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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**SHIRLEY AVENUE FOREST POCKET PARK COMMUNITY EVENT TO BE HELD ON MAY 4**

The City of Revere is working in coordination with Shirley Ave neighborhood partners and landscape architecture firm ASK+ to design a brand-new public space at 69 Shirley Ave: a forest pocket park!

A pocket park is a small-scale neighborhood green-space that is designed to meet a range of functions. Through last year's Participatory Budgeting process, the community identified this project as the top public space priority. Now, the work is underway, and three concept designs have been proposed for community feedback. Community members can provide input in-person at the community event held at 69 Shirley Ave on May 4th at 10:00am, or through a survey found at [www.shirleyave.com/work/pocketpark](http://www.shirleyave.com/work/pocketpark).

This project emerged from the 2023 Shirley Ave Public Realm Participatory Budgeting (PB) process, which collected more than 600 pieces of input, including over 300 votes for public space projects proposed by community members. The City of Revere allocated \$560k towards the Participatory Budget process—a mix of \$260k Community Development Block Grant funding, \$285k of State Housing Choice Grant funding, and \$15k of public art private philanthropic funds.

Mayor Keefe articulated his support of the project:  
  
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**RYBS SEASON OPENING PARADE**



RYBS President Shawn Vetere leads the opening day parade down Malden Street.



The Athletics along the parade route during the season-opening parade held on Saturday. See more photos on Pages 14 and 15.

## Council looks at dog-friendly options for Revere Beach

By Adam Swift

While crowds of people flock to Revere Beach during the summer, dogs aren't allowed to get their paws in the sand.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio introduced a motion asking the DCR to look at

options for allowing dogs along at least a small portion of the beach in the summer. Currently, dogs are not allowed on the beach from April through October.

"I was contacted by quite a few dog owners that enjoy going on the beach with their dogs," said Argenzio.

His original motion suggested allowing dogs on a portion of the beach from Beach Street to Revere Street during the summer. But Argenzio said he was open to other suggestions for either areas of the beach or shortening the time dogs are banned on the beach.

"I would be amenable

to anything the DCR could come up with for just a small portion of the beach that would be designated dog-friendly," said Argenzio.

The councillor said that dogs would still have to remain on their leashes and that dog owners would have to be responsible for them.

Several councillors raised some concerns with Argenzio's motion.

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said she loves dogs, but that the focus during the short summer months should be on allowing families to enjoy the beach.

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**CITY WIDE CLEAN UP**



Cleaning up in the Beachmont area, Alejandra Arguelles and Alan Meza. See more photos on Page 4.

## Board of Health condemns home at 71 Pitcairn Street

By Journal Sayff

The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening in the City Council Chambers at Revere City Hall. On hand for the session were Chair Dr. Drew Bunker and fellow members Kathy Savage and new member Viviana Catano, for whom this was her first meeting.

Also on hand were Michael Wells, the city's Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services, and Paula Sepulveda, the Board of Health Clerk.

Wells presented the monthly report from his department, which included issuing 37 certificates of fitness, responding to 12 interior complaints, and performing three pool inspections. In the food department, there were 38 routine inspections, 13 re-inspections, three complaint inspections, and two pre-opening inspections.

Agents issued 321 citations for exterior sanitation (trash) violations, 30 citations for improper/bulky items, 27 citations for accumulation of trash, and one for working without a permit.

The board then conducted a hearing to determine whether to issue a condemnation order for the home at 71 Pitcairn St. Attorney Anthony Brunco, outside counsel for Revere with respect to public health and safety issues, informed the board of the situation with the property.

"This is a property that the city had believed to be vacant, but then there were complaints from area residents about a vehicle that had been parked in the driveway, uncut grass, and a rat infestation," said Brunco.

Brunco said the city had made numerous requests for inspections and issued a number of fines, to which

there was no response. Brunco's office then obtained a warrant from the court to inspect the premises.

"What we found was that there were a number of issues that made the property unfit for human habitation, for which the city issued a notice to correct. There was an occupant of the premises, but who no longer is living there, which is what the city wants," Brunco said. "However, we can't unsee what we saw -- there is no running water, portions of the home are without heat or electricity, and there is a rodent infestation."

Brunco said he wanted

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## City council approves new WinWaste contract

By Adam Swift

The city council approved a new 10-year contract with WinWaste Innovations for disposal of the city's solid waste.

Several councillors did

raise concerns about the operation of the Saugus WinWaste incinerator facility and the potential of increased ash from the facility being trucked

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**ANNUAL SENIOR SPRING FLING**



Revere seniors dancing to "Memories" during the Spring Fling at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish on April 24. See more photos on Page 4.

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“Shirley Ave is a vibrant community. This greenspace will act as a complement to Costa Park. We love to see the activity down on Shirley Avenue and across the Ward 2 neighborhood.”

Once again, join the team on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the site of the future Forest Pocket Park: 69 Shirley Ave. This is a two-part event, including a community design workshop and a plant swap. The rain location for this event is Las Delicias Colombianas, located at 86 Shirley Ave.

All are welcome! The City’s community liaison team will be on-site to support language access and refreshments will be provided by MGH/Revere-Cares.

### Plant Swap Rules:

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- Swaps or giveaways only, no sales please
- Indoor or outdoor plants are welcome
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## SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KEVIN HAYDEN PAYS \$5,000 CIVIL PENALTY

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden has paid a \$5,000 civil penalty for violating the conflict of interest law by failing to stop his staff from issuing and by failing to withdraw a DA’s Office press statement aimed at discrediting his opponent in the 2022 Democratic primary election. Hayden signed a Disposition Agreement in which he admitted the violation and waived his right to a hearing.

After an August 23, 2022 newspaper article described allegations that Hayden’s opponent in the

## KELLEY AT TEAMSTERS GALA FOR AUTISM AWARENESS



Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, with her husband, David (left) attended the 15th Annual Teamster’s Local 25 Gala for Autism Awareness on Sat April 27th at the Boston Convention Center. Shown above with Teamster’s Local 25 President Thomas G. Mari.

September 6, 2022 Democratic primary, Ricardo Arroyo, had been investigated by the Boston Police Department for alleged sexual assaults when he was a teenager, the allegations became a focal point of the primary race. Arroyo sued the City of Boston for Boston Police Department investigation files he claimed would show the allegations were unfounded.

On September 2, 2022, four days before the primary election and 90 minutes before a court-ordered deadline for the City of Boston to provide investigation files to Arroyo, the Suffolk DA’s Office issued an official statement to the press announcing that the office had “reviewed the entire unredacted file regarding the sexual assault allegations,” that “nothing in the file suggests the allegations were unfounded,” and that “the campaign to sabotage the victim’s credibility is shameful.” The Suffolk DA’s Office statement was widely published by multiple news media outlets, many using it as a response to Arroyo’s claims. An article published in one outlet reported that “Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin R. Hayden released a statement saying

prosecutors never deemed the case ‘unfounded.’”

Hayden was aware that his DA’s Office staff intended to issue a statement directly contrary to Arroyo’s public claims that the allegations against him were unfounded and challenging his credibility. Hayden took no action to prevent his staff from doing so and did not withdraw the statement after it was released. By these failures to act, Hayden knowingly or with reason to know used his official position as Suffolk District Attorney to secure for himself the unwarranted privilege of using valuable public resources for his own personal political advantage and violated the conflict of interest law.

“The authority and prestige of a District Attorney’s office and the work-time of its staff are valuable public resources to be used for the public good,” said Executive Director David A. Wilson. “Their use to discredit a political opponent in order to gain advantage in an election or for any other private purpose is prohibited by the conflict of interest law.”

The Commission encourages public employees to contact the Commission’s Legal Division at 617-371-9500 for free advice if they have any questions regarding how the conflict of interest law may apply to them.

## IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR WALK FOR HUNGER

The Walk for Hunger, Project Bread’s annual fundraising event and the Commonwealth’s largest and oldest day of community action against hunger, is seeking walkers for the celebration. The one-day event is set for Sunday, May 5 on the Boston Common, and will feature family-friendly activities along the 3-mile loop. In its 56th year, Project Bread invites you to help raise more than \$1.3 million to support the leading statewide food security organization’s approach to permanently solve hunger, which includes working year-round across policy initiatives, programs, and hunger prevention measures to ensure food access for all children and families in Massachusetts.

Likeminded anti-hunger organizations can enroll in the nonprofit’s co-fundraising program, The Commonwealth, forming teams to raise money to support their own work, while also furthering Project Bread’s statewide effort. To register for the event and create a personal or team fundraising page for the Walk for Hunger or to make a donation, visit [projectbread.org/walk](http://projectbread.org/walk) or email [walk@projectbread.org](mailto:walk@projectbread.org).

# State and local police prepare for warm weather at Revere Beach

By Adam Swift

State and local law enforcement officials are looking to avoid a repeat of the violent incidents that have marred the first days of warm weather at Revere Beach over the past several years.

Last year, state police closed Revere Beach on Memorial Day weekend following two separate shootings that sent three people to the hospital.

At Monday night’s city council meeting, Revere Police Chief David Callahan and Revere Beach State Police Barracks commander Lt. Donald Bossi gave an update on safety and security plans for the beach this summer.

“With temperature warming up, in past years we have seen some serious injuries and altercations down there, and I don’t think anyone wants to see a repeat performance of what happened last year,” said Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, who requested the update along with Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri.

Callahan noted that the beach itself is DCR property and is patrolled mainly by the state police. However, the chief said the local police assists the state police when it can, and that he is in constant contact with Bossi about keeping the beach safe.

Callahan added that there will be a meeting soon with state and local law enforcement officials, as well as transportation police and local state legislators, to make sure everyone is on the same page before the warm weather hits.

“We always try to have some kind of plan in place, but it’s challenging because a lot of it goes on the weather a lot of the time,” said Callahan. “The state police get extra funding for directed patrols down at Revere Beach. We haven’t forgotten about what happened last year; it was awful and they did have patrols down there but it seemed like it got overwhelmed pretty quick.”

The police chief noted that while no plan is perfect, that local law enforcement is working closely with its partners to prevent further incidents. Callahan added that Bossi has been very responsive to concerns and easy to work with.

Bossi said that one of the issues the Revere barracks, as well as other state police barracks, deals with is staffing. He said his barracks typically has one desk officer and two patrols for the beach, as well as parks and DCR areas in Lynn and Chelsea and a portion of Rte. 1.

“That is a lot of area to cover with two people,” said Bossi.

There is state funding for additional dedicated patrols, as well as one additional patrol in the summer for the evening shift. In addition, there is also a Community Action Team which helps patrol the beach in the summer.

The keys to patrolling Revere Beach include working with other law enforcement agencies, such as transit police, and having policies in place that make it easier for troopers from other barracks and regions to respond to ma-

ior incidents. Bossi said state and local law enforcement officials are also monitoring social media to help get a handle on when there could be an issue on the beach.

“The one thing, and I know that people don’t want to hear this, is that people do bad things,” said Bossi. “It is our job to stop them. We can’t read minds; we try to predict when things are going to happen and we try to have the resources in place.”

Bossi said the state police will be ready to respond quickly if there are any incidents on the beach and will work with local police and other agencies.

Silvestri said one of his biggest concerns is preventing large groups of youth and teenagers from other cities from traveling to Revere Beach to create problems.

Bossi said state police have worked with transit police to make sure the transit police contact them if they see anything suspicious.

“If they see large numbers, we hope they will give us a call,” said Bossi. “We do understand that kids are being kids, and we allow that within reason. The problem is when two or three towns have a skip day at once, and we try to monitor that.”

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna praised Bossi for his responsiveness to issues in the past, and noted that there have always been some issues at Revere Beach in the past, but that the violence has increased in recent years.

## Revere Beach // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“Some of the kids may be afraid of the dogs and some of the dogs may be aggressive,” she said. “I want the families to be able to enjoy the short time that they do have on the beach and not worry if a dog is going to come up to them.”

Guarino-Sawaya said the DCR could look at possibly allowing dogs before 9 a.m. and after 7 p.m. at the beach.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said the residents near the area out-

lined by Argenzio were opposed to the idea.

Argenzio said the boundaries were only a suggestion, and that he was just looking to see if a small area of the beach could be declared dog friendly.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna noted that she introduced a motion last year requesting that the city and DCR look at the possibility of constructing a dog park at an area of the beach not many people use near Broad-

sound Avenue.

“It’s a place no one uses and it could be utilized for a really good dog park,” said McKenna.

Guarino-Sawaya and Novoselsky cast the two votes against requesting the DCR look into making a portion of the beach dog friendly during the summer.

Council President Anthony Cogliandro, on the other hand, said he believed that dogs should be allowed along the entire beach all year long.

**Revere TV**  
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**SPOTLIGHT**

Tune in to the RTV Community Channel to watch the fourth episode of the RPS Family Liaisons Cooking Series. In this episode, you’re taken on a culinary journey to Puerto Rico. Leslie Clyne-De Cicco, the Parent Liaison at Revere High School, showcases the art of preparing a traditional Puerto Rican dish, Pollo Guisado (Puerto Rican Chicken Stew). Accompanying Leslie is Estaphany Rodriguez, the Family and Community Coordinator for Revere Public Schools. Together in this episode, they guide you through the steps to make this delicious stew while also providing insights into Puerto Rican culture. This program is conducted in both English and Spanish in the same episode. Watch at your convenience on YouTube and follow along in your own kitchen!

April was Autism Acceptance Month and local leaders and families gathered at City Hall on April 18th to celebrate. This is an annual event where people come together to support Revere’s Autistic community and promote acceptance. If you drive by City Hall, you will still see the word LOVE spelled out in puzzle pieces and a flag hanging above the main steps. Watch coverage of this event now playing on the Community Channel or RevereTV’s social media pages.

The City of Revere and Mayor Keefe held an event in honor of Earth Day on Saturday. Beautify Revere was the annual spring cleanup day held at various locations around the city. Participants were invited to celebrate together in the afternoon at McMackin Memorial Park, which is formerly known as the American Legion Lawn on Broadway, to enjoy barbecue, drinks, and family friendly activities. Watch RevereTV’s coverage of this event in between programming on the Community Channel for the next few weeks.

Victoria Fabbo was back in the kitchen studio once again to record her May episodes of “Fabulous Foods.” Be on the lookout for a new spring show where Victoria makes persian cuisine. In the meantime, you can still watch her past three recipes from April on the Community Channel over the next few weeks. The recipes in “Fabulous Foods” currently airing include saffron rice and two desserts. You can watch all episodes of “Fabulous Foods with Victoria Fabbo” on the Community Channel every month, or always at any time on YouTube.

RTV GOV is scheduled with the latest government meetings from the Council Chambers. Tune in to see replays of the License Commission, Parking Advisory, Board of Health, Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee, Ways and Means Sub-Committee, Revere City Council, and Conservation Commission. All meetings play live on RTV GOV and YouTube and then replay in the weeks following. Meetings on YouTube stay posted and can always be accessed. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN.

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### GREATER BOSTON LABOR COUNCIL BREAKFAST

The AFL-CIO's Greater Boston Labor Council held its breakfast for Revere, Everett, and Chelsea elected officials to educate them on workers' issues and establish a stronger relationship between the electeds and working classes families. Present representing, Revere

were Councillors Kelley, Jaramillo, Hass, Guarino-Sawaya, Silvestri as well as Mayor Keefe and Senator Lydia Edwards. Labor leaders from unions like IBEW, SEIU, UFCW, DC 35, AFCSME, and the Boston Building Trades were present amongst others.



Mayor Patrick Keefe speaks at the AFL-CIO's Greater Boston Labor Council Breakfast.



The Revere contingent at the Labor Council Breakfast with State Sen. Lydia Edwards. From left to right, Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Councillor-at-Large Bob Haas III, Sen. Lydia Edwards, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya and Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri.

## Revere schools receive state grants to help with federal student aid applications

Special to the Journal

Revere High School and the CityLab Innovation High School both received state grants that will help high school seniors complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Revere High School received \$12,270, while the CityLab Innovation High School received \$540.

Overall, the Healey-Driscoll Administration provided 100 Massachusetts public schools serving Gateway Cities with more than \$550,000 in grants for the program.

These grants follow an announcement that the state's priority deadline to apply for Massachusetts financial aid via MASS-Grant has been extended from May 1 to July 1, 2024. The awards are also intended to support schools amid unique nationwide challenges with this year's FAFSA. As of April 2024, 168,489 students or prospective

students in Massachusetts have completed the FAFSA, a decrease from 232,560 in April 2023.

"We want high school seniors to know that there is still time to complete the FAFSA and pursue higher education this coming fall," said Governor Maura Healey. "These additional funds will help reach students who have yet to complete the FAFSA but who aspire to attend college and may benefit from the significant financial aid programs available in Massachusetts."

These grants allow the state to support schools in a final push to reach seniors before they graduate, said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll.

"Students may have considered a college education but not begun or completed the FAFSA," said Driscoll. "We know how dedicated our school counselors are to helping these students, and the Administration is working to support them through

these funds and by shifting the priority deadline for state financial aid."

The FAFSA completion grants will be issued to public high schools at which 70 percent or more of the students served are from Gateway Cities. The funds are also granted to Massachusetts high schools taking part in the federal Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) program. High schools will receive grant amounts equal to \$30 per 12th grader.

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration has made historic investments in financial aid, but for many students the challenges of FAFSA completion pose barriers to accessing that aid," said Secretary of Education Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "It's not too late for high school seniors to complete the FAFSA, and these grants support schools' ongoing efforts to help students attend

college affordably in the upcoming academic year."

The grant funds for schools are being distributed by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education in collaboration with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. School leaders and counselors can dedicate grant money to FAFSA completion events or celebrations, and they can purchase prizes such as gifts cards and school-branded merchandise for students who complete the FAFSA or the Massachusetts Appli-

cation for State Financial Aid (MASFA). Students who cannot complete the FAFSA due to their citizenship status should complete the MASFA.

"Students who complete the FAFSA by July 1 and qualify for need-based financial aid are guaranteed some financial support to attend college," said Commissioner of Higher Education Noe Ortega. "We encourage students not to leave money on the table. We hope these grants will provide schools with meaningful support as they work with students

who have yet to apply for financial aid, but who have the talent and drive to succeed in college."

Along with the later statewide deadline for FAFSA completion, colleges and universities are also moving their deposit deadlines to accommodate students who have yet to apply or have not received financial aid packages that are crucial in making college-going decisions. Students should check college or university websites or reach out directly to individual campuses for information about deadlines.



## MAY CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
6:00AM - SPIN NIKKI (55 MIN.) (2&3) 6:00AM - BOOTCAMP DANIEL (45 MIN.) (2&3) 9:00AM - SPIN CHERYL (45 MIN.) (2) 10:00AM - STRETCH & TONE CHERYL (50 MIN.) * 5:30PM - BARRE NIKKI (55 MIN.) (2&3) 6:30PM - CARDIO DANCE DANIEL (45 MIN.) *	6:00AM - STRENGTH & CORE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) (2) 6:30AM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.) (2&3) 9:00AM - BOOTCAMP - DANIEL (45 MIN.) (2&3) 5:00PM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.) * 6:00PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.) (3) 7:00PM - ZUMBA - MIGUEL (50 MIN.) *	8:00AM - POWER YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) (3) 9:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) * 10:00AM - SPIN - CHERYL (35 MIN.) (2) 11:00AM - CARDIO DANCE - DANIEL (45 MIN.) *
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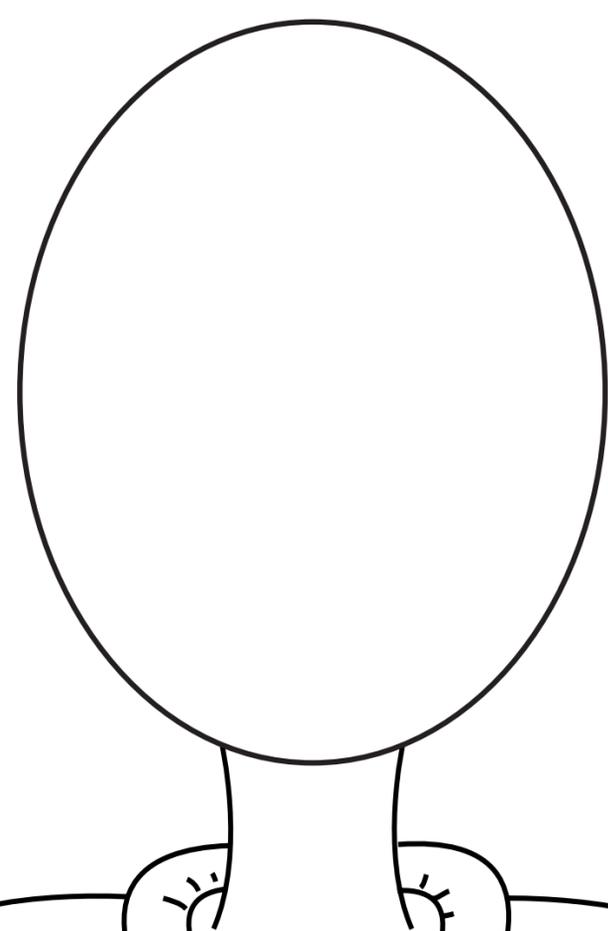


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# DEADLINE FRIDAY

Entries will be published with in the May 8th issue

### CITY OF REVERE'S ANNUAL CLEAN UP THE CITY DAY

Last Saturday morning Mayor Patrick Keefe, DPW employees and many volunteers, including some city councillors gathered throughout the city for a few hours of clean-up work.

Local park and public areas were raked and had the trash bagged and picked up by the DPW staff. Following the day's event, a thank you BBQ was held at the Veterans' Memorial Park on Broadway, featuring hot dogs, cheeseburgers, and sausages. A beer garden was provided by Murray's Tavern for the over-21 volunteers.



Enjoying lunch, Mickaela Gonzaga, Isabella Gonzaga and Raish Builes.



Hanging out after a hard day of clean-up in the beer garden provided by Murray's Tavern. Mayor Patrick Keefe and staff, Councillor Paul Argenzio and his crew, Stephen Damiano Jr. and volunteers that help make Revere a better and cleaner place for all.



From left, Senator Edwards, Lina Tramelli from the Revere Mayor's office with a fellow Revere resident.



John Murray and crew, Jill Lees and Ana Kallivas.



Mayor Keefe with volunteers Jocelyn Lazo and Marisol Lazo.



Costa Park on Shirley Avenue was being renovated by, Jack DeSantis, Nick Sevcastakis, Michael Micciche, and Michael Petrigno.



Gathering for lunch after a hard day's work around the City of Revere, Christian Majano Ortez, Rosa Morales, Florida Recinos and Edi Morales.



M&T Bank sent over a crew of volunteers to help with the day's task, they are shown with a thankful Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Parks and Rec cooking crew, Sally Vranos, Fatu Fanny, Jen Dugan, John Leone, and Adriana Borriello.



Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky with volunteers, Pam Ross, Jan Duma, Neelix, Charleigh Novoselsky, Brian Harkins, Andy Lafontant, Laura Christopher.



Sgt. Joe Internicola and Officer Bryan Brenes with some of the local youth volunteers, Gabriel DeLima, Guilherme DeLima, and Emmanuel Calderon.



Enjoying the day, Roman March and Leo Rivero.

# Board of Health // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the board to issue a condemnation order in order to ensure that no one returns to the property and to allow the city to secure the premises. He said the city will be seeking to have the court appoint a receiver who would have the power to borrow money in order to make improvements. He also noted that the owner passed away in 2021 and his estate is "fractured in six different pieces. There has to be a consensus either to sell the property or to make repairs."

The former occupant of the property explained to

the board that he had been living there for the past 25 years with his parents and that he had nowhere else to go. When Bunker asked whether he would be amenable to working with various city and social service agencies to make repairs to bring the building up to code, he said, "I'll take whatever help I can get," noting that a plumber had given him an estimate of \$16,000-\$20,000 in order to restore water service to the home.

Wells added that the building does not need to be torn down, but can be repaired to make it habitable.

Brunco noted that the receiver will be a person who typically is a contractor who will be able to borrow money, which is possible in this case because there is equity in the property, and to ensure that the repairs are performed up to code.

The board then voted 3-0 to condemn the property and signed two orders, one of which declares that the structure is unfit for human habitation and the other being the actual condemnation order.

In other business, the board voted to approve the renewal of a number of body art licenses. Wells

noted that all of the establishments and individuals had met the requirements for the licenses:

- Body Art Establishment License -- Brows By Camila;
- Body Art Individual License -- Maria Nieto;
- Body Art Establishment License -- Face Lip Brow Bar;
- Body Art Individual Practitioner License -- Andrea Medina;
- One Day Temporary Body Art License -- Let Er Rip, LLC & Boston Harley-Davidson; and
- One Day Temporary Individual Body Art Li-

cense at Harley Davidson -- David Martinelli.

The board also voted to approve heating variance requests from six older buildings that have only one HVAC unit for both air conditioning and heating. State law requires that residential properties must provide heat from October 15-May 15.

Wells pointed out that thanks to climate change, air conditioning needs to be extended beyond the state-mandated time frame and the condos came before the board seeking a modification of the statutory dates. The board

routinely has done so in the past and voted unanimously to do so again. The six buildings are:

- Breakers Condominium, 437 Revere Beach Blvd.;
- Friendly Garden Cop., 235 Revere St.;
- Seaview Towers, 510-515 Revere Beach Blvd.;
- Seawatch Tower Condominium, 376 Ocean Ave.;
- St. George Condominium, 350 Revere Beach Blvd.; and
- Ocean Gate Tower Condominium, 382 Ocean Ave.

## REVERE SENIOR CENTER SPRING FLING



Jerry Iannicello, Bill Reedy, and Mike Prizio.

Photos by Marianne Salza

Seniors enjoyed musical entertainment by DJ Rick Freni and lunch from



Vin Cammarata, who celebrated his 92nd birthday on April 28, with Director of Elder Affairs Deb Peczka, who celebrated her birthday on April 29

DeMaino's Restaurant during the Revere Office of Elder Affairs Spring Fling at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish on April 24.



Joanne Monteforte, Marie Loconzolo, Arlene DeGregorio, and Mary Concannon, friends from the Jack Satter House.



Mina Canas, Administrative Clerk, Deb Peczka, Director of Elder Affairs, Susan Martelli, Administrative Clerk, and Anna Picardi, Assistant Director & Transportation Coordinator.



Mina Canas, Administrative Clerk, John Kingston, School Committee, Susan Martelli, Administrative Assistant, and Hajar Bichou, Board of Health.



Councilor Joanne McKenna, Councilor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Director of Elder Affairs Deb Peczka, Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy, candidate for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, John Powers, Clerk of Civil Courts, and City Council Vice President Ira Novoselsky.



Milly Schettino, Kathy Smith, Maureen and Dale Willett, Cheryl Rivers, who celebrated her 77th birthday on April 15, and Ernie Brown.



Corrado Zarbano, Maria Margaca, Liz Haley, and Linnie Powers



Marie Voto enjoying her time at the Spring Fling.



Councilor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, Councilor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, and Director of Elder Affairs Deb Peczka, with April birthday seniors.



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# Forum

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## COLLEGE PROTESTERS SHOULD EMBRACE BEING ARRESTED

Acts of civil disobedience by definition imply that a person knowingly is breaking the law and is willing to accept the legal consequences.

When Rosa Parks took a seat at the front of that bus in Alabama and was arrested in 1955, she set off a legal battle -- which eventually resulted in the striking down of the segregationist law as unconstitutional -- that ignited the modern civil rights movement.

Photos of Parks being fingerprinted at the police station galvanized Americans everywhere (well, except in the Deep South) and made her an icon of the struggle for justice and equality.

Just a few years ago, the 1960s peace activist Jane Fonda, now in her 80s, was at it again, being arrested on the steps of the Capitol building weekly, this time to protest the lack of action by the government to tackle climate change.

Being arrested has been a badge of honor by protesters for whom being placed into handcuffs represents the ultimate act of defiance of those in power.

But the students today who are occupying college campuses in violation of university policies want to have it both ways: They want to defy the authorities, but feel that they are entitled to have carte blanche to do so without any consequences.

Admission to a prestigious school does not entitle a person to special treatment when it comes to laws that apply to everybody. Yes, the students have a right to protest. But school officials also have the obligation to keep their campuses open and safe for all students. When these protesting students break the law and the rules of their campuses, they should be willing -- with defiant joy -- to accept the consequences.

Unless these students are willing to have some skin in the game, so to speak, their moral outrage amounts to nothing more than a frivolous exercise.

## OPPONENTS OF AID TO UKRAINE SHOULD WATCH FRANKLIN

Here's the plot-line: A world superpower, led by a ruler-for-life who does not tolerate dissent, invades a young sovereign nation, which at one time had been part of the superpower, with a large military force in order to restore the young nation to its sphere of influence. The young nation seeks the aid of another superpower in the world in order to fight off the invading force and to assert its claim to independence and freedom.

This very well could describe the situation today among Ukraine, Russia, and the United States, but that's also the scenario that unfolded 250 years ago when the United States proclaimed its independence from England and needed military assistance from France in order to fight back against the might of the British Empire.

The new Apple TV+ series, Franklin, chronicles the effort by Benjamin Franklin (who is played superbly by Michael Douglas) to enlist the aid of France in our fight against King George, who invaded America with a vastly-superior army and navy to squash our quest for freedom and democracy.

The Americans lacked everything -- uniforms, muskets, artillery, ships -- that they needed to fight off the British. Without Franklin's diplomacy that persuaded the French to provide America with the means to defend itself, we never could have won the Revolutionary War, which lasted a long eight years from the firing of the first shots at Concord in April, 1775, to the Treaty of Paris in September, 1783.

Prior to the French government formally declaring its alliance with the United States, French citizens who sympathized with the Americans, most notably the Marquis de Lafayette, defied their country's official policy and fought with the Americans, providing both moral support to our army and highlighting the justice of our cause to everyone around the world.

Those who oppose our aid to Ukraine (which Congress finally approved after a delay of six months) in order to help the Ukrainians repel the barbarous invasion by Vladimir Putin would do well to watch the Franklin mini-series on Apple TV+.

They would be reminded that the lesson of history is plain: Freedom isn't free and, to paraphrase Martin Luther King, tyranny anywhere is tyranny everywhere.

## School Committee discusses Middle School Honors plans

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

During its regular meeting last week, the Revere School Committee discussed planning for the potential implementation of separate honors-level classes at the district's middle schools.

Back in January, the school committee voted in favor of a motion to "have a separate class for honors level for both middle school and high school core classes for the 2024-25 school year," per the January 16th regular meeting minutes.

The abovementioned decision came after a lengthy public speaking portion during the January meeting, during which several community members, such as educators, parents, and students, spoke in favor of bringing back separate honors-level classes.

Superintendent of Schools Dianne Kelly told the Revere Journal in January that the honors program changed with the introduction of detracking in 2020.

According to Kelly's comments to the Revere Journal this winter, detracking removed honors at the middle school level, and kids are now evaluated using a standards-based grading system that the district's elementary schools use.

Months have passed since the decision to re-introduce these separate honors classes, and Kelly

has returned to the school committee with an update.

Specifically, Kelly presented a list of needs and challenges from middle school principals regarding what it would take to bring separate honors classes to the middle schools.

First, Kelly spoke about what was described as a "budget item" in that there is a need for four more teachers at each of the three schools.

There is also a request for \$30,000 — \$10,000 per school — for Power-School Consultant to help with scheduling.

In addition to the needs presented above, challenges were also discussed. Kelly indicated that the Susan B. Anthony Middle School and Rumney Marsh Academy use a team structure, meaning that certain groups of teachers have certain groups of kids.

"They're not sure if they'll still be able to maintain that. Their hope is with the four additional spots, they'll be able to, but they won't know that until they get deeper into the scheduling process," said Kelly.

"They're worried that the loss of the team model — if they're not able to maintain it will have repercussions because you won't have the same five teachers dealing with the same group of kids," she added.

Another challenge discussed concerned class-

es such as theme classes. "Because the restrictions that'll be placed on — if a student is in a particular honors section, they may be unable to select their preferred elective, in which case they would be assigned into something else," said Kelly.

Following the presentation, the committee's Vice Chair, Jacqueline Monteroso, asked if the funding for the four positions at the three schools would come from this year's or next year's budget. Kelly responded that it would come from next year's budget.

Committee Member Anthony Mattera asked if honors classes would be offered for grades 6-12. Kelly emphasized that the current conversation was centered on the middle school—grades 6-8.

"That was what they heard was the command of the committee. That there be honors classes, six, seven, and eight in the four content areas of English, math, science, and social studies," said Kelly.

In a follow-up to Kelly, Mattera spoke about how he had taught at the middle school level, where he had four classes, one of which was designated as an honors class.

"If you have four classes, you designate one as an honors class, so I don't see where the logistics are out of whack here," said Mattera.

In response, Kelly indicated that staffing is dif-

ferent and that hiring positions like social workers and school psychologists to help kids socially and emotionally has been a priority recently.

"In terms of scheduling, that creates more of a restriction within what the kids are able to take," said Kelly.

After Kelly's response to Mattera, some confusion arose during the meeting when she attempted to clarify that honors classes at the middle schools are slated to be implemented next year only in grades seven and eight.

However, Committee Member Anthony Caggiano mentioned that it was discussed but not voted on at the last meeting and that the original motion approved in January included grade six.

As the conversation progressed, Mayor Patrick Keefe preached patience in implementing honors classes again.

Keefe said he has spoken with educators, saying, "They don't feel that it's attainable as quickly as we'd like to see it happen. I think we need to understand that sometimes compromise needs to happen."

"So if we're able to get it in the high school and if we're able to get it partially in the middle schools, we have to accept that because we can't just force this. If we can't get the staff, we can't do it," he added.

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## WinWaste // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

through Revere. Council President Anthony Cogliandro and councilors Angela Guarina-Sawaya and Marc Silvestri voted against the contract. Councilor Juan Pablo Jaramillo was absent from Monday night's meeting.

"We have a 10-year contract with WinWaste for disposal of our solid waste, and that contract is set to expire on June 30 of this fiscal year," said city finance director Richard Viscay. "I have been negotiating with WinWaste on a new contract for the past month and a half. What is before you is, I believe, the best and final deal that we could put together with WinWaste."

The 10-year contract is set for the first five years, and then there are options for years six through 10 which allow both the city and WinWaste to withdraw from the deal.

The current disposal rate for the city is \$83.51 per ton, and for FY25, that rate will go up 5.7 percent to \$88.25. The contract further calls for four percent increases per year for the next four years of the contract.

"We were able to negotiate some other benefits with regard to yard waste," said Viscay. "We are currently paying \$16 a ton to get rid of that, and they have agreed to take that for free as long as they can use it in their current facility where they can spread it out legally."

In addition, Viscay said WinWaste has offered a \$25,000 per year contribution to the city that he said will likely be used to help fund a city composting program.

Guarino-Sawaya raised the environmental concerns with ash at the Saugus facility and asked if Viscay knew when that plant would be closing.

"I don't understand why we keep going back and using them when we want them to close down," said Guarino-Sawaya. "I'm disgusted with them and the toxic ash that is coming through the city. I don't ever really want to do business with them, to be honest."

Viscay noted that Capital Waste, the city's trash collector, is contracted to haul waste to the WinWaste facility. If there was a change to another disposal site, he said the city would then have to open up its contract with Capital because of the additional transportation costs they would likely incur.

Viscay said the city negotiated with WinWaste exclusively, as it is legally able to do, but that he did look at contracts other municipalities have.

"Quite frankly, we believe it to be a pretty good deal regardless of what you think of the business and such," said Viscay. "We have to take our trash somewhere to get rid of it."

Viscay added that if the

Saugus facility was closed for whatever reason, that WinWaste would have to transport the solid waste to another facility at the same rates as are in the approved contract.

Councilor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto praised the contract as negotiated by Viscay, and said he considers it an unbelievable deal.

"I think he is protecting the taxpayers," said Zam-

buto. "I've looked over this deal, and it's better than I thought he could have got."

Cogliandro said he has the utmost faith in Viscay to get the best deal with WinWaste, but he said he was concerned with WinWaste shipping additional ash out through Revere roads in order to keep below the minimum allowed landfill height in Saugus.

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# Quick monthly meeting for Zoning Board

By Journal Staff

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, April 24, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber. On hand for the brief (13 minutes) session were chair Michael Tucker and fellow members Aklog Limeneh, James O'Brien, John Lopes, Arthur Pelton, and alternate member Peggy Pratt.

The board took up two matters. The first was a request by Rocco Andreotti and Isaac Reyes of Everett for a variance of Revere Revised Ordinances (RRO) Section 17.28.020 (parking requirements) to enable them to convert an existing single-family

dwelling into a two-family dwelling at 64 Beach Road.

Mr. Reyes, the contractor, presented the application on behalf of the family who owns the property. He explained that the family's teenage children are growing older and the family is hoping to create a separate apartment in the basement for them. The ordinance requires four parking spaces for a two-family residence, but there presently is just one parking space.

Ward 5 City Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said that some neighbors are opposed because of the parking issue and requested that there be a community meeting before the ZBA acts on the request. After a brief discussion

about whether adding another parking space is feasible (as well as a suggestion that a separate living space for the children be created without formalizing the property into a two-family residence), the board voted unanimously to continue the hearing in order to allow the owners to meet with the ward councillor and the neighbors to discuss the issue.

The other item on the agenda was an application from Apex Capital Partners, Inc. (Jean Machado and Claudinei DeSousa) of Everett, requesting an additional six-month extension of the one-year exercise period of previously-granted variances to enable the appellant to subdivide its current lot into two separate lots, to

be identified as Lots 1 and 2, and construct a new two-family dwelling on the subdivided Lot 1 portion of the property at 9 Mountain Avenue.

Al Carrier of Carrier and Associates of Charlestown, the project manager, explained that there had been a delay in the project because of financing issues in light of the prevailing high interest rates. However, Carrier said the financing has now been obtained and the project is presently before the Site Plan Review Committee and is 75% along on that process.

The members unanimously approved the request for the six-month extension.

The ZBA's next meeting is set for May 22.

## SCANELLI RECEIVES STATE HOUSE CITATION



Shown above, State Rep. Jeff Turco with Richie Scanelli, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday. Rep. Turco presented him with a citation, as well as a tour of the State House.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS FROM ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL - SECOND AND THIRD QUARTER

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the second and third quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes).

### Malden Catholic Honors QUARTER TWO 2024 President's List (90 to 100 in all classes)

- Teresa Barbiero
- Christopher Botti
- Maria Diaz
- Gwen Donato
- Khloe Hanscom
- Mariana Hincapie Gutierrez
- Caitlyn Hurley
- Maeve Hurley
- Yaocheng Jia
- Tabitha Kaba
- Yuyao Liu
- Henry Mai
- Luna Murray
- Vincenzo Palermo
- Josephine Piccardi
- Xuemei Qu
- Sofia Varon
- Mia Waldron
- MaryKatherine Zablocki

### First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)

- Moamel Al-Azzawi
- Marcella Bonfardeci
- Ever Calle
- Nicholas Cooper
- Clara Diaz
- Noah Goodwin
- Kasey Hanscom
- Dang Le
- Liliana Martinez

- Isabella Mejia
- Tenzin Moenkyi
- Ayden Nguyen
- Maisha Rivzi
- Tenzin Tashi
- Steven Tran

### Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)

- Esteban Arbelaez
- Deborah Azor
- Nicholas Carmona
- Lucia Cerbone
- Megan Hayes
- Sebastian Londono
- Chole O'Neil
- Archit Pradhan
- Nathalie Ramcharan
- Genesis Rosario-Lithgow
- Dominic Russo
- Arianna Salmoran
- Victoria Sekenski
- I-Kai Sung
- Jamaal Thurston Jr.
- Yongqi Xue

### Malden Catholic Honors QUARTER THREE 2024 President's List (90 to 100 in all classes)

- Christopher Botti
- Clara Diaz
- Caitlyn Hurley
- Maeve Hurley
- Yaocheng Jia
- Henry Mai
- Ayden Nguyen
- Vincenzo Palermo
- Sofia Varon
- Mia Waldron

### First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)

- Ever Calle
- Maria Diaz
- Gwen Donato
- Khloe Hanscom
- Megan Hayes
- Liliana Martinez
- Isabella Mejia
- Ava Meriano
- Tenzin Moenkyi
- Josephine Piccardi
- Nathalie Ramcharan
- Genesis Rosario-Lithgow

### Second Honors

### (80 to 84 in all classes)

- Riyam Al-Azzawi
- Deborah Azor
- Lucia Cerbone
- Pishon Gezehagn
- Olivia Harris
- Woyu Huang
- Tabitha Kaba
- John McDonald
- Chole O'Neil
- Archit Pradhan
- Dominic Russo
- I-Kai Sung

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

## Revere, Lynn men plead guilty to drug trafficking

By Journal Staff

Two North Shore men pleaded guilty in federal court in Boston this week to their roles in a North Shore-based drug trafficking organization that distributed tens of thousands of counterfeit prescription pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine.

Nelson Mora, 31, of Lynn, and Christopher Nagle, 30, of Revere, pleaded guilty to one count each of conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances. Christopher Nagle also pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine. U.S. District Court Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV scheduled sentencing for Aug. 5 and Aug. 13, respectively.

According to court documents from the U.S. Attorney's office, Christopher Nagle and allegedly his brother Lawrence Michael Nagle were

identified as leaders of a drug trafficking organization distributing various controlled substances throughout the North Shore. It is alleged that the Nagle organization distributed significant quantities of various controlled substances, including Adderall (both pharmaceutical-grade pills and counterfeit pills containing methamphetamine), methamphetamine, Xanax, Oxycodone (both pharmaceutical-grade and counterfeit pills containing fentanyl), cocaine and marijuana, among others.

Christopher Nagle's brother, Lawrence Michael Nagle, allegedly distributed controlled substances to a small network of individuals who would then redistribute the drugs to other traffickers, including Mora, who also had access to a pill press machine which he used to create counterfeit pills.

A search of Christopher Nagle's apartment recov-

ered more than 74,000 counterfeit Adderall pills containing methamphetamine, weighing more than 24 kilograms.

Mora and Nagle are the 10th and 11th defendants to plead guilty in this case.

The charge of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release and fine of up to \$1 million. The charge of possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine provides for a sentence of at least 10 years and up to life in prison, at least five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$10 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

## Lynn man indicted for theft from Revere post office

By Journal Staff

A former United States Postal Service employee from Lynn has been indicted by a federal grand jury of theft of mail and theft of government funds from post offices in Revere and Melrose.

Michael Murray, 36, of Lynn, was indicted on one count of theft of mail matter by an employee and one count of theft of government money. Murray was arrested last week.

According to the indictment, from around September 2022 through July 2023, Murray worked as a USPS postal clerk at the

Beach Street Post Office

in Revere and the Melrose Post Office. From around April 2023 through July 2023, Murray allegedly used his official position to steal the contents of hundreds of pieces of mail entrusted to him, including gift cards, cash and checks totaling approximately \$3,422, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. It is further alleged that, during the same time period, Murray stole and fraudulently negotiated USPS money orders by generating them for postal customers for his own use totaling approximately

\$5,131.

The charge of theft of mail by employee provides a sentence of up to five years in prison, three of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of theft of government funds valuing over \$1,000 provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

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Kelly echoed Keefe and said, "It's about the staffing, but it's about all of the other work that's been put into place over 10 years that we don't want to see go away entirely."

Caggiano said he spoke with administrators from other locations, who offered a different perspective: offering these classes in September should not be an issue.

"We voted on it. There's 60 parents and students that feel that we should have it in September, so I'm not going to flip-flop on this. This is what we voted on, and we will see where we are by September," said Caggiano.

Kelly responded to Caggiano and, in part, said, "I

have three middle school principals right now who are feverishly texting me as we have this meeting, trying to express how impossible they feel the position is that you've placed them in."

Later in the discussion, Kelly also confirmed that the aforementioned needs were based on implementing separate honors classes for grades seven and eight and theorized that the needs might be more with sixth grade included.

Eventually, Monterroso moved to "prioritize the addition of 12 additional teachers for grades seven and eight—core content—and the \$30,000 in cost for PowerSchool to be prioritized for the fiscal year

2025 budget," which was seconded.

The motion brought forth more discussion where Committee Member John Kingston questioned the pushback, saying, "I just want people to understand. We did this four years ago; it's not like it's reinventing; we're not going to Mars."

After some more discussion, Monterroso's motion was finally voted on and passed by a vote of 5-1.

Following the above-mentioned vote, Monterroso made a separate motion to postpone honors implementation in the sixth grade, which was seconded and passed by a vote of 5-1.

## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Dominguez, Colleen	Ryan Stewart RET	10 Ocean Ave #407	\$749,000
Valdivieso-Rosales, C M	Rizzo, Rose	11 Wilson St	\$680,000
George, Kristov S	Arias, Jonathan	140 Breedens Ln	\$1,150,000
Bojorquez, Zoila	Rolander, John G	15 Avon St	\$720,000
Saeed, Jewel	324 Princeton LLC	185 Squire Rd	\$2,000,000
Revere Capital Rt	Politano, Susan	24 Larkin St	\$400,000
Arevalo, Francisco A	Viarella, Joseph	28 Loomis St	\$890,000
Jaiswal, Shriti	RETals LLC	350 Revere Beach Blvd #2T	\$310,000
Rubio-Espinosa, Adriana M	Tibauda, James J	438 Park Ave	\$670,000
Nikitenko, Mike	Flores, Fredy E	67 Curtis Rd	\$750,000
Ephseus LLC	Isanthes LLC	85 Thurlow Ave	\$500,000
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## OBITUARIES

### George Walker

US Postal Service Retiree

Family and friends attended a visitation on Tuesday, April 30th in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for George F. Walker, who passed away peacefully at his home with family on Wednesday, April 24th following a long battle with lung disease. He was 72 years old. A Funeral Mass was celebrated following the visitation in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere and interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

George was born in Boston and raised in East Boston's Eagle Hill neighborhood, one of four children. He was educated in his parish school, Sacred Heart Grammar School, where he also served as an "altar boy." He was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1968.

George continued to further his education by attending Boston State College and Salem State College. George was a "Friend of Bill W" and he worked as a substance abuse counselor at the Meridian House in East Boston. George cared deeply and remained connected to the recovery community. He sponsored and helped many attain their own sobriety.

He married his love, Debra (Carino) on October 11, 1997, and they lived in Everett. He began a career for the United States Postal Service in 1982. His career spanned 26 years until retiring as a supervisor due to his failing health. George was re-



vered at the Postal Service by many of his colleagues.

In his spare time, he had a great fascination and appreciation for all types of collectibles. He had a vast knowledge of many unique objects that interested him over many years.

He will be forever remembered as an intelligent, humble, and dedicated man to his family first, his friends from Bill W. and colleagues.

He was the beloved husband of 27 years of Debra A. (Carino) Walker of Everett, the loving stepfather of Tara E. DiFelice and her husband, Steven of W. Peabody; cherished grandfather of Lauren M. DiFelice; the treasured son of the late Mark T. Walker and M. Virginia (Hanlon) Walker and the dear brother of Frederick P. Walker of Billerica, Ginny Walker-Loughmiller of Squantum and John A. Walker of Medford. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

The staff at Vertuccio Smith & Vazza are most honored to have assisted the family in completing funeral arrangements. For online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com).

### Theresa O'Sullivan

She will be remembered for her unshakeable faith in God, her devotion to her family, and the light she exuded in the lives of many people around the world

Theresa A. (Lombardi) O'Sullivan, 66, of Norwood, formerly of Chelsea and Jamaica Plain, died peacefully on Monday, April 22nd at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston in the care and presence of God and her devoted family and friends.

The adored daughter of the late Frances M. (Drago) Lombardi and Ralph J. Gregorio, she was the beloved wife of Michael J. O'Sullivan of Norwood, with whom she spent 36 beautiful years of marriage; the devoted and cherished mother of Michelle A. O'Sullivan and Michael L. O'Sullivan of Norwood; dear sister of Nina F. Lentz of Marblehead, Joseph A. Lombardi of Nahant and Robert A. Lombardi of Peabody. She was the best friend of Annie Blake of Worcester and treasured companion of her dog, Gizmo. Terri is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends.

Terri will be honorably remembered for her unshakeable faith in God, her devotion to her family, and the light she exuded in



the lives of many people around the world.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Grace Church in Everett on April 29th followed by interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In remembrance, memorial contributions may be made to Beth Israel Lahey Health, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Office of Philanthropy, 529 Main Street, 4th Floor, Charlestown, MA 02129.

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## Council seeks greater say for city in Parkway floodgate operation

By Adam Swift

The city council wants to ensure the city has more of a say when it comes to closing the DCR-owned floodgate on Winthrop Parkway.

Councillors Joanne McKenna and Michelle Kelley introduced a motion at Monday night's meeting requesting the mayor have the city solicitor draft special legislation requiring that the City enter into an agreement with the state and DCR providing for regulations concerning the closure of the floodgate on Winthrop Parkway.

The motion arises from the recent Nor'easter at the beginning of April where DCR did not close the floodgate, and a number of residents had flooding to their homes and damage to their property.

"We understand that the floodgate is not the property of the city of Revere, it is DCR's property," said Kelley.

However, Kelley said the city should have a say on whether or not the floodgate is closed because it directly impacts the residents of Revere.

"I believe there should

be some type of at least joint decision-making process so that between the mayor and the ward councilor (McKenna) and the DCR, we can make a decision as to when the floodgate is closed," said Kelley.

After the early April storm, when she said she warned the DCR about closing the gate, McKenna said she got a call from Mayor Patrick Keefe stating that the city would have more say in closing the floodgate.

Councillor-at-Large Robert Haas, III said he agreed with the motion and noted that years ago, it was a common procedure for the city to close the floodgate on Winthrop Parkway if it was warranted.

"When we have a chance to stop any damage to vehicles or houses or anything like that, that is something the city should take a hard look at and just make the call," said Haas.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he was disgusted with the DCR's decision to close the floodgate during the April

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## CityLab High School one of six schools awarded a New Clean Energy Innovation Pathway by the State

Special to the Journal

The Healey-Driscoll Administration awarded new Innovation Career Pathway designations to 36 high schools across Massachusetts, of which 22 are new to the program.

Innovation Career Pathways provide students with work-based, applied learning experiences in high-demand industries such as Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology, Environmental and Life Sciences, Health Care and Social Assistance, Business and

Finance, and Clean Energy.

In Revere, CityLab High School was one of six schools chosen as a new Clean Energy Innovation Pathway school. This designation will enable CityLab students to explore careers in high-demand industries they may want to pursue while also bolstering workforce pipelines to meet the needs of employers at no cost.

"We are thrilled to be one of the six schools in Massachusetts that were awarded this new Clean Energy Innovation Pathway," said CityLab Principal Stacey Mulligan. "This pathway will prepare students for well-paying roles in sustainability professions. These professions will include solar and wind energy technology, green building technology, electric and autonomous vehicle technology, and much more. When CityLab students graduate from these programs, the city of Revere will have a pool of expertly trained talent right here to choose from and hire."

Innovation Career Pathways, a program that started in 2017-2018 with a handful of school districts, is now in 25% of Massachusetts high schools. Next year, the program will serve over 8,000 students.

"I was thrilled to see first-hand how students are exploring different career paths in high-demand industries like manufacturing," said Governor Maura Healey. "We're excited that students will have the opportunity to explore our Clean Energy Pathway next school year. We want to ensure that what students learn in school helps them get where they want to go while also meeting our workforce needs. That's why we are continuing

investments in transformational programs like Innovation Career Pathways with our FY25 budget."

Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll added that these Innovation Career Pathways will provide students with opportunities to explore careers in high-demand industries through partnerships with local employers and workforce boards so that they can succeed in and out of the classroom.

"These programs are a win for students, for schools, for employers, and for our economy—making Massachusetts a place where families want to live, learn, and work and supporting our fast-growing businesses," she said.

Governor Healey's fiscal year 2025 budget continues critical investments in programs that "Reimagine High School" like Innovation Career Pathways, Early College, and Career Technical Education, with \$47.8 million for these high school pathways programs, including a \$5 million dollar investment in broader pathway program support.

"We want to transform the traditional high school experience, and expanding Innovation Career Path-

ways is one key way we are working to do just that. I am excited that the program will reach nearly a quarter of all eligible high schools across Massachusetts as we work to Reimagine High School, increasing student engagement and creating new opportunities for them to find their own paths to successful futures," said Secretary of Education Dr. Patrick Tutwiler.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Acting Commissioner Russell D. Johnston said one of DESE's goals as an agency is to make sure that learning is relevant and tied to the real world.

"Innovation Career Pathways do just that, helping students see the path that connects their learning today to their career in the future," said Johnston.

According to the Governor's Office, a key component of Innovation Career Pathways is developing partnerships with local employers and MassHire Career Boards to foster work-based learning experiences for CityLab students. The partnerships enable CityLab students to gain work experience and insight about whether the field is something they would like to pursue in college or a career after high school.



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WARD 5 COUNCILLOR ANGELA GUARINO-SAWAYA CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER



Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, with colleagues in Revere government (from left), Mayor Patrick Keefe, School Committee Member John Kingston, Council President Anthony Cogliandro, Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky, and Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio.

Cary Shuman Photos

A large crowd of friends, supporters, and local officials attended a campaign reception for Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya on April 25 at La Hacienda.

Guarino-Sawaya was elected to the Council last November. A graduate of Suffolk University, Guarino-Sawaya is also the president of the Point of Pines Beach Association.

City Council President Anthony Cogliandro introduced the many city officials in attendance before turning the program over to Mayor Patrick Keefe for the formal introduction of Angela Guarino-Sawaya.

"I have the pleasure of introducing Councillor Guarino-Sawaya tonight, and I'm so appreciative that she asked me to do this," began Keefe. "Angela took over one of the biggest wards in our city for a councillor that did an unbelievable job for over two decades and things have not skipped a beat. She has the passion, the pride, the work ethic, the things that were passed on by her parents and family, and she is passing it on to her family. Community service comes from the heart, and when you put together a strong ethic



Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya welcomes Mayor Patrick Keefe, Communications Associate Taylor Giuffre-Catalano (left), Legislative Aide Rose Burns, and Executive Assistant Linda DeMaio, to her campaign reception at La Hacienda.

with that, you get Angela Guarino-Sawaya. She is someone with whom I've developed an unbelievable friendship on the City Council and we're devel-

oping a great partnership with her and the Mayor's Office."

Guarino-Sawaya thanked the city councillors in attendance and she expressed her gratitude to Revere's state delegation of State Reps. Jessica Giannino and Jeff Turco and Sen. Lydia Edwards "for being so supportive in getting things accomplished."

She also thanked Mayor Keefe and his team in the Mayor's office and City Clerk Ashley Melnik for their assistance during her first few months in office.

"Tonight I want to tell you what I love most about being your Ward 5 councillor," Guarino-Sawaya told the crowd. "I love meeting new people and helping

them. I love when I get an email or a phone call and I answer it right away and people say, 'I can't believe you answered, and you already did what I asked.' That to me is a sense of accomplishment."

Guarino-Sawaya said her rapid response to constituents' requests would not be possible without the help of the city workers and department heads.

"When we all work together, it honestly makes a huge difference," said Guarino-Sawaya.

She also cited her strong partnership with Mayor Keefe. "I am beyond thrilled to be working with Mayor Keefe. He has been such an asset to this city. He has been transparent, inclusive, and has our backs. His staff, Claudia, Linda, Rose, and Taylor are amazing and always eager to help."

Guarino-Sawaya said of the proposed new Revere High School, "I'm very excited to give our future students a state-of-the-art high school they deserve."

Guarino-Sawaya added that she made a motion that will allow the city to sell bricks that will be placed in the courtyard of the new high school. "This will take away some cost from the taxpayers and give everybody the opportunity to be part of the new school," she said.

Guarino-Sawaya said she is looking forward to the opening of the new fire station in the Point of Pines. "This is exciting for the residents of Point



Bernardo Sepulveda of Lynnway Associates, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Lou Markakis, President of Lynnway Associates, and Councillor-at-Large Bob Haas III.



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



Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya greets supporters Felicia Napolitano, comedian The Boston Guido, and Connie Scata.

of Pines and Riverside. It will finally give them a stronger sense of security. And I will have the honor of dedicating the meeting room to our long-time former councillor, John Powers," said Guarino-Sawaya.

Guarino-Sawaya concluded, "Revere is an up-and-coming city where many people want to live and as the city grows, we will continue to do work on our aging infrastructure as we just did in Oak Island with an entire upgrade on the piping sys-

tem. "I am extremely excited about bringing back the Christmas parade throughout the city. I am extremely thankful, humbled, and happy to represent the people of Ward 5 as well as the entire city of Revere."

Guarino-Sawaya received a warm ovation from the many people in attendance, a clear signal that her work on the Council and her vision for Revere's future are appreciated not only in her neighborhood, but city wide.



Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya speaks to the large crowd at her fundraiser April 25 at La Hacienda.



JoAnn Straub and George Cochran.



Steven Damiano Jr. and Ward 5 Councilor Angel Guarino-Sawaya.



Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya and Revere Public Library Young Adult Librarian Krystee Maniscalco.



Angela Guarino-Sawaya, with her son, Anthony Sawaya (right) and his friend, Aaron Santos (left).



Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, with Mary Callahan and Toni DePaolis.



Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Gina DiCenso, and Ron DiCenso.



Lilian Vega, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and School Committee Member Jacqueline Monterroso.

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Andrea Mygrant with Darien, her favorite runner.



Rocio Alarcon works on her mom Lucia's hair.



Angela Gutierrez gives her son David Giraldo a pep talk before his run.



Emilia, Ella, and Michael Polsonetti with Gioia and Mila Heigelman are ready to do some running.



Members of the Suffolk County Sheriff staff were on hand to lend their support for the 5K.



The 3 and 4 year olds take off on their run.



Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe and his four-legged friend Vinnie, Revere Director Of Parks and Recreation Michael Hinojosa, Sports and Fitness Coordinator John Leone, and the Correa Family Runners.



The 5 and 6 year olds prepare themselves for take off.



Neil Marino with his two runners Isabela and Crew.



Eddie O'Keefe handles his run like a superhero.



Allison McLean keeps pace with her daughter Keveigh.



Ali Abdula helps his daughter Maya Ali navigate the 1 to 2 year olds run.



Mia Madrid cheers enthusiastically as the 7-and 8-year-olds make their run.



Edith and William Mejia hold some daffodils.

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## Sports

### RHS Girls' Indoor Track celebrates Championship season

By Melissa Moore-Randall

The RHS Girls' Indoor Track Team celebrated their championship and undefeated season with an banquet celebration at the VFW in Beachmont. The hall was bursting with the Patriots' colors of red, white, and blue as Coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli and her squad celebrated their record setting season. The season not only included an undefeated and GBL Championship season, it also included many broken school records and individual honors for the Lady Pats tracksters.

Coach MacDonald-Ciambelli awarded individual awards to Top fielder Ashley Chandler, Top



**2024 Indoor Track Captains Yara Belguendouz, Camilla Echeverri, Angelina Montoya Araque, Yasmin Riazi and Giselle Salvador.**

runner Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, Rookie of the Year Gemma Stamatopoulos, MVP/Top Scorer Liv Yuong and Coaches Awards Yara Belguendouz, Camilla Echeverri, Angelina Montoya Araque, Yasmin Riazi and Giselle Salvador. The girls were gifted with championship sweatshirts for their accomplishments.

In addition five school records were recognized including the Shot Put Relay, Indoor Long Jump, 4x200 Meter Relay, Weight Throw, and Distance Medley Relay) as well as GBL All Stars Ashley Chandler, Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, Danni Hope Randall, Francoise Kodji, Gemma Stamatopoulos, Giselle Salvador, Hiba El Bzyouy, Jaliyah Manigo Olivia Rupp and Rania Hamdani.

Coach MacDonald-Ciambelli thanked the Parent Club and the generous donations of the community enabling them to have a celebration to honor their amazing season.

The Lady Pats look to continue their winning ways in the current outdoor track season.



**GBL Champions Olivia Rupp, Ava Cassinello, Gemma Stamatopoulos, Coach MacDonald-Ciambelli, Genevieve Zierden, and Danni Hope Randall.**



The 2024 Undefeated and GBL Champion RHS Indoor Track Team.

### RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago  
April 30, 2014

Revere High ace softball pitcher Sabrina Palermo fanned an incredible 26 Gloucester hitters in 11 innings last week in a 3-2 victory. Although Palermo's feat clearly is a Revere High record, statisticians reportedly are trying to determine whether it is a Massachusetts record. In any event, Sabrina's strikeout mark clearly is one that has surpassed anything like it in recent times in state schoolboy annals. The teams were scoreless through eight frames until Revere broke the deadlock with two runs in the ninth. Ally Hinojosa walked, stole second, and scored the first run of the game on a base hit by Logan DiCarlo. After Logan took second on a passed ball, she came home on a base hit by Julianna Cere. However, Gloucester responded in its half of the inning thanks to a walk (amazingly, one of only two awarded by Palermo all game), a triple, and then a bloop single, which accounted for two of the six Gloucester hits on the day. After a scoreless 10th, Hinojosa went back to work in the 11th. Ally singled and stole second to lead off the inning. She advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Victo-

ria Russo and then came home on a squeeze bunt by DiCarlo. Palermo then took care of matters in the 11th with two more Ks to close out the contest.

The Revere High boys lacrosse team earned a hard-fought 11-10 decision over Methuen Saturday. The Patriots generated a balanced scoring attack, led by Jay Seigal with three goals, including the game-winner. Stephen Piazza and Steven Noel both reached the back of the net twice and single tallies were recorded by Brian McNitt, Mike Dreeszen, Marco Mazzarelli, and Adam Comeau.

The Revere High baseball team has hit a rough patch of late. After opening the season with a pair of impressive victories, the Patriots have lacked the winning touch in their last five contests, including three losses in the past week. The Patriots appeared ready to snap out of the doldrums last Monday against Peabody on the strength of a superlative pitching effort by senior Tom Portrait, who protected a 1-0 lead up to a 3-2 count with two outs in the top of the seventh. However, that Peabody batter was hit by the next pitch and then came home on a double to tie the game. The visiting Tanners then

scored three runs in the eighth to come away with a 4-1 victory.

The Revere High girls tennis team earned its first victory of the season with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Lynn English last Thursday. All three of the Lady Patriot singles players won their matches. Senior Sara Grujic, playing at first singles, won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3. Senior Yesenia Mazo triumphed at second singles in a marathon match that took more than three hours to complete. However, by the end of the day, Yesenia had prevailed in three sets, 7-5, 6-7 (6-8), 6-1, to provide Revere with the match-winning point. At third singles, junior Andrea Rueda was victorious in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2.

### RHS SPORTS Roundup

#### RHS GIRLS TRACK IMPROVES TO 4-0

The Revere High girls outdoor track and field team kept their perfect record intact with a 91-45 triumph over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn English last Tuesday.

Among the highlights for coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli's Lady Patriots, who now stand at 4-0, were:

-- Liv Yuong returned from the vacation week and took first places in the high jump with a leap of 4'-8" and the 100 meter

hurdles with a season-best time of 17.7) ;

-- Gemma Stamatopoulos grabbed first in the 800 meter run in a clocking of 2:42.8 and tied for second in the high jump. Gemma also ran a leg of the winning 4 x 400 relay quartet to score 9.25 points on the day;

-- Senior captain Yara Belguendouz won the javelin with a throw of 75'-1", finished second in the 100 hurdles, and took third in the triple jump to log nine points onto the Revere side of the scoresheet;

-- Ashley Cabrera Ro-

driguez contributed eight points to the RHS tally with a first place in the triple jump with a final landing of 32'-6" and a second in the 200 dash.

Other first-place performances came from the Lady Patriots came from Neyla Vranic in the long jump with a flight of 13'-7.5", Angelina Montoya in the discus with a toss of 61'-7"; Rania Hamdani in the 400 dash in a time of 68.6; Genevieve Zierden in the 1-mile in 6:19.8, and Rocio Gonzalez in the 2-mile

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## JV is D-1 Joao Victor Cunha will attend Div. 1 University of Rhode Island

By Cary Shuman

As a sophomore at Revere High School Joao Victor "JV" Cunha made a truly spectacular debut in the boys track program, winning in the All-State Freshman-Sophomore Meet and qualifying for Indoor Nationals in the sprint medley relay.

Competing in the 2022 Nationals at the University of Oregon, JV Cunha ran the 800-meter leg as the anchor of the relay team that also consisted of Mark Marchese, Ricar-



Revere High School track star Joao Victor Cunha signs his Letter Of Intent to attend the University of Rhode Island. Also pictured at the ceremony are his mother, Cristiane Cunha (right) and RHS Athletic Director Frank Shea.

do Goncalves, and Keny Guerrero. The relay team, led by RHS coach Sam Ros, claimed the fourth-

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## REVERE/MALDEN VARSITY GBL GOLF CHAMPIONS HOST AWARDS NIGHT AT THE MARINA AT THE WHARF RESTAURANT

Last week the combined high school varsity golf team of Revere and Malden held awards night at the Marina at the Wharf Restaurant in Revere.

Prior to the presentation, a delicious buffet dinner was served to players and family.

Head Coaches Brandon Pezzuto of RHS and Rich Malatesta from Malden addressed the players and their families and spoke of the outstanding dedication the team and the captains showed to bring the GBL Championship to their respective schools.



Special recognition was given to Dante Federio by Coaches Rich Malatesta and Brandon Pezzuto for his hole-in-one at Kelly Greens, 140 yards with a nine-iron.



Chris MacDonald was presented the Coaches Award by Coaches Malatesta and Pezzuto.



The Spirit of the Game Award went to Bo Benson, presented by Coaches Malatesta and Pezzuto.



The Commitment to Improvement Award was presented to Jonathan Wells.



Coaches Brandon Pezzuto, Rich Malatesta and Paul DiPlatzi with the Revere/Malden Varsity GBL Championship Golf Team. This is a first for RHS Golf, and a combined team effort, ending with a winning record of 9-2-1.



Head Coaches Rich Malatesta and Brandon Pezzuto announced next seasons captains, Chris MacDonald, Bo Benson, and Jonathan Wells.



Organizer from the Parents Club, Kelly Svendsen with the seniors of the Revere/Malden Golf Team, Ollie Svendsen, Saul Kruckenberg, Ryan Coggsell, Matt LaCroix, Brady Nelson, and Harrison Rua.

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Arguably, it was one of the greatest achievements in the history of the RHS track program.

Cunha took the baton, so to speak, and continued to perform at a national-caliber level for Revere High. His impressive record of accomplishments in track – which has placed him deservedly among all-time RHS greats such as Mike Fitzpatrick, Dom Finelli, and other elite athletes – earned the respect of Greater Boston League opponents and the attention of college track programs.

Last Thursday afternoon, in a beautiful ceremony in the Merullo Fieldhouse orchestrated by Athletic Director Frank Shea, JV Cunha signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Rhode Island, a Division 1 school that competes in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Cunha said he also

considered UMass/Lowell and Merrimack before choosing URI.

“I will be majoring in pharmaceutical sciences and want to be a pharmacist,” said Cunha, who is an honor roll student at RHS. “I’m so excited to attend URI. It felt like home from the moment I stepped on the campus.”

Cunha credited the Revere High faculty for preparing him well for college.

“I love my teachers,” said Cunha. “I have had the best experience academically and from the administration. I couldn’t ask for a better academic or athletic experience.”

### A superlative career

JV Cunha followed up the RHS relay team’s record-setting performance in 2022 by teaming up with Medy Bellemseh, Isaiah DeCrosta, and Sami El Asri to take second place in Nationals in 2023.

This past winter, Cunha was the state runner-up in the 600-meter run. This spring he is looking ahead to the Division 1 state meet, “and hopefully the All-State Meet.”

“I’d like to top off my career with a state championship,” said Cunha.

Cunha’s track career began in middle school where he was a member of the Revere cross country team.

“Sam Ros was my coach in middle school as well in my sophomore year,” said Cunha. “Coach David Fleming has been my coach in my junior and senior years. I also train with Peter Crapsey at New England Elite. They’re all outstanding coaches.”

Fleming said he is happy about JV Cunha’s decision and his future participation in the URI men’s track program.

“I’m thrilled that JV has decided on URI,” said Fleming. “He is more than



The 2023-2024 Captains Ryan Coggsell, Ollie Svendsen, and Saul Kruckenberg present their coaches, Rich Malatesta, Brandon Pezzuto and Paul DiPlatzi with a team gift of appreciation.

just a tremendous athlete. He’s like having another coach on the team. His leadership is off the charts. He strives for excellence, and he brings the level of the team up incredibly. I took over for Sam Ros two years ago, and I look at JV as one of Sam’s runners, and JV accepted me as a new coach, and the rest of the team followed.. URI is getting more than just an exceptional runner. They’re getting an amazing leader and person.”

### A dedicated, year-round athlete

JV Cunha said he stands exactly “6-foot, .04 inches” tall and checks in at 145 pounds.

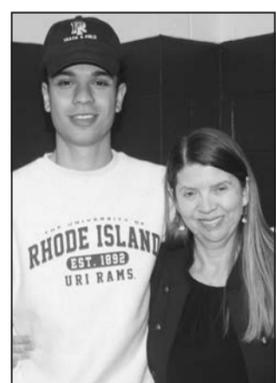
How does JV stay in tip-top shape for the year-round indoor, outdoor, and summer track seasons?

“It takes hard work and dedication – I run every day and I practice every

day,” said Cunha. “I have workouts at least three times a week. It’s really demanding, but you have to do what you have to do to succeed.”

### A close-knit, supportive family

JV Cunha is the son of Adelino Dacunha and Cristiane Cunha.



Joao Victor Cunha thanks his mother, Cristiane Cunha, for her support throughout his academic and athletic career in Revere public schools.

“My parents and my siblings were all born and raised in Brazil,” said JV, who was born in the United States. “My sister is a criminal justice college professor, and my brother is the head chef at The Cottage in Wellesley. I’m so grateful for my family’s support and inspiration. I want to give a big shout-out to my mom especially. She’s been my No. 1 supporter throughout my whole dream whether it be soccer or track. I wouldn’t be where I am without her.”

Cristiane Cunha, who attended the letter-of-intent ceremony at RHS, said proudly, “He’s an amazing son. He is so dedicated to everything he does. He helps all his friends and teammates. I think his success has inspired his teammates.”



Teammates and friends join Joao Victor Cunha at the Letter of Intent college signing ceremony. From left, are Allen Hou, Kenan Batic, Isaiah DeCrosta, Joao Victor Cunha, Mounis Chahid, and Medy Bellemseh.

# RHS Girls' Softball team holds car wash

By Melissa Moore-Randall

While the citizens of Revere were beautifying the city, the RHS Softball Team was spending the day beautifying the cars of residents and supporters at

its Annual Car Wash.

The team, who is vying for its first tournament berth since 2020, were busy from start to finish thanks to the generosity of so many who stopped by or made donations. The



The RHS Lady Patriot Softball Team wishes to thank all that came to support their efforts last Saturday morning.

team sends special thanks to Mayor Patrick Keefe, City Councillors Marc Silvestri and Paul Argenzio, and School Committee

Members John Kingston and Anthony Caggiano for stopping by to show their support.

The girls will take the

field four times this week with hopes of securing three wins to make the MIAA Tournament.

If you were not able to

attend the car wash you can still donate to the team using the QR code or Venmo @RHS-Softball-2024.



RHS Lady Pats Olivia Morris, Jordan Martelli, Danni Hope Randall and Luisa Santos at the annual car wash.



School Committee Member John Kingston and the Lady Pats at the annual car wash.



Councillor Marc Silvestri and the Lady Pats at the annual car wash.

## Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

in 12:38.4.

The Lady Patriot quartet of Marwa Riad, Jaliyah Manigo, Rania Hamdani, and Gemma Stamatopoulos sped to victory in the 4 x 400 with a time of 4:43.7.

Another highlight for the Lady Patriots came from the trio of Montoya, Ashley Chandler, and Camila Echeverri, who swept the discus vs. their three English opponents.

Scoring three points with second-place finishes in their events were: Francoise Kodjo in the shot-put; Ashley Chandler in the discus; Hiba El Bzyouy in the 400 hurdles; Jaliya Manigo in the 400 dash; Olivia Rupp in the 1-mile; and Daniela Santana Baez in the 2-mile.

Adding third-place points for Revere were: Marwa Riad in the long jump; Ashley Chandler in the shot-put; Camila Echeverri in the discus; Joelyn Lazo in the javelin; Manal Hazimeh in the 400 hurdles; Basma Sahibi in the 100 hurdles; Giselle Salvador in the 100 dash; Genevieve Zierten in the 800; and Afnane Amine in the 2-mile.



In the distance medley relay at Sunday's D-1 State Relay Meet, the clocking of 14:58.16 turned in by the foursome of (l-r) Genevieve Zierten, Rocio Gonzalez, Gemma Stamatopoulos, and Olivia Rupp edged the previous RHS school mark of 14:58.60 that had stood since 2017.

The Lady Patriots are scheduled to travel to Medford tomorrow (Thursday).

### RHS GIRLS DO WELL AT RELAYS

A large contingent of members of the Revere High girls outdoor track and field team competed in Sunday's MSTCA Division 1 State Relay Meet in Franklin and turned in some superb performances that established new RHS school records.

The 4 x 200 quartet of

Giselle Salvador, Jaliyah Manigo, Gemma Stamatopoulos, Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez came across the line in a time of 1:56.79 that broke the previous RHS record of 1:58 that had been set in 2017.

In the distance medley relay, the clocking of 14:58.16 turned in by the foursome of Rocio Gonzalez, Gemma Stamatopoulos, Olivia Rupp, and Genevieve Zierten edged the previous mark of 14:58.60 that also had stood since 2017.

The Lady Patriot trio of Rocio Gonzalez, Jocelyn Lazo, Yara Belguendouz established a new school mark in the javelin with their combined throws of 58.68 meters.

In the long jump, the combined flights of 13.79 by Liv Yuong, Marwa Riad, and Neyla Vranic wrote their names into the RHS record book.

Angelina Montoya, Camila Echeverri, and Ashley Chandler combined for a distance of 53.68 meters in the discus to set a new RHS mark.

There also were stellar performances in the 4 x

100 and 4 x 400 relays where both teams had season-bests and were very close to school records.

"This is the perfect half-way point for the team as we head into our toughest competition this season," said RHS head coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli. "I am confident that if the girls keep up this momentum we will continue to see consistent PRs (personal records) and a total rewriting of the RHS record books."

### BOYS TRACK ROLLS PAST ENGLISH, 99-20

The Revere High boys outdoor track and field team cruised to a 99-20 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn English last Tuesday at Harry Della Russo Stadium.

A trio of Patriots who were double-winners in their individual events led the way for coach David Fleming's squad: Oliver Escobar, who captured the high jump with a leap of 5'-4" and the 200 dash with a sprint of 23.7; Ed-

win Alarcon, who took the triple jump with his final landing of 33'-10" and the 400 dash in a time of 56.2; and Kevin Purciful, who won the shot-put with a throw of 37'-10.5" and the discus with a spin of 116'-9".

Additional first-placers for Revere were Jeremy X in the long jump with a flight of 16'-10"; Erick Mayorga in the javelin with a throw of 125'-0"; Amir Yamani in the 400 hurdles in a time of 63.5; Isaiah Decrosta in the 100 hurdles with a clocking of 15.8; Allen Hou in the 100 dash with a sprint of 11.4; Kenan Batic in the 800 in 2:15.9; and Salah Said in the 2-mile in 13:22.6.

Second-place finishers who added three points to the RHS side of the score-sheet were: Amir Yamani in the high jump; Keplar Celamy in the long jump; Bryan Maia in the shot-put and the discus; Oliver Escobar in the 100 dash; Youness Chahid in the mile; and Jeremy X in the 200;

Scoring one point for Revere with third-place efforts were: Erick Mayorga in the discus; Kevin Purciful in the javelin; and Marcos Carneiro in the 400 dash.

Fleming and his crew are scheduled to travel to Medford tomorrow (Thursday).

### TWO MORE WINS FOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Revere High boys volleyball team chalked up two more victories over Greater Boston League (GBL) opponents this past week, defeating Lynn Classical, 3-0, and Lynn

English, 3-0.

In the Classical match, Larry Claudio sent 25 assists to his teammates and Ruben Rodriguez 17 delivered 17 kills.

Sandwiched between the two triumphs was a 3-1 loss to O'Bryant High of Boston last Friday.

Coach Lianne Mimmo's squad is scheduled to host GBL rival Medford today (Wednesday) and to travel to non-league foe Madison Park on Friday. They will host GBL opponent Chelsea next Monday and then trek to GBL rival Malden next Wednesday.

### RHS SOFTBALL TEAM TOPS LYNN RIVALS, NOW 6-2 IN GBL

The Revere High softball team dispatched with a pair of Greater Boston League rivals, Lynn Classical, 16-2, and Lynn English, 12-3, this past week.

In past Wednesday's romp last Wednesday, Dani Hope Randall turned in a superb pitching performance, limiting the Lady Rams to five hits over the seven-inning route.

Luiza Santos, Riley Straccia, and Anna Doucette all enjoyed a good day at the plate, with the trio each going 3-for-4, to pace a 16-hit Revere attack. The Lady Patriots also were aggressive on the basepaths, stealing 12 bases on the day.

The Lady Patriots grabbed a 2-0 lead in the second inning thanks to a two-RBI base hit by Frankie Reed and never looked back.

This past Monday, coach Meghan O'Donnell's crew cruised past English to improve to 6-



In the discus relay (l-r) Ashley Chandler, Camila Echeverri, and Angelina Montoya combined for a distance of 53.68 meters to set a new RHS mark at Sunday's D-1 State Relay Meet.



The trio of (l-r) Neyla Vranic, Liv Yuong, and Marwa Riad set a new RHS school record in the long jump with a combined distance of 13.79 meters.



The Lady Patriot trio of (l-r) Jocelyn Lazo, Yara Belguendouz, and Rocio Gonzalez established a new school mark in the javelin with their combined throws of 58.68 meters.

### REVERE'S YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE'S PARADE BIGGEST IN OVER 10 YEARS



Engine 3 with Lt. Kevin Doherty and his crew, with Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Representative Jessica Giannino, and Councillor Marc Silvestri.

Last Saturday morning the annual parade for Revere Youth Baseball and Softball took place, leaving from the Susan B Anthony School Complex to Griswold Park.

Special guest was Wally, official mascot of the beloved Boston Red Sox.

Also featured was the famous Roma Band from Boston's North End.

The band added a lot to the atmosphere of the parade along the route, especially the crowd at St. Mary's

Church cheering for their favorite player and team. After the brief but emotional ceremony, all players were treated to free hot dogs from the newly organized concession stand. Look for many more treats and a wide selection in the upcoming season from the refreshment stand. If the season goes the way the parade went, it will be a great season for everyone.

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Wally with the Royals.



Wally with the Dolphins.



The Major League Reds are happy to start the season.



If you're talking Revere Baseball, Coach Peter DiCarlo is at the opening of that conversation. Coaching for 22 years at Dom Savio, and Revere Babe Ruth. Coach DiCarlo was recognized for his dedication to the athletes of Revere and the program. Shown with President Shawn Vetere, MLB draft pick Steven Cushing, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and State Representative Jessica Giannino. Starting next season, a baseball coach will be receiving the Peter DiCarlo Award for his efforts.



Mayor Keefe threw out the first pitch to catchers, KJ Guilherme and Vinny Martinez.



Phil and Sabrina Russo with Wally at Griswold Park.



Wally was a big part of the opening ceremonies.



Officials and coaches from left to right, Rafael Posada, Tball coach, Bob Haas III, District Director for Senator Edwards and T-Ball Coach, Senator Lydia Edwards, and Carrie Hudson, softball coach with members of the Bruins, Rockettes, Owls, and Pink Panthers.



Saying "Thanks for 20 years of service to the league, 14 as president to Dan Dacey (right) by President Shawn Vetere.



Softball Coach Joe Nichinello was unable to be present to accept his award for his many years of coaching, accepting as League Treasurer Tom Ross from President Shawn Vetere. The Joe Nichinello Award will be presented to an outstanding softball coach every year, starting in the 2025 season.

REVERE'S YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE'S PARADE BIGGEST IN OVER 10 YEARS



The famous Roma Band of Boston playing the National Anthem.



Mayor Patrick Keefe visits with the Tigers.



The Pink Panthers softball team members take a photo with Wally.



Revere Police Chief Dave Callahan with Wally and President Shawn Vetere.



Mayor Patrick Keefe throws out the first pitch last Saturday morning.



9. Major and Minor League players are shown with Wally from the Boston Red Sox, League President Shawn Vetere, and Councillor/Coach Bob Haas III, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino Sawaya, Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Representative Jessica Giannino, and School Committee member Anthony Caggiano.



A Royals team member waves to the camera.



Coach and Councillor Bob Haas III with his Owls team.



Wally of the Boston Red Sox was the most popular guy on the field.

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#### HIGH SOCIETY

Revere Police Capt. James Guido and Mayor Ambrosino enjoy Sunday's St. Anthony's Holy Name Society breakfast. **PHOTOS, PAGE 18.**

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RICH BAILLIE PHOTO

Jay and Gina Bassant, who are pictured above with their children, Cassandra and Nikolas, spent the weekend in New York City, where they enjoyed the season finale of 'Survivor' at Madison Square Garden.

## Survival experts

Revere couple wins trip to NYC for season finale

By KIM WEIDMAN  
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More than 24 million viewers tuned in Sunday night to watch the shocking live finale of the latest edition of CBS's reality-TV juggernaut "Survivor," and if you looked closely enough at the

near 5,000-person crowd at New York's Madison Square Garden, you may have caught a glimpse of Revere's Gina and Jay Bassant.

The couple was among a handful of fans that won much-coveted tickets to the climax of the 15-episode "Survivor-All Stars."

For the Bassants, huge fans of the "Survivor" series since its first

season, the weekend was a dream come true, highlighted by Jay Bassant's brush with "Survivor" host Jeff Probst.

"As he was coming out on the stage in the beginning of the show, I stuck my head out and made eye contact with him and yelled, 'Prob-

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### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Expense exposé hardly worth the time

By JOSHUA RESNEK  
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Should Revere's councillors and councillors from a half dozen area municipalities receive expense money or not?

Fox 25 Television's investigative staff attempted to answer the question Sunday for viewers in an alleged exposé broadcast on their late evening news show.

The exposé, a description that hardly explains the show, was more like a Fox 25 News attempt to make much out of nothing and to embarrass those councillors who were foolish enough to go on camera.

Fact: expense accounts given to councillors in Revere amounting to \$600 per month are legal. There is nothing whatsoever illegal or improper about Revere city councillors receiving expense money that

is guaranteed by city ordinance.

Fact: expense account money given to Revere city councillors doesn't have to be itemized.

Fact: Revere city councillors spending their expense money on visits to health spas, Red Sox games, the Mohegan Sun, Foxwoods or to the Continental aren't required or compelled to spend the money elsewhere.

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### DEVELOPMENT

## Too much of the American Dream?

Some wonder if Revere is being overbuilt

By SETH DANIEL  
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The second in a two-part series on residential development

New homes rarely compare to new grass, at least for neighbors.

As the price of land has risen in Revere, a number of garden lots have given way to new houses.

For decades, all over the city, lots were held and people used them for gardens, for extra greenspace and simply to keep the neighborhood a little less dense.

Three years ago, when the city went through its last revaluation, several of those vacant lots were taxed as buildable property - which resulted in higher taxes on the lots.

At the same time, real estate values skyrocketed in Revere, and construction companies - freshly unemployed by the Big Dig - became anxious for work.

Suddenly, it made sense to sell the lot and let a developer build a new home on the property.

It has resulted in just about 150 new homes so far.

Some of them received variances and special permits from the

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), which some say were granted too easily. Some of the homes were built by right on grandfathered lots.

Either way, it was a big change in the city's neighborhoods and neighbors have felt the brunt of the building boom. Quality of life, whether real or imagined, has been on the decline.

'There has to be a time when we come to a critical point and say we can't put anything more anywhere.'

- CITY COUNCILLOR DAN RIZZO

For the past year, a groundswell of unhappiness, whether it be legitimate or unfounded, has been the result - with many residents, activists and politicians calling for a moratorium on all building until the old zoning ordinances can be detangled and brushed

clean. So far, though, there has been little movement on such a politically treacherous proposal. Many neighbors, however, have already lost out.

#### NEWHALL STREET

The unfinished house at 26 Newhall St. has almost become legendary - a poster child for what some people believe is wrong with building projects in the city.

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

## REVERE Through the Years

**10 years ago**  
**April 30, 2014**

City leaders broke ground on the Harry Della Russo Stadium project on Monday afternoon, proclaiming the long-overdue overhaul as a major contribution to the revitalization of Broadway.

A red-hot, smoky, three-alarm fire struck at Suffolk Downs on Tuesday evening. The smoke blew towards Rt. 1A and caused difficult driving conditions. Reports indicated the fire started in the commissary at the stable area diner, where jockeys and support staff often eat.

Many residents of Riverside claimed victory when the developers of the much-maligned 42-unit apartment building planned for their neighborhood withdrew their proposal at Monday night's City Council meeting. One of the key changes in the project came at the last minute, when last week the developer put in an amendment to the project calling for 10 percent of the units to be set aside as subsidized affordable housing, a move opposed by the neighbors, who felt it signaled that the project wasn't being targeted to single professionals and empty nesters, but rather to families who would bring more children to the overcrowded school system.

Neighbors and Godzilla are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**20 years ago**  
**May 5, 2004**

After an around-the-clock stakeout at a Woburn home, police arrested a 20 year old Somerville man on charges related to a shooting April 3 at the Lion's Den Club on Ocean Ave.

Michelle Cerulli and Lindsay Abcumas, two Revere students who are seniors at Savio Prep, have been admitted to Harvard and Cornell Universities respectively.

Giannino's Greenhouse has announced it will be closing in July after being sold to a developer who intends to build five, two-family homes on the property.

An international drug ring based in Lynn was broken up by federal authorities with the arrests of 24 persons, including three from Revere.

The general contractor bid for the West Revere school complex has come in at a price of \$38,502,551, of which the state's school building assistance fund will pay 90 percent.

**40 years ago**  
**May 2, 1984**

Police have charged 62 year-old Alan Smokler of 49 Kilburn St. with the murders of his wife Marion, 59, and son-in-law James Switalski, 37. The alleged murder weapon was a 10-inch kitchen knife. Smokler and Switalski reportedly had been washing cars together Monday morning when they got into an argument. When police arrived at the scene, they found Marion Smokler dead from strangulation. The suspect reportedly had been undergoing treatment for depression.

Mayor George V. Colella submitted a budget of \$33,992,045 this week, stating that the city finally has weathered the storm of Prop. 2 and 1/2, which



Shown above residents with their dogs during Dog Day in 1981.

went into effect in 1981. Colella said he is cautiously optimistic about the city's financial future, although the new budget figure is a whopping \$3.8 million more than last year's. However, Colella said that state reimbursements and other grants will pay for most of the increase.

Congressman Edward J. Markey shocked the local political scene when he announced this week that he will not be seeking the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator Paul Tsongas for which Markey declared his candidacy many months ago. His announcement in turn has caused state representatives Michael McGlynn and Nicholas Paleologos to abandon their runs for the Congressional seat, although two other declared candidates, State Sen. Sam Rotondo and State Rep. Michael Barrett, have said they still will challenge Markey.

Mrs. Anita Pino is the new president of the Revere Ladies Lodge No. 1601, Order Sons of Italy. Sixteen Candles, Splash, and Police Academy are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**50 years ago**  
**May 1, 1974**

The City Council unanimously approved a motion by Councillor George V. Colella requesting that Mayor William G. Reinstein submit a status report to the council on the negotiations with the architectural firm being hired to draw up plans for the proposed new school in Beachmont.

Ronald Sordillo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sordillo of 75 Yeamans St., will be ordained a Roman Catholic priest in New Jersey this Sunday.

The senior class of Revere High will take over the reins of government for Student Government Day Monday. Kenneth Sasso will serve as student-mayor.

The city will undertake a two-week, city-wide cleanup campaign Monday.

Some 2000 schoolchildren are expected to take part in the two-day, city-wide music festival to be held at the Lincoln School Wednesday and Thursday. The RHS band and choral groups will perform on Friday and Saturday. The program is under the direction of Gerald Iorio.

Mrs. Anna DiStasio is the new president of the All Women Senior Citizens group of Revere St.

**60 years ago**

**April 30, 1964**

An overflow crowd of 500 citizens packed the City Hall auditorium and jeered and hooted at City Manager Melvin Taymore as he tried to explain why there are delays in the construction of a new Lincoln School (which was destroyed by a fire 14 months ago that was set by a student) and an addition to the Whelan School. Taymore blamed the School Committee for changing the plans and causing other problems.

Miss Cornelia Anne Cronin, 17, daughter of Police Lieut. and Mrs. Francis J. Cronin of 136 Vinal St., has been named a National Merit semifinalist. After graduating from Revere High this year, Miss Cronin plans to attend Catholic University in Washington, D.C., to study architecture.

Frankie Avalon, Annette Funicello, and Buddy Hackett star in Muscle Beach Party at the Revere Theatre.

**70 years ago**  
**May 6, 1954**

A capacity crowd of city officials and citizens was on hand for a testimonial dinner Thursday evening at the Paul Roger House in honor of City Councillor Edward R. White, who is serving as mayor after being elected by his City Council colleagues.

City Manager Edward O'Toole has announced the start of the annual Fourth of July fund to pay for the celebration of the Fourth for local children in the parks and playgrounds.

Local doctors have volunteered to administer the Salk polio vaccine to Revere schoolchildren in grades 1-3 as part of a nationwide test of the vaccine to determine whether it will inoculate youngsters and others against the dreaded disease. Some students will receive the actual vaccine while others will receive a placebo water solution.

Impressive Arbor Day exercises climaxed the city's annual spring clean-up campaign. The Louis Pasteur school received the first prize for the best clean-up program in its district. The Roosevelt School and Henry Waitt School were second and third.

The city has received approval for 10 more units of veterans housing on top of the 30 already planned for the Coledge St. housing project.

The new schooling course at Wonderland Dog Track, which is 20 yards shorter than the previous 5/16 of a mile course, has

proven popular among racing fans.

The grand parish reunion of St. Theresa's will be held Friday evening at the Crescent Gardens. Dancing will be provided by Paul Adams and his Orchestra.

Michael Porcella, 79, founder of the Porcella Funeral Home, passed away this week.

James Stewart and June Allyson star in the Glenn Miller Story at the Revere Theatre. Tony Curtis and Joanne Dru star in Forbidden at the Revere Drive In.

**80 years ago**  
**May 4, 1944**

Grim news was received in Revere once again from the war front with a telegram from the War Department informing Mr. and Mrs. Herbert

S. Hill of 50 Beach St. that their son, S/Sgt. Herbert S. Hill Jr., 23, of the U.S. Army Air Corps, has been reported as missing in action over Germany as of April 11. Hill previously had been awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and was among the first 130 U.S. airmen who took part in the first air raid over Berlin on March 4. Two days later, his bomber returned to Berlin where one of the greatest air battles of the war was fought in which 68 U.S. bombers and 11 fighters were shot down. A photo of Hill and his crewmates had appeared in the March 27 issue of Life Magazine. Hill was a 1940 graduate of Immaculate Conception High School.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham of 26 Year-

man St. are rejoicing with the news that their son, First Lieut. Charles "Vic" Cunningham, has returned back to his base safely after winning a dogfight 12,000 feet above a French village in which his Thunderbolt fighter was hit and damaged, forcing him to fly the 200 miles back to England on a wing and a prayer.

Great sadness was felt throughout the city with news of the death of the Rev. F. Ambrose Jenkins, pastor of the First Congregational Church for the past 20 years, who passed away in his home at 126 Suffolk Ave. after a long illness. Flags on all public buildings were flown at half staff and City Hall was closed Tuesday afternoon as a mark of respect to enable city workers to be among the hundreds who attended his funeral services.

The City Council took up the matter of increasing the oil storage fee from \$75 to \$1000 as a means of raising revenue for the city. A representative from the companies with oil storage tanks was on hand to oppose the measure. The council voted to send the issue to committee.

The City Council voted unanimously to endorse a bill before Congress that would establish a G.I. Bill of Rights that would provide hospitalization, compensation, and education for returning war veterans.

Leo Gorcey and the rest of the East Side Kids star in Million Dollar Kid at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

## Flooding // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

storm. He said that when Donny Goodwin was the public works director, Goodwin would often go down with a crew and close the gate and block off the street himself.

"I think we need to get on DCR and see what we can do to force the issue whenever it is necessary," said Novoselsky.

McKenna said she would also like to ensure

that the pumping stations on Bennington Street and Broadsound Avenue are turned on during heavy storms to help alleviate potential flooding in the area.

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#### 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

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**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
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# NFPA announces guidelines about safe electrical vehicle charging at home

Special to the Journal

As electric vehicles (EV) enter our roadways, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has introduced a series of free resources, guidelines, and information to help raise awareness about EV fires and safe EV charging practices at home.

According to the International Energy Agency, global sales of electric

vehicles exceeded 10 million in 2022 and are expected to grow in the coming years. At the same time, consumer concerns about the fire safety risk of EVs are increasing. Lithium-ion batteries, the most widely used and reliable source of energy for electric vehicles, are central to questions about safety.

“It is widely known that electric vehicles provide environmental and cost-effective benefits,”

said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “However, as fires involving EVs are reported in the news, concerns about the risks they pose persist. Through advocacy efforts that highlight our new online resources and information, NFPA is working to better educate the public about the risks associated with EVs and other devices that use lithium-ion batteries, along with ways to

use them safely.”

NFPA recommends these tips when charging electric vehicles at home to help prevent fires:

- Before charging an electric vehicle at home, have a qualified electrician check your electrical system to see if it can handle charging.
- Install charging equipment in safe locations. Keep away from busy areas and things that could catch fire.

- Use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Read and follow all manufacturer directions.
- Check chargers and cords for damage before using. Never use if damaged.
- Do not use more than one plug or extension cords with the charger.
- Keep charging items out of reach of children and animals when not in use.

- Cover charging station outlet to keep water out.

Learn more about electric vehicle fire safety, find training information, and download the free safety tip sheet at [nfpa.org/evsafetyinfo](http://nfpa.org/evsafetyinfo).

Information on the safe use of smaller devices that use lithium-ion batteries such as computers, smart phones, e-bikes and e-scooters, can be found at [nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety](http://nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety) and [nfpa.org/ebikes](http://nfpa.org/ebikes).

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PLATE #: 5APL31 (MA)  
Call #: 26538

2004 Dodge Ram 2500  
VIN #: 3D7KU28D94G220941  
PLATE #: S55016 (MA)  
Call #: 26598

2018 Ford Focus  
VIN #: 1FADP3F2X-JL288462  
PLATE #: DYM491 (MN)  
Call #: 26616

2006 Nissan Altima  
VIN #: 1N4AL11D26C183787  
Call #: 27042

2006 Honda Civic  
VIN #: 2HGF-G12686H562750  
PLATE #: 3WNK89 (MA)  
Call #: 20239

2013 BMW 5 Series  
VIN #: WBAXH-5CSXDD112926  
4/24/24, 5/1/24, 5/8/24

in the common areas and facilities of said condominium and (b) the rights and easements appertaining to said Unit as set forth in the Master Deed. Attached to the initial deed out for this Unit is a copy of the floor plan of said Unit in the form required under Section 9 M.G.L. Ch 183A. For Grantor's title, see deed dated November 17, 2020 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 64205, Page 144, setting forth that she desire that all of the following described part of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$615,000 praying that the partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to the law and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 29th of May 2024, the return day of this citation. Witness, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 17th of April 2024

5/1/24, 5/8/24, 5/15/24

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](http://www.revere.org/departments/city-clerk), and on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before May 14, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org).

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City Clerk

Megan Simmons-Herling  
Planning Board, Chair  
5/1/24, 5/8/24

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Bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified checks, treasurer's or cashier's check, payable to the OWNER, is required in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid, in accordance with the conditions in Section 00100 - INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Bids are to be sealed in an envelope, marked on the outside with the words "DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: LIBERTY AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD CITY BID NO. MUN-2024-1006" and returned to the Purchasing Department prior to the opening date and time. Successful bidder must furnish 100 percent Construction Performance Bond and 100 percent Construction Payment Bond. Every bid bond, every performance bond and every payment bond issued for any construction work in the Commonwealth shall be the bond of a surety company organized pursuant to Section 105 of Chapter 175 or of a surety company authorized to do business in the Commonwealth under the provisions of Section 106 of said Chapter 175 and be approved by the U. S. Department of Treasury and acceptable as sureties and reinsurers on federal bonds under Title 31 of the United States Code, sections 9304 to 9308. No Bidder may withdraw his/her Bid for a period of thirty (30) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in Section 00100 - INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. The City of Revere is an Equal Opportunity Employer. IT is the Policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises. The City of Revere has established a goal of ten percent (10%) participation of Minority Business Enterprises in all construction projects. The bidding and award of the Contract shall be in full compliance with Sections 39M inclusive of Chapter 30 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as last revised. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to determine which bid is, in the OWNER'S judgment, the

lowest responsive bid of a bidder or group of bidders. The OWNER also reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid and to delete certain items listed in the bid as set forth therein. MR. MICHAEL PICCARDI CITY PURCHASING AGENT CITY OF REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS 5/1/24

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate And Family Court  
Suffolk Division  
Docket No. SU24W0449

Gina Mirela  
Mustata,  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
Alex J. Reis,  
Defendant

To the above named Defendant:  
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Gina Mirela Mustata, seeking the Court to make such orders as it deems expedient concerning Custody, Support, Parenting Time of the minor child, Orlando Alexander Garcia. You are required to serve upon Gina Mirela Mustata whose address is 388 O can Avenue Apt. 609 Revere, MA 02151, your answer on or before June 13, 2024. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114  
Witness, Hon. Brian Dunn, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Suffolk, this 26th day of March 2024.  
Stephanie Everett  
Register of Probate Court 5/1/24

without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Court 05/01/2024

LEGAL NOTICE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SUFFOLK, SS.  
SUPERIOR COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
Civil Action  
No. 2384CV01386  
MMA II Partners, LLC v Callahan, Inc. et al  
To: Riverside Construction. You have been named as a Fourth Party Defendant in the above-captioned lawsuit. The complaint is on file at the Court. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Bethany P. Minich, Esquire, Exterior Designs, Inc.'s Attorney, whose address is Litchfield Cavo LLP, 6 Kimball Lane, Ste 200, Lynnfield, MA 01940, an answer to the Fourth Party Complaint, within 20 days after the publication of this notice, exclusive of the day of publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of the Suffolk Superior Court, in Boston, Massachusetts, either before service upon the Exterior Designs, Inc.'s Attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter. Unless otherwise provided by rule 13(A), your answer must state as a counterclaim you may have against the parties that arises out of the same transaction or occurrence that is the subject of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action. 5/1/24, 5/8/24

Patrons. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Daniel Ocena Liliانا Monroy 5/1/24

Public Hearing Notice is hereby given that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, May 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere: AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Be it ordained by the City of Revere as follows: Section 1. Section 2.88.020 - Hours, Rate and Abatement of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by deleting "twelve dollars" and inserting in place thereof "\$15.75". Section 2. Section 2.88.020 - Hours, Rate, and Abatement of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by deleting the "sixty-two" and inserting in place thereof "sixty-three". Section 3. Section 2.88.020 - Hours, Rate, and Abatement of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by deleting "seven hundred fifty" and inserting in place thereof "one thousand".

A copy of the aforementioned proposed ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before May 14, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org).

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CITY OF REVERE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
INJURED ON DUTY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION  
(Police and Fire Personnel Only)  
PROPOSAL NO: MUN-2024-1015

Proposals will be received electronically by the Purchasing Agent at [purchasing@revere.org](mailto:purchasing@revere.org) prior to 1:00 PM, on Thursday, May 16, 2024. This proposal is for furnishing, to the City of Revere, Injured on Duty Claims Administration (Police and Fire Personnel Only), according to specifications. The City of Revere seeks qualified parties to perform services relative to Chapter 41, Section 100 and 41, 111f, Injured on Duty Claims Administration. Specifications may be obtained electronically beginning Wednesday, May 1, 2024 from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151 at [purchasing@revere.org](mailto:purchasing@revere.org). Revere City Hall's office hours are Monday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday thru Thursday, 8:00AM to 5:00 PM, and Friday's, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The City of Revere, as the awarding authority, reserves the right to accept any proposal or portion of a proposal, waive any informality in a proposal, investigate the ability of the vendors to honor a proposal, reject any and all proposals, and award all contracts as shall be considered in the best interest of the City of Revere. The City of Revere reserves the right to negotiate and amend the scope of services. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of minority business enterprises in all activities administered by this agency. No candidate may withdraw his/her proposal within thirty (30) business days after the actual date of the opening thereof. This request for proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Michael A. Piccardi  
Purchasing Agent 5/1/24

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SUFFOLK, ss.  
DOCKET NUMBER: 24EO038

TO Ashlyn M. Mackenzie of East Boston in the County of Suffolk and to all other interested persons.

A petition has been presented to the Probate and Family Court of Suffolk County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by, John M. Cannatella, Jr. of Peabody in the County of Essex, representing that he, hold as Tenants in common and an undivided 50% share of certain land lying, Revere, MA in said County described as Unit No. 43 (the "Unit"), 41-43 Burnett Road, Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, being a part of the 41-43 Burnett Road Condominium created by Master deed dated June 1, 1989 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 15593, Page 270, (the "Master Deed") together with (a) undivided 50% interest appertaining to said Unit

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Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Law Chapter 43, Section 23, in as much as the full text of the proposed

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THE TRIAL COURT  
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Suffolk Division  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU24P0856EA

Estate of:  
Richard R. Powers, J. r.  
Also Known As:  
Dickie Powers  
Date of Death:  
November 14, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ryan M. Powers of Wakefield, MA A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Ryan M. Powers of Wakefield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that Seas the Day Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Seas the Day Restaurant, Kevin Pham, Manager, 320 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere, MA, has made application to amend entertainment to add DJ, Amplifiers, Karaoke, Vocal/Instrumental Music, and Dancing by

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# May 4 is Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Special to the Journal

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is next week, and Massachusetts fire service leaders are urging residents to protect their homes and neighborhoods while reducing the

risk posed by wildland fires.

"Wildfire Community Preparedness Day promotes awareness of the wildland fire risk to people, property, and the environment," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine.

"We encourage everyone to take time tomorrow to defend their homes and families. Clearing flammable debris, creating an evacuation plan, and committing to outdoor fire safety can reduce the risk of a wildland fire damag-

ing your home."

"Wildland fires aren't just a West Coast phenomenon," said Department of Conservation & Recreation Chief Fire Warden David Celino. "Massachusetts experiences more than 1,000 of these fires

each year, and many of them have the potential to put residential areas at risk. Some thoughtful yard work and planning can reduce the hazard to lives and property."

Over 50% of Massachusetts homes are within the

Wildland-Urban Interface zone, where development adjoins and mingles with the natural environment. Wildland fires in these areas can easily extend to homes, and residential fires can spark wildland

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# Suffolk Downs Concert Series discussed at community meeting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Last week, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) invited residents to participate in a meeting in which the plans for this year's rendition of the Suffolk Downs Concert Series were outlined.

As part of the presentation, Josh Bhatti of The Bowery Presents, the venue's Operator, reviewed some general information about the venue, reviewed last year's series, and discussed changes coming this year.

The venue, dubbed the Stage, will hold 8,500 people and will have a season from May through October.

Bhatti went through a typical show schedule for this year, which indicated soundchecks would be early in the afternoon, with parking lots opening at 4:00 p.m. and doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

Moreover, concerts are typically scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m., with the parking lots emptying by 11:30 p.m.

"A little different than 2023, where those were more festival-based events where the gates opened earlier in the day. Music started around 3:00 p.m. for those and ran til 10:30 p.m.," said Bhatti.

"This is kind of looking for a more typical concert schedule with a headliner and a support act or two," he added.

There are also plans for a live event hotline that people can text or call, which will be monitored during events. The hotline is 617-945-4208.

After outlining general information about the venue, Bhatti reviewed improvements slated for the concerts this year. "We're always continuing to improve our operations at our venues," said Bhatti.

While Bhatti thought that the concerts held last June "went well," regarding noise complaints, he acknowledged that during a Friday concert in September, there were "a number of" noise complaints that were then addressed at the following day's show.

Regarding sound mitigation for 2024, the venue's decibel limit is being lowered, the sound will be monitored in the venue, and a sound engineer will record sound readings in the neighborhood.

As for access improvements, paved paths will be added throughout the venue. Regarding traffic, Bhatti spoke about the continued use of a comprehensive traffic management plan and working with departments such as Boston, Revere, State, and MBTA police.

He also discussed continuing to work with companies like Lyft and Uber to improve geofencing so that GPS sends drivers to

the correct pick-up and drop-off locations.

"We had problems with some drivers picking up riders outside of the geofenced area, so we're really working with them [Lyft and Uber] to drill that down as well as within the site once the drivers get into the site," said Bhatti.

Other changes include improved lighting around roadways and parking lots. Improved lighting on Tomasello Way was specifically mentioned in the presentation.

Moreover, there are plans to stop selling alcohol 30 minutes before a concert's scheduled end time.

Finally, regarding security and the venue's emergency response plan, there will be more monitoring at entry points and more EMS and ambulance services. Bhatti also mentioned working with Boston Police to improve its security plan.

As for the 2024 concert schedule, there could be up to 12 this season. The projected schedule displayed at the meeting, which is subject to change, was as follows:

May 18th - The Avett Brothers

June 7th - Tentative/TBD

June 28th - A Day to Remember

July 27th - Faye Webster

August 9th - TBA

August 17th - TBA

August 19th - King Gizard and The Lizard Wizard

August 29th - TBA

August 30th - TBA

September 6th - Tentative/TBD

September 7th - Tentative/TBD

September 14th - Tentative/TBD

"Some of these are tentative concerts that may or may not happen — especially the ones in September — we're still in the planning phases there but wanted to put those out there," said Bhatti.

After the presentation, the floor was opened for the audience to ask questions and provide comments.

One attendee had asked if the team had considered other venue layouts, such as where the stage and other amenities are located.

Tom O'Brien of the HYM Investment Group, Suffolk Downs' owner, indicated several options were considered.

Specifically, O'Brien listed several factors in developing the site layout, such as sound, emergency access to the site, and access to the stage for equipment, and said, "We did think carefully about a lot of different ideas, and this we believe is the best."

Another attendee spoke about sound concerns and said that his son was hear-

ing the concerts from Winthrop.

O'Brien acknowledged that friends of his in Winthrop had told him they could hear the sound on the aforementioned Friday concert last September and apologized.

"I think the problem was that one September 15th show, and again, lesson learned, we're posting more in the way of sound monitoring, we're going to try and direct the sound a little bit better," said O'Brien.

Another attendee spoke on behalf of the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, indicated the importance of animal species at the marsh, and asked if there was consideration to directing sound onto route 1A instead of the marsh.

In response, O'Brien in part, reiterated his previous point about all the factors considered in developing the layout and pointed out working with Friends of Belle Isle Marsh and making investments to help the marsh.

"We like to consider ourselves as people who have been allies of the people who care about the marsh as well," said O'Brien.

District A-7 Police Captain Dean Bickerton also had some questions about the concerts. First, he asked about sound mitigation during weekday concerts, especially if they fall on a day when school is in session.

Bhatti had indicated they thought they avoided concerts on school days this year. They are working to identify sound impacts on schools and will use that information in the future for concerts that might fall on school days.

It should be noted that Manuela Villa Gomez, East Boston's Neighborhood Liaison, mentioned that some of the Charter Schools in the neighborhood start school in August.

Bickerton also asked about parking on Waldemar Avenue, the issue of concertgoers parking there, and whether there has been progress in working with the Transportation Department to make the area resident-only parking.

Bhatti responded, "I don't think we have a final discussion. Obviously, we have no opposition to that — I think that would be desirable if BTM (Boston Transportation Department) is in favor of it."

As the discussion continued, several union representatives spoke in favor of the concert series.

Additionally, one attendee had asked if concerts could be added to the list shown, to which the answer was no. The attendee also emphasized the importance of trash pick-up.

Ultimately, several other topics, such as the timing of sound checks, especially when school is in session, were discussed before the end of the meeting. O'Brien made the point that in the future if there are concerts during school days, sound checks will not occur until after school has been dismissed.

Following this meeting, The Bowery Presents had an Entertainment Application hearing last Thursday for the concerts. The matter was said to be under advisement, and a written decision would be issued.

As of Monday afternoon, an Entertainment Licensing Department representative indicated a decision has yet to be made.

For more information about this year's concerts, visit <https://stageatsuffolkdowns.com/>.

## HOWIE NEWMAN ENTERTAINS REVERE SENIORS AT BASEBALL LUNCHEON

Cary Shuman Photos

Boston singer-songwriter Howie Newman appeared at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center where he performed his own humorous baseball songs along with classics like "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" and Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline," a favorite among Red Sox fans at Fenway Park.

A former sportswriter who covered the Red Sox, Newman asked baseball trivia questions to the guests and displayed some of his baseball memorabilia items for viewing.

Continuing the baseball theme of the program, the guests enjoyed delicious hot dogs and popcorn before watching the Boston Red Sox-Cleveland Indians game on television.

The seniors thanked Director of Elder Services Deb Peczka, Assistant Director Anna Picardi, and staff for hosting a wonderful afternoon of music, comedy, and food.



Revere Director of Elder Services Deb Peczka (left) and Assistant Director Anna Picardi (right) join singer-songwriter Howie Newman for a photo following his performance at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center.



Howie Newman presents one of his cassette tapes to raffle prize winner Ann Marie Droukis at the luncheon.



Revere seniors are pictured with well-known Boston singer-songwriter Howie Newman for following his April 18 show at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center.

## Fire Awareness // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19

fires that spread to hundreds of acres and tax regional fire resources.

So far this year, there have been about 200 wildland fires in Massachusetts. During last year's spring fire season, five homes were severely damaged or destroyed from relatively small backyard wildland fires.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a chance to protect yourself and loved ones from these hazards by reducing flammable fuels from the area surrounding your house. Wildland fires most often spread to homes via small flames or embers, and clearing the home and surrounding area — also known as the Home Ignition Zone — of dead vegetation, mulch, firewood, low branches, and other fuels can reduce that risk. A manageable one-day project could include cleaning gutters and

porches, removing debris from under porches and stairs, raking leaves and pine needles at least five feet from the foundation, and moving wood piles further from the structure.

Residents should also know what to do in the event that evacuation from the neighborhood becomes necessary. Pack an emergency kit with three days' worth of supplies for your family members. (You can learn more about emergency supply kits from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency). Plan two ways out of your house, and identify two alternate travel routes out of the area in case your usual route is impassable. Be sure to let family members, guests, babysitters, and others know your home escape and evacuation plans.

Finally, almost all outdoor fires start with human activity — so everyone can

also play a part in reducing the occurrence of wildland fires:

- Never toss cigarette butts or other smoking materials in dry vegetation, mulch, or debris

- Open burning season ends on May 1, so obtain a permit before conducting any open burning prior to that date and remember that open burning is prohibited year-round in some communities

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted by checking with the local fire department, and once lit attend to them at all times

- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire, and be sure the fire is out cold before leaving.

- Keep grills at least 10' from the house and away from low branches and shrubs



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