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# **NEWS** BRIEFS

## RESCHEDULED MARATHON DAFFODIL DASH AT SUFFOLK DOWNS

The third annual Marathon Daffodil Dash will take place this Sunday, April 28, from 10am -1pm at Suffolk Downs. Participants will meet at the historic finish line for a fun run based on their age group. Registration is open but spots are limited. All runners registered for **for License** 

## **REVERE LEAGUE OF SPECIAL** NEEDS HOLDS SPRING FLING



Getting ready to serve up a delicious luncheon at Beachmont VFW Post 6712 for the annual League of Special Needs Spring Fling, Annette Duca, Denise Wilson, Pamela M Anderson, Sarah Risteen. See more photos on Page 6.

# Units available for pre-lease at first Suffolk Downs residential building in Revere

By Journal Staff

Pre-leasing has begun at Suffolk Downs first residential building, the beginning of what will be over 10,000 units of housing at the massive redevelopment project in Revere and East Boston.

Last week, the HYM Investment Group, in partnership with Cathexis and National Real Estate Advisors, announced that pre-leasing has begun at Amaya, a 475-unit project that will include over 34,000 square feet of amenities and 24,000 square feet of ground-level retail space.

Managed by Bozzuto, the eight-story residential building will con-

tain a variety of modern one-bedroom, studio, and two-bedroom units. The development team points out that Amaya offers quick, easy access to Downtown Boston and major transit hubs, and is located only 200 feet from the Beachmont Square Blue Line MBTA station, five minutes from Logan Airport, and 10 minutes from Downtown Boston. City officials said they

are happy to see this major step in the transformative project for the region.

"We're excited to see the long-awaited opening of Amaya and we're standing by to open our newest residents to Revere, those who have realized what we already know, our desirable geographic location makes Revere a special place to live," said Mayor Patrick Keefe.

Amaya will offer its residents access to an array of amenities, including a 3,000 square foot, stateof-the-art fitness center, which features an indoor fitness space, personal yoga room, and outdoor Shred Shed<sup>™</sup>, a freestanding fitness system that can actively accommodate up to 30 people. The development and leasing team stated that two courtyards serve as the pillars of Amaya's outdoor spaces, offering access to further amenities such as a swimming pool, seating areas,

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## McKenna upset with decision to keep tide gates open during recent storm

#### By Adam Swift

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna wants to make sure that the DCR shuts the tide gates on the tide gates during that

this month.

## Winthrop Parkway during heavy storms such as the recent Nor'easter earlier

The DCR did not shut

storm along the parkway, causing massive flooding issues for residents in the Beachmont area, from flooded basements to ruined cars, McKenna said.

in their basements, they lost their washers, dryers, boilers," said McKenna. "Some people had three feet of water, some people

"People lost their cars, had two-and-a-half feet of water. They had to tow all of the cars on Leverett Ave. out of there because

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# Busy agenda

## CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS FILM COOKING SHOW



the original event date do not need to register again. All race participants will receive a bib number and race t-shirt.

After the race, there will be activities in the Paddock including snacks, face painting, flower crowns, and a DJ. Local vendors Crepe Shop Boston and Eloti Boston will also be present.

This event is hosted in partnership with City of Revere Parks and Recreation and the Marathon Daffodil Project.

То register, visit: https://www.eventbrite. com/e/marathon-daffodil-dash-rescheduled-tickets-887599533097?



Commission

By Journal Staff

The Revere License Commission (RLC) held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, April 17, in the City Council Chamber. Chair Robert Selevitch and fellow commissioners Liliana Monroy and Dan Occena were on hand for the minute.

The commission tackled a busy agenda that featured a wide range of matters, beginning with a public hearing into allegations "of violations of fire safety regulations and conditions of the commercial parking lot license" by Emerald Business Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Rodeway Inn, 309 American Legion Highway.

Prominent local attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio represented Rodeway at the hearing. "What happened here," said D'Ambrosio, "is that the parking was regulated through a computer system, but the manager of this facility did not properly regulate the computer's RSVP reservation system. This

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Students from the Northeast Metro Tech Culinary Arts Program prepare a creamy chicken pesto orzo dish during the filming of their new program, "Northeast Cooks" at the RevereTV station. From left are Yanisa Mieses, 18, Natalie Velasco Henriquez, 18, Alaxandra Mencia, 18, and Andreas Jaramillo, 16. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

an opportunity to practice

all those skills and to real-

ly hone their professional

their element and to have

them experience some-

thing new that people are

going to see is pretty ex-

citing," said Superinten-

dent DiBarri, who noted

that Revere sends more

students to Northeast Met-

ro Tech than any other

"To get them out of

presentation."

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech Culinary Arts students filmed the first installment of a new cooking show recently for RevereTV.

Four Culinary students prepared a creamy chicken pesto orzo dish on RevereTV for the first installment of a new show called "Northeast Cooks," which feature Northeast will Metro Tech Culinary Arts students making various dishes.

The next installment of the show will be filmed and will air in May.

The collaboration came about after RevereTV reached out to Superintendent DiBarri about potentially working together, and DiBarri and Culinary students jumped at the opportunity.

Yanisa Mieses, 18, Natalie Velasco Henriquez, 18, Alaxandra Mencia, 18, and Andreas Jaramillo, 16, all of Revere, participated in the first episode.

"It's an amazing opportunity," said Culinary Department Head Elizabeth Henderson. "They to get to practice their presentation skills, their knife skills, and cooking skills, while also explaining, describing and finishing a dish to present to the public. It's



A student scoops up some of the creamy chicken pesto orzo dish that Culinary Arts students made during a filming of Northeast Cooks, the students' new cooking show on RevereTV.

community.

Anthony Caggiano, Revere's representative to the Northeast Metro Tech School Committee, said students will eventually take over producing and running the show as well, creating an opportunity for even more students to use the skills they are learning at Northeast Metro Tech.

"It's great for the students insofar as they get to show their skills to their family and friends, and someday they'll be able to show their kids and to put this on their resume," said Caggiano.

"I think this is going to be a great collaboration for RevereTV and the Culinary students," said Mark Forente, Chairman of RevereTV. "It will also be great for the kids from Revere to advertise and show what they're doing in school."

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## JIMMY FUND WALK FINISH LINE TO MOVE TO THE BOSTON COMMON FOR 2024 EVENT

The annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai will culminate at a new finish line this year – inside the heart of the city, at the Boston Common due to ongoing construction in Copley Square. Just a short walk further down Boylston Street, thousands of walkers will join together as they have for more than 35 years to celebrate their beloved Walk in America's oldest public park.

Scheduled for Sunday, October 6, funds raised from the Jimmy Fund

# REVERE STUDENTS VISIT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Students from Revere High School and City Lab High School attended Student Government Day on Friday, April 5th along with representatives of districts across the state. They took part in a hearing on the floor of the House of Representatives on two bills currently being considered by the legislature: Bill H1261 - An Act improving access to affordable higher education, and Bill S.311 - An Act relative to educator diversity. In addition, they had a chance to explore the State House and meet with Representatives Giannino and Turco.

Shown in above photo, Revere High Student Representatives Fatima B. and Erta Ismahili with Representative Turco. Shown in photo below, Erta Ismahili and Fatima B. with Representative Giannino and City Lab's Representatives Kimberly Costello and Joshua Rodriguez.



Walk support all forms of
adult and pediatric patient
care and cancer research at
the nation's premier can cer center, Dana-Farber
Cancer Institute.
"We are excited for

"We are excited for walkers this year to cross the finish line in the Boston Common," said Suzanne Fountain, vice president of the Jimmy Fund. "The move to the Boston Common, affectionately known as the 'People's Park,' marks a symbolic common finish line-a world without cancer. By gathering in Boston Common, we are honoring Boston's roots as a city for the people, connected by a common cause. We are eager to get out on the course and see all our outstanding walkers and teams come together to defy cancer."

One Walk, Four Distances, For All Cancers

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon® course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K Walk (from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Longwood Medical Campus); 10K Walk (from Newton); Half Marathon Walk (from Wellesley); and Marathon Walk (from Hopkinton). Walkers can participate virtually, as well.

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be supported by hundreds of volunteers and treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course. Poster-sized photographs of patients - Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes -are the heart of the event and displayed along the course as inspiration. All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Street. Finish line activities will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$176 million for Dana-Farber Cancer in its 35-year history, raising a record-breaking \$9.4 million in 2023. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the

## HOCKEY GAME FUNDRAISER FOR WOUNDED VET RUN HELD IN WINTHROP



Revere City Councillors Juan Pablo Jaramillo (left) and Marc Silvestri are shown with Andy Biggio (right), the organizer of the Vet Run at the Wounded Vet Run Hockey Fundraiser on Saturday at the Larsen Hockey Rink in Winthrop where Revere Police participated to raise funds for the Wounded Vet Run happening on May 19.

org.

Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor for more than 20 years.

To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk. org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

### BEAUTIFY REVERE SLATED FOR SAT., APRIL 27

Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. is excited to host the annual Beautify Revere spring clean-up, an Earth Day initiative to clean and enrich neighborhoods across the City, on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 9:00am at City Hall (281 Broadway).

The first 100 residents who arrive at City Hall will receive free t-shirts. Following the kickoff at 9:00am, participants break off to one of five cleanup areas across the City: Broadway (City Hall), Point of Pines Yacht Club, Costa Park (Shirley Ave), Beachmont Memorial Park (across from Toretta's), and the North Revere Fire Station. Participants will be asked to call 311 for trash pick-up throughout the course of the cleanup. The clean-up will go on until 12:00pm, at which time all participants are invited back to the Mc-Mackin Memorial Lawn (249 Broadway) for a barbeque celebration and a beer garden, hosted by Parks and Recreation and local favorite, Murray's Tavern.

## MBTA ANNOUNCES ENHANCED SPRING 2024 FERRY SCHEDULES

The MBTA announced upcoming improvements to the Lynn, Winthrop/ Quincy, and weekend Hingham/Hull ferry services starting this spring, including the addition of weekend Lynn ferry trips, other enhanced options for ferry riders, and improvements to the customer experience. These upgrades aim to provide more convenient schedules for ferry passengers, increase seasonal ridership, and improve reliability during times of potential crowded waterways. Ferry schedules are available now at mbta.com/Ferry.

#### Lynn Ferry Information:

The Lynn ferry will operate 10 trips per day on weekdays starting April 29 with minor schedule adjustments compared to the 2023 season to better manage ferry movements through the harbor and reduce possible delays due to congested waterways. With a commitment to enhancing transportation options to the Lynn community, 11 new weekend trips will also operate this season beginning Saturday, May 25. The Lynn ferry operates between the Blossom Street Pier and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf (North) October through 31. Schedules are available at mbta.com/Ferry.

on weekdays this season between Winthrop, Quincy, Logan Airport, and the downtown Boston area at Aquarium / Central Wharf (South), increasing service to Quincy and Winthrop, providing direct trips from Quincy to Boston, and expanding service to the Seaport. Winthrop/ Quincy ferry service operates April 29 through November 30. Schedules are available at mbta.com/ Ferry.

A one-way fare on the Winthrop ferry is \$6.50 (or \$3.25 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board. Commuter Boat or Commuter Rail Zone 1 (or higher) passes and M7 cards are also accepted.

#### Hingham/Hull Information:

The Hingham/Hull ferry operates 38 weekday trips year-round and will operate 32 trips on Saturdays and 28 trips on Sundays this season between Hingham, Hull, Logan Airport Georges Island, and Downtown Boston. Schedule adjustments have been made this season to provide better service to riders, including a modification to eliminate an afternoon gap in weekend Hull service and efficiency improvements to the Saturday-only late-night trip from Boston to Hull, among other upgrades. Weekend Hingham/Hull ferry service will resume beginning Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25, and operate through Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day weekend, Sunday, October 13. Schedules are available at mbta.com/Ferry. For more information about MBTA ferry routes, visit mbta.com/Ferry 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.



Mayor Keefe's State of the City Address aired live on RevereTV on Wednesday, April 10th, and it is still replaying on RTV GOV through this week. After this upcoming weekend, you can watch this address and all city related recordings on RevereTV's YouTube page. The speech took place at the Susan B. Anthony Middle School and included words from the mayor's Chief of Staff, Claudia Correa, and former State Representative and Speaker of the House, Robert DeLeo. This was Mayor Patrick Keefe's first State of the City Address.

Revere Boxing is a non-profit outreach program that provides after-school lessons to kids in Revere as an outlet for stress release and expression. The coaches are local professional boxers and fitness experts. RevereTV was able to cover Revere Boxing's first annual Rumble in Revere at Revere High School. This was a nearly four hour event of twenty matchups featuring student athletes, RHS alumni, and the Revere Boxing team. You can watch this entire event in the evening on the Community Channel over the next few weeks. The full recording is also posted to RTV's YouTube page.

As part of Victoria Fabbo's full day in the RTV Kitchen Studio, she just released two more episodes of "Fabulous Foods." The two episodes now playing on the Community Channel are focused on desserts. A special guest joins Victoria, her friend Danette, who has a business called Nummies by Netters making sweet treats. Victoria and Danette lead you through taking simple snacks and making them more delightful by dipping them in chocolate and other toppings. Watch how to make your own as this episode now plays on RTV and is posted to YouTube. Continue watching "Fabulous Foods" in the second new episode as Victoria demonstrates her take on carrot cake. As a registered dietician, Victoria usually brings health-conscious recipes that are sometimes a little different than expected, and that is the same for her desserts. All episodes of "Fabulous Foods" play on the Community Channel where you can follow along in your own kitchen, or watch at your own pace on YouTube.

The Revere Chamber of Commerce had their Swearing-In of Officers Ceremony at the Marina on the Wharf. RevereTV recorded this event and it is now playing on the Community Channel. This coverage is scheduled with the Chamber's newest episode of "The Wave" which features John Festa from the City's Department of Economic Development. The episode is all about the future of Revere's business districts and the hope and plans for a revitalized Broadway corridor. Watch this new episode on the Community Channel for the next few weeks or on YouTube.

On RTV GOV, expect to see the latest rotation of meetings along with the State of the City Address. The meeting replays include the License Commission, Parking Advisory Committee, Traffic Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Revere Board of Health. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 for RCN subscribers. You must be a cable subscriber in Revere to watch on TV, otherwise, you can watch on YouTube. Please e-mail Rose Burns, Mayor's Aide, with questions: rburns@revere.



Gerry D'Ambrosio Attorney at Law



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#### Winthrop/Quincy Ferry Information:

The Winthrop/Quincy ferry will operate 13 trips

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fire pits, lounge area with grills, and outdoor fitness activities.

Additional amenities at Amaya include the convenient lounge areas that serve as flexible workfrom-home spaces with small-group work pods and banquette nooks, as well as designated spaces for communal working and gathering. The lounge space extends with an outdoor terrace and chef's kitchen for gatherings. There is also a game room and arcade space on-site, featuring a pool table, shuffleboard table, darts nook, arcade games and a bar/lounge area.

"I think it is going to be wonderful," said Ward 1 City Councillor Joanne McKenna. "We have been sitting down for the last eight years talking about this. They have had tons of community meetings, and if you ask (the development team) to do something, they seem to do it.

"I just think it is going to be great for the area, especially with the commercial development, we need the commercial so bad."

Amaya will also offer pet-friendly living options, featuring a pet-spa equipped with Shore-line Elite Grooming Showers. Residents will benefit

from a fully secure package room which includes refrigerator storage, 24/7 resident access, and storage lockers, as well as an in-building parking garage featuring both EV charging and bike racks with fix-it stations.

Amaya will be connected to a l community hub of neighborhood retail, open space and civic spaces within Beachmont Square, a 1.7M square feet, vibrant mixed-use neighborhood serving as a gateway to all of Suffolk Downs. Residents will enjoy the nearby access to The Track at Suffolk Downs, including The Dog Park, community events, and concerts hosted at The Stage at Suffolk Downs.

"Today, The HYM Investment Group is excited to announce the pre-leasing of Amaya," said Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of HYM late last week. "As the first residential project delivered within Suffolk Downs, Amaya represents a new standard of modern living in the Greater Boston area, with high-quality residences, a vibrant experience community and unparalleled ameni-

ties. We are proud to bring this vision to life and look forward to welcoming our first residents to Beachmont Square."

Jeff Kane, President and CEO of National Real Estate Advisors, said Amaya reflects National's commitment to delivering high-quality assets while seeking to generate longterm returns for clients and creating local job opportunities through visionary projects.

"As long-time investors in the Greater Boston area, we are thrilled to announce this exciting milestone in the transformative Suffolk Downs redevelopment," he said.

Ron Moss, General Manager at Bozzuto said that located in the heart of Beachmont Square, Amaya offers residents high-quality amenities. ground-level retail, and easy access to Boston.

More information about the leasing options are available online at liveamaya.com. Studio apartments start at \$2,350 per month for approximately 400 square feet, while one bedrooms are listed starting at \$3,100 per month for 650 to 700 square feet.

As we gather to celebrate **Fassover**, we reflect on the enduring spirit of freedom and the precious blessings Wishing our Jewish friends & neighbors a Passover filled with warmth, of our community. May this Passover togetherness, & the joy of shared traditions. Chag Pesach Sameach! inspire each of us to feel the joy of liberation



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Seder table be surrounded by loved ones and your hearts filled with joy this Passover.

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HONORING THE PAST

richness of tradition and the joy of family and friends.



Juan Pablo Jaramillo & Family City Councillor-at-Large

Wishing you a beautiful Passover season filled with memorable moments and lasting happiness.



**ANGELA GUARINO-SAWAYA** Ward 5 City Councillor

May you find peace and joy in the traditions of Passover and the company of good friends and family.





**May your Passover** be as sweet as the wine and as joyous as the songs.



AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE THIS PASSOVER. **BEST WISHES FOR** PEACE AND PROSPERITY



COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE MARC SILVESTRI & FAMILY

Wishing you a Passover overflowing with love and cherished moments



John Kingston School Committee member

Wishing you a Passover filled with the warmth of community and the strength of tradition.

## Anthony Caggiano

**Revere School Committee** Northeast Regional Vocational High School School Committee



Sending heartfelt wishes for a Passover that fills your home with joy and your heart with pride.



**BOB HAAS** Councillor-at-Large

Warm wishes for a Passover filled with joy & meaningful moments!



**Chris Giannino** Ward 6 City Councillor



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## EARTH DAY SINCE 1970: WINNING SOME BATTLES. BUT LOSING THE WAR

For those of us who were around for the first Earth Day in 1970, the steady but sure demise of our environment over the past 54 years has been nothing less than depressing.

When the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, Americans on all sides of the political spectrum were united in the effort to clean up the environment in the wake of the disastrous oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara, California, in January of 1969 and the spectacle of the chemical-laden Cuyahoga River in Cleveland catching fire a few months later.

Congress passed a bill, signed by Richard Nixon, creating the Environmental Protection Agency in December, 1970, and soon thereafter enacted the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act, all of which have accomplished a great deal to make our environment a healthier place both for us and the plants and animals with whom we share this planet.

However, with 50 years of hindsight, it is apparent that we fell victim to the well-worn axiom that we didn't see the forest for the trees. All of the good that was accomplished by improving our air and water quality and saving some species from extinction has been far outweighed by the insidious onslaught of climate change that threatens to make the planet uninhabitable for almost every living thing, other than perhaps for cockroaches (which have been around for more than 300 million years).

Global warming, both of the air and the oceans, poses an existential threat to life as we know it, and is accelerating faster than even the worst-case scenarios that some climate scientists had predicted. Climate change epitomizes what scientists refer to as a positive feedback loop: The hotter we are today, the hotter we will be tomorrow.

Ocean temperatures have set heat records every day for the past year, and still are climbing. As a result, more than 50% of the world's coral reefs presently are "bleached" and dying.

But with the world's energy needs growing exponentially thanks to the industrialization of underdeveloped nations and the need in developed nations for ever-increasing sources of energy to run our AI computers, the chances of reducing our reliance on fossil fuels is all but zero for the foreseeable future.

Even more insidiously, we literally are drowning in a sea of plastic waste. For those of us who grew up in the 60s, it is sadly ironic that the catch-word for the future in the movie, The Graduate, was, "Plastics!" -- and now, 60 years later, we have learned that microplastics are accumulating in our tissues and in every organ in our bodies because they are in the food we eat and the water we drink.

Perhaps the coup de grace for the planet's demise is that environmental groups are now their own worst enemies. The push to build wind and solar farms has been met by pushback from groups who insist on mandatory environmental reviews -- established by those laws in the 1970s - that can hold up the installation of transmission lines for these clean energy projects for more than a decade. In short, we have won many battles in the effort to clean up our environment and to save endangered plants and animals since the first Earth Day. We can swim and fish in Boston Harbor and even in the Charles River (the subject of the 1960s rock anthem, Dirty Water). The seal (and great white shark) population, which was non-existent in this area in 1970, has returned to Cape Cod in the tens of thousands each summer.

# **#Forum**

## GUEST OP-ED

## Retail theft impacts consumer and employee safety, residential quality of life

#### By DA Kevin Hayden

Two women are facing shoplifting charges after police recovered approximately 200 stolen clothing items in the vehicle they used to flee after shoplifting on Newbury Street Monday, and an Everett man was charged Tuesday for stealing over \$5,000 worth of designer sunglasses from Faneuil Hall Marketplace, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

The shoplifting arraignments come amid an effort by Hayden's office to work with retailers, police and the business community to increase consumer and employee safety and to help address closures of Boston stores. Four Walgreens pharmacies have closed in the city over the last two years.

"Store-based theft, especially targeted theft by repeat offenders, is a factor we must address in our effort to provide our residents convenient access to pharmacies and other retail stores. It's an issue that affects quality of life for everyone and it's an issue we're taking seriously, both by addressing the crimes themselves and the underlying circumstances," Hayden said.

Monet Williams, 28, of Lowell was charged with shoplifting by asportation and common and notorious thief. Kayla Harris, 29, of Mattapan, was charged with shoplifting by asportation. Judge James Coffey ordered both Williams and Harris to stay away from the Zara on Newbury Street. Both are due back in Central BMC on May 29. At about 12:25 p.m. on April 8, Boston police responded to Zara at 212 Newbury Street for a larceny in progress. Officers were informed by a store employee that the suspects took six items worth \$163.40 and then got into a navy Jeep driven by a third person and fled toward Massachusetts Avenue.

Officers conducted a traffic stop and observed the driver, later identified as Harris, the front seat passenger, later identified as Williams, and a male passenger seated in the rear driver side seat and multiple trash bags filled with clothing items.

Harris told officers they were in Zara but did not take anything and her jacket had set the alarm off. Williams told officers none of the items in the car were from Zara and she was planning to bring the clothes to a baby shower later in the day.

Officers recovered all of the stolen items described except for a white T-shirt. Officers also recovered approximately 200 additional items from the vehicle from brands such as Nike, Target, and Old Navy with price tags still attached without any receipts. These items were mostly contained in white trash bags or loosely strewn about the vehicle. A pair of wire cutters were recovered from Williams' jacket pocket.

Williams has open cases in West Roxbury BMC and Lowell District Court, including larceny and assault and battery.

Richard Payne, 48, of Everett was charged with larceny over \$1200 by single scheme and common and notorious thief as a result of an ongoing investigation into multiple larcenies from Sunglass Hut between December and April, in which 16 pairs of Versace sunglasses were stolen with a total estimated retail value of \$5530.

At about 1:20 p.m. on April 8, Boston police observed Payne enter Sunglass Hut in Faneuil Hall Marketplace. As the detective walked into the store, he announced "Boston police" which caused Payne to remove the sunglasses from his pants and place them back on the display case. Payne was wearing the same distinctive pompom knit hat, black framed glasses, black ski-mask, and black shoes from the previous incidents.

On December 16, 2023, Payne took two pairs of Versace sunglasses and returned on December 18, 2023, and took two more pairs, with a retail value of \$1,444. Payne was seen wearing the same shoes, backpack, glasses, and ski-mask on both days.

On January 14, Payne was seen walking into the store with a multi-colored knit hat, a black ski-mask, black shoes and black glasses holding a notebook. Payne took three pairs of Versace sunglasses and returned on January 16, and took four more pairs, totaling \$2,482 worth of stolen merchandise.

On March 30, Payne was seen wearing a multi-colored knit hat with a pom-pom on top, and a black ski-mask, black glasses and clothing and took three pairs of sunglasses, worth \$975.

Police recovered two pairs of sunglasses, worth over \$600 from the April 8 incident.

Police also recovered a multi-colored knit cap with a pom-pom, a black ski-mask, a dark colored backpack, a notebook, a

gray and black jacket, and

black glasses from Payne,

all items he was seen

wearing during the previ-

board of probation record

dating back to 1992 with

numerous larceny and

Payne has a 29-page

ous reported incidents.

shoplifting convictions.

office is Hayden's working with regional retailer groups and small business owners to discuss safety concerns and to help store managers strategize responses to shoplifting and retail larcenies. The meetings have come amid increasing national and local frustrations around retail crime, along with concerns over the closure of stores serving minority communities in Boston.

"We want shoppers to feel safe going into stores and we want retailers and their employees to feel safe in their work environments. Many consumers still enjoy an in-store shopping experience and we want to help retailers continue to provide it to them," Hayden said.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

Although our air and water are free of many of the substances, such as leaded gasoline, emissions from coal-fired power plants, and DDT, that were poisoning the earth in 1970, their removal was just low-hanging fruit, amounting to nothing more than Pyrrhic victories.

The inconvenient truth is that climate change, an unheard-of concept in 1970, has left all living beings (except for the cockroaches) in a far more precarious place than we were 54 years ago.



By Sen. Ed Markey

There are a lot of reasons why I'm honored to serve the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and its natural beauty holds a special place in my heart. From the world-famous beaches of Cape Cod to the breathtaking Berkshires, Mother Nature is here in all her glory in our communities. When I'm working on Capitol Hill alongside the members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation fighting for the people of the state, I always keep in mind the importance of protecting our natural environment and ensuring a livable future.

Under President Joe

work to do.

Judge James Coffey ordered Payne held on \$2,500 bail and to stay away from Sunglass Hut. Payne is due back in Central BMC on May 7.

> GUEST OP-ED Happy Earth Day!

Biden, we've taken hisan intersectional, intertoric strides to protect our generational movement mobilizing and organizair and our drinking water, to promote environmental ing to address this global challenge. That's why, justice, and to reduce the harmful pollution fueling five years ago, I partnered the climate crisis. The Inwith Rep. Alexandria Ocflation Reduction Act is asio-Cortez to introduce the largest climate and the Green New Deal, a clean energy bill ever to resolution that is transpass in American history, forming our national cliand it is already helping mate agenda by creating to deploy the solar, wind, new union jobs, delivering energy efficiency, offshore long-overdue justice, and wind, battery, and other reducing emissions. It's a clean energy technologies winning strategy: 89% of that will help bring an Americans support at least end to fossil fuels. But we one of the policies put forknow there is much more ward in the Green New Deal. We're already seeing Friend, as you know, these popular policies take there is no Planet B. We effect in Massachusetts: in can't afford to kick the Boston, a Green New Deal issue of climate change was put into place for all down the road. We need public schools, and every

Kevin Hayden is the District Attorney representing Suffolk County.

new or renovated municipal building must operate without fossil fuels.

Friend, this Earth Day, I'm proud of the work we've done, and I'm energized for the work that lies ahead. In every race, up and down every ballot, it is critical that we vote for candidates who recognize that it is our responsibility to combat the climate crisis and enact solutions in all of our 351 cities and towns. In 2024, let's resolve to protect and defend every inch of our state's natural beauty for generations to come.

Senator Ed Markey is a U.S. Senator representing Massachusetts.

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## Flooding // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

of the flooding."

McKenna said the excessive flooding during the April storm was because the DCR did not shut the flood gates.

"All of the water flowed down the street into this low-lying community," said McKenna. "I was

on the phone with them twice saying that this is a Nor'easter, we shouldn't take this for granted, and they were saying that the tides were only going to be 13 feet high and they didn't think it was warranted to shut the gate."

The councillor said the

DCR didn't listen to her concerns, which ended up being realized when the tides flooded the neighborhood.

"Winthrop Parkway, Leverett Ave., Broadsound Ave., they all had water up to Dolphin and Endicott," said McKenna. "It was a



McKenna noted that the tide gates had always been closed during storms in the past, alleviating some of the flooding issues in the neighborhood during those storms.

In addition to the damage to homes and cars, McKenna said she recently worked with the city to secure a grant for a major upgrade to Leach Park at Leverett and Broadsound, and the park was under three feet of water during the recent storm.

"In past storms, if they shut the gate, we got minimal water," said McKenna. "This went all the way down to Dolphin Ave. and Endicott Ave."

The day after the storm, McKenna said she spoke with Mayor Patrick Keefe, and the mayor told McKenna that he and the councillor would make the decision of when the tide gates should be shut in Beachmont for future storms.



Flooding as seen on Leverett and Broadsound Ave.



Waves crash over the seawall at Short Beach on Winthrop Parkway.

## Healey-Driscoll Admin. names Alison Brizius new Coastal Zone Management Director

#### Special to the Journal

occurs in the neighborhood.

Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper today announced Alison Brizius's appointment to Assistant Secretary and Director of the Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM). CZM leads the state's policy and planning on coastal and ocean issues. The Office's mission is to balance the impact of human activities with the protection of coastal and marine resources through planning, public involvement, education, research, and sound resource management.

Healey-Driscoll The Administration recently launched the Resilient-Coasts initiative, a holistic and proactive strategy to guide state and local coastal resiliency policy and action. Brizius will oversee this initiative as well as implement the state's coastal programs under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, ensuring environmental justice and equity is embedded into this work. She starts May 6.

of climate change, experiencing more frequent and significant storms, increased flooding and erosion, and rising sea levels. It's important now more than ever to have a strong, bold, and innovative person leading CZM," said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "The Healey-Driscoll Administration is taking a whole-of-government approach to protecting the state's coastlines and adapting for the future. Alison Brizius is the perfect person to help us meet this moment. Her background and expertise demonstrate her ability to tackle challenging issues and prove she is the right

person for the job." "I am honored to join the Healey-Driscoll Ad-



Alison Brizius.

ronmental justice and sustainability that will benefit Massachusetts for generations to come."

Alison Brizius joins CZM from the City of Boston, where she previously served as Commissioner of Environment. In that role, she was responsible for leading the Department in addressing climate change impacts, such as achieving net zero emissions while protecting air, water, climate, and land resources, enhancing environmental justice, and improving Boston residents' quality of life. Previously, Brizius was the city's Director of Climate and Environmental Planning. Prior to that, she served as the Executive Director of

the Center for Robust Decision-making on Climate and Energy Policy (RD-CEP) at the University of Chicago, a multi-institutional interdisciplinary center founded to improve society's ability to respond to climate change and energy supply challenges. She received her Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Chicago.

The following statements of support were offered.

#### **Boston Mayor Michelle Wu**

"As Massachusetts confronts the urgent challenges of climate change along our coastlines, Alison Brizius' appointment as Assistant Secretary and Director of the Office of Coastal Zone Manage ment marks a pivotal moment for the state. As the Environment Department Commissioner for the City of Boston, Alison's steadfast commitment to environmental stewardship put us on track to be a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable city. We will miss Alison in City Hall, but know that her leadership in this role will benefit our city and the entire Commonwealth."

#### **Betsy Nicholson, North Regional Director**, **NOAA Office for**

**Coastal Management** "I am thrilled to help welcome Alison to her new post as Assistant Secretary and CZM Director. She brings wholesale climate resilience experience with the City of Boston and a strong collaborative spirit that will be essential to partnering with NOAA and many others to bring innovative climate solutions to communities, infrastructure, and our coastal ecosystems. I look forward to serving alongside Alison and her talented and seasoned team at CZM."

of getting complex things done, while deftly steering between the various points of view that hold things back. Her commitment to action-oriented resilience will ensure we build a safer and more equitable Boston, as well as other coastal communities. I look forward to continuing to work with Alison in her new role."

#### Kathy Abbott, President and CEO, **Boston Harbor Now**

"With her extensive background in climate adaptation and resilience, coupled with her proven leadership in making real progress on coastal resilience in Boston, Alison is exceptionally qualified to join Secretary Tepper's team and lead the Healey-Driscoll administration's ResilientCoasts plan to drive comprehensive solutions for our coastal communities. Boston Harbor Now looks forward to working with Dr. Brizius and her team at CZM to ensure our region's waterfront remains resilient, sustainable, and accessible for future generations."

The open tide gates on Winthrop Parkway provided no defense to the recent flooding that

"Our coastal communities are on the front lines ministration as they elevate the state's focus on climate change. Our coastlines are a huge part of Massachusetts' identity - it's our culture, economy, and livelihood. Protecting our coastal environments and communities is a task I'm eager to take on," added Brizius. "I'm excited to be joining such a talented team at CZM and am eager to work with them to enhance resilience, envi-

#### Amy Longsworth, **Executive Director**, **Boston Green Ribbon** Commission

"Protecting Boston's 47 miles of coastline from the impacts of climate change is urgent; with the water at our door, we need a leader with courage who can think quickly, practically, holistically and innovatively. I think of no one better suited than Alison to lead this charge. She has a tremendous track record

## Whelan School raises money for Pediatric Brain Cancer research

#### Special to the Journal

Whelan School student Maya Bragdon's battle with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, or DIPG, started when she was six years old.

During COVID remote learning in 2020, her mom noticed her balance

was off, and Maya started complaining that her hand wouldn't stop shaking.

Her parents took her to Boston Children's Hospital, where the worst was confirmed: Maya had DIPG, an aggressive tumor of the brainstem. DPIG almost always affects the pediatric population, with approximately 200 to 300 new cases each year in the United States.

DIPG has no cure and only palliative treatments, and most patients survive less than one year. However, Maya battled for 13 months, enduring clinical trials and multiple sessions of radiation.

Sadly, Maya died from the disease on January 9, 2022. She was seven years old.

Recently, Maya's mom, Kimberly, and twin sister, Abigail, were at the Whelan School to kick off a fundraising effort at the school to help end DPIG.

"The Cure Starts Now is the family we needed, and they continue to help us honor Maya's memory through fundraising in her name for a cure for this awful disease," said Kimberly.

At the Whelan, the school community participated in The Cure Starts Now's "Caps for the Cure" fundraiser in Maya's memory.

Caps for the Cure is a fun and easy way to raise much-needed funds and awareness for pediatric brain cancer research. All Whelan students and staff were encouraged to bring in donations, and in ex-



Kimberly and Abigail Bragdon.

change, they had the ability to wear a hat for the day.

"It was so heartwarming to be part of such an awesome fundraiser in honor of Maya's memory," said Whelan Principal Rachel Shanley. "My hope is that both Kimberly Bragdon and Abigail Bragdon feel the warmth surrounding them. I'm always in awe

of how the Whelan family comes together to support one another. Many thanks to the Whelan staff, the Bragdon family, and Caps for the Cure for coming together to make this fundraiser possible."

Those still wishing to make a donation in Maya's memory can visit capsforthecure.org.



Assistant Principals Daniel Gallucci and Nicole Cascetta, Kimberly and Abigail Bragdon and Principal Rachel Shanley

## THE REVERE LEAGUE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS HOSTS A SPRING FLING AT THE BEACHMONT VFW POST 6712

Last week the Revere League for Special Needs held their annual Spring Fling. This event officially kicks off the warmer weather. DJ Alan Labella was on hand to keep the clients and guests on the dance floor, and a special thanks to Post 6712 for the use of the hall for the social.



The Revere League for Special Needs with DJ Alan LaBella.



Mark Schneider and Andrea Bright on the dance floor.



Stephen Prizio and Margo Johnson.





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Clients from the 104 Broadway home in attendance of the Spring Fling.

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Gene Bakinowski at the buffet table.



George Breschi heads to the table with his lunch.



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# STUDENT SENATE STAR

# the student senate star

The Student Senate Star (S.S.S) is Revere High School's very own spot in the Revere Journal, where student voice shines bright! Submissions will be open for our editions sent out during the last week of every month as we hope to increase visibility of youth voice in Revere. Whether its op-eds, poems, stories, or any other form of writing, we hope to showcase the unique perspective of students across the city. Some pieces will be signed by writers, while other pieces may be signed "Student Senate Star" to preserve anonymity. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, email studentsenaterhs@gmail.com and/or reach out to our Instagram, @rhs.studentsenate! Enjoy our ninth edition!

# THE WAY I'M BUILE

I hide myself, I take all the pain, I never let you see me down, I Never let you see me cry. It may Not be best, but it's all I can do. I Don't want to cry, I don't want to Laugh either, so what else is there to Do except hide it all.

I'm hurting but you never seem To notice, I guess I'm like a spy, Hiding a secret identity. I want to Be noticed but I don't want you to Notice me. I want you to see how Much I'm hurting but I don't want You to see me cry.

I want you to love me, but I don't Want you to see me. The real me. I'm scared, you might hate me, you Might reject me. You might think I'm Not worthy, you might think I'm not Useful. I'm so tired already and I Don't want to be like this anymore. But what choice do I have? It's the Way I'm built.

> — Shine Brightly, Student Senate Star

of other backgrounds. As the President – who has now been in power for over two decades – announces his plans to not run for reelection, the future of his party and the nation's interest seems to be shifting in favor of İmamoğlu's conservative image.

As the new Istanbul mayor beat his rival Murat Kurum of the Justice and Development Party, some said his "diverse background enables him to connect with people of different backgrounds . . . social classes as well as cultural classes, conservative as well as secular people ... ". However, the Republican People's Party's actions that have directly called for the deportation of Syrian refugees contradict his seemingly accepting stance. After winning an earlier election in the Istanbul district, İmamoğlu entered the political scene only around a decade ago. Still, he has enjoyed his fair share of scandals and arrests, with a judge sentencing him to prison for insulting other public officials in a case that is now in appeal. Now dealing with a tender-rigging charge from last year, the opposition party faces deep fragmentation in their journey to topple the nation's ruling government. Even as critics, including the US State Department, have claimed the charges are a direct

what the future holds for both parties, especially given the major upsets that will occur in the 2028 Presidential Election as Erdoğan steps down.

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# LEADING TURKISH PARLY FACES DRAMALIC UPSEL IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

"One-man rule is over," says newly elected Istanbul Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu, whose win marks a sea-change in the party politics of the capital city and the nation. İmamoğlu is now expected to be the main challenger for President Erdoğan's reign, who himself ran Istanbul throughout the 1990s. While their road to power seems similar, their party values are direct opposites. Incumbent Erdoğan, who represents the Justice and Development Party, has led an explicitly religious government,



İmamoğlu's while Republican People's Party has been defined by its staunchly secularist and conservative perspective, discriminating against Muslims and people attack on political freedom, Erdoğan and his party continue to assert they act objectively in their treatment of the Republican People's Party, which directly challenges their authority.

In 2019, President Erdoğan famously said that "whoever wins Istanbul wins Türkiye," which has proven to be concerning for the future of where his party stands. After winning 36 out of 81 total province elections, the Republican People's Party is not merely promising for İmamoğlu's prospects of winning the presidency, but also diminishing the Justice and Development Party's historic rule. Having won the absolute majority in the Turkish Parliament only one year after its founding, the Justice and Development Party (AKP) has held onto its firm grip ever since. Despite Erdoğan's being barred from holding office after a 1998 conviction for reading a poem that was defined by its religious hatred, he would go on to become Türkiye's first directly elected President in 2014. As the political journeys of both Erdoğan and İmamoğlu draw similarities in their experiences with suppression of speech, their parties continue to move in opposite directions. Only time will tell



# IN the limelight: Revere high Rock ensemble Performs rush!

After long months of tuning guitars, swapping out drumsticks, and soundchecking microphones, the Revere High School Rock Ensemble is taking the stage May 3rd and 4th at 7PM to perform songs from the legendary rock powerhouse Rush! With a wide setlist spanning decades, the band has taken experimenting with new sounds to the limit. Featuring the new RHS Pop Ensemble as an opener, with GMS Rock Ensemble performing on Saturday the 4th, be sure to support and enjoy a blast from the past in the comfort of the RHS Auditorium: no time machine necessary!

## **OBITUARIES**

## Jo-Ann (Raphanella) Wood

Truly the matriarch of her family

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Monday, April 22nd in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St, Revere for Jo-Ann (Raphanella) Wood who died unexpectedly at her home on Tuesday, April 16th. She was 83 years old. A funeral service followed the visiting hours in the funeral home and Interment was held privately.

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Jo-Ann was born in Boston on February 10th, 1941 to her late parents, Domenic and Marie (De-Maino) Raphanella. She was one of six children. She was raised in Revere and educated in Chelsea Public Schools. At a young age, Jo-Ann lost her dear mother which forced her to leave school to help support the family. She earned her GED and became a nurse's aide at the Chelsea Memorial Hospital. On June 21st, 1959 Jo-Ann married the love of her life, Jim Wood. The couple remained in Revere and began their life together. They happily raised their three children and Jo-Ann changed careers and began working in banking. Jo-Ann worked at the Revere Federal Bank, Danvers Savings Bank and lastly People United before retiring after 25 years as a customer sales manager.

In retirement, she became an active member of the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center where she participated in many activities, particularly bocce. In addition, she enjoyed gardening, bowling, crafting, shopping, and above all cooking. Her passion was her family and cooking

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for them. She cherished watching her family eat the many delicious meals she prepared. All were welcomed in her home and at her dinner table, especially her children's friends. She was truly the matriarch of her family and she was loved unconditionally by them all.

The beloved wife of 64 years to James R. Wood of Revere, she was the loving mother of Deanna M. Mullally of Carver, Michael J. Wood and his wife, Robyn R. of East Sandwich and David S. Wood and his wife, Mary E. of Hanson; the cherished grandmother of Stephen Mullally and his wife, Emily of Frankford, Ontario, Canada, Patrick Mullally and his fiancé, Katie Zeitz of Escondido, CA, Julia M. Wood and her fiancé, David Hughes of Brooklyn, NY, Elana M. Wood and Erin M. Wood, both of Hanson and the late Olivia R. Wood; the adored great grandmother of Innis Alexander and Calum Shay Mullally; the treasured sister of Anthony Raphanella of Middleboro, Marie Sullivan and her late husband, Thomas of Punta Gorda, FL., and the late Geraldine "Gerri" DiRuzza and her late husband, Mario, Theresa Raphanella and Joseph Raphanella. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

În lieu of flowers, re-

# Joyce Attenasio

1939-2024

Joyce Attenasio, 85, passed away peacefully in her home in Revere on April 18, 2024, in the company of her beloved children and grandchildren.

Joyce was born February 9, 1939 in Boston to the late Fredrick and Dorothy Prendable.

She and her late husband, Pasquale Attenasio, were proud matriarch and patriarch of a large and loyal family: their children: Vincent Attenasio and his wife, Lori of Marlboro, Dorothy Deveau and her husband, Joe of Peabody; Joyce Horgan and her late husband, James of Revere and Susan Gravellese and her husband, James of Rowley; nine grandchildren: Danielle, Nicolette, Amanda, BJ, Pat, Andrew, Sean, Joey and Kristina; eight great-grandchildren: Kelsea, Meghan, CJ, Mikayla, Anya, Austin, Brokelynn and the late and beloved RJ; and two great-great grandchildren, Aiden and Aurora. Joyce was a beloved sister to Paula, Jack, and the late Patricia, Gerry, James, Joe, Robert and Roberta.

Nana" was beloved and cherished by her family and friends. She took joy in and was greatly appreciative of simple pleasures in life. She loved playing Bingo every Tuesday and Thursday at the Revere Senior Center, where her presence at Table 1 always brought a smile to everyone's face. She loved having her DVR full of her favorite game shows and courtroom shows, so she could skip the commercials and appreciate how Judge Judy was a "tough cookie" who took no BS from anybody - just like her. She loved roast beef sandwiches from Kelly's, singing Patsy Cline karaoke, and keeping her hair beautiful and free of grays. She enjoyed games of solitaire on her iPad and finding every single word in a word search book (even ones that weren't in



the answer key). She was well known for making a round of phone calls to her grandchildren and leaving voicemails - "no need to call back, just saying hello!"

Most of all, she loved and appreciated time with her family, who she admired and appreciated for being there for her in her later days. She was always grateful for a visit or a call, where she'd share her wisdom and her famous sayings: - "if BS was music, you'd be a brass band." "I tell it like it is, and if you don't like it, there's the door!," - and reminding everyone that she must have done something right to raise great kids who raised such wonderful grandchildren. She was also famous for her trademark "Thanks for stopping by! It was so nice of you to visit!" when she was ready to go back into her chair and relax.

Nana and Papa created a house full of love that continues to radiate energy, joy and laughter throughout the lives of the family they founded and the lives they touched. They are both greatly missed and never forgotten, but their family is grateful that they are both at peace and reunited as they were on earth for 64 years of marriage.

"See you later alligator / in a while crocodile." We love you, Nana, and will forever cherish your love. Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere. For guestbook please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

## Linda Pasco

Her life, filled with simple joys and immense love, will continue to live on in the memories of those she touched

Linda Pasco, affectionately known to many as Missy, Lindarella, or simply Ma, was a beacon of courageous spirit and humor, an embodiment of thoughtful generosity and humble service. Born Linda Speranza on May 6, 1956, she spent her lifetime in the heart Revere, Massachuof setts, painting her journey with the vibrant colors of love, laughter, and resilience. On April 15, 2024, at the age of 67, Linda, the woman with an infectious laugh and a heart as big as the ocean, slipped away quietly, leaving an indelible mark on the lives she graced.

Linda's life was characterized by her work as a custodian for Revere Public Schools. She was the invisible hero, the one who ensured that every hallway was spotless and every classroom ready for eager young minds. Though she wore the title of custodian, she was so much more. Linda was the funny storyteller who turned ordinary days into memorable ones, the humble servant who cleaned up after others without a hint of complaint, the thoughtful listener who lent an ear to anyone in need. She approached her work with exceptional dedication, embodying the belief that no job was too small or insignificant if it was done with love.

Above all, Linda was a devoted mother. She



brought her son, Kenny Carrey, into the world and raised him with all the love, strength, and wisdom she possessed. Her world revolved around him, and she took immense pride in the man he became. Linda was predeceased by her parents, Mario and Viola Speranza, whose love and values she carried in her heart and passed on to her son. Linda's life, filled with simple joys and immense love, will continue to live on in the memories of those she touched.

A Visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere, on Friday, April 19.

We invite you to leave your memories of Linda, upload your favorite photos of her, and celebrate her life on her memorial page. Let's remember Linda Pasco - the courageous, funny, thoughtful, and humble woman who touched our lives in her unique way. For guestbook, please visit www. Buonfiglio.com.

## Marie Coscia Longtime Revere Resident

Marie Cosci was the wife of the much loved Danny Coscia for 65 years until his passing in 2013. Marie was the daughter of the late Vincent G. and Lena G. (Picone) Cavicchi, and sister to the late James V. Cavicchi all of Revere. She was the loving mother of Danae Cook and her husband Pete of WA, and Eugene Coscia and his wife Catherine of Revere, loving grandmother of Danae Dotolo and her wife Kathleen Weber, and Joshua Dotolo all of WA, loving great grandmother of Nick Dotolo of Ariona, and Toby Dotolo of Washington. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Marie has been a resident of Revere since the age of two. A Visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funer-

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al Home 128 Revere St, Revere on Monday, April 22, 2024, from 10:00-11:30AM followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere at 12:00PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, UT 84741 or to any no kill animal shelter of your choice.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

## BOJORQUEZ NAMED TO CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE TRUSTEES' LIST

Santos Bojorquez of Revere, was named to the Champlain College Trustees' List for the Fall 2023 semester.

Students on the Trustees' List have achieved a 4.0 grade point average for two or more consecutive semesters.

Making the Trustees' List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate them on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a traditional undergraduate experience from its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain and more than 90 residential undergraduate and online undergraduate and graduate degree programs and certificates.

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## SEAMARK SEAFOODS OPENS AT ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR

Carver Road Hospitality, an investor, developer, operator, and marketer of top-tier hospitality concepts, is pleased to announce that Seamark Seafood & Cocktails opened Friday, April 12. A contemporary interpretation of New England's timeless seafood dining experience, Seamark blends tradition with innovation, highlighted by Carver Road Hospitality's signature service excellence and commitment to culinary mastery. The restaurant will be open Monday through Thursday from 5 -11 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 4 p.m. until 2 a.m. Seamark will introduce Sunday Brunch on April 21, from 10 a.m. -4 p.m.



Kayla Fisher, Sarah Griffin, and Boston sports media rising star Kendra Middleton, pictured at the grand opening of Seamark at Encore Boston Harbor.



ING Partner and Director of Marketing Deb DiGregorio, well-known restaurateur Frank DiPasquale, and Elaine Kretas are pictured at the grand opening of the luxurious Seamark restaurant at Encore Boston Harbor.



Betty Salemme and Gina Guange.

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occurred during the February vacation week and resulted in an overbooking of parking spots.

"This is a mea culpa situation," added D'Amrosio, who informed the commissioners that the person who was responsible for the overbooking situation has been placed into a training protocol by the company. "It was school vacation week and should not have happened. But it was overbooked because of an administrative error."

Lieut. Erin Leary from Revere Fire Prevention said she has spoken to the representatives of the hotel and that there will be a better system for the Fire Dept. to contact the managers of the facility if a similar problem occurs in the future.

Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna spoke on behalf of the hotel, noting that the hotel's management has been a generous contributor to the Rethis could do so. I hope you look favorably upon it," he said.

McKenna also spoke on behalf of the application, noting that the business has contributed to the community's charitable endeavors. Ward 5 Councillor Angelina Guarino-Sawaya also spoke in favor of the application, telling the commissioners, "They are working really hard to establish a highscale restaurant. It's really fantastic and we should give them an opportunity to grow."

There were no opponents and the commission voted unanimously to approve the application on the condition that the Fire Dept. successfully perform the appropriate inspections.

The next matter was an application from Hot Dog Au Au Corp. d/b/a Boss Hot Dogs, 750 Washington Avenue, Gilberto Silva, President & Manager, for the transfer of a common victualler license from China Crystal, LLC. The requested hours are Sunday-Saturday 4 p.m.-12 a.m., with requested seating of 22 (current seating is 12). Mr. Silva presented the application to the commission with the assistance of a translator. He noted that the increase in seating has been approved by the Building Dept., though Michael Wells, the head of the city's ISD, said there were still some inspection issues outstanding. There were no opponents and the commission voted unanimously to approve the application, though on the condition that all of the city's inspection departments sign off on the necessary permits. The next matter was a request from Let 'er Rip, LLC, 649 Squire Road, Nicole Tower, event manager, for a 1-day Common Victualler & Entertainment License to be exercised in the parking lot on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, May 12, 2024. The event is a motorbike show fundraiser, with food, DJ, and a raffle to benefit a service animal non-profit with an expected attendance of 50-100. Ms. Tower said she is working with Boston Harley-Davidson for the event, which will raise funds for the non-profit organization which recently donated a service animal for her nephew, who is autistic. She also noted that

Easy Pie, which is next door to the dealership, will handle the food and there will be no alcohol served. The dealership will handle issues of fire lanes and police details.

There were no opponents and the application was approved unanimously.

Next up was another application for a 1-day Common Victualler & Entertainment License for Francofest 2024 by Kirby Diamond Kodjo, the event manager, to be exercised on the soccer field of the Rumney Marsh Academy on Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 3 p.m. – 10 p.m. The expected number of attendees is 450. A stage will be set up in the middle of the field.

Ms. Kodjo presented the application. She said this will be a celebration of French-speaking African-Caribbean culture that has been held in the past.

Selevitch noted that there were noise complaints by residents at last year's event. Ms. Kodjo said the volume was turned down when complaints were received. In response to another query from Selevitch, Kodjo said no alcohol will be served and that police details on hand will ensure that patrons do not bring alcohol into the event. In response to a concern by Occena about the noise level, Kodjo said the speakers will be redirected this year away from the nearby homes. Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro sent in a letter in which he said the noise level was too high and was shaking houses because of the bass. He also noted that there was drinking in the parking lot. The commissioners, with Ms. Kodjo's assent, voted to delay taking action on the application until its May meeting, pending whether Cogliandro and the residents wish to speak on the application. In addition, Kodjo said that the event could be moved to the Beachmont school, which is more isolated than the Rumney Marsh school, and was encouraged to do so by the commissioners. The commission then heard the annual request from the Boston Renewomen's football gades team from Benjamin Brown, the team's manager, for five 1-day All-Alcohol Licenses at Harry Della Russo Stadium on the following days: 1) Saturday, May 4, 2024; 2) Saturday, June 1, 2024; 3)

Saturday, June 15, 2024; 4) Saturday, June 29, 2024; and 5) Sunday, July 14, 2024 with the requested hours for each event from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Brown, who noted that the Renegades have been national champions since 2018, presented the application. He said that attendance ranges as high as about 500 fans. The commission unanimously approved the application

The Revere Chamber of Commerce, Amanda Bonasoro & Erica Porzio, event managers, presented an application for a 1-day License for Malt/Wine, Common Victualler, and Mobile Food Vendor to be exercised at the school fields at the Garfield School on Sunday, June 2, 2024 from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. for a cornhole tournament. The expected attendance is 100–200.

Ms. Porzio, the Exec. Director of the Chamber of Commerce, presented the application. She noted that Murray's Tavern will be handling the beer and wine in a beer garden in the middle of the baseball diamond. She also noted that the Chamber is doing this in conjunction with Revere Parks and Rec., whose personnel will be on hand all day for the event.

imously approved the application.

Shiri Manohar Corp. d/b/a Dairy Mart 160 Squire Road, Himani Rai, manager, presented an application for the transfer of an All Alcohol Package Store License:from Netraa, Inc. An attorney representing Shiri Manohar, Inc., explained that the application includes a pledge of the license to Leader Bank, which provided the financing to the new owner.

There were no questions, no opponents, and the commission unanimously approved the transfer of the license.

A similar request came from Preciado Brothers, LLC d/b/a La Cantina 2024, 488 Broadway, Omar Preciado, manager, for the transfer of an All Alcohol Restaurant License from Twin Corp., Inc. The requested seating is 88 with requested hours of Sunday-Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 a.m., and requested enon April 27 from 9-2 as part of the Beautify Revere Spring Clean Up Day in conjunction with the Revere DPW, with a rain date of Sunday, April 28.

Ms. Giuffre-Catalano said Murray's Tavern will be handling the alcohol. There were no opponents and the commission unanimously approved the application.

The commission approved the following license renewals:

Common Victualler:

Que Arepa Corporation d/b/a Que Arepa, 163 Squire Rd

Lixi Hospitality Revere, Inc. d/b/a Starbucks, 400 Ocean Avenue

Parking Lot:

Emerald Business Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Rodeway Inn, 309 American Legion Highway

Innholder/Hotel:

Lixi Hospitality Revere, Inc. d/b/a Springhill Suites Boston Logan Airport Revere Beach, 400 Ocean Avenue

vere community, although Occena noted that this is not the first time that the hotel has been called before the RLC to address this problem.

The commissioners then voted to place the matter "on file," which effectively dismisses it, though it could be resurrected if there are future issues.

The commission next took up an application by 388 Broadway, LLC d/b/a Cecilia Maya, Volare, manager, to amend its entertainment license to add karaoke and comedy performers. The current entertainment license is limited to cable TV and radio, with the potential for additional entertainment of a capella singers and a DJ, pending the installation of required fire safety equipment per the Revere Fire Department.

Ms. Maya presented the application and told the commission that she was seeking to have a person play the violin or similar for Mother's Day, as well as perhaps for wine tastings in the future. "I'm looking to add more ambiance to the place," said Maya.

Selevitch asked whether a "kill switch" for the entertainment system had been put into place as per the Fire Dept. and Maya said it has been done.

Ward 4 Councilor Paul Argenzio spoke in favor of the application, noting, "I think this is an excellent business and brings a lot to Broadway. We're looking to activate Broadway and The commission unanimously approved the application.

Que Arepa Corporation, d/b/a Que Arepa, 163 Squire Road, Alexander Eastman Idarraga, manager, presented an application for a change of hours for a Common Victualler license to include breakfast service with requested hours of Monday - Thursday 6 a.m. - 12 a.m. and Friday – Sunday 6 a.m. – 1 a.m. The current hours are Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 a.m., Friday Sunday 10 a.m –1 a.m.

Mr. Idarraga presented the application. There were no questions, no opponents, and the commissioners unanimously approved this application.

Nonni's Pizza, LLC, 750 Washington Avenue, Michael Sullivan, manager, presented an application for the transfer of a Common Victualler License from N. Pizza, Inc. The requested seating is five with requested hours from Sunday – Saturday 11 a.m.–11 p.m.

Mr. Sullivan presented the application and noted there will be no changes to the operation of the business. There were no questions, no opponents, and the commission unantertainment will be widescreen cable TV, cassette operated Radio, DJ, Vocal/ Instrumental Music.

Atty. Patrick MacDonald of Malden represented Preciado Brothers, LLC. He explained that the present license is the site of Companions Restaurant, a long-time Revere institution, at the corner of Broadway and Mountain Ave.

The prospective owners, who are two brothers, operate restaurants with all-alcohol licenses in Lynn and in Chelsea. "They run nice, clean, family restaurants and have no record of any problems," said MacDonald. "The manager will be a cousin of the owners and has had long experience in the restaurant business."

In addition, MacDonald said the new owners are hoping to introduce mariachi bands that will not be amplified or electrified. Omar Preciado, one of the brothers, told the commission that living in Revere "changed my life," noting that his children are Revere High grads and have achieved successful careers.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application unanimously, though subject to the current owner resolving any and all property tax issues with the city.

Taylor Giuffre-Catalano presented an application on behalf of the city for a beer garden to be added to a previously-approved, one-day license at Veterans Memorial Park There also were some unrenewed licenses that were noted on the agenda:

Common Victualler:

Dritta Foods, LLC d/b/a Nick's Place, 64 Revere Beach Blvd

El Tipico Salvadoreno Restaurant, Inc., 227 Revere St

F & J Juice Bar Café, Inc., 76 Shirley Ave

Fair Price Market, Inc., 1470 North Shore Road

Luberto's Pastry, Inc. d/b/a Luberto's Pastry Shop, 208 Broadway

Gold/Silver/Jewelry/ Precious Metals Dealer:

Larry Bagnera d/b/a La Villa Jewelry, 396 Broadway

Pawnbroker:

Larry Bagnera d/b/a La Villa Jewelry, 396 Broadway

Secondhand Dealer:

Larry Bagnera d/b/a La Villa Jewelry, 396 Broadway

The agenda also noted an unauthorized transfer of license and failure to renew:

Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer:

Exotic Auto Group, Inc., 212 Everett St

The commission held a hearing to inquire into the status of Noah Autobody Repair & Sales, Inc. 1095 Broadway, Raymond Desamours, manager. After hearing from an abutter, who made note of the lack of business being conducted by the owner, the commissioners voted unanimously to suspend the license immediately.

The RLC's next meeting is set for May 15.

## COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE JUAN JARAMILLO BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CAMPAIGN RECEPTION

#### Cary Shuman Photos

A large crowd of supporters and friends joined Councilor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo at his Celebration/ Birthday Campaign Fundraiser April 19 at Capri Restaurant, Revere.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo and property developer Jamie Russo.



Kathleen Heiser, Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, and former Revere School Committee member and school superintendent Carol Tye.



Marie O'Connell, Joseph McHugh, Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, and Nathaniel Arias.

a constant reminder of the American dream, and that's what Juan is for a lot of people."

"Juan represents our entire community," said Mayor Keefe. "He represents a new generation of our community, too. He represents what Revere is. He does his job on the Council, and he may some different views from other councillors, but he represents a certain perspective that is much needed and very refreshing in our community. I'm excited to wish him a happy birthday and bring him up here to speak to you."

Jaramillo, who was elected to the Council last November, thanked the many guests for their support and friendship.

"This is kind of like my homecoming," said Jaramillo. "I grew up in the Shirley Avenue neighborhood of Revere. These are the streets I walked after my parents and I emigrated to the United States 24 years ago. This was a neighborhood that held me together. Moreover, the community really held me together. This a working-class neighborhood as



Councilor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, with Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri (who was Juan's youth football coach), and School Committee Member Jacqueline Monterroso.

is the rest of our city.

"A year ago on my birthday, I launched this campaign to run for city councillor-at-large on the very important need to ensure that our city maintains and stays a working-class city," continued Jaramillo. "And I do that because it's so important to the economic well-be-

ing of our city and the overall well-being of the residents that are already here.

"Thank you all for being here tonight to celebrate my birthday," concluded Jaramillo as the crowd warmly applauded the popular city official.





State Sen. Lydia Ed-

wards, Mayor Patrick

Keefe, City Council Presi-

dent Anthony Cogliandro,

and former School Com-

mittee member and school

superintendent Carol Tye

delivered remarks praising

the 31-year-old Jaramil-

lo's outstanding work on the City Council and for being a dynamic young voice for all residents of

"It's not only Juan's

birthday, but it's a great

time to celebrate and re-

flect on what Juan's win

and his election continual-

ly means for Revere," said

Edwards. "It's import-

ant that we have young

people run for office. It's

important that we have

people from immigrant

backgrounds run for of-

fice. It's important that we

have a seat at a table and

Revere.

From left, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Councillor-at-Large Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, City Council President Anthony Cogliandro, School Committee Member Jacqueline Monterroso, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Sen. Lydia Edwards, former School Committee Member Carol Tye, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, and Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio.

Councillor-at-Large Bob Haas III, Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, and City Council President Anthony Cogliandro.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo receives a happy 31st birthday greeting from Mayor Patrick Keefe at the birthday celebration and campaign reception at Capri, Revere.



Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, pictured with his wife, Crystal (left) and his mother, Irene (right), at his 31st birthday celebration and campaign reception.



A Beautiful testament to a journey through decades of experiences, adventures and cherished relationships. We are so grateful for your wisdom, laughter & boundless love. The Cammarata & Diliegro families + friends  $\chi O$ 



City Council President Anthony Cogliandro, Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, and Jimmy Nigro.

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo and Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RICHIE!



Richard Scannelli recently celebrated his 70th Birthday. From all of us at the Revere Journal, Happy Birthday, and here's to another year of health and happiness!



# Sports

## MEET YOUR 2024 REVERE HIGH GIRLS TENNIS TEAM



The seniors of the Patriot Varsity Girl's Tennis Team, Lesly Calderon-Lopez, Karla Leal, Jaimy Gomez, Kelly Landaverde.



The members of the RHS varsity Girl's Tennis Team at Gibson Park Courts.

RHS SPORTS Roundup

### RHS GIRLS TRACK **IMPROVES TO 3-0**

The Revere High girls outdoor track and field team cruised to a 121-11 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn Classical last week, The win improves coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli's Lady Patriots to 3-0 on the season.

Gemma Stamatopoulos was the top scorer in the meet with three first-place finishes (400m hurdles, 800m, and high jump) and a third-place finish in the long jump for a total of 16 points.

"Gemma continues to have a stellar year and her ability to adjust to multiple races is incredible." said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "She is always comfortable adjusting her workouts to match her races for the week ahead and is well on pace for a school record in the 800 this year." Senior captains Giselle Salavador and Yara Belguendouz both had two first-place finishes to finish with 10 points each. Giselle sprinted to victories in the 100m and 200m dashes, while Yara took first in the 100m hurdles and the javelin with a personal record (PR) throw. "The team really looks to Giselle and Yara as our sprint leaders and they have helped lead multiple workouts already this year," noted MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Their talent and leadership skills are both shining. "I also want to give a huge shout-out to our throwing captains, Angelina Montoya, Camila Echeverri, and Ashley Chander, as we swept two of the three throwing events for the first time this season," MacDonald-Ciambelli added. Other first place-finishers for Revere included Marwa Riad in the long jump with a PR leap of 14'-4"; Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez in the triple jump; Francoise Kodjo in the shot-put; senior captain Angelina Montoya in the discus; Jaliyah Manigo in the 400m dash; Olivia Rupp in the mile; and Afnane Amine in the twomile.

Nisrin Sekkat, and Ashley Chandler took first with a season PR of 60.7.

On Friday, sophomores Olivia Rupp and Gemma Stamatopoulos participated in the first invitational of the outdoor season, the Bay State Running (BSR) Mid-Distance Classic at St. John's Prep. Both turned in PR efforts. Gemma ran a 67.33 in the 400m dash (a top team time) and Olivia ran a 6:13.75 in the mile (another top team time).

MacDonald-Ciambelli and her crew were scheduled to meet GBL foe Lynn English yesterday (Tuesday) and will trek to Medford next Thursday.

proved to be clutch at the plate, driving in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

The contest was a backand-forth battle from the opening inning when Northeast grabbed an early lead in the top of the first and Revere battled back to tie when Brianna Miranda doubled and Riley Straccia tripled.

The teams were deadlocked at 5-5 after five, but Northeast rallied for three runs in the sixth to take an 8-5 advantage. Revere continued to play catchup until finally taking the lead for good in walk-off style in the seventh.

led a 14-hit Revere attack with three hits apiece. Randall earned the win, yielding just six hits and three earned runs while fanning 10 Lady Golden Knight batters.

Revere's lone setback came at the hands of undefeated and defending GBL champ Everett last Wednesday, 16-7.

Lea Doucette once again was a force at the plate, accounting for three hits, including a triple in the opening inning and scoring the first run of the game.

However, Everett responded in a big way in the second, scoring seven Lea Doucette and Smith runs, and then added to its

lead with six more markers in the third.

The Lady Patriots battled back with six runs in the fourth, led by a tworun double by Anna Doucette and a three-RBI, bases-clearing triple by Straccia, but that would prove to be as close as they would get.

The contest was a reunion of sorts for RHS head coach O'Donnell and assistant coach Hailey Powers, both of whom played for long-time Everett head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo, who has amassed 325 career wins at the helm of the Lady Crimson Tide softball program.

O'Donnell and her crew are scheduled to trek to GBL foe Lynn Classical today (Wednesday). They will host GBL opponent Lynn English on Monday and non-league foe Saugus on Tuesday before traveling to GBL rival Medford next Wednesday.

#### **RHS VOLLEYBALL** WINS THREE **MATCHES**

The Revere High boys volleyball team won all three of its matches this past week, defeating Greater Boston League rivals Everett (GBL)

The 4 x 100 quartet of Marwa Riad, Jade Dang, WALK-OFF WIN FOR **RHS SOFTBALL** TEAM

The Revere High softball team improved to 5-2 on the season with a pair of victories in their three outings last week and a 15-3 triumph over Somerville this past Monday.

In an 18-7 triumph over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Malden last Thursday, Lea Doucette led the Lady Patriots' offensive barrage with five hits and five RBI.

After grabbing a 1-0 lead in the opening inning, Revere exploded for six runs in the second, with a two-run double by Shayna Smith and a two-RBI base hit by Doucette proving the key blows.

Four more runs in the third, coming principally on RBI-hits by Doucette and Ali Straccia (Aly's second ribbie of the game), enlarged the Revere advantage and essentially put the game away.

Coach Megan O'Donnell's squad amassed 23 hits on the day and stole 16 bases. Starting pitcher Danni Hope Randall earned the win, allowing just three hits and two earned runs in four innings of work. Gianna Chiodi came on in relief over the final two frames to record the save.

The following day, the Lady Patriots recorded a walk-off, 11-10 win over non-league opponent Northeast Regional at St. Mary's Field.

Doucette once again

## **Revere teachers run their first Boston Marathons**

#### By Melissa Moore-Randall

While most teachers were on a warm beach or enjoying a relaxing April vacation, two Revere teachers were participating in their first Boston Marathon.

On Monday, April 15, Amy Rotger and Alex Butler took off from Hopkinton on the 26.2 mile journey as two of the 30,000 estimated runners participating this year.

Amy Rotger, a 5th grade math/science teacher at the A.C. Whelan finished her first marathon in 5:38:39. Her fiance, Gordon Stilwell, ran alongside her the entire race.

Amy, who is also the RHS Girls' Lacrosse coach, ran for the charity Stepping Strong Foundation in honor of her Mom. "It was definitely one of the most difficult things I have ever done both physically and mentally. But it was also the most memorable experience I have ever had. It is something that I will never forget and I feel beyond grateful for having the opportunity to run."

Alex Butler, an 8th grade civics teacher at SBA, finished her first marathon in 04:36:23. Butler, also the RHS Field Hockey Coach, also ran in memory of her Mom running for Dana Farber.



SBA teacher and RHS Field Hockey Coach Alex Butler.



Whelan 5th grade teacher and RHS Lacrosse Coach Amy Rotger.

"The heat made it difficult but the crowds were so incredible. The amount of support and kindness I received from strangers and loved ones was overwhelming. The Boston Marathon was even better than I could have imagined!"

According to the BAA. org website, The Boston Marathon began in 1897. The event was inspired by the success of the first marathon competition in the 1896 Summer Olympics. The Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon and ranks as one of the world's bestknown road racing events. The event attracts 500,000

spectators along the route, making it New England's most viewed sporting event. Starting with just 15 participants in 1897, the event has grown to an average of about 30,000. The course runs 26 miles and 385 yards (42.195 km) following Route 135, Route 16, Route 30 and city streets into the center of Boston, where the official finish line is located at Copley Square, alongside the Boston Public Library. The race runs through eight Massachusetts cities and towns: Hopkinton, Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, Newton, Brookline, and Boston.

## RHS PATRIOT UNIFIED TRACK TEAM



Coach Tom Mackey, Julia Quiles, Victoria Vo, Salma Zahraoui, Stephen Wickens and Brady Kerr and Coach Kristen Murphy-Cormier.



Julia Quiles participates in the long jump.



Victoria Vo does the long jump.

This is the Revere High School Unified Track & Field team. Special Olympics Unified Sports are one aspect of the Unified Champion School initiative at Revere High School that strives to create a more inclusive environment for all students. Unified Sports give athletes with and without disabilities a chance to come together to compete and form meaningful friendships. The team has 4 meets scheduled this year - 2 home and 2 away. At home, they're taking on Everett (this meet) and then Malden on 4/9. After April vacation, they're going to Salem and Medford for their away meets.



Stephen Wickens participates in the shotput event.



Brady Kerr takes on the javelin.



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and Somerville and nonleague opponent Boston Latin Academy, 3-2.

The victory over Everett last Wednesday was highlighted by the 20-assist performance by setter Larry Claudio. In the win over Latin Academy on Friday, Claudio once again played a pivotal role, setting 48 assists for his teammates, who were paced on offense by the trio of Ruben Rodriguez (19 kills), Lucas Jiminez (14 kills), and Kawan Dias (13 kills).

This past Monday, the Patriots shut out Somerville, 3-0, with Claudio (28 assists) and Rodriguez (13 kills) leading the way.

Coach Lianne Mimmo's squad, which now stands at 5-3 on the season, is scheduled to host GBL rival Lynn Classical today (Wednesday). The Patriots will travel to non-league opponent O'Bryant High in Boston on Friday and to GBL foe Lynn English on Monday before returning home to entertain GBL opponent Medford next Wednesday.

#### GIRLS TENNIS TOPS CLASSICAL, ENGLISH

The Revere High girls' tennis team earned a hardfought 3-2 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn Classical last week.

The Lady Patriots' third-singles player, senior Lesly Calderon Lopez, edged her Lady Ram opponent with a straight set



Victoria Vo and Brady Kerr during the race.

victory in which both sets went to tie-breakers, 7-6, 7-6.

"Lesly was down 1-5 in the second set, but never gave up and made a great comeback," said longtime RHS head coach Carla Maniscalco.

Both of the doubles matches went to three sets. At first doubles, the duo of juniors Cesia Loza and Rachel Sanchez came back to win their match, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, and the second doubles tandem of juniors Keila Loza and Ivana Nguyen also won in three sets, with the final set coming down to a tie-breaker, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

In the first singles match, the Lady Patriots' top player, junior Dayna Phan, came up short, 0-6, 0-6. At second singles, senior Jaimy Gomez fell in three sets, 6-7, 6-3, 5-7.

"Jaimy played really well and almost succeeded in coming back after losing the first set in a tie breaker," noted Maniscalco.

The week before, Revere came up short in a match with GBL foe Somerville by a score of 1-4 in another closely-contested match.

Gomez provided the lone point for the Lady Patriots at second singles, outlasting her Somerville foe in a three-setter, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 in a marathon match that took more than three hours.

Phan fell at first singles, 5-7, 6-7 and Calderon Lopez came up short at third singles, 5-7, 2-6. In the doubles contests, Loza and Rachel Sanchez fell at first doubles, 6-7, 3-6, and Loza and Nguyen came up short at second doubles, 6-7, 5-7.

Last Wednesday the Lady Patriots defeated Lynn English, 4-1. Gomez won her match handily at second singles,6-1, 6-1 and Calderon Lopez cruised to a win at third singles, 6-0, 6-0.

At first doubles, the duo of Loza and Sanchez won 6-4, 7-5, and at second doubles, the pair of Loza and Nguyen easily prevailed in straight sets.

At the first singles slot,

Phan came up short, 1-6, 3-6.

This past Monday, Maniscalco's crew dropped a 5-0 decision to Malden. The Lady Patriots are scheduled to travel to GBL rival Medford on Friday and will return home to entertain GBL opponent Everett on the Gibson Park courts next Monday.

#### BOYS TENNIS OPENS SEASON

Although the Revere High boys tennis was short-handed over the vacation week, there was an upside for coach Mike Flynn and his crew.

"We were missing four returning varsity players," said Flynn, "but we were able to give some new players an opportunity to play varsity matches."

In a match last Monday with a Lynn Classical opponent whom Flynn described as "a very solid and deep team who should compete for the GBL title this year," the Patriots came up short by a score of 5-0.

At first singles, "Nick

Julia Quiles finishes Revere's first Unified Track Meet with a race.

Aguilar played a very good match and lost to a very good player, 6-1, 6-2," said Flynn. At second singles, "Nick Barry played well and lost to a solid player, 6-2, 6-0," Flynn noted.

At first doubles, new players Steven Espinal and Rayan Elmzabi "played well for their first match and lost 6-0, 6-1," said the coach. At second doubles, "New players Vic Cisneros and John Barry played very well in their first-ever match and lost 6-1, 6-2," Flynn added.

Two days later the Patriots fell to Lynn English by a score of 4-1.

Aguilar secured the lone point for the Patriots with a gutsy victory at first singles. Nick edged his Bulldog counterpart in three sets, with two being decided by a tie-breaker, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).

At second singles, Cisneros, who was playing in his first singles match and only his second-ever match, played well in a 6-0, 6-2 contest. Likewise, at third singles, Elmzabi, who also was playing in his first singles match and only his second-ever match, played well in a 6-0, 6-0 loss.

At first doubles, the duo of Barry and Espinal, playing in their second match, played well in a 6-1, 6-0 loss.

Flynn and his crew will host Medford at the Gibson Park courts this coming Monday and will travel to Everett next Wednesday.

### RHS BASEBALL HOSTS CLASSICAL TODAY

The Revere High baseball team, which has won three of its last four games, will be in action this afternoon (Wednesday) when the Patriots host Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn Classical. The opening pitch on the Tony Conigliaro Diamond at the high school field is set for 4:15.

The Patriots will travel to GBL foes Lynn English on Monday and Medford next Wednesday.

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## Mayor Keefe presents Citations of Recognition to Whelan School students

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Mayor Keefe recently visited third graders at the A.C. Whelan School to celebrate their class's published book. In September the class began working on a book of their favorite holidays. The



A.C. Whelan Third Grader Minh Mae reading about his favorite holiday with Mayor Keefe.

class worked with Student Treasures, a free online book publishing company for schools.

The class voted on a theme for their book and selected their favorite holidays. The diverse class shared their favorite holidays and traditions that included Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Eid. Each student wrote an essay followed by an illustration. All of their work was authentic and published as such.

Mayor Keefe had rave reviews for the book. He had each child read their story and complimented them all on their hard work. All students received an official Citation of Recognition from the Mayor and the City of Revere for their hard work.

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A.C. Whelan Third Grader Joshua Alarcon Rivas sharing his favorite holiday with Mayor Keefe.

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A.C. Whelan Third Grader Yasmine Ben Mustapha was the cover illustrator of her class's book.

stories into professionally bound books."

## Traffic Commission makes parking restriction changes on Ann Road

By Journal Staff

The Revere Traffic Commission (RTC) held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening, April 18, in the City Councillor Joseph A. Del Grosso Council Chambers of Revere City Hall.

On hand for the session were chair Frank Stringi, Police Lieut. Sean Randall, DPW Director Don Ciaramella, and Fire Chief Chris Bright.

First up on the agenda was a public hearing on a proposal for changes to parking restrictions on Ann Rd. by removing the No Parking Anytime signage southerly from Malden St. to 40 feet west and by installing No Parking Anytime signage southerly on Ann Rd. from Malden St. to the driveway at 2 Ann Rd.

Speaking on behalf of the proposal was Ward 6 been many near-accidents because of the lack of visibility at the intersection of Ann Rd. and Malden St. He also noted that motorists parking on that side of the roadway often block homeowners' driveways.

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

The next public hearing concerned a proposal to add a stop sign at the intersection of Charger Street southbound and Ward Street. Giannino also spoke briefly on this matter. He noted that there are other stop signs at that intersection, but they are not officially "on the books." The commission voted both to add the new stop sign and formally place the others "on the books."

The third public hearing was a proposal to add a 30-minute drop-off zone in front of 286 Fenno Street from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 spaces in the parking lot to the building when she is brought to her condo by her daughter.

The commission voted last month to implement the change immediately on an emergency basis, which also provided a 30day time frame to evaluate it. Argenzio said the family has been grateful for the drop-off zone and he has heard no complaints from residents.

However, Ralph DeCicco, the chairperson of the Commission on Disabilities, said there have been problems with the drop-cff zone. He said one neighbor said that a vehicle has been parking there for longer than 30 minutes and that the city's Parking Dept. has been unable to monitor it properly.

Zach Babo, the city's Parking Director, said that his department has issued warning tickets to vehicles parked there and those vehicles have not returned. correct the signage to read, "Handicapped access zone -- 30 minute parking."

The commission heard two requests that they moved to a public hearing for next month:

-- The first was a proposal by Ward 3 City Councillor Nicholas Cogliandro to add stop signs on Adams Street for southbound traffic at Cooledge Street and on Raymond Road for northbound traffic at Cooledge Street.

-- The second pertained to a proposal to change Fairfield Street from a oneway to a two-way street and to add No Parking Anytime signage to the eastern side of Fairfield Street. Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya spoke in favor of the proposal and also proposed adding a handicapped-parking spot on the road. Stirngi noted that every other street in the vicinity is two-way with parking only on one side of the street.

DeCicco pointed out that the handicapped parking spot would be located on the wrong side of the street for the person who is handicapped, though Guarino-Sawaya said the person in question does not have an issue with that.

In another matter, the commission took immediate action on a proposal to add 60 feet of traffic separators along the island at the intersection of Tuckerman and Malden Streets in order to prevent vehicles from making prohibited U-turns and left turns at that intersection.

Sgt. James Rose of the RPD Traffic Division said that this has been a major safety issue for traffic in the vicinity of the Lincoln School. He said vehicles are constantly making prohibited U-turns and left turns across the solid double-yellow lines.

Babo also said that the school crossing guard at that intersection has made note of the dangerous situation. The commissioners voted unanimously to implement the change forthwith as a matter of public safety, which is within their discretion.

PRICE



Councillor Chris Giannino who said that with the new house at 2 Ann Rd., the No Parking restriction in that section of the street will allow for a better line of sight for motorists at the intersection with Malden St.

A resident told the commissioners that there have p.m., seven days a week. Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio spoke in favor of this proposal. He said the request had come to him from a constituent whose mother lives in the building at 286 Fenno St.. However, because the mother is disabled, she is unable to walk the distance from the handicapped parking

Another issue was that the city installed signage that reads: "HP drop-off zone handicapped placard required." which was not what the commission had intended. The commission voted unanimously to adopt the proposal on a permanent basis, but with the proviso that the DPW Sanchez, Jonathan Sathi Properties LLC Gallagher, Paulette F Ephesus LLC Wolfer, Matthew T Brogna, Grace Bds Discount LLC Couceiro, Fernanda P Ciambelli, Steven

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#### WEDNESDAY

6:00 AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 6:00 AM - BOOTCAMP - DANIEL (45 MIN.) 9:00 AM - SPIN - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 10:00 AM - STRETCH & TONE - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 6:00 PM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.) 6:00 PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) 7:00 PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (50 MIN.)

#### FRIDAY

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#### THURSDAY

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

#### SATURDAY

8:00 AM - POWER YOGA - HALEY (50 MIN.) 9:00 AM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (50 MIN.) 10:00 AM - SPIN - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 11:00 AM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.)

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## Northeast Metro Tech celebrates the success of school's DECA chapter

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech's DECA chapter is enjoying it's most successful year ever, with record membership and a successful competition year in which 12 members will attend the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, California in April.

The chapter's membership now stands at a record 50 students, with all 50 of those students having competed in the District 6 competition in Beverly in January, where 42 advanced in competition by coming in the top 5 in their respective categories.

Those 42 members then competed at the State Career Development Conference (SCDC) in March in Boston where a record 12 members qualified for the international competition.

"DECA has been an im-

portant part of our program for seven years. Each year, our students achieve even more and find new ways to engage with DECA as well as with our community," said Business Technology Department Head Jaime-Lyn Pickles. "Last year marked our first time making it to ICDC, and that inspired more of our students to aim higher and work harder, and it is evident in the high level of achievement we are experiencing this year. We hope to keep trending in this direction."

Those attending the international conference in Anaheim will participate in four areas.

Northeast Metro Tech is among 645 chapters nationwide that earned seats in the Thrive Leadership Academy, with sophomores Taylen Livingston and Jainer Reyes, both of Revere, earning the seats.

Throughout the fall, Northeast engaged in



Members of the Northeast Metro Tech DECA Chapter celebrate their success. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

campaigns to grow membership engagement and build lasting partnerships within the school and the community. Specifically, the chapter volunteered at the Topsfield Fair, ran a fundraiser to donate money to Winchester Hospital and Melrose Wakefield Hospital, and hosted a number of alumni who spoke with current students about how DECA has helped them in college and beyond. The Chapter's actions earned the seats, which will be filled by Livingston and Reyes.

Three more students, junior Colin DeCarlo of Melrose and sophomores Trevor Burt, of Melrose and Matthew Correia, of Wakefield, have earned leadership seats from Massachusetts DECA for engaging in the Shoot for the Stars Campaign.

This is a state campaign for which Northeast had to meet certain criteria. By attending at least four non-competitive events and participating in at least three fundraising activities, they reached the Shine Level, earning the most seats possible. Those leadership seats are for the Elevate Leadership Academy.

Northeast earned six seats in Anaheim by competing in School-Based Enterprises (SBEs) at the gold level. Northeast was among 728 school-based enterprises that achieved gold-level certification for the 2023-2024 school year, and each SBE is represented by two students. A school-based enterprise (SBE) is an entrepreneur-





Twelve members of the Northeast Metro Tech DECA Chapter who will attend the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, California in April. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

ial operation in a school setting that provides goods and services to meet the needs of the market. SBEs are managed and operated by students as hands-on learning laboratories that integrate National Curriculum Standards in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

The SBEs represented NE Things School Store, the NE Essentials Vending Machine and the Breakheart Inn. NE Things School Store is being presented by juniors Melissa Domingos and Ashley Estrada Ramos, both of Revere. NE Essentials Vending Machine is being presented

by sophomores Juliana Arevalo of Chelsea and Ava Calixto of Woburn. The Breakheart Inn is being presented by seniors Nicolas Boissonnault and Ashley Henriquez, both of Revere.

Senior Andrew Ring, of Saugus, earned the final seat via the Business Growth Plan competition for which students who own their own businesses document growth strategies for that business.

Northeast had three student teams place in the top 10 at the state level, with one paper, written by Ring, placing in the top 5, thus earning him a chance to present his business to the judges in Anaheim. His business, A. Jarvis Foods and Services, began as a vending machine business and is rapidly expanding into food trucks and other vending opportunities.

"DECA is a great organization and I could not be more proud of our students for having achieved both record membership and record participation in DECA's international competition," said Superintendent DiBarri. "Congratulations to the Northeast Metro Tech DECA Chapter for continuing to improve and enrich student learning and lives."

## Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore News

Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore recently delivered Scholarship Checks to the School Districts of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Saugus. For many years the Zonta Club has donated these scholarships to 5 Senior High School women who will be attending college. We are pleased to continue awarding these scholarships to deserving young women. We are proud to be able to support the High School's scholarship program and we wish the recipients all the best in their future endeavors.



Zonta Member Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Dr. Danielle Mokaba-Bernado Assistant Superintendent of Revere Public Schools.

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## MBTA joins Autism Transit Project, showcasing PSA's by children with ASD

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) is pleased to announce its first-ever involvement in the Autism Transit Project, an initiative that empowers children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to create public service announcements for transit systems across the country. In recognition of Autism Acceptance Month during April, starting today and through mid-May, the MBTA will play public announcements created by local children with ASD in stations across the system. The MBTA joins other transit agencies in this meaningful project organized by the Autism Transit Project, a 501c3 non-profit organization. "Our transportation sys

"Our transportation system should be accessible to all of our residents and visitors. The Autism Transit Project is an extension of that commitment and supports one of the MB-TA's key goals, which is to make sure every single traveler can navigate the system successfully," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "This is a great way to spread the word about Autism Awareness Month and to help educate other people in their same

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## HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, VINCENZA ALBANESE JOY



Family and friends of Vincenza Albanese Joy recently held her 100th Birthday celebration at the orient heights yacht club. Councillor Zambuto presented Vincenza with a certificate of appreciation with her daughters in rear... Family guests included Len and Freida Demaino

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN **ACADEMIC** HONORS

### LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO **SIMMONS** UNIVERSITY **DEAN'S LIST**

The following local residents were named to the 2023 fall semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

- Khadija Chafiq
- Stephanie DelCastillo
- Ashley McGrath
- Sarrah Naittalb
- Au Nguyen
- Alison Quintero
- Tatiana Roman
- Anna Sa
- Elba Tejada

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

Located in the heart of

Boston, Simmons is a respected private university offering nearly 50 majors and programs for undergraduate women and graduate programs open to all on campus, in blended formats, or entirely online in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, business, communications, social work, public health, and library and information science. Founded in 1899, Simmons has established a model of higher education that other colleges and universities are only recently beginning to adapt: the combination of education for leadership in high-demand professional fields with the intellectual foundation of the liberal arts. The result is a Simmons graduate prepared not only to work, but to lead in professional, civic, and personal life - a vision of empowerment that Simmons calls preparation for life's work.

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situation."

"We are honored to participate in the Autism Transit Project and celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with our community," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "This initiative not only raises awareness about autism, but also provides a unique platform for children with ASD to showcase their talents and make a positive impact on our public transportation system and help us lift up our values and our commitment of fostering a public transit system where everyone feels welcome, respected, and safe. Thank you to the children and families for being part of the T family with their participation today and recording these great public service announcements."

"Children with autism sometimes fixate on feats of everyday mechanical engineering," said Jonathan Trichter, founder of The Autism Transit Proiect. "This is especially true of trains and transystems-something sit frontline MBTA workers see every day. In addition, children with autism may not come to language naturally. Instead, they grab onto phrases they hear in places they love and use them to communicate with the world around them. As a result, it is not unusual for the first full sentence a child with autism utters to be a transit service announcement. This is why this project is so special. And today, the MBTA is creating a space for these kids to participate in civic life and be heard."

"From simply watching trains, to walking up and touching a train, to getting on and taking a ride on a train, to riding every line in the entire MBTA system, this program, while physically measurable in some ways, has an immeasurable impact on my son, Christopher. Thank you!" said Robin Long-Tarjan, whose son, Christopher (age 14), participated in the project this year.

ings. Announcements by the children included tips on how to safely board and disembark trains, offering seats to others, and The Autism Transit remembering to be kind Project and the MBTA while riding the T. To further support the program and express gratitude to the participating children, the MBTA welcomed them for an exclu-

sive tour of its Operations Control Center where they gained a behind-thescenes look at the system and met bus and subway dispatchers. Additional- visit mbta.com or conly, the MBTA will feature nect with the T on X (the the Autism Transit Project on its in-station digital screens and social media channels. The MBTA's participation in the Autism Transit Project follows another recent initiative supporting young transit enthusiasts with disabilities. On March 21, the MBTA hosted a field trip from Boston Public Schools's Horace Mann School for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing at its Emergency Training Center in South Boston. Staff from various departments led students through a hands-on experience with public transit in a controlled environment. The Autism Transit Project is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission it is to spread acceptance and awareness that people with autism are worthy and valuable parts of their societies-different perhaps, but no less. The project relies on its ability to channel the connection many with autism spectrum disorder ("ASD") have to mass transit systems in a positive way. It started with an idea when founder, Jonathan its Trichter, launched a widely praised initiative that allows autistic children who love trains to record subway service announcements that are then broadcast publicly throughout their local transit systems in conjunction with Autism Acceptance Months. Last year, in 2023, over 100 children and five major transit agencies across

the country participated. This year, seven transit agencies participated with even more kiddos!

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MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng welcomed Autism Transit Project Founder Jonathan Trichter, local children

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with autism spectrum disorder, and their families before an exclusive tour of the MBTA's Operations Control Center today.

collaborated with families from greater Boston within the MBTA service area on announcement scripts and produced the record-

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## THE LONG RUN Revere Little League and

St. Mary's/Cal Ripken League opening day parade photos.

# SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION League of extraordinary young women

Two Savio Prep seniors from Revere are admitted to Ivy League colleges

STORIES BY CARY SHUMAN

## Cerulli is bound for Harvard...

avio Prep senior Michelle Cerulli went to her mailbox on April 1 and found the package she had been waiting for had arrived. Inside Uthe large envelope was an acceptance letter from Harvard University. "I was really excited. I think I was in shock," said Cerulli.

Cerulli had also been accepted to six other schools - Tufts, Boston University, Boston College, Holy Cross, UMass Dartmouth, and Northeastern. She even received a four-year Cardinal Medeiros Scholarship from BU, but Harvard was the college at the top of her list.

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A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTOS

Michelle Cerulli (above) was accepted to colleges throughout New England, but Harvard always topped her list. Lindsay Abcunas (below) knew Cornell University was her No. 1 choice once she visited its picturesque campus in upstate New York.

## ...and Abcunas is headed to Cornell

The moment Savio Prep senior Lindsay Abcunas stepped on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., she knew she found the college of her dreams.

Of course, dreaming about Cornell and having the credentials to attend the school are two different things. Cornell is Ivy League and one of the most selective colleges in the country.

But Lindsay Abcunas possessed the exceptional scholastic package that Cornell was looking for, and last December 10, one of Savio's best and brightest was accepted with an early decision to Cornell's incoming Class of 2008.

Why and how did she choose Cornell?

"I was looking at Brown University in a college information book

## LAW AND ORDER Arrest made in Lion's Den shooting

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After an around-the-clock stakeout at a Woburn home, police moved in Wednesday morning and arrested the man believed to be responsible for the April 3 shooting of Vaughn Skinner at the Lion's Den club on Ocean Avenue.

Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley announced later last Wednesday that Ludner Imbert, 20, of Somerville was the alleged gunman who was arrested.

He was arraigned in Chelsea District Court also on Wednesday and ordered held without bail on a single count of murder. He is to return to Chelsea District Court on May 26 for a pre-trial conference.

State Police detectives assigned to Conley's office, who were led by Det. Lt. Joseph Flaherty, arrested Imbert around 5:30 a.m. last Wednesday at a Woburn home on Arlington Road after raiding the home and finding the suspect inside.

During the life of the investigation, Revere Police and State Police detectives interviewed dozens of people and collected physical evidence that is being analyzed. Authorities had obtained an arrest for Imbert two weeks ago and have been actively seeking him after that investigation identified him as Skinner's shooter. Imbert's relatives owned the Woburn home. Detectives recovered a loaded semi-automatic handgun that was in plain view at the time of Imbert's

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Abcunas said she liked the bucolic setting and the change of

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## DEVELOPMENT

When it comes to zoning codes, many residents wonder...

# What's out of bounds?

**By Seth Daniel** seth@reverejournal.com

#### Part 1 in a two-part series on residential development

Talk Show host David Letterman once said that stoplights and stop signs in New York City are simply rough guidelines for drivers.

Likewise, many disgruntled neighbors and concerned citizens are describing Revere's zoning codes the same way - simply an option rather than a solid requirement.

As the big business of residential construction meets squarely with neighborhoods' concerns, more than a handful of quality of life issues have surfaced simultaneously with many new houses that are constructed on smaller and smaller lots.

Those who have found them-

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SETH DANIEL PHOTO

What does the future hold for Giannino's Greenhouse? Time will tell. Until further notice, the landmark is open for business and preparing for Mother's Day.

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

## **REVERE** Through the Years

#### 10 years ago April 23, 2014

Recently-elected Revere State Rep. RoseLee Vincent was sworn into the Massachusetts House of Representatives last week during a ceremony held in the House Chambers of the Statehouse. Vincent received the oath office from Governor Deval Patrick before delivering a speech to her new colleagues on Wednesday. Vincent succeeds Kathi-Anne Reinstein, who stepped down from the seat last winter.

Technology plays a key role in the education of today's students, who literally have all the cumulative knowledge of mankind at their fingertips thanks to the availability of computers in the city's public school classrooms, where every student has their own iPad.

Captain America: The Winter Soldier, Draft Day, and Transcendance are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 20 years ago April 28, 2004

Thanks to a grant from the Homeland Security Department, high-tech video surveillance cameras soon will be installed throughout the city.

Cynthia D'Ippolito, who has been teaching at the Whelan School for the past 30 years, has been named the Educator of the Year in the Revere public schools and will receive the Joan Fox Manganiello Educator of the Year Award.

Revere Beach is expected to be the venue for a star-studded party that will host delegates and dignitaries attending the upcoming Democratic National Convention to be held in Boston this summer.

Two RHS students and an RHS grad were arrested after breaking into the high school and damaging some computers and other equipment Saturday night.

43rd President of the Patriot Civic Club. Popular local business-

man John McCarthy has been named campaign chairman for the re-election bid by State Senator Fran Doris.

The City Council has taken under advisement a request for an application for a special permit by Revere Video Inc. to operate a retail video sales and rental store at 185 Squire Rd. The council is concerned that the store will carry X-rated videos.

Children of the Corn, Swing Shift, and Police Academy are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 50 years ago April 24,1974

The City Council has approved a record-high budget of \$22,026,811 that will result in an increase on the tax rate of about \$11.00.

spect" to the delight of the huge crowd. He said he was a man of strong conviction who would not allow the disrespect of Revere to continue.

Fr. Charles Downey administered the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to a group of 207 children at the Immaculate Conception Church Saturday morning.

More than 75 competitors took part in the first annual pocket billiard tournament held at the Billiard Lounge, 766 Broadway. More than 500 spectators attended the event. Charles Fraser was the Class A champ, Billy DeSisto won Class B, and Billy Orlandello won Class C.

Murray Kazerman is the new Commander of Prince Strauss Post No. 161, JWV.

A portrait of the late Harry Finkelstein, principal of the Garfield Jr. High from 1940-63. unveiled this week. The Revere Men's and Women's Lodge, Order Sons of Italy, held a joint installation before 400 persons at Revere City Hall. Joseph DelGreco and Sue Ventola were installed as Venerables.

ect all tenants whose income exceeds the limits allowed for public housing.

Carl Piazza is the new Governor of the local Moose Lodge.

The three winners of the Revere Youth Commission's annual Talent Show were: Anne Feerick, 11 year old vocalist, first prize; Dottie Lou Sherlock, 7, second prize for her song and dance routine; and Virginia Ianciello, 7, for her vocal performance. More than 800 persons attended the show at the City Hall Auditorium

Deputy Fire Chief Richard H. Shaughnessy will retire after 45 years of service Saturday. City Manager Edward P. O'Toole will present a Gold Badge to Shaughnessy.

Alan Ladd and Shelley Winters star in Saskatchewan at the Revere Drive In. Lucile Ball and Desi Arnaz star in The Long, aircraft before it crashed vard Theatres.

Long Trailer at the Revere Theatre.

#### 80 years ago April 27, 1944

A telegram from the War Dept. this week informed Mrs. Annie Brown of 930 Broadway that her son, Pvt. Leroy Brown, 24, died April 1 of wounds received in battle at the warfront in Burma. No other details were given. Pvt. Brown had served for more than two years. Coincidentally, his mother had received a telegram, also dated April 1, from her son's major informing her that Pvt. Brown was in the best of health.

Sorrow turned to joy this week for the family of S/Sgt. John F. Barnacle, who had been reported as missing in action last week when his bomber was shot down over Yugoslavia, came home this week for a well-deserved furlough. Sgt. Barnacle had successfully parachuted out of his

after being hit by antiaircraft fire and then made his way back through enemy lines. However, because of strict wartime secrecy, he was unable to provide details of his experience

Mayor Raymond Carey has announced the promotion of Police Sgt. Daniel J. Sullivan, 48 Library St., to the rank of Lieutenant.

Tuesday's Presidential Primary election was so quiet that hardly anyone knew it even took place, with just 1100 of the city's 15,821 registered voters going to the polls.

Local Catholic priests will be on hand for funeral services for the late, beloved William Cardinal O'Connell, who died Saturday of bronchial pneumonia at the age of 84. Altars at area Catholic churches have been draped in mourning shrouds this week.

Ann Sothern, Joan Blondell, and Margaret Sullivan star in Cry Havoc at the Revere and Boule-



Kill Bill Vol. 2, Ella Enchanted, and Clifford's Really Big Movie are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 40 years ago April 25, 1984

The City Council has accepted the offers to purchase four of the city's six elementary schools after rejecting the initial bids. The new bid of \$125,000 for the Liberty School far exceeds the initial bid of \$16,000. The new bid of \$125.000 for the Barrows School more than doubles the initial high bid, while the new selling prices of \$163,000 for the Roosevelt School and \$146,000 for the Shurtleff School far exceeds the original offers. However, emotions ran high for the vote to accept the bid for the Liberty School when Councillor William Bell and officials from the Revere League for the Retarded urged that the building be used as a pediatric hospital, rather than be sold to a private entity.

The School Committee voted 5-2 to approve a budget of \$13,517,590 for the School Dept. for the coming year, an increase of \$1.8 million over this year's budget. Although the approved budget is \$530,000 less than what was requested by School Supt. William J. Hill, Mayor George V. Colella said that the recent sale of the vacant school buildings will be able to be used to make up that difference.

Cosmo DiLiegro is the

A contest with a prize of a \$50.00 savings bond has been announced for the design of the logo for the Revere Bicentennial Commission.

Revere High architect Harold Turiello has refused to answer any questions or produce any documents relating to the shortfall of \$1.2 million in the budget for the purchase of equipment and furnishings for the new school to the City Council upon the advice of his attorney, Samuel Leader.

Andrew D'Eramo has received the top score on the Civil Service Exam for the position of business administrator for the Revere school system.

Controversial sports talk show host Eddie Andelman will be the guest speaker at the annual Sports Night festivities of the Jewish Community Center May 5.

Donald P. DeTucci is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

Ellia Dell'Anno is the new Venerable of the Revere Ladies Lodge No. 1601, OSIA and John Nazzaro is the Venerable for a second term of Men's Lodge No. 1115.

#### 60 years ago April 23, 1964

A crowd of 600 attended a rally in support of the candidacy of Joseph C. DiCarlo for State Representative. DiCarlo, a 28 year-old teacher at the Garfield Junior High School, repeatedly belted out his campaign theme of "Restore Revere's Re-

Bernard Ranahan is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas star in Seven Days in May at the Revere Theatre. Richard Widmark and George Chakiris star in Flight from Ashiya at the Revere Drive In.

#### 70 years ago April 29, 1954

Parker J. Brown of 17 True St., an architect and former member of the Board of Assessors, has been reappointed an assessor by City Manager Edward P. O'Toole. He replaces William C. Noel, who was appointed to the board by former City Manager Edward C. Monahan.

The School Committee has voted to allow the administration of the Salk polio vaccine to Revere's schoolchildren after a favorable report on the vaccine was received from the State Public Health Commissioner. Revere now will take part in a nationwide test of the vaccine with some children receiving the shots, while others receive a water solution.

The State Housing Board has ordered the Revere Housing Authority to evict from the Cooledge St. veterans housing proj-



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## **HELP WANTED**

## REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST

Position: Revere Housing Authority is seeking an Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist for the Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher) Program, with general knowledge of the program, to provide office support and handle clerical duties for all staff.

Reports to: Julissa White - Director of Leased Housing Management

Salary: \$41,000-\$45,000.00 (depending on experience)

#### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Administers Centralized Waiting List applications and inquires
- Oversees the Inspection Process
- Input Utility Allowance Data
- Maintains tenant files
- Updates forms and letters in PHA Web
- Answers and screens incoming telephone calls
- Schedule's appointments
- Handles incoming and outgoing mail
- Maintains office supplies and HUD regulated forms
- Other duties as assigned

#### Qualifications:

Must be a high school graduate or GED recipient. Associates degree preferred. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office, possess excellent communicating skills, both oral and written

 Good organization skills and the ability to work with highly confidential documents

· Bi-lingual candidates are encouraged to apply.

#### Contact Information:

Please submit cover letter and resume to Dean Harris, Executive Director, Revere Housing Authority, 70 Cooledge Street, Revere, MA 02151, RHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Employer. **EVERETT-Personal** Care Assistant needed - Mornings 8am-2pm or evenings 3pm-7pm. Hablo Español. Call Susan 617-389-6190

**DEADLINES:** For classified line ads, deadlines are Monday by 4 p.m.

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# **Greening The Gateway Cities event and Earth Day tree** dedication ceremony held at Rumney Marsh Academy

#### By Cary Shuman

DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo joined Mayor Patrick Keefe and city officials for a Greening Of The Gateway Cities event and tree dedication ceremony for the late Christopher Chavarria, a Rumnev Marsh Academy student, on Earth Day at the Rumney Marsh Academy.

The RMA community, led by RMA Principal Heather Bobb, dedicated a tree in memory of Christopher Chavarria, at the event. Bobb presented a Certificate of Dedication to Yohana Chavarria, Christopher's mother, "in honor of his life and membership in the RMA community."

"We want you to know that Christopher will always be a part of our school community," Bobb told the Chavarria family.

In his remarks, Arrigo highlighted the success of DRC's Greening of the Gateway Cities program that has expanded to 23 cities in Massachusetts. "We've planted 40,000 trees all across the state with a \$30 million investment," noted Arrigo.

"Revere holds a special place in my heart, and so being able to come back as commissioner and talk about some of these great programs that we have at DCR that are making an impact and creating

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DCR Commissioner and former Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo and DCR field personnel are pictured with State Rep. Jessica Giannino (left), Mayor Patrick Keefe, Rep. Jeff Turco, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Councillor-at-Large Bob Haas III for a photo at the Greening of the Gateway Cities event April 22 at Rumney Marsh School.



Mayor's Chief of Staff Claudia Correa and Communications Associate Taylor Giuffre-Catalano, pictured at the event on Earth Day at the Rumney Marsh Academy.



Reuniting with his former colleagues in Revere government, DCR Commissioner and former Mayor Brian Arrigo is pictured with Mayor Patrick Keefe, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and Rep. Jeff Turco.



**Mayor Patrick Keefe speaks** at the event held on Earth Day in Revere.



Rumney Marsh Academy Principal Heather Bobb (left) presents a Certificate of Dedication to Yohana Chavarria, honoring the life of her son, Christopher Chavarria, for whom a tree was dedicated on the school campus.



is greeted by Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, at Monday's event at the Rumney Marsh School.



Shown to the left, School **Committee Member Stacey** Bronsdon-Rizzo, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Councillor-at-Large Bob Haas III (representing Sen. Lydia Edwards' office), and DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo.



#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**City of Revere** MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION Notice of Public Meeting Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Revere Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 7:00 P .M., in the City of Revere Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Request for Determination of Applicability from Samir Agudelo Owner at 129 Lynnway to determine if widening an existing walkway by one foot and installing pavers on it is an activity subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in the Conservation **Commission Office at** 249R Broadway, Revere, MA on Monday 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 4/24/24

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court

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**Probate and Family** Court **Suffolk Probate** And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 DIVORCE SUMMONS Court. BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

**Register of Probate** 

#### SU23D1209DR

Docket No.

Claudia Xiomara Aguilar Yanes Plaintiff VS. Jose Luis **Rodriguez Merlos** Defendant

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a **Complaint for Divorce** requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required

to serve upon: Adam S. Zaff, Esq. The Law Offices of Regan Associates, Chartered, 45 School St. 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02108 your answer, if any, on or before 06/21/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also

required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Date: April 17, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett

# 04/24/24

**LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 001466 **ORDER OF NOTICE** 

To: Renae Bavaro AKA Renae A. Bavaro-Coleman, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Vincent Bavaro, a/k/a Vincent James Bavaro; Renae Bavaro aka Renae A. Bavaro-Coleman, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Romain DePaolo aka Romain DiPaolo aka Romain A. Bavaro; Heirs, **Devisees and Legal** Representatives of the Estate of Vincent Bavaro, a/k/a Vincent James Bavaro; Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Romain DePaolo, a/k/a Romain DiPaolo, a/k/a Romain A. Bavaro; Renae Bavaro AKA Renae A. Bavaro-Colemar

## LEGAL NOTICES

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PIPER, Chief Justice of

this Court on April 11,

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entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Opteum Mortgage Acceptance Corporation, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-2, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Revere, numbered 136 Oakwood Avenue, given by Vincent Bavaro to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Opteum Financial Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated February 18, 2005, and registered in Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 696803, noted on Certificate of Title Number 126314, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before May

and to all persons

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 22-005295 4/24/24 R LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE AND** FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 **CITATION GIVING** NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE **ORDER PURSUANT** TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 Docket No. SU24P0638PM In the matter of: **Glenwood Boulier** Of: Revere, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lighthouse Nursing Care Center of Revere, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Glenwood Boulier is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed

as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/16/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The abovenamed person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person

cannot afford a lawyer,

one may be appointed at 3D7KU28D94G220941 PLATE #: \$55016 (MA) State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Call #: 26598 2018 Ford Focus Dunn, First Justice of this VIN #: 1FADP3F2X-Court. Date: April 17, 2024 JL288462 PLATE #: DYM491 (MN) Stephanie Everett, **Register of Probate** Call #: 26616 04/24/24 2006 Nissan Altima R VIN #: 1N4AL11D26C183787 Call #: 27042

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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2004 Dodge Ram 2500

2005 Toyota Camry

PLATE #: 2KH945 (MA)

2014 Honda Accord

VIN #: 1HGCR2F5X-

PLATE #: 2LMG78 (MA)

2013 Dodge Durango

PLATE #: 4XEV91 (MA)

2013 Subaru Impreza

PLATE #: 3DPE38 (MA)

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G12686H562750 Action Emergency PLATE #: 3WNK89 (MA) Management Service, Inc. Call #: 20239 1087 Broadway 2013 BMW 5 Series Revere, MA 02151 VIN #: WBAXH-P: 781-286-3900 5C5XDD112926 F: 781-286-3924 Call #: 25391 2013 Chevrolet Equinox FLEEK4D6111843

#### <u>LEGAL NOTICE</u> CZ-24-04

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Public **Hearing Notice** Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17, Chapter 17.56, Sections 17.56.010 - 17.56.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, that (a) the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:00PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council **Chamber of Revere City** Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, and (b) the **Revere Planning Board** will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 5:30PM

in the City Councillor

Joseph A. DelGrosso **City Council Chamber** of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere: AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE FLOOD-PLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REVERE Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Law Chapter 43, Section 23, in as much as the full text of the proposed zoning ordinance (CZ-24-04) exceeds eight pages in length, the full text of the aforementioned zoning ordinance amendment is available online at www.revere.org/departments/city-clerk, and on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/ opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before May 14, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik **City Clerk** Attest: Megan Simmons-Herling Planning Board, Chair 4/24/24, 5/1/24

## Healey-Driscoll Administration extends state financial aid priority deadline to July 1

### Special to the Journal

In alignment with the Biden-Harris Administration's call to support students in completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAF-SA), the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that the Department of Higher Education (DHE) has moved the priority deadline for its largest state financial aid program, MASSGrant, from May 1 to July 1, 2024. This later deadline gives

Massachusetts students more time to complete their FAFSA for the 2024-2025 academic year.

MASSGrant is a needbased financial aid program that helps to cover educational expenses at state public and private

students colleges and universities. During FAFSA Week of Action, the administration is encouraging students to complete their FAFSA as soon as possito cov- ble.

> "Massachusetts is home to the greatest higher ed

ucation institutions in the world, but we need to make sure that students are able to access that education. That's why our administration has taken action to significantly expand financial aid," said Governor Maura Healey. "We are extending the MASSGrant deadline to ensure that students who qualify for this financial aid have enough time and support to apply and do not leave money on the table."

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stewardship opportunities for young people is really incredible. We truly are making significant progress toward a greener and healthier Commonwealth," said Arrigo.

Mayor Patrick Keefe said, "I want to thank the DCR for coming out here. I know that they do tree plantings all along the Commonwealth. They know that Revere is an extra special place for the DCR these days. So that doesn't go unnoticed, and what you're doing today and what you'll continue to do throughout our communities is very much appreciated.

Trees really give so much to us. I'm happy that

Revere is a Tree City and will continue to be, but today, as Principal Bobb mentioned, is also a dedication to a very special student. And she mentioned "student" because he's still a student to us, and he's still a part of our community. Chris touched a lot of our lives. I got to meet this young man a little over a year ago. We call him Chef Chris. Chris lit up a room with an unbelievably bright smile. We love little Chef Chris. So, Chris may have left this earth, but his spirit is still alive and well in Revere, within our community, in our schools, and among our students and educators."

## CAMBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK INSPIRES FINANCIAL LITERACY AT FOR KIDS ONLY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS



Cambridge Savings Bank recently visited For Kids Only Afterschool programs in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. Their interactive sessions were both educational and inspiring. Every child received their very own piggy bank, courtesy of Cambridge Savings Bank. It's never too early to start building good financial habits, and thanks to their generosity, FKO children are off to a great start.

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"Many students' posthigh school plans rest on whether or not they receive the financial aid needed to make going to college a reality," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This year's updated deadline supports students who have reported challenges completing this year's new FAFSA, and the move is part of larger efforts to remove financial barriers to the life-changing opportunities that higher education offers."

The extended priority deadline for MASSGrant comes in response to challenges that students are facing as they work to complete the significantly updated FAFSA. Students who qualify for MASS-Grant and apply by the July 1, 2024 priority deadline are guaranteed to receive financial assistance from this program. Students who cannot complete the FAFSA due to their immigration status can complete the MASFA to apply for state needbased financial aid.

"We're happy to allow more time for FAF-SA completion this year to support our students, families, and those in our K-12 schools and educational community who work tirelessly to help with FAFSA completion," said Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler. "The Healey-Driscoll Administration, in partnership with the Legislature, is committed to helping students access higher education. We are hopeful that students will apply for financial aid and take advantage of the many expanded opportunities to attend college more affordably."

"Our message to students and families continues to remain the same: fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible," said Commissioner of Higher Education Noe Ortega. "This year's extended deadline responds to feedback from students, campuses and other partners about this year's unique challenges with FAFSA completion. We want students to know there are significant financial aid dollars available for those who qualify, and that persevering through completing the FAFSA is worth it."

"This updated MASS-Grant priority deadline is welcome news," said Elementary and Secondary Education Acting Commissioner Russell D. Johnston. "I hope students, especially first generation college students, will see the extended deadline and the Administration's significant expansion of financial aid and realize that public higher education is within reach." Along with Massachusetts' longstanding MASSGrant program, the Healey-Driscoll Administration has brought historic increases in student financial aid. In August 2023, the administration

launched MassReconnect, which makes community college tuition and fees free for students ages 25 and older without prior degrees, regardless of income. Then in November 2023, the administration launched MASSGrant Plus Expansion that provides free tuition and fees to Pell Grant-eligible students at all Massachusetts public colleges and universities (not including room and board) along with a \$1,200 allowance for books and supplies. The expansion of MASS-Grant Plus also cuts tuition and fees in half for middle-income families earning an adjusted gross income between \$73,000 and \$100,000 annually.

"Extending the MASS-Grant deadline puts higher education within reach for more students and families in our Commonwealth at a moment when we should be doing everything in our power to make college accessible to every resident. I'm proud to live in a Commonwealth where education is a priority, and I applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration for extending this deadline and giving families more time to complete their FAFSA," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "As a former public school teacher, I understand firsthand the importance of ensuring equitable access to education," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration for extending the state's application deadline as it will be impactful for students most in need of financial support to make college a reality."

"I applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration's action to ensure as many students as possible have the opportunity to complete a FAFSA and to keep the doors to higher education wide open to students regardless of their financial situation," said Senator Jo Comerford (D-Amherst), Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education.

"The college application process has always been a challenging time for students and their families, this year made more difficult by the new FAFSA form rollout," said House Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education Dave Rogers (D-Cambridge). "I commend the Healey-Driscoll Administration for extending the MASSGrant priority deadline and, more generally, for partnering with the House to expand access to nigher education significantly." "We should be doing everything in our power to make applying to college and financial aid as accessible and simple as possible, said State Senator Jason Lewis, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education. "I am proud

that the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the State Legislature have been allocating significant funding and resources to make public higher education more accessible in Massachusetts. Extending the priority deadline for MASSGrant will allow more students to receive this financial support from the state to be able to attend college."

"I join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives as we welcome all tools available to aid students and their families to meet the challenges of financial concerns and, more importantly, the great opportunities of higher education," said State Representative Denise Garlick, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Education.

How to complete the FAFSA for students and their families

• High school students are encouraged to inquire with their school counselor about applying for financial aid and applying to college. Additional resources are available for students looking for assistance completing the FAF- have your Social Security number ready.

2. Sign up for a FAFSA completion event. Sign up for a virtual, free FAFSA Day MA event on April 30 or May 13 by following this link. You can look for similar events on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) website. Another option is to ask your school counselor if there are any upcoming FAFSA completion events in your community.

3. Gather your documents. Visit this link for a list of documents you should have with you when you complete the FAFSA. You do NOT need to submit these items to the federal government, but you may need the information on them.

"Extending the deadline of the MASSGrant financial aid program by the DHE is another example of how the Healey-Driscoll Administration is putting the Commonwealth's students first," said John D Keenan, President of Salem State University and Chair of the State University Council of Presidents. "With FAFSA delays, this has been a challenging year for all students but particularly for those that attend state universities as so many of them are first generation to college. The MASSGrant extension will provide families with a clearer picture of how they can obtain their bachelor's degree, a dream within reach for many." "I applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration for allowing Massachusetts college-bound students and families more time to complete the FAF-SA and to qualify for the MASSGrant program,' said UMass President Marty Meehan. "Our goal is to ensure that qualified students can leverage every bit of financial aid that is available to them, and this extension will help realize that. In a similar spirit, UMass campuses have also extended their deposit deadlines for entering students." "Given the challenging rollout of FAFSA, any and all support and additional time we can provide to students and families in the Commonwealth is crucial," said Rob McCarron, president and CEO of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts. "Attending and graduating from a college or university can bring life-changing opportunities, and state financial aid programs, such as MassGrant, provides much-needed support, making financial aid critical for all deserving students."



SA, including the below contacts:

• MassEdCO serves students who are low-income and first-generation to college. Students can find local assistance with college access by entering their zip code on the MassEdCO website: Massachusetts Education & Career Opportunities, Inc. (MassEdCo).

• Watch the "FAFSA How to" videos.

• FAFSA Day Massachusetts: fafsaday@gmail. com

• The Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA): (800) 449-MEFA (6332), collegeplanning@mefa.org

• The Department of Higher Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA): (617) 391-6070, osfa@osfa. mass.edu

Students are encouraged to attend an upcoming free, virtual FAFSA Day MA event, where they can receive personalized help from a financial aid professional. DHE recommends these three steps to students and families:

1. Create an FSA ID. At least a week before attending a FAFSA completion event, create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID if you don't have one. This ID allows you to log in and complete a FAFSA. It takes a few days for your account to be activated, so please start this process a week in advance of trying to complete your FAFSA. For instructions on creating the FSA ID, visit studentaid.gov. If applicable,