annual Plan

HUD Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of Revere, acting through its Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Patrick Keefe, is a HUD Community Development Entitlement Community in the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and is required to submit a FY 2024 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) Annual Plan detailing its planned use of funds. The City of Revere expects to receive approximately \$660,000 for its FY 2024 CDBG Program. At this time, the exact appropriation has not yet been determined by Congress. An important part of this process is obtaining public input and comment. The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) will hold the second public hearing on April 2, 2024 at 5:30pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. At this public hearing, the DPCD will

describe the proposed uses of funds for the FY 2024 Annual Plan, including enhancing parks, public facilities, and public infrastructure. Until May 1, 2024, the FY 2024 Annual Plan will be available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations: the DPCD, City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151; the Revere Public Library, 179 Beach Street, Revere, MA 02151; and at the City Clerk's Office, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. The Annual Plan is posted on the City's website ([www.revere.org](http://www.revere.org)). The DPCD has established a 30-day comment period on the Annual Plan. Written comments must be received by 4:00pm on the final day of that period, expected to be May 1, 2024. Such comments will be considered by the DPCD and responded to in the formal plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before May 15, 2024, following the conclusion of the formal comment period. Persons with speech, hearing, or sight disabilities and persons requiring interpretation services will be accommodated at the public hearings to the greatest extent possible provided a request for such assistance is made at a reasonable time prior to the hearing to the DPCD at the above address, by telephone at 781-286-8181 x20319, or by email to [dosterman@revere.org](mailto:dosterman@revere.org).

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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE  
MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Suzanne M. Liberator a/k/a Suzanne M. Libertatore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated December 23, 2014 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 53931, Page 134 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage PHH Mortgage Corporation is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc. its successors and assigns to PHH Mortgage Corporation dated August 2, 2021 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 66088, Page 109, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 391 Rice Avenue, Revere, MA 02151 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on April 11, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The following parcels of land; now known as 391 Rice Avenue, Revere, MA

Parcel One: The land in Revere, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: SOUTHEASTERLY by Rice Avenue, 73.03 feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by the remaining portion of Lot 2, Block M, on the plan hereinafter mentioned, 100.04 feet; NORTHWESTERLY by Lot 21, Block M, on said plan, 75.03 feet; and NORTHEASTERLY by Goodwin Avenue, 100.04 feet. Be all of said measurements more or less, or however otherwise bounded and described; being the premises shown as Lot 1 and the Northeast half of Lot 2 in Block M, on a plan of land in Revere, Mass., dated September 1, 1914, by Whitman & Howard, C.E., recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds at the end of Book 3832. Said premises are conveyed subject to the zoning ordinances of the City of Revere. For record title see deed previously recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 47842, Page 288. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 47842, Page 288. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$10,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. PHH Mortgage Corporation Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Liberator, Suzanne M., 22-041040 3/20/24, 3/27/24, 4/3/24 R

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

Premises:  
300 Fenno Steet,  
Unit 10,  
Old Mill  
Condominium,

Revere, MA 02151  
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Prudence A Masciulli to Citizens Bank, N.A., and now held by Citizens Bank, N.A., said mortgage dated November 2, 2017 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 58837, Page 256, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on May 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, directly in front of the building in which the unit is located, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Borrower(s): Prudence A. Masciulli Legal Address: 300 Fenno Street, Revere, Massachusetts 02151 Parcel I.D. No: 22-343-41-10 The land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts: Condominium Unit No. 10 (the Unit) in the Condominium known as Old Mill Condominium (the Condominium) situated at 300 Fenno Street, Revere, Massachusetts, created by a Master Deed (the Master Deed) dated July 1, 1980 recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 9472, Page 226, as amended of record. The unit is more particularly described (1) in the Master Deed, (2) such site and floor plans as have been recorded or filed therewith, (3) in the first Unit Deed thereof, and (4) copies of portions of such site and floor plans filed therewith. The Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 5.450000% interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium and the same 5.450000% interest in the Organization of Unit Owners Trust (the Unit Owners Organization) created and recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds, as amended of record. The Unit and said undivided interests are together hereinafter referred to as the Mortgaged Premises. The Mortgaged Premises are conveyed subject to and together with the benefits of (1) the provisions of Chapter 183A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended, (2) the provisions and matters set forth and/or referred to in the Master Deed, (3) the provisions of the instrument creating the Unit Owners Organization and the By-Laws thereunder as recorded or filed with the Master Deed and such Rules and Regulations as may be promulgated thereunder and (4) the provisions set forth and referred to in the Unit Deed dated September 16, 1999 into the Mortgagors recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 24221, Page 082, to which Unit Deed reference is herein made to the title of the Mortgagor. Meaning and intending to describe and mortgage the same premises as conveyed to the Mortgagor(s) by Deed dated September 16, 1999 and recorded

on September 16, 1999 with Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book: 24221, Page 082, to which Deed or Certificate reference is hereby made for a more detailed description of the mortgaged premises and which description is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated September 16, 1999 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 24221, Page 82. Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street 2nd Floor Plainville, MA 02762 Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A. Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701 3/20/24, 3/27/24, 4/3/24 R

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF REVERE  
INVITATION  
FOR BIDS  
AERIAL WIRE  
INSTALLATION  
TO THE  
POINT OF  
PINES FIRE STATION  
BID NO:  
MUN-2024-1010

The City of Revere is soliciting sealed bids to furnish all labor and materials for "AERIAL WIRE INSTALLATION TO THE POINT OF PINES FIRE STATION" for the City of Revere. The bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, prior to 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 11, 2024, immediately after which the bids will be opened and read publicly. Specifications may be obtained beginning Thursday, March 21, 2024, electronically from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi at [purchasing@revere.org](mailto:purchasing@revere.org). Revere City Hall office hours

are Monday's 8:00AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesdays through Thursday's 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday's 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "BID FOR THE AERIAL WIRE INSTALLATION TO THE POINT OF PINES FIRE STATION" and be submitted to the Office of the Purchasing Agent prior to 10:00 A.M. on April 11, 2024. Each bid submitted to the City of Revere must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond, money order, cashier's check, certified check, or treasurer's check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the bid. Checks must be made payable to the City of Revere. The City of Revere as the awarding authority, may accept any bid or a portion of a bid, waive any irregularities and/or formalities, investigate the ability of the vendors to honor a bid, select a vendor who does not submit the lowest bid and award all contracts as shall be considered in the best interest of the City of Revere. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of minority business enterprises in all activities administered by this agency. No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) business days after the actual date of the opening thereof. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149. Michael A. Piccardi Purchasing Agent 3/20/24 R

MEPA Office  
100 Cambridge St.,  
Suite 900  
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Telephone  
617-626-1020

The following should be completed and submitted to a local newspaper:  
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) COMMUNITIES  
PROJECT: Route 1A Roundabout Roadway Infrastructure Improvement Project  
LOCATION: Route 1A North Shore Road, Revere MA 02151  
PROPOSER: City of Revere  
Per Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Environmental Notification Form/Environmental Impact Report and submittal requirements for the above-mentioned project, all environmental justice communities must be notified within one mile of the project area adjacent to Route 1A North Shore Road. Phase 1 of The Route 1A roundabout roadway infrastructure improvement project seeks to promote local connectivity to minimize traffic impact in the point of pines neighborhood and improve access to Gibson Park which is adjacent to the project. The existing ramp system off of Route 1A is not effective for circulation

to the adjacent neighborhood and is challenging for emergency vehicles to access the area. This project also includes the addition of a shared use pathway for pedestrian and bicycle use. The overall project size is approximately 9.5 acres. Phase 2 of the project will connect the east side of the parking lot in Gibson Park to the roadway network for vehicles. The goal of this portion of the project is to increase accessibility to the park by providing access to vehicles in addition to bicycles and pedestrians. The size of this phase of the project is approximately 0.5 acres. The anticipated date of MEPA filing is on or before June 13th 2024 (Day 90) For questions regarding this project, please reach out to Devin Herrick with Weston & Sampson at 978-532-1900 or by email: [herrick.devin@wseinc.com](mailto:herrick.devin@wseinc.com) between the hours of Mon-Fri 8AM - 4 PM. By City of Revere 3/20/24 R

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Any questions can be directed to Vanessa at [vmcgeehan@csfboston.org](mailto:vmcgeehan@csfboston.org) or (617) 398-5459.

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# ConsComm hears of plans for former Lee Trailer Park property

By Journal Staff

The Revere Conservation Commission (ConsComm) held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 6. On hand for the session were chair John Shue and fellow commissioners Nicholas Rudolph, Brian Averbach, Joseph Lavalley, and new member Wilson Correa. Shue also announced the departure of former member Robert Cassidy, who stepped down from his post.

The commissioners took up a number of matters, chief among which was a request for a Notice of Intent (NOI) from Parkway Homes, LLC, for the construction of a 250-unit, seven-story residential development at 2, 12, and 16 Pratt Street and 418 Winthrop Ave.

Rick Salvo of Engineering Alliance and attorney Nancy O'Neill were on hand for the hearing on behalf of Parkway, which has been the developer of two properties in the city. The City Council has issued a special permit for the project, which is the site of the former Lee Trailer Park. Salvo explained that Sales and Green's Creeks are at the rear of the property, both of which are perennial streams that are protected by the Rivers Protection Act. There also is a section of ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern) on the property and some of the land is subject to coastal storm flowage.

Salvo said that the former trailer park, which had been in existence for

decades, had degraded portions of the protected resource areas. He said the new development will not impact those areas and that the developer will be seeking to clean up the riverfront areas, as well as installing four subsurface infiltration facilities that will treat stormwater, which will result in a significant improvement for the water quality of the two nearby creeks.

The ConsComm was not able to take a vote however, because the state DEP has yet to issue a File Number, a formality that is a legal prerequisite before a local ConsComm can issue an NOI. The commissioners scheduled a site visit and continued the matter at its meeting next month, by which time the DEP presumably will have issued a File Number.

A request for an NOI from Maria F. Pereira Raftelis of 100 Arcadia St., proved to be a contentious matter. Ms. Raftelis had come before the board seeking "to remove an existing poured concrete edge and install gravel drip edges around the perimeter of her backyard" so as to eliminate a drainage problem for a neighbor to the left of her property

However, Lorena Escolero, the city's Community Development Planner and Conservation Agent, explained to the commission that the scope of the project had changed because of the high expense of removing all of the concrete.

Shue said that it would be acceptable to the commission if the homeowner

installed a system that would divert the water from the concrete (from where it presently drains onto the neighbor's property) to the rear of her property and away from the neighbor's property.

Averbach instead proposed that the commission issue an Enforcement Order, rather than an NOI, so as to alleviate the problem for the neighbor as expeditiously as possible. Shue explained the scope of the work that would be required per the Enforcement Order, to which Ms. Raftelis agreed.

The neighbor, Lorena Lanza of 98 Arcadia St., appeared before the commission. "We all get water in our yards," said Lanza, who asked the commission to order all of the concrete that had been installed illegally to be removed. Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya told the commissioners that she has seen the water pouring off the concrete pad onto Lanza's property and that the situation should be rectified as soon as possible.

The commission voted unanimously to allow the homeowner to withdraw the request for an NOI and entered an Enforcement Order requiring the work to be completed by June 30.

The next matter was a request by Gregory Olson of 175 Rice Avenue to construct a two-story addition over an existing deck footprint and demolition of an existing deck. Rick Salvo of Engineering Alliance, architect Jay Bradley of Melrose, and

attorney Nancy O'Neill presented the application to the commission. Salvo explained that the addition will be placed on pilings with an enclosure for an elevator at the ground level. The Zoning Board of Appeals already has approved the project. There were no opponents and the commission unanimously approved issuing the NOI.

Ryan Roseen of Goddard Consulting, LLC, of Northborough, presented the next application for an NOI on behalf of Stephen Lakis, the owner of a single-family home at 102 Summer St. (which is on the Belle Isle Marsh), who is seeking to demolish an existing garage, a landing, and a concrete inground pool (which will be filled in) that are located on an adjacent lot. Roseen said these surfaces, which mostly are impervious, will be replaced by a lawn, which will be an improvement in terms of coastal storm flowage.

However, Shue expressed a concern about a 10-foot drop-off at the rear of the garage. In addition, a next-door neighbor also expressed her reservations about the potential effect of the work on her property. The commission voted to continue the matter until more information is received from the owner and Goddard Consulting.

Andrea Garcia came before the commission seeking an NOI for a proposal for a two-story addition (10' x 34') at 23B Bay Rd. Garcia, who represented the homeowner, said the addition is necessary for the owner's large family,

for whom their present home is inadequate.

The commission was unable to take a vote however, because the state DEP has not issued a File Number and the matter was continued to next month's meeting.

The commission heard a Request for a Determination of Applicability from Iman A. Kassas of 16 Dashwood St., who is seeking to utilize an existing foundation to construct a 5' x 8' shed to store a boiler. Shue explained that the housing will be built on the existing porch to enclose the boiler and thus there will be no disturbance of the existing ground surface.

Ms. Kassas presented the application. The commissioners voted for a Negative Determination of Applicability, which means that the matter will not fall within the ConsComm's purview.

The commission heard another Request for a Determination of Applicability by the Point of Pines Yacht Club (PPYC), 28 Rice Ave., which is proposing floating dock storage for 19 yachts on its property east of the club, as it has done the previous two years. Vincent Piccini, the Commodore of the PPYC, presented the application. Shue told his fellow commissioners that there is no impact upon the dunes and the commission voted for a Negative Determination of Applicability.

The commission took up three Enforcement Notices that it had issued for the properties at 12,

14, and 20 Furlong Drive. Attorney Anthony Bruno, representing the city's Inspectional Services Department, explained to the commission that there were found to be a number of alleged issues, including the dumping and storage of hazardous materials. Shue, who had performed a site visit and taken photos, also noted that dirt had been pushed up to the shoreline of Sales Creek, which flows into Belle Isle Marsh, in the rear of the property.

The owner told the commission that the property at 12 Furlong Drive has been cleaned up. However, Shue asked whether the owner had manifests from licensed contractors to show where and how the hazardous materials had been removed.

The tenant of 14 Furlong Drive, who operates an auto repair shop, said he will comply with any of the conditions required by the city, though he noted that many of the issues pertaining to trash on the site are not due to his business.

As for 20 Furlong Drive, attorney Richard Murphy, who represented the owner of the property, said that the problems cited by the city stem from one of the tenants of the building and the owner is working to remedy the issues.

Shue said the commission will perform another site inspection in order to ensure compliance at all three locations.

## CITY PAWS

### Irish Dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Since March is a month when we celebrate all things Irish, we'd like to introduce you to a few dog breeds originating in Ireland. Some, such as The Irish Wolfhound, Irish Setter, Irish Red and White Setter, Irish Water Spaniel, and Irish Terrier, carry their heritage as part of their breed names.

A few carry an Irish place name, such as the Glen of Imaal Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier, and Kerry Beagle. However, you might be surprised to learn that the very popular Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier also traces its ancestry to the Emerald Isle.

We've met quite a few Wheatens, Irish Setters, and Wolfhounds over the years. All three made the top 100 in the American Kennel Club's (AKC)

Most Popular Dog Breeds list at numbers 66, 71, and 89, respectively. We've had rare sightings of the Kerry Blue, Glen of Imaal, and Irish Setter but have never had the opportunity to see the others in the fur.

#### Big or Small: Bred to Work

All these dogs were bred to work for hunting, retrieving, and destroying vermin. The largest, The Irish Wolfhound is said to be able to run down and kill a wolf. Despite its size and background, the breed is described as quiet, affectionate, loyal to its family, and, with proper training, good around children and other dogs.

Our first experience with a Wolfhound was when we walked our very feisty Westie Sassy around our suburban neighborhood. Down the street

trotted Toby, a pony-size Wolfhound, with his person. Sassy, who was highly territorial, gave a sharp bark and a low growl. Toby took one look at her, made a U-turn, and moved away at a much faster pace.

Unfortunately, we could only get to know Toby when Sassy was not with us. Worse, the encounter gave Sassy the mistaken confidence that if she scared away that giant, she could take on horses, cows, and any other large animal she met.

On the other end of the size scale, the AKC writes about the small but mighty Glen of Imaal Terrier: "They were bred to hunt small prey, such as rats, as well as larger targets, such as foxes and badgers (which could weigh more than the dogs, at up to 40 lbs). According to legend, Glens also had a role in the

kitchen, turning a specially designed meat-cooking device called a turnspit—think of a dog-operated rotisserie."

#### Irish Dog Names

We may have a few Irish dogs in the area, but many more dogs have Irish names. In our neighborhood, we've known dogs named Shamrock, Murphy, Erin, Quinn, Fiona, Bailey, Riley, Killian, Brady, Finn, and Finnigan. Perhaps it's this area's

Irish heritage or just a love for the sound of Celtic words.

#### Dog's in Irish Pubs

If, like us, your imagined view of an Irish pub includes dogs sitting beside the men at the bar or under the tables, it's not current. That image comes from popular culture and another age.

From the 1950s until the rules changed in 2017, owners of establishments that served food were only

allowed to let service dogs inside. Today, the law is about the same as it is in Boston and some surrounding towns and cities. It is up to the restaurant or pub owner to decide if they will allow companion animals, and they must meet a set of rules to do so.

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



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