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Marie Mangano Amedeo Misci

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Natalie York

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COUNCILORS PRESENT GIFT TO BRIGHT



At the recent retirement party for Fire Chief Christopher Bright, the City Council presented to Bright a carved American Flag. Shown in the photo from left to right are Councilors Anthony Cogliandro, Angela Gaurino-Sawaya, Ira Novoselsky, Marc Sllvestri, Chief Bright, Councilors Joanne McKenna, and Paul Argenzio, John Kingston of St. Jean's Credit Union and Regional and Revere School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano.

Chelsea Council continues talks on regional dispatch center with Revere, Winthrop

By Adam Swift

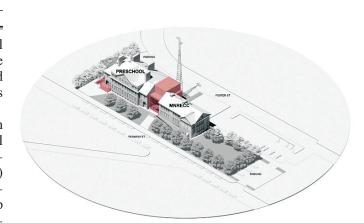
The Chelsea City Council is continuing subcommittee meetings on the proposed regionalization of the city's E911 dispatch center.

If Chelsea elects to join ne Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC) alongside Revere and Winthrop, it could further help pave the way for a new regional dispatch center at the Mckinley School.

"Over the past year, Chelsea has engaged in discussions with Revere and Winthrop to explore the benefits and logistics of consolidating E911 dispatch operations into a regionalized system," said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "This partnership aims to create a robust, state-of-theart dispatch system that addresses the unique needs of each participating community while leveraging shared resources for maximum efficiency."

In Chelsea, current members of the city's E911 department have expressed concerns about how the regionalization push would affect their jobs.

Maltez has stated that the city has started conversations with the unions rep-



Conceptual rendering of a proposed MNREC regional dispatch center and early childhood education preschool at the McKinley School.

resenting the Chelsea E911 employees, and that those employees are guaranteed a position in the regional center. He further noted that Chelsea works with Winthrop on other regional initiatives, such as public health and climate resilien-

In addition to the regional dispatch center, conceptual plans for renovations to the McKinley School also include an early education preschool and a food hub.

"I am hopeful that the Chelsea City Council will vote to enter in the municipal agreement for a regional 911 dispatch center," said Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe. "This has been a conversation for over a decade, and I'm confident that our collaboration with City Manager Maltez and (Winthrop) Town Manager (Tony) Marino will bring one of the largest and most efficient 911 call center in the Commonwealth to Revere in the next two years,

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Stephen Damiano Jr. announces for Ward 4 School Committee seat

By Cary Shuman

Stephen Damiano Jr. said he likes the new format for the make-up of the Revere School Committee, and he will be a candidate for the Ward 4 seat in this fall's election.

"Gov. Healey signed into legislation an act (sponsored by Reps. Jessica Giannino and Jeff Turco) changing the structure of our School Committee and how we operate," said Damiano. "The idea behind it was to give each ward and each neighborhood a little better representa-



Stephen Damiano Jr. will be running for the Ward 4 seat on the Revere School Committee.

tion for the schools in those wards and the residents who live there. I think it's a better format because it gives better representation to each neighborhood. There will also be two at-large seats and Mayor Patrick Keefe as chair, so it will be a nine-person board."

A candidate for councilor-at-large in the 2023 election, Damiano said he considered a citywide run for School Committee, but opted for Ward 4, where he received a strong vote in the at-large race.

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Board of Health hears update from MAPC

Special to the Journal

The Revere Board of Health held its first regular meeting of the new year on January 23 in the City Council Chambers. On hand for the session were the board's three members, chairperson Dr. Drew Bunker, Kathleen Savage, and Viviana Catano, and Board of Health Clerk Paula Sepulveda.

Director of Public Health Lauren Buck presented the monthly communicable disease report which covered the period since the board's last meeting on October 24. Buck noted that the city is amidst the flu and respiratory illness season and said that there were 307 reported cases of the flu, 118 for COVID-19, and one Mpox case.

She also spoke briefly about the avian flu, noting that although risk of exposure for humans presently is at a low level, the CDC is monitoring the situation. Buck warned that persons who keep chickens should be on the alert possible infections for among their flocks.

Michael Wells, city's Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services (ISD), then presented his report, which covered the most recent period.

Wells said that ISD issued 46 certificates of fitness for housing units; performed 13 reinspections; and investigated 21 interior complaints. In the food department, ISD performed 27 routine food inspections, seven reinspections, three complaint inspections, and one pre-opening inspection.

In the exterior sanitation division, ISD agents issued 22 citations for accumulation of trash, litter or debris; three for carts out at improper times; one for a commercial vehicle in a residential neighborhood, 29 for overflowing dumpsters; 186 for improper placement of trash and bulky items; eight for improper storage of garbage and trash; one for junk heaps; one for multiple unregistered vehicles; and 34 for sump pump violations/failure to remove snow and ice.

Wells reminded all residents and business owners that they are obligated per the city ordinance to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses sufficiently wide for a stroller

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School safety headed in right direction, according to superintendent, police chief

By Adam Swift

Safety and security at the high school has improved since several violent incidents gained headlines across the state at the beginning of the school year, according to Revere school

and public safety officials. At a meeting of the school committee's safety and security subcommittee last week, there was a review of school incident reports as well as the measures that were put in place to improve safety for students and staff.

"Before we start, I would like to say that 2024 was very challenging for us," said safety and security subcommittee Chair Anthony Caggianno. He noted that there were a number of new members on the committee dealing with new union contracts, among other is-

"One of the biggest issues that came before us when we were campaigning was student safety," said

Caggiano. In the wake of several large fights at or near the high school in the opening week of the school year, Caggiano said there was a full agreement that the schools needed to start enforcing disciplinary policies. More than a dozen of the students involved in those incidents were expelled from school and faced legal ramifications.

"From there, we added a fourth school resource officer, and we have a security consultant that is going to be starting soon," said Caggiano. "Even though I think we are going in the right di-

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Being a school parent

Stephen Damiano Jr. and his wife, Jacklyn, have two children, Stephen III, 4, "who is a very proud Lincoln Lion," and Jack Mario, 2, who will start pre-school this year.

"Having children in the district is a huge piece of my commitment and inspiration to run for a seat," said Damiano. "I want to make the Revere schools the best possible version of themselves, so that my kids have an excellent experience going through school."

Damiano attended Garfield School and Revere High School.

"Garfield Magnet School was one of the first community schools Revere had, so it was a big deal to go there," recalled Damiano. "At the time, it was the most technologically advanced school. They had a TV room, a computer lab, and a swimming pool."

He graduated from the high school in 2004. "We just had our 20th year re-

union in November," said Damiano, who will turn 39 in February. "It was great to see my friends and classmates."

Jacklyn Damiano attended the McKinley and Beachmont schools before graduating from Pope John XXIII School in Everett in 2005.

Jacklyn, who holds a master's degree in education, is a director of a preschool.

Focusing on the issues

Damiano said one of the top issues in his campaign will be school safety and security.

"School security is a huge issue for me," said Damiano. "Our schools must be a safe place where our students don't have to worry about anything except learning. Fights and violence in our schools is not acceptable to any of us."

Damiano expressed his support for the work being done by school resource officers.

"The SROs are awesome – they have always been doing their job, and now, with an additional officer, it continues to be effective in the schools," said Damiano.

Damiano said he was pleased to see voters end the MCAS requirement to graduate from high school. "I want the focus to be on the development of the children and young adults, because they're going to be the ones in charge of everything in the future."

Damiano said he has met with Supt. of Schools Diane Kelley to discuss issues and policies in the district.

"Supt. Kelley has delivered on what we talked about it our meeting," said Damiano. "I am pleased with the direction in which our schools are heading."

Damiano has informed the current members of the School Committee that he will be running for election. "I've talked to the members, and they have been really supportive of my candidacy," said Damiano.

Beginning his campaign Damiano intends to knock on doors in the ward, "once the weather gets warmer."

"The great thing about Ward 4 is that I have best friends, family, great neighbors living there," said Damiano, a former restaurant general manager who is a member of the carpenters' union as a floor coverer. "I know a lot of people in the ward. I look forward to meeting everyone, holding a campaign kickoff reception in May, and conducting a highly visible campaign that focuses on the issues that are important to our schoolchildren and their families."

Stephen Damiano Jr. is the son of Stephen Damiano Sr. and Deirdre (DeMarco) Damiano and the grandson of Geraldine Damiano and the late James Damiano, and the late Pat and Jennie DeMarco.

East Boston man charged with attempted robberies in Revere

An East Boston man was arraigned this month in Chelsea District Court after police link him to backto-back robbery attempts in Revere, Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Isreal Bullard, 63, of East Boston was charged on January 17 with two counts of attempting to commit a crime (armed robbery) and one count of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Judge Stuart Hurowitz released Bullard on personal recognizance. Bullard is due back in court on March 21 for a pre-trial hearing.

At about 1:46 p.m. on January 9, Revere police responded to Target located at 36 Furlong Drive for an attempted robbery.

Officers met with a Target employee who reported observing a male, later identified as Bullard, standing in the checkout lane. Bullard said several times that he was "going to wait" while he let other customers pass by and check out first. Bullard then placed an item on the conveyor belt and repeatedly told the employee to open the register. After the employee told Bullard they could not do that, Bullard placed his hand in his jacket pocket and said "I have a gun, no one is going to get hurt." After several failed attempts, Bullard walked out of the store and was seen entering a taxi and heading toward Lee Burbank Highway.

As officers were leaving Target, they were dispatched to the Citizens Bank located inside Stop and Shop, in the same plaza. A bank employee reported that a male stated to him "this is a robbery," then made references to a shooting. The male then left the bank. The bank manager provided still images of the male, who matched the same description of the male from Target, later identified as Bullard.

Officers soon determined that this incident had occurred about twenty-five minutes before the Target incident. Investigators were able to identify Bullard by contacting Tunnel Taxi, whose cab Bullard was seen using to get to and from the shopping plaza. Police obtained a warrant for Bullard's arrest.

Bullard was convicted of larceny in 2012 and then convicted of unarmed robbery just months later and sentenced to state prison.

Hayden's office, the Boston Police department, and regional retailer groups and small business owners in 2024 launched the Safe Shopping Initiative, an effort to increase consumer safety and help store managers strategize responses to shoplifting and retail larcenies. The initiative formed amid increasing national and local frustrations around retail crime, along with concerns over the closure of several pharmacies serving minority communities in Boston.

"We want consumers to feel safe going in to stores and we want employees to feel safe going in to work. Quality of life while shopping and working is the target goal for us, and working with police and retail partners is the best way to achieve that goal," Hayden said

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

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

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to pass.

The board then heard a presentation, which included a slide deck, from Bar-

ry Keppard, the Director of the Health Dept. for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) who

Public Hearing Notice Proposed Program Year 2025 Annual Plan HUD Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of Revere, acting through its Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Patrick Keefe, is a HUD Community Development Entitlement Community in the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and is required to submit a PY 2025 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) Annual Plan detailing its planned use of funds. The City of Revere expects to receive approximately \$715,000 for its PY 2025 CDBG Program. At this time, the exact appropriation has not yet been determined by Congress.

An important part of this process is obtaining public input and comments. The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) will hold the public hearing on February 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. At this public hearing, the DPCD will describe the goals and objectives as well as the eligible uses of funds for the PY 2025 Annual Plan. The City will also describe the process of submitting proposal forms to interested parties, agencies, and organizations. At this hearing, the city will report on progress on the objectives, goals, and projects under the FY 2024 Annual Plan. Formal proposals for the use of funds excluding public services in the PY 2025 Annual Plan will be accepted by the DPCD until March 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

From on or about March 29 - May 1, 2025, the PY 2025 Annual Plan will be available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations: the DPCD, City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151; the Revere Public Library, 179 Beach Street, Revere, MA 02151; and at the City Clerks Office, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. The Annual Plan will also be posted on the City's website (www.revere.org). The DPCD has established a 30-day comment period on the Annual Plan. Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on May 1, 2025. Such comments will be considered by the DPCD and responded to in the formal plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before May 15, 2025, following the conclusion of the formal comment period.

Persons with speech, hearing, or sight disabilities and persons requiring interpretation services will be accommodated at the public hearings to the greatest extent possible provided a request for such assistance is made at a reasonable time prior to the hearing to the DPCD at the above address, by telephone at 781-286-8181 x 20319, or by email to mragab@revere.org.





This week's "In the Loop" message is all about the updated parking permit program beginning in Revere this month! Starting March 1st, resident parking permits in Revere will be automatically issued based on vehicle plate numbers. To qualify, all excise taxes and parking tickets must be paid in full, and your vehicle must be registered or garaged in Revere. If your vehicle is registered elsewhere, you'll need to update it with the RMV. Your permit receipt will be mailed in early February. If you don't receive it by February 18th, you can renew it online.. Additionally, the 2025 Digital Visitor Pass will be available for online applications starting February 3, 2025, and in-person applications can be made after February 18th. To apply, you'll need to provide two proofs of residency from a list of accepted documents. A full notice will be mailed to all residents with further details. For questions, please contact the Office of the Parking Clerk at 781-629-5127, or by email at parking@revere.org. Watch this video announcement spoken in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, and Italian on all RevereTV outlets. Follow @RevereTV on Instagram to see all "In the Loop" postings at your convenience.

The Revere High School Boys Basketball Team defeated Chelsea last week and it was all streaming live on RevereTV. The Girls' team did the same only the week before. Watch replays of these games on television almost daily. Although game coverage airs live on YouTube, the on demand recordings are taken down until the end of the basketball season. RevereTV stays committed to covering at least one home basketball game per week as they are scheduled.

In the spirit of the upcoming Valentine's Day holiday, the Community Channel schedule includes two old episodes of "Cooking with the Keefes." These episodes were not recorded recently but are all about making meals to celebrate with your friends on Galentine's Day, February 13th, and celebrating all the love in your life on Valentine's Day, February 14th. These episodes will soon be followed by programs currently being produced such as "Fabulous Foods with Victoria Fabbo" and "What's Cooking, Revere?" with a few special guest host chefs. Stay tuned to the RevereTV Community Channel for all of these cooking shows and more. This channel is 8 and 1072 on Comcast and 3 and 614 on RCN.

RTV GOV is scheduled with the latest meeting from the Council Chambers at City Hall. This includes the most recent Committee of the Whole Meeting which focused on the updated parking program mentioned above. The channel is also scheduled with replays of the most recent meetings of the Revere City Council, Zoning Sub-Committee, Planning Board, Public Arts Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Revere Board of Health. Meetings are added to the replay rotation after streaming live on RTV GOV and YouTube. This channel is 9 on Comcast and 13 and 613 on RCN.

also is a member of the North Suffolk Public Health Collaborative that includes Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

He said that the collaborative came together in 2016 because those communities face significant public health problems and suffer from a higher rate of chronic diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma, as well as higher levels of mental health and substance abuse disorders, compared to the rest of the state.

He pointed out that one of the purposes of the collaborative is for the three communities to share staff in order to more effectively address the issues they face and to develop regional health programming, such as the recent successful childhood vaccination efforts.

He noted that the collaborative benefited the three communities by working together to bring state funding to the communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to a question from Bunker, Keppard said that the funding for the collaborative initially came from the three communities, but now it comes from state grants. Keppard also noted that a new part of the program will require each of the three communities to send a member from its board of health to the collaborative's quarterly meetings in order to contribute to the future decision-making process of the collaborative.

The last piece of business before the board pertained to the renewal of Body Art Licenses for both businesses and individual practitioners for the coming year. Buck informed the board that all 16 of the applicants passed their recent inspections and have met the necessary requirements for the renewal of their licenses.

The members accepted Buck's recommendations and unanimously voted to renew all of the licenses for 2025.



GROUP EXERCISE SCHEDULE

MONDAY

5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) * 6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2

6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 283

9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2 10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2

4:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN) *

5:30PM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 203

6:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - MIKE (60 MIN.) *

TUESDAY

5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2 5:45AM - POWER YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) 263 6:00AM - STRENGTH & CORE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2 9:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) *

5:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 283 5:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *

WEDNESDAY

5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA - (45 MIN.) *

6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) * 6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263

9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2

10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2 4:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN) *

5:00PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MINS.) *
6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MINS.)

6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MINS.) * 7:00PM - STEP - MIKEY (50 MINS.) *

THURSDAY

5:30AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) * 6:30AM - HIIT - MIKEY (30 MIN.) 3

9:00AM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2

12:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.)

5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.) * 5:30PM - PILATES - NIKKI (45 MIN.) 263

6:20PM - BRAZILIAN DANCE - MARCELO (40 MIN.) * 6:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263

6:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *

FRIDAY

5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKEY (50MIN.) 2

6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) *
6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263

6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263 9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2

10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2 12:30PM - HIIT - MIKEY (30 MIN.) 3

5:00PM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - KAYLA (45 MIN.) 2 6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - MIKE (60 MIN.) *

SATURDAY 7:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY - (50 MIN.) *

8:00AM - BRAZILIAN STEP - MARCELO (55 MIN.) *

9:00AM - VINYASA FLOW - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2

10:00AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2

SUNDAY 8:00AM - GENTLE

*ALL LEVELS

8:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN) *
9:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
10:00AM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
11:00AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - KAYLA (45 MIN.) 2

LEVEL 1: BEGINNER
LEVEL 2: INTERMEDIATE
LEVEL 3: ADVANCED

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this will be a long overdue collaboration to benefit each community with strength in numbers and shared best practices for all."

Several Chelsea city councilors have commented that they need more information and time before taking a vote to enter into a regional agreement with Revere and Winthrop.

Currently, the MNRECC provides public safety communications and serves as the E911 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) for the City of Revere and the Town of Winthrop, also answering police and fire department business lines including after hours calls. It is also Chelsea's secondary PSAP answering all overflow 911 calls. The MN-RECC serves a population of approximately 81,000 residents and is budgeted for 30 telecommunicators. MNRECC support staff includes a Deputy Director, Accounting Manager, Administrative Assistant, and is supported by an Opera-

tions Consultant.

SCENES OF THE ANNUAL ICY PLUNGE SPONSORED BY THE BELLE ISLE ROTARY CLUB AND THE EAST BOSTON YACHT CLUB

Last Saturday was a typical winter's day in New England, cloudy, rainy, snowy and cold. This was the day members of the Belle Isle Rotary Club (which covers East Boston, Revere, and Winthrop) along with members of the East Boston Yacht Club to dove into the icy waters of Boston Harbor, raising funds to fight Polio worldwide.

A huge turnout made the event a big success, all enjoyed a great day together, a tasty buffet luncheon and many wonderful memories.

Many thanks to the East hosting many community Boston Yacht Club for its continuing hospitality,

events, and making a difference for everyone.



Jack Walsh, Father Lambert and Revere Councillor Tony Zambuto.



"The Captain", complete with cape and bike hits the freezing Boston Harbor waters.



The ever, diving eggplant.



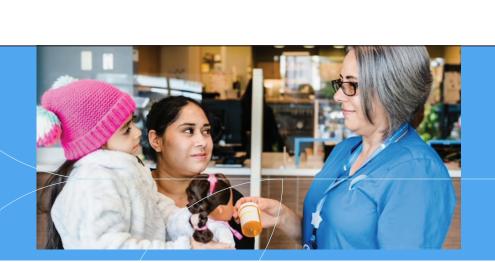
Fr. Nieme Lambert arrived for the blessing and to jump into the icy waters of Boston harbor, joined by Vera Carducci, Jack Walsh and Rotary President Joe Steffano.



Above, Sharknado in Boston Harbor. Members of the Belle Isle Rotary Club along with members of the East Boston Yacht Club dove into the icy waters of Boston Harbor, raising funds to fight Polio worldwide.



Tee's and raffles at check-in by Rotary members, Maryann and Steven Russo and Steve and Amy Miliotos.



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OBITUARIES

Carmela G. LaRosa

She was everyone's Nonna, well known for her incredible cooking

her grandchildren and see-

ing them grow up. She was

very close to her sisters and

brother, and all of her in

laws. She enjoyed shopping

for anything. Carmela was

everyone's Nonna, and she

of 53 years to the late Ange-

lo LaRosa; the loving moth-

er of Paolo LaRosa of Re-

vere, Antonietta Mario and

her husband, Martin of Win-

chester, Antonio LaRosa of

Revere and Teresa Rossetti

and her husband, Robert of

Tewksbury; the cherished

nonna of Mollie, Chris-

ty, Angelo, Martin, Sofia,

Nicholas, Robert, Jonathan

and Jenna; the treasured sis-

ter of Michelena Visentini,

Marisa Finocchiro, Giovan-

na Pastore, Salvatorina Fer-

retti and the late Julia Riera,

and Gerardo Pastore. She

is also lovingly survived

by many nieces, nephews,

grandnieces and grandneph-

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Funerals, Revere.

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She was the beloved wife

loved it.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours today, Wednesday, February 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Carmela G. (Pastore) LaRosa who died on Friday, January 31st following a brief illness. She was 76 years old. Her funeral will be conducted from the Funeral Home on Thursday, February 6th beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m. Entombment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery -Chapel Hill Mausoleum, Malden.

Carmela was born in Nusco, Italy to her late parents, Antonio and Teresa (DeStefano) Pastore. On August 3, 1959, she arrived in the United States. Carmela was raised in East Boston and educated in Boston Public Schools. She was a graduate of Girls

High School, Class of 1966. She married Angelo LaRosa on September 24, 1967 and was a proud housewife and devoted mother to her four children.

The family later relocated to Revere where she has been for the past 34 years. She was well known for her incredible cooking, especially her legendary chicken cutlets and rice balls. Carmela enjoyed nothing more than feeding people. All she wanted to do was take care of her family, which she did with love.

She cherished watching

Stephen M. Garbarino

Feb. 8, 2003 - Feb. 8, 2025

Happy 22nd Birthday to

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Maria E. Mangano

She was a true matriarch, whose nurturing spirit touched everyone around her

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Friday, February 7, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach Street, Revere, to honor the life of Maria E. (Quillay) Mangano, who peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family at Hathorne Hill in Danvers, following a brief illness, at the age of 89. A Funeral Mass will follow the visitation at 12 Noon at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere Street, Revere, with interment to immediately follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Born in San Luis, Argentina, Maria was the daughter of the late Alejandro and Margarita (Mercau) Quillay. She married Joseph Mangano on January 23, 1958, and together they built a beautiful life. They immigrated to the United States on December 4, 1964 and settled in Revere, where they raised their family with love and dedication. Maria was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and there was nothing she cherished more than spending time with her family, especially her beloved grandchildren. She was a true matriarch, whose nurturing spirit touched everyone around her. Maria cared for her husband until his passing in 2016 and her warmth, kindness, and beautiful faith left an enduring legacy in the hearts of all who knew her.

Maria was renowned for her exceptional cooking-her chicken cutlets and homemade pizza were legendary in the family. She had a heart of gold and was a woman who made everyone feel welcome.



She was the wife of Joseph Mangano for 58 years. She is survived by her loving children: Nancy M. DeMarco and her husband, James L. Sr. of Ipswich, Richard J. Mangano and his wife, Dina of Georgetown and Elizabeth M. Heath and her husband, Marc C. Sr. of Peabody. Maria was the cherished grandmother of James L. DeMarco Jr. and his wife, Pauline of Boston, Marc C. Heath Jr. of Nashua, NH, Max J. Mangano and his wife, Coley of Georgetown,

Paige M. DeMarco of South Boston, Joseph R. Mangano and his wife, Jessica of Hartford, CT, Attorney Briana A. Kantarevic and her husband, Said of Salem, Anabella M. Sanborn and her husband, Peter and Nico A. Mangano, all of Georgetown. She was also the adored great-grandmother of Daniel, Peter, Luke, Lydia and Marigold; the dear sister of Rosa Riera of Argentina and the late Armando Quillay and Carlos Quillay. She is also survived by her nephews, Roberto Riera and Mario Riera and their families.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Heart Association, 93 Worcester St., Wellesley, MA 02481.

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Susan A. "Soondee" Colella

She filled her home with much love, faith, and morals

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours on Thursday, February 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Susan A. "Soondee" (Cicatelli) Colella, who passed in the loving presence of her family on Saturday, February 1st at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers following a brief illness. She was proudly in her 101st year. A funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, February 7th beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Susan was born on August 15,1924 in East Boston and was the only child of her proud Italian immigrant parents, Giuseppe Cicatelli and Rose Bellone. She was raised and educated in East Boston and was an alumna of East Boston High School, Class of 1941. As a young woman, she

worked as a seamstress, something with which she was very talented. When she met her husband, they married and moved to Revere in 1952.Sue embraced the role of wife and mother. She filled her home with much love, faith, and morals. While raising her three children, she also cared for both of her parents as well. Cooking was certainly one of her hallmarks and she was a fabulous cook who loved to feed her family and extended family. She enjoyed knitting and was an avid bowler. Sue loved to watch figure skating and her "soaps" mainly "Days of Our Lives." She was a mem-



ber of the Revere Senior Center where she was able to socialize with friends, do day trips and she also enjoyed going to the theatre with friends. Sue's life was filled with much love for her family, wonderful memories and a legacy that will live on in all of them.

She was the beloved wife of 59 years to the late Joseph M. "Big Joe" Colella; the loving mother of Charlotte R. "Chickie" Colella, David J. Colella and Susan C. Colella, all of Revere and her partner, William Ascolillo of East Boston; the cherished grandmother of Attorney Joseph Colella and his wife, Dr. Katie Robertson of Somerville and Kara M. Doherty and her husband, Mat of Wilmington; the great grandmother of Maverick Doherty. She was predeceased by her late son-in-law, Salvatore Lombardi and the late Giuseppe Fabrizio.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Danvers, MA 01923.

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

Theresa Florence Restuccia

Her kindness, strength, and love for her family will be forever remembered and deeply missed

Theresa Florence (Cappuccio) Restuccia of Revere, formerly of Boston, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2025, at the age

Born on May 11, 1925, she was the beloved daughter of the late Dominic and Concetta (D'Arena) Cappuccio and the devoted wife of the late Nicholas Restuccia. She was a loving mother to Nicholas Restuccia Jr. and his wife, Lillian and Jane Restuccia, all of Revere and Joan Restuccia and her husband, Franco Ferrera; a cherished grandmother to Joseph, Paul, and Gianfranco, and a proud great-grandmother to Riley and Violet. She was predeceased by her dear siblings: Mary Ciampi, Helen Russell, Lucy Myles and Joseph

Cappuccio.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend services on Saturday, February 8th, at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Lynnfield, located at the corner of Salem and Gove Street. Visiting hours will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. According to the family's wishes and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Theresa's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Her kindness, strength, and love for her family will be forever remembered and deeply missed. To leave an online condolence vis-



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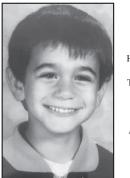
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LOVE YOU MY SON, ANTHONY, AND I ALWAYS WILL

LOVE YOU, MOM, BOBBY & DANNY **XOXOXO**

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June F. Dolan

her home and family.

Visiting Hours were held in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals on Friday, January 31st for June F. (Roach) Dolan, 81, who passed away peacefully on January 26th surrounded by her loving family,. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Blessed Mother of the Morning Star - St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Revere on Saturday. February 1 st and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ev-

The daughter of John D. and Regina (Parro) Roach, June was a lifelong resident of Revere and a graduate of Revere High School. After graduating high school, she entered the workforce and worked for many years as an Assistant Accountant.

June married Richard Dolan in 1975 and they remained in Revere where they raised their children. June was a devoted wife and mother, and was tirelessly devoted to her home and family. Her home was always tidy and warm, the coffee pot or tea kettle on if anyone dropped in for a visit, and she was always home when her children got home from school. June and her husband would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October.

June's latest career was Event Catering at the Harvard Club in Boston and at the home of Robert Kraft. One of her proudest moments was when she received the honor of becoming a grandmother. She absolutely adored her grandchildren, spending time with them and laughing with them was when she was the happiest, and she was most involved with their lives.

June was also dedicated to her community by her volunteer work, and for many years she worked at the polls during the elections, where people were enamored by her smile and kind and caring nature.



She also possessed a deep faith and was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary of the Assumption Church and charitable to St. Anthony of Padua Church and the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Revere. Everyone who met June walked away a better person. The beloved wife of Rich-

ard R. Dolan of Revere, she was the devoted and loving mother of Matthew Dolan and his wife, Alisha of Saugus, Kristine Dolan O'Shaughnessy and her husband, Patrick O'Shaughnessy of Nashua, New Hampshire and the late Colleen Joy Dolan and her sur-

viving wife, Elizabeth

Mandell. She was the adored bonus mom to Tracy Dolan of Maine and the cherished grandmother of Ava Dolan, Michael Dolan, Andrew O'Shaughnessy, James Mandell, Jennifer Smith, Raymond Smith, David Porcaro, and the adored great grandmother of Ariana Smith; the dear sister of Patricia Hood of Peabody and Regina Franovich of Revere, and a very special Auntie to many nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, the family asks that family and friends make donations to St. Vincent de Paul, an organization close to June's

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Sally Malfitano

Devoted wife and mother, tirelessly devoted to She lived an incredible life, a life lived with love, courage, and an unwavering dedication

to her family.

Sally (Foley) Malfitano of Newburyport, formerly of Revere, passed away on January 30, 2025, at the age

Born in Revere on May 21, 1932 to the late George Foley and Gertrude (Sears), Sally graduated from Revere High School in 1950. She worked at Revere Theatre in the concession stand and met her future husband and usher, Vito Malfitano. She went on to work as a switchboard operator for New England Telephone & Telegraph company in Revere. After raising her children, she returned to work at Bailey's Photography Studio as an office administrator before retiring. She loved everything about Revere Beach...living on the beach, walking along the beach and collecting antique Revere Beach postcards, pictures and memorabilia. She loved spending time with family and loved ones. Sally spent hours on the phone with her sister, Jean in Florida, both while watching the Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay.

She was the devoted mother of Stephen Malfitano and his late wife, Karen and Sharon Sievers, all of Arizona and James Malfitano and his wife, Sally of Newburyport; adored grandmother of Stephen J., Jason and his wife, Nekkel, and Kelsey Malfitano, Katrina Chavira, Gabriella Sievers, Nicky Love and his wife, Kristi, Danielle Bessen and her husband, Jeff; cherished great grand-



mother of Eric, Cassandra, James and Drew; dear sister of the late George Foley and Jean Newsham. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A very special thank you to the staff at Port Healthcare in Newburyport and Harborside Hospice for the outstanding care they pro-

Funeral from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, February 6 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A Visitation will be held on today, Wednesday, from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sally's name to Harborside Hospice LLC, 241 Winter Street, Haverhill MA 01831.

We invite you to share your memories of Sally and upload photos to her memorial page at www.buonfiglio. com. Each shared memory or photo is a testament to Sally's incredible life, a life lived with love, courage, and an unwavering dedication to her family.

Natalie York

Her light and love radiated everywhere she went, and it continues on, even after her passing

Natalie York, 43, a young woman who was the brightest of lights and the most generous soul, one with the most infectious personality, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Revere on January 29, 2025. Anyone who knew Natalie, even those who interacted with her in the most mundane of ways, never felt judged, just cared for, seen, and heard, and each and every person who knew her had their lives changed for the better. Her light and love radiated everywhere she went, and it continues on, even after her passing.

Natalie embraced life with such pure joy and excitement. She loved everything fashion and make-up, with closets and a "dressing room" that could rival highend boutiques! She was also never one to miss a good time, and was most likely the one to initiate that good time. If there was a dance floor nearby, she was there, happy as can be, footloose and fancy free. If there was a microphone nearby, you could bet she was belting out a song by Whitney or Lady Gaga. She just loved putting on a show, and boy, could she perform!

Natalie's compassionate heart was not limited to people. She loved animals of all kinds, especially dogs... her spirit animal. Throughout her short life, she was a Dog-Mama to countless dogs, even rescuing one in the pouring rain on a busy highway in rush hour traffic!

Natalie leaves behind so many people whose lives have forever been changed just because of her mere presence here on Earth. To name a few, she leaves behind her loving mother, Jane (Natoli) York, and she was predeceased by her father, Ronald York; her beloved sister, Meredith Sweet,



and her husband, Robbie, nephew, Maxim, and niece, Riley; her life partner and best friend, John Burke; her honorary sister-in-law, Jennie Solis and her husband, Javier, and honorary nieces, Alexis and Hannah; her Uncle Lenny and Auntie Dottie Natoli, her best and oldest friend, Catherine Bruno, many other aunts, uncles, and cousins, and more best friends than can be named.

Funeral services will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere, on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 9 a,m. with a Funeral Mass following at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Private interment at Holy Cross Cemetery for the immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a Go-FundMe that was set up at https://www.gofundme. com/f/honoring-the-life-ofnatalie-york.

This GoFundMe is intended to help Natalie's family with end-of-life expenses and is a celebration of her memory. Any monies raised beyond the established goal will be donated to a charity that supports and cares for animals, just as Natalie always did. For the guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Amedeo Misci

A man of intelligence, deep compassion and unwavering devotion.

Amedeo R. Misci, 84, of Greer, SC, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2025, entering the presence of Christ and finding eternal

Born to Julio and Anna Misci, Amedeo was a man of intelligence, deep compassion, and unwavering devotion. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, James Misci.

Amedeo is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Michele (Tuberosa) Misci, with whom he built a life filled with love, faith, and shared joys. He leaves behind his cherished sons, Christopher and Craig Misci; his stepdaughter, Dina Iachini; and his treasured siblings, including his sister, Julie McLaughlin. He was a proud and loving grandfather to Anthony Misci, Rynnie Misci, Nicholas Misci, Anna Misci, Reine Misci, and Warren Iachini, and a great-grandfather to Rowan Amedeo Misci, who carries his name as a lasting legacy.

Amedeo found great joy in the simple and meaningful moments of life. He was an avid golfer, an accomplished woodworker, and a man whose quiet strength and listening ear brought



comfort and wisdom to all who knew him. Those who loved him will remember his thoughtfulness, gentle nature, and unwavering devotion to his family, especially his wife Michele.

A Memorial Service will be held to celebrate Amedeo's life on March 6, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Fellowship Greenville in Greenville, SC.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Amedeo's honor to the Leukemia Society, reflecting his enduring spirit and desire to help others.

Amedeo will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all whose lives he touched.

Annmarie DiSabatino

of Revere

DiSabati-Annmarie no, 65, of Revere, passed away on January 27, 2025. Known for her hilarious storytelling and for her tremendous, boundless love and loyalty for her family and friends - she was the brightest light to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She was raised by her loving parents, the late Donald Goodwin, and Alice Goodwin, of Beachmont, and the late Margaret "Peggy" Gordon and the late Larry Gordon of Shirley Ave. A devoted mother, she cherished her children, James DiSabatino, Michael and Jillian DiSabatino, and her perfect, angelic granddaughter, Margot.

Annmarie was the beloved sister of Donnie, Jeremiah, John, Brian, and Douglas Goodwin, Michael and the late Bruce Gordon, and Colleen Cetrullo, Diane Clarke, and Kristin La-Croix.

Annmarie always said that she would be an orangutan if she were an animal, because of how deeply they care for their young. This describes her perfectly - the true joy of her life was watching her eighteen



nieces and nephews, seven great nieces and nephews, and her granddaughter, grow up. Annmarie was tenacious, hilarious, a fierce defender of her family and her beliefs, and always overtipped for extra creamers at the Dunkin Donuts drive thru.

A celebration of life visitation for family and friends will take place on Monday, February 3rd, from 4:00-7:00 PM, at Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach Street Revere, MA 02151. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Revere Boxing Outreach, www.revereboxing.org.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Annmarie, please visit our floral store.

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Robert "Bob" Buonopane

Of East Boston

"Bob" Robert Buonopane, 54, of East Boston, passed away peacefully after a long illness on January 26, 2025. Robert was born on

October 16, 1970 to Robert and Frances (Gallo) Buonopane. He spent 30 years as part of the union, mastering his trade, in commercial construction installing acoustical ceilings. He loved swimming, dancing and being outdoors, which helped make him an avid golfer. He enjoyed reciting lines from movies, and most of all being around family and friends.

Bob will be remembered as a loving father to Kayla Buonopane of Atkinson, NH and Bobby Buonopane of Revere, a dear brother to, Aileen (Michael) Lazarz of Brooklyn, MI, Michele Buonopane of Lynn, a dear brother-in-Law to Maria Buonopane of Saugus and a former husband to Jennifer (Harder) Buonopane. Bob is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He



was preceded in death by his parents, who cherished him, Robert and Frances (Gallo) Buonopane and his dear twin brother, Anthony "Tony" Buonopane.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Memorial contributions may be given to family for future designation. Please leave a message of comfort for Bob's family or sign his guestbook at www.Eineder-FuneralHomes.com.

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10 YEARS AGO, WE WERE AMIDST SNOWMAGEDDON

Yes, time does fly, and for those of us who lived through the Snowmageddon, it's hard to believe that 10 years have passed since we were in the middle of that epic winter season of 2015.

Major snowstorms just kept rolling in, week after week, from January through the end of February, eventually burying the Metro Boston area under a record total of 110 inches of snow for the season.

Even for those of us who enjoy a brisk snow-shoveling workout, the non-stop barrage of major snowstorms that barrelled through our area at the rate of twice per week was overwhelming. Our driveway resembled a tunnel, with the snow piled 8-9 feet on either side, which made shoveling the snow extra hard because we also had to throw it up high just to clear the wall of snow to get it out of the way.

We also recall clearing our roof of snow (because of warnings that the snow could become too heavy and cause a collapse). We actually fell off the portion of our roof that -- fortunately -- was not too high off the ground. We plunged into a cushion of eight feet of snow that was only a few feet below the roofline and climbed back onto the roof to finish the task. No harm, no foul.

For those who park their cars on the street, the Snowmageddon was sheer torture. No sooner had you shoveled out your space, then another big storm came in and reburied your vehicle. Some folks eventually just gave up and their cars remained entombed for weeks at a time.

Cities and towns were overwhelmed in their efforts to keep up with snow removal. Not only did they exhaust their entire snow removal budgets by mid-January (the state and federal governments eventually reimbursed communities for some of their snow removal costs), but they could not find any place to put the tons of snow that had to be trucked

In Revere, National Guard units brought in heavy equipment just to make the city's streets passable. Some communities ended up dumping the snow onto their playing fields. In Winthrop, the mountain of snow that was piled high onto the high school baseball field still obstructed the field into late-April.

There were so many snowstorms and so many declarations of states of emergency by then-Governor Charlie Baker, that It seemed as though we were in one long State of Emergency.

So while we acknowledge the truth of the proverb that all of us tend to look back at the past through rose-colored glasses, we have to admit that we hope the Snowmageddon of 2015 was a one-and-done sort of event that we never will have to deal with again.

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Revere resident Don Martelli joins Alignable as VP of Integrated Marketing and Communications

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Revere resident Don Martelli has been named Vice President of Integrated Marketing and Communications at Alignable, North America's largest small business referral network. Martelli, who is deeply involved in the Revere community, serves on the Revere Chamber of Commerce board and is a proud advocate for small businesses and local economic growth.

Alignable is a platform designed to connect small business owners with trusted referrals, providing tools and resources to help entrepreneurs grow their networks and businesses. With



Don Martelli.

more than 9 million members across North America, Alignable fosters collaboration and community among local businesses—a mission that resonates strongly with Martelli.

"I've spent my career helping businesses build visibility, and I'm particabout ularly passionate supporting local entrepreneurs," said Martelli. "Revere's vibrant business community is the backbone of our local economy, and I'm excited about the potential for Alignable to support business owners here and across the country. Through my work on the Revere Chamber of Commerce, I see firsthand how vital small businesses are to the fabric of our community, and I hope to amplify their efforts through my new role."

their brands and grow their

Martelli, who is also a member of the Revere Pub-

lic Library Board of Trustees and the new Revere High School Building Committee, brings over 20 years of experience in journalism as a former reporter for The Boston Globe, as well as in PR, marketing, and reputation management, to Alignable. He hopes to leverage his deep understanding of how to build connections that drive real results in his work with the company. A 23-year Revere resident, he remains committed to strengthening the local business ecosystem and believes Alignable can play a key role in fostering economic development in the city.

Officials highlight rodent population remediation program for homeowners

By Adam Swift

At Monday night's city council meeting, the public health and municipal inspections directors highlighted the steps the city is taking to address rodent issues in Revere.

Public Health Director Lauren Buck reviewed data showing the number of calls the city's 311 department has received over the past several years concerning rodents. She also reviewed how the Norway Rats have thrived in Revere and other cities because of human behavior, including easy access to food sources and the nearby marsh habitat.

Inspections Municipal Director Michael Wells discussed the city's trash ordinance introduced in 2019 that took several steps to address the rodent population, including the introduction of city-provided trash carts and the introduction of a program where homeowners can have a contracted exterminator come to their

property free of charge up to six times per year.

Wells noted that residents can be fined \$25 if their trash lids are open on the carts, or if trash is left on the ground or on top of the barrels. He added that the city has three inspectors, two for residential trash and one who focuses on dumpsters and commercial properties.

"The most common issues with residential trash is overflowing trash, lids not closed, and trash on the ground," said Wells.

When it comes to comsaid they all need to have an integrated pest management plan, and that retail and food businesses are required to provide a record of their pest control measures.

"The most common issues with large buildings or commercial buildings tend to be overflow, or dumpsters that are broken, don't have lids, or are rotted at the bottom or leaking," said Wells. "Any time an establishment changes hands, we do require them to enclose their dumpsters."

The private and residential property rodent control program has been in operation since 2018, Buck said. Property owners can sign or renew a two-year waiver for the services, she said.

"Residents can call 311 or go on our website to have a contracted exterminator come to their house up to six times per year," Buck said. "This is a partnership between 311 and the public health department, so mercial properties, Wells we can also triage streets or neighborhoods with a higher number of complaints, which we have done quite regularly over the past several years."

Buck noted that the schools have a contract with B&B Pest Control for all of its properties, and that there are also contracts to inspect and treat public open spaces such as parks and playgrounds.

While the rodent con-

trol program is available through the city, Buck said there are a number of steps that residents can take to help control the rodent population.

Residents should be sure to remove all food and water sources from their properties, and use only city-issued trash containers. In addition, they should remove all shelter sources by trimming outdoor plants, removing trash, and keeping boxes off the ground.

On the city's side, Buck said it will continue with its trash inspections, dumpster inspections, and management plans for businesses, as well as continuing to publicize the free rodent control program.

A representative from B&B Pest Control said that the biggest step a city and residents can take to help control the rodent population is through removing food sources from outside buildings and making sure trash is sealed up tightly.

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rection, I think we still have a lot more work we need to do."

Superintendent Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly praised the continued support from the city, especially the police and fire departments, for continuing to work well with the schools on safety and security is-

"It's incredible that we have such great partnerships and are able to rely heavily on the other city agencies to help us make sure the schools are safe," Kelly

Revere High School Principal Christopher Bowen presented several charts highlighting the disciplinary actions the school must report to the state.

"The point In would like to highlight from this data is that we are only halfway through the school year, and even if we double that number (of suspensions and expulsions), in each of the categories, we will be below

where we were at the end of the school year in the past two years," said Bowen.

The most activity involving out-of-school discipline was at the beginning of the school year, when there were 17 students involved in the major incidents in late August and early Septem-

In addition to removing those students from school, Bowen noted that it also allowed the school to redistribute resources to other students in the school who might have fallen through the cracks.

"We are definitely on track to not be where we were in terms of student discipline at the end of the school year compared to the previous two, and I think that's because of the response that we had at the beginning of the school year.

While the number of exclusionary discipline incidents in the high school is down, Bowen said there is an increase in alternatives to suspension, such as restorative interventions for incidents that are not physically violent.

"The climate in the building is very different than it was at the beginning of the school year," Bowen said.

Kelly added that the schools will also soon have results from a survey of students and staff from the schools that will provide more information about the atmosphere in the district compared to previous years.

Police Chief David Callahan said he agreed that some of the safety measures and disciplinary actions taken at the beginning of the school year have been helpful.

"I don't see the problems that we were having in the beginning of the school year," said the chief. "I think a lot of that is the good collaborative relationship that the school department has with the police department as well as the fire department."

Callahan said the police department will continue to be dedicated to providing four school resource officers to the schools, as well as training several officers who can fill in when the full-time resource officers are not available. With the improvements at the high school, both Callahan and Kelly stated that two of the school resource officers will soon go back to being stationed at other schools in the district.

In addition to the current steps taken in the schools, Kelly said the security consultant Guidepost Solutions will soon begin an audit of the district's safety and security systems.

In addition to reviewing the safety systems and procedures at the current schools, Kelly said Guidepost will also be talking to the district when it is time to focus on the safety program at the new high school.



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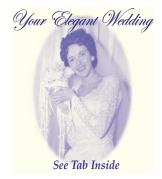
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Dan Maguire is sworn in as the newest member of the Revere School Committee Monday at City Hall.

A somber and respectful Maguire assumes Ferrante's seat on School Committee

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

Under a sad set of circumstances, Dan Maguire officially assumed the School Committee seat of the late Emmanuel 'Manny' Ferrante in a special joint meeting of the Revere City Council and School Committee on Monday afternoon.

The vote from all members was unanimous and prescribed by a new city ordinance passed in 2004 that calls for the next runner-up from the last election to assume any vacant seat on the School Committee or the City Council.

A special committee of the City Council under councillors George V. Colella and George Rotondo pushed the new ordinance through and got it approved at the state level last year. This is the first time that the ordinance has been

Manny Ferrante passed away

Maguire, who has run unsuccessfully for School Committee in the last two elections, was gracious and humble in accepting the

Flanked by his wife, Adrienne (the city's Parks and Recreation PERSONAL FINANCE

House of cards

More and more families are using plastic to make ends meet

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

t's a plastic world out there these days, as credit cards have taken over how consumers navigate the world of purchasing - and nowhere is that more apparent than in Revere and the entire Metro Boston area.

With the high cost of living and skyrocketing housing and energy costs, combined with a slower growth in household income, more and more families in Revere have turned to credit cards to make up the difference between what they have and what they need. It's a phenomenon that has eclipsed the entire country, but the Boston area leads the pack.

"People only have a certain amount of money, and if it's tied up in one thing, then maybe people in this area are using credit cards to make up the difference," said Rachel Werkema, a researcher at MassInc - a Boston think tank that has studied local family econom-

In a study that came out last month by Expérian, the country's largest credit reporting agency, the Boston area - which includes Revere's zip code - has the highest level of credit card debt per person than any other area in the United States - registering \$15,347 per person while the national average was \$11,224 (the study included credit cards and auto financing loans, but not mortgages).

That Boston area total has grown 15 percent in one year as well, going from \$13,359 in



In Greater Boston communities such as Revere, credit limits run higher, which means debt runs deeper.

October 2003 to \$15,347 in October 2004.

However, according to Expérian spokeswoman Heather Greer, the area also has the highest credit scores in the country and the low-

est percentage of late payments. "The Boston area is a perfect example where we see higher levels of debt and larger credit scores," said Greer. "Therefore, they have higher credit limits that allow them to purchase more and so they have more debt. People in that area have the means to acquire debt, but appear to have good money management skills and pay their bills on time, unlike other areas of the country."

ONE CATASTROPHE AWAY... But that depends upon whom

you talk to.

Elizabeth Warren of Harvard University's School of Business has her own theories about credit cards and about the two-income family in the Boston area - so much so that she researched and wrote a book on the topic.

Her theory is that families and individuals in cities like Revere have had to commit much more of their salaries to essential costs like housing, energy (heat), education and health care. With those costs eating up more of the household





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COMMUNITY TURNS OUT TO SUPPORT OCEANVIEW KENNEL OWNER LISA CUTTING

The Revere community came together at Beachmont VFW Hall to honor and support "someone very, animals and takes deep,

very special." That's how former mayor Dan Rizzo began his re-

marks about Lisa Cutting, the well-known and highly respected owner of Oceanview Kennel and Pet Resort at a fundraising event for Cutting, who is battling a serious illness.

"Lisa is certainly very, very special to me, very, very, special to the City of Revere, and I know that to many of you here in this room, she's very, very specia."

Rizzo said when he was mayor, "I got to realize how much that Lisa has done for our community when it comes to animals all around the city – whether they're lost, abandoned,

abused, hurt – she is there to take care of them. This is somebody that truly loves deep care of these animals beyond what anyone could probably understand."

Rizzo told the large crowd, "We just thought it would be a good idea to have a special night for her in recognition of all she does for the community, all she does for our pets, all she does for our animals. This is our way of giving something back to her and letting her know how much we appreciate her."

Introduced as the "guest of honor," Lisa Cutting expressed her gratitude to the many people for their support. "Let me start off by thanking everybody for coming. I wouldn't be able to do what I do if it wasn't for all of you that have supported me. My kids and I work hard, but we would not be here today if it wasn't people that supported us."

Speaking about her ongoing health issues, Cutting said, "Yes, cancer has knocked me down maybe once or twice, but that's a battle, I'm going to win the war. I thank all of you for coming and supporting me



Comedian Matt Misci and former Mayor Dan Rizzo, one of the chairpersons of the fundraiser.

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and supporting my kennel.

Chrissy Tigges, co-chairperson of the fundraiser, presented Lisa Cutting a \$5,000 check from the Ma-



Former Mayor Dan Rizzo and his wife, Jane Rizzo.

rie C. Petrilli Fund, which is named in memory of Chrissy's sister.

Revere's own professional comedian, Matt Misci, did a great job as master of



Wayne Rose and Nico Kostopoulos.

ceremonies for the event. DJ Michael Kearney provided the musical entertainment.

The guests enjoyed an Italian food buffet dinner and desserts.



Lisa Cutting and Council-Ior-at-Large Anthony Zambuto.



Lisa Cutting (center) and family, from left, niece Gabriela Rodrigues, nephew Mathew Cutting, son-in-law Jason Burdulis, daughter Morgan Burdulis, cousin Warren Bears, and nephew Louie Gonzalez.



Winthrop Animal Control Officer Mark VanBuskirk (right), with his wife, JoAnne VanBuskirk (left), and their daughter, Massachusetts State Trooper Vanessa Van Buskirk.



Lisa Cutting, with Liam Kennedy, one of her big support-



Representatives from the Chelsea Senior Center, Director of Elder Affairs Geraldine Portillo, Program Coordinator Roberto Tobalino, and Office Manager Deb Connors show their support

for Lisa Cutting (second from left) at the fundraiser.

Lisa Cutting expresses her gratitude to the committee who organized the fundraiser, from left, co-chairpersons Dan Rizzo, Jude Colon, and Chrissy Tigges, and member Mary Ellen Faysal.



Event co-chair Dan Rizzo, guest of honor Lisa Cutting, Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ward 1 Councillor Joanna McKenna, former Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso, and School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano.



Animal Control Officers from local communities turned out to support Lisa Cutting (center) at the fundraiser. From left, are Darren McCullough (Saugus), Jay Donovan (Woburn), Kevin Alkins (Malden), Stacia Gorgone (Everett), and Mark VanBuskirk (Winthrop).

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GBL INDOOR TRACK CHAMPIONS HOST SENIOR NIGHT



Senior Captain Ava Casinello and family. See Page 11 for more photos.

Last Monday evening before the Lady Patriots Indoor Track Team headed to Reggie Lewis Area for the final match, family and friends recognized the seniors for their hard work and team play.

Following the ceremony, the team loaded onto the bus and went to finish their season. The Lady Patriots entered the final match undefeated and holding the GBL title for the past two years. At the end of the night, the Revere High Girls remained undefeated and too the GBL title for the third year in a row. Congratulations to the seniors and to the RHS Girl's Indoor GBL Champs.



Senior Mayahh Ndi with teammates.

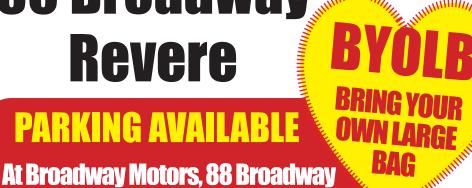


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Senior Captain Daniela Santana Baez with her teammates.





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Sports



RHS GIRLS TRACK WINS GBL TITLE

the finishing touch on its undefeated season with a commanding 63-32 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Somerville last Monday at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

The victory completed a for 13 points. perfect, 7-0 dual-meet season for coach Raquel Mac-Donald-Ciambelli's Lady Patriots and gave them an undisputed 2025 GBL championship for the second straight year.

Senior captain Liv Yuong teammate, Yuong. celebrated Senior Night in appropriate fashion with three first- place finishes to score 15 points. Liv took the top spots in the high jump with a leap of 4'-10", the long jump with a flight of 15'-3.75", and the 55 meter hurdles with a clocking of 9.77 seconds, which edged out her closest Lady Highlander opponent by just 0.06 of a second.

"This was the closest competition Liv has had in the hurdles in the GBL this year and it was great to see her really compete," said RHS MacDonald-Ciambelli. "She continues to shine at every meet, handling multiple events that often go off at the same time. in an extremely impressive

The Revere High girls This is great preparation for indoor track team put college, where I am confident she will compete as a multi."

Junior Gemma Stamatopoulos once again made a major contribution to her team's winning effort with two first-place finishes and one second-place finish

Gemma won the 600m dash in a time of 1:44.02 and the two-mile with a clocking of 14:26.45. Her second place came in the high jump, with her leap of 4'-8" bettered only by her

"Gemma continues to run exceptional 600m races every week," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "She ran a 1:44 while holding back a bit for both the high jump and the two mile. I put Gemma in the two-mile to secure another first place for the team in what was supposed to be an extremely close meet. Her ability to also compete in multiple events really shows her overall fitness level. Gemma's 'cando' attitude is exactly what makes this team thrive in competitive meets."

Senior captain Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez turned

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Senior Amina Larhzal with teammates.



Senior Kaouthar Challiou with Head Coach Raquel MacDonald-Ciambelli and Asst. Coach Noelle MacDonald.





Senior Sophia Raso with teammates.

GBL INDOOR TRACK CHAMPIONS HOST SENIOR NIGHT



Senior Victoria Osias with Head Coach Raquel MacDonald-Ciambelli and Asst. Coach Nolle MacDonald.



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RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago **February 2, 2015**

The Revere High girls basketball team, which already has qualified for the post-season state tourney, split its two games this past week, rolling past Peabody, 68-41, but coming up short against Winthrop, 40-32. In the match with Peabody at the Merullo Fieldhouse. the Lady Patriots were firing on all cylinders in their 27-point victory. Three Lady Patriots reached double-figures, with senior captain Tiphani Harris hitting for 15 points, Adanna Hector striking for 13, and Meaghan Gotham adding 10. Buckets proved harder to come by at Winthrop how-

played Sunday afternoon after the teams were snowedout last Tuesday. Harris, who is a top candidate for Most Valuable Player in the league, gave Winthrop fits all game with her variety of moves under the basket. Tiphani scored 16 points, half of her team's total, including 10 from the free throw line. The Lady Patriots now are 11-2 on the season.

The Revere High boys basketball team came out on the short end of its lone contest in a snow-filled week, dropping an 85-58 decision to Peabody. RHS captain Tommy Chea led the Patriots with 22 points, including four three-pointers.

The Revere High hockever, in a contest that was ey team was snowed-out of 14 points to lead the RHS

all its scheduled games this past week.

20 years ago **February 9, 2005**

Anthony Morico scored two goals and had one assist to pace the RHS hockey team to a solid 5-1 win over Cambridge, Eric Noel, Pat Webber, and Antony Smith also scored for Revere, which now is 7-4-1 on the

Rennie Paolini scored 17 points for the RHS boys basketball team in a 49-43 loss to Masconomet.

30 years ago **February 8, 1995**

Sam MacDonald scored

boys basketball team to a 58-57 win over Arlington. In a 71-51 loss to Everett. a team that features two Division I college players in Pat Bradley and Shannon Crooks, Tom Levett had a career-high 20 points. Revere now stands at 2-11.

Karen Jouve scored 19 points to lead the RHS girls basketball team to a 49-47 win over Arlington. The Lady Pats now are 6-10 on the season.

The four-man team of David Lightbody, Robert Millerick, David Stankowski, and Chris Eason took first place in the Class B 50 yard shuttle relay at the State Relays.

40 years ago Feb. 6, 1985

The RHS indoor track team won its second-ever GBL title with a 60-26 thrashing of Somerville. Revere finished the season at 6-1, tied with Medford (whom the Pats defeated), the lone loss a 43-42 decision to Arlington. Revere last won a GBL title in 1973, sharing the crown with No. Quincy.

For the first time in many years, the RHS boys basketball team has won three games in a row. In a 62-58 win over Chelsea, Jim Diaz scored 24 points. In a 67-64 triumph at Malden, Revere's first GBL road win in two years, Diaz scored 23 points and Steve Terrazano

added 20.

The RHS girls basketball team bounced back from a 49-38 loss to Chelsea with a 50-30 win over Malden. Lisa Orlandello scored 22 points in the Chelsea contest. In the Malden win, Orlandello netted 13 points, Diana Odoardi added 12, and Stacey Olenik scored

50 years ago Feb. 5, 1975

Nick Sardo and Mike Troisi scored two goals apiece to lead the RHS hockey team, which is closing in on a GBL title.

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meet. Ashley won the 55m dash with a sprint of 8.15, took second in the longjump, and ran the opening leg of the victorious 4 x 400 relay team to score 9.25 points for the evening.

"Ashley also is extremely versatile," said Mac-"She Donald-Ciambelli. was able to split a 67 in the 400m relay, having not run anything above a 55m yet this year, which is incredible."

Olivia Rupp scored six points with a pair of second-place finishes in the mile and the 1000m. "The mile and 1000m is an exceptionally hard double," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "But this is the second time Olivia has done it this season for the sake of the team, not to mention that she set a personal record (PR) in the mile by over five seconds and now has a best time of 5:45.13. Olivia is off the state qualifying time by less than two seconds."

Rania Hamdani (46.11) and Danni Hope Randall (46.94) bothe ran a PR in the 300m dash, placing first and second. Rania then came back to split a 66 in seven of the 10 individual the 400m relay.

Other Lady Patriots who set PRs included Dayana Ortega in the 55m hurdles (10.48) and Valeria Sepulveda in the 1000m (3:46.09), both of whom scored points for the Revere winning effort with third-

place finishes. Additional point-scorers for Revere were: Victoria Osias with a third-place in the 55m dash; Genevieve Zierten with a third in the mile; Francoise Kodjo with a second-place in the shotput; and Jocelyn Lazo with a third in the shot.

In addition to Hamdani and Cabrera Rodriguez, the other two members of the winning 4 x 400 quartet were Randall and Zacharani Kalliavas. The foursome came across the line in 4:45.15, which was 8.05 seconds faster than their Lady Highlander counterparts.

"Overall, I can't say enough about this team," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Based on Somerville's previous results from the season, we knew this would be our toughest meet yet. They are a stacked team and have an incredible coach. In my initial predictions, this meet was supposed to come down to the relay, so the captains and team leaders really went out of their way to get the team fired up.

"All of the girls were staying late at practice last week to prepare," MacDonald-Ciambelli continued. "It was great to see them all rally around this common goal of being repeat undefeated champs. I can't think of a more deserving group of

"We have a lot of work to

do this week in preparation for the GBL Championships this Monday," the coach added.

The GBL Championship Meet was scheduled for this past Monday as the Journal was going to press. The results will be published in next week's newspaper.

RHS BOYS TRACK COMPLETES 7-0 **SEASON IN** THE GBL

The Revere High boys indoor track and field completed a perfect 7-0 dual-meet season in the Greater Boston League (GBL) with a 52-43 triumph over Somerville last Monday evening at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury.

The triumph gives the Patriots the undisputed 2025 GBL championship.

The Highlanders have been the Patriots' principal rival for GBL track supremacy in the past few years, but coach David Fleming's squad left little doubt about who is the king of the hill for 2025.

Revere took first place in events and second place in the three others to claim the

Youness Chahid led the way for the Patriots, accomplishing an unheard-of "triple" in the 1000, 1-mile, and 2-mile events to pace the Patriots with 15 points. Chahid's trifecta consisted of the 1000 meter run in a time of 2:51.85; the mile with a clocking of 4:54.70 (which was 14 seconds faster than his closest Highlander rival); and the two-mile with a time of 10:58.41, which was 38 seconds ahead of the second-place Somerville boy.

Patriot Jeremy X was another major contributor to the winning effort, tallying nine points in three events: a first-place effort in the 300m dash (in 37.14), a second in the 55m dash, and a third in the long jump.

Isaiah DeCrosta tallied eight points for the Revere cause with a first-place in the high jump with a leap of 5'-6" and a second in the 55m hurdles.

Edwin Alarcon captured his specialty, the 600m dash, with a winning time of 1:30.67.

Bryan Maia handily won the shot-put with a throw of 44'-1", a distance that was almost six feet further than his closest Somerville competitor.

Joey Angiulo scored four points for the Pats with a second in the long jump and a third in the 300m. Oliver Escobar also tallied four points with a second in the high jump and a third in the 55m.

Contributing single points with their third-place efforts were Kenan Batic in the 600 and Silvio Neto in the shot-

Fleming and his crew were scheduled to compete in the GBL Championship Meet this past Monday at the Reggie.

RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL **DEFEATS** CLASSICAL, SETS UP SHOWDOWN WITH **SOMERVILLE**

The Revere High girls basketball team earned one of its biggest victories of the season with a 43-28 triumph at Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn Classical last Tuesday.

The victory raised the Lady Patriots' record in the GBL to 8-3, setting the stage for the winner-take-all battle for the 2025 GBL title at Somerville (which also has three losses in the GBL) last night (Tuesday). Revere came out on the short end of a 48-37 decision in the teams' first meeting two weeks ago, but was looking to turn the tables in the re-

In the big win over Classical, the Lady Patriots started slowly on offense and trailed 16-13 at the half. However, coach Ariana Rivera's squad came out on a mission after the intermission, dominating Classical at both ends of the floor en route to outscoring the host Lady Rams by a wide margin, 30-8.

"We were able to turn on the gears and run on them in the second half. We had a huge night on the boards with 30 rebounds," said Rivera. Shayna Smith led Revere in the rebounding department with nine boards, followed by Belma Velic and Allyson Olliviera with seven caroms each.

Nisrin Sekkat took charge of the Lady Patriot offense, dishing out six assists and scoring six points. Marwa Riad provided lock-down defense with seven rebounds and three steals.

"Collectively, our defensive performance may have been the best it's been all season," said Rivera. "Utilizing a few different defenses allowed us to throw Classical's offense off. All around, we had great tempo. Our transition game was on point when we forced turnovers. It was probably our best game of the season besides our second match-up against Medford."

In two victories last week, the Lady Patriots defeated GBL foe Chelsea, 53-24, and non-league opponent Salem, 64-29.

"We had a great team win against the Chelsea Red Devils," said Rivera. "Freshmen Valentina Cruz and Becca Mercado added some offensive energy with 10 points combined. Freshman Allyson Olliviera led us to our victory with 14 points. Senior Lea Doucette added eight points and provided

a huge defensive spark for us."

In the Salem match, Shayna Smith dominated the boards with 10 rebounds and made six steals. Freshman Valentina Cruz also accounted for six steals.

"We had great team offense with nine girls adding to our winning score," said Rivera. "We did well sharing the ball and running our offensive sets. Our solid defensive performance held Salem under 30 points."

Rivera and her crew, who stand at 9-7 overall and need one more win to guarantee the .500 record needed to qualify for the post-season state tournament, will play at non-league rival Swampscott tomorrow (Thursday).

They will wrap up their 2025 regular season next week with two home matches vs. non-league opponent Boston United on Tuesday and GBL foe Everett on Wednesday. Both of those contests will tip off at 6:00.

RHS BOYS HOOP **AIMING FOR TOURNEY**

The Revere High boys basketball team stands at 6-8 on the season after splitting its two contests last week.

Last Tuesday, the Patriots claimed Round II of the Battle of Broadway with Greater Boston League archrival Chelsea with a runaway 74-38 triumph over the Red Devils at Merullo Fieldhouse.

The contest never was in doubt as Revere built a 26-4 lead in the opening period and never let up on the gas, taking a 38-10 advantage into the intermission which they increased to 58-22 after three periods.

The Patriots jumped out of the starting gate for a quick 9-0 lead as senior tri-captains Avi Lung (seven points, five assists) and Josh Mercado (14 points, three steals) each knocked down a three-pointer and Ethan Day made a fast break layup plus the foul.

The Patriots' defense was just as efficient as its offense, as their half court trap gave Chelsea a very hard time and the Patriots continued to build on their fast lead. Senior forward Erick Mayorga (seven points, five rebounds) made an elbow jump shot and freshman Charles Dobre flew in for a basket on the fast break giving Revere a 26-4 bulge at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was more of the same as the Patriots continued to put pressure on Chelsea defensively and had great ball movement on offense getting everyone involved. Senior forward Gio Alexandre (seven points, three rebounds) had two nice drives to the basket and also drained a three-pointer from the top. Junior forward Devin Berry had a nice put-back on an offensive rebound and Mercado and Day continued to make their share of shots, giving Revere a 38-10 advantage at the half.

The Patriots came out after the intermission with the same focus and purpose that they deployed in the first half on both ends of the floor. Day (23 points, seven rebounds, four assists) continued to build on his stellar senior season, scoring, rebounding, and assisting on what seemed like every possession in the quarter. Mercado drained another corner three and Lung got a fast break layup plus the foul.

Senior guard and fan favorite Peter Dacelien came in off the bench to an ovation from the crowd and wasted no time scoring a quick basket and the Patriots lead swelled to 58-22 to finish the third quarter.

The fourth period was a rare delight for the Patriots. Most of their games go down to the wire, but in this one Revere was able to protect the lead and get all of their teammates involved. Sophomores Nico Cespedes and AD Ammime each made baskets, junior guard Isaiah Llanos made a wing three-pointer, junior guard Nick Rupp made two baskets in the lane, and Peter Dacelien made a corner three to again excite the crowd in Merullo.

Revere took the victory, 74-38, and returned the favor with a sweep of the season series after losing both contests last year to the Red Devils.

"It could not have gone any better for us," said RHS head coach David Leary. "A big difference from how things went last Saturday (a 57-52 loss at Malden) was that we were intense, focused, and our seniors really carried us early on to take control. Everyone gets up for the Chelsea game year-in and year-out. Throw out the record books -- it's our biggest rivalry."

Thursday night the Patriots had a big challenge in front of them when they hosted Tewksbury, the #8-ranked team in D-2, from the Merrimack Valley Conference. The opposite of what happened in the Chelsea game two nights prior was the theme in the first quarter. Tewksbury jumped out to a rapid 17-4 lead just four minutes into the game on some pinpoint threepoint shooting, hitting four in a row.

Leary used a timeout to try to stop the momentum and switched to a man-to-man defense. The move seemed to calm things down and after a few baskets by Day (17 points) and a three-pointer from Mercado (five points, five rebounds), the Patriots cut the lead to 19-11 at the end of the first period.

The Revere defense had

settled down and the second quarter was more back-andforth in the first few minutes with the teams exchanging baskets. Dobre sank a few free throws and had a nice finish at the rim, Day drained a corner three-pointer, and Mayorga (nine points, five rebounds) finished on a putback.

However, Tewksbury found their rhythm again, shooting the ball well towards the end of the half to take a 35-20 lead into the locker room.

Revere came out after the intermission looking to cut into the deficit. Lung (12 points, three assists), after a quiet first half, knocked down a wing trey and then a pull-up jump shot. Mayorga sank a triple from the top and Alexandre (five points, four rebounds) made a driving hoop and, later in the quarter, a three-pointer.

However, Tewksbury answered on several possessions with baskets of their own. Despite Revere's improved play, the Patriots were only able to slice three points off the deficit, leaving them trailing 58-46 heading into the final quarter.

The fourth period started off well for the Pats. Mayorga and Lung each had a basket to force a quick Tewksbury timeout. The visitors (11-3 on the season) regrouped and went on a quick 8-0 run to push the lead back to 16 points. Day made a couple of free throws and Lung got to the basket with a tough finish over two defenders, but Revere went cold after that and came up short, 72-52.

"That's a very good team we battled with," said Leary. "There were definitely some positives. We know we can play with a team that talented and polished, but we just need to improve on doing it for 32 minutes and cannot fall behind the way we did. We bounced back after the slow start, which is a good sign, fighting through adversity, but on the other hand, we need to be ready at the jump every night. We just need to keep grinding"

Leary and his crew, who need four wins in their final six games in order finish their regular season at .500 and punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney, were scheduled to meet GBL opponent Somerville this past Monday and will entertain non-league foe Chelmsford tomorrow (Thursday) evening for a 7:00 tip-off at Merullo.

They will trek to Tewksbury next Tuesday and will host Brooke Charter School next Thursday (Feb. 13). They will wrap up their season at the General George Patton Tournament at Hamilton-Wenham on February 17 and 18, taking on the host Hamilton-Wenham Generals on Feb. 17.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

LA COLABORATIVA, TOGETHER WITH ADVOCACY GROUPS, FILE LAWSUIT IN STATE TO CHALLENGE BIRTHRIGHT

CITIZENSHIP ORDER CHELSEA - La Colabo-

rativa, in partnership with Lawyers for Civil Rights and the Brazilian Worker Center, has filed the first lawsuit in the Commonwealth to halt what they call the Trump administration's unconstitutional, inhumane policy stripping U.S.-born children with immigrant parents of citizenship.

"For over 35 years, La Colaborativa has safeguarded, uplifted, and relentlessly fought for our community," said Gladys Vega, President of La Colaborativa. "Along with our allies, we're committed to leading a unified front to counter the Trump administration's grave violation of civil rights. We stand united to protect the rights and safety of our families, regardless of where they come from."

Prompted by what it characterizes as a cascading array of damaging executive actions, La Colaborativa is spearheading the lawsuit on behalf of expectant mothers, working families, and immigrant communities adversely affected by this policy.

"La Colaborativa refuses to let the federal government create a caste system that dehumanizes U.S.-born children and their families," stated Dinanyili Paulino, Executive Vice President of La Colaborativa. "As the consequences of the election increasingly harm working families, children, and immigrants, La Colaborativa will remain a cornerstone of our community, providing vital resources for all residents, regardless of their background or immigration status."

La Colaborativa representatives stated that the executive orders, issued hours after the inauguration, have been widely condemned as unconstitutional, harmful, and an abject violation of human rights. The organization stated that the string of announcements has exacerbated the growing fears within immigrant communities, which have grappled with decades of repression and disinvestment.

"Unquestionably, these policies are designed to spur fear and division," said Alex Train, Chief Operating Officer of La Colaborativa. "In this moment of darkness, we must remain vigilant and united, with an unwavering commitment to safeguarding human rights at all costs."

In a press release, La Colaborativa stated that the executive order in question denies U.S.-born children their rights, protections, and citizenship—instilling fear and uncertainty within immigrant communities. Advocacy groups argue that such actions not only violate constitutional principles but also inflict profound harm on families, destabilize communities, and erode trust in public systems.

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez said that as a naturalized citizen with children born in this country, the issue is very personal for him.

"The unknown is very scary," said Maltez. "For the past week, we have been trying to calm our residents and telling them not to jump to conclusions."

Maltez said the city is concerned that people in

need will be less likely to call for needed resources in the current climate. He said the city, the police, and fire departments are committed to serving and protecting everyone in the city, and that the school department is committed to educating everyone.

"That will not change, we will serve and protect all of Chelsea," Maltez saidd.

SCHOOL COMM. APPROVES COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

EVERETT - When Massachusetts voters approved the measure to eliminate MCAS testing on the November ballot, many school districts were left scrambling to put in place a new district competency requirement to replace the MCAS for students to graduate and receive a high school diploma.

At the meeting of the School Committee on January 21, members voted 7-0 to approve the new competency requirements for students to earn their diplomas.

Dr. Margaret Adams, the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Student Success, and Everett High School Vice-Principal Jim Murphy appeared before the School Committee to explain the new local competency requirement and the process to earn a diploma.

Students must pass a competency determination in certain studies that will replace the MCAS. Students also must complete the usual required course work over four years to earn a diploma. The new competency requirements will go into effect immediately and be used for those graduating with the class of 2025. These new requirements also will be available to the students who have not yet received their high school diplomas, but are actively working towards meeting their requirements for a high school diploma.

A competency determination must be shown in the fields of study of algebra, English, science, biology, physics, and English Language Arts.

Graduation requirements will require the student to have passed four years of English, two years of social studies, four years of math, three years of social science, four years of physical education and one year of health.

Superintendent William Hart noted that there has been little guidance from the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) on this topic, but he promised, "A return to basics."

In other actions, the committee was told by Superintendent Hart that for the foreseeable future, there will not be any class field trips until the national nursing staffing shortfall is resolved. According to Hart, many local school districts are facing a similar dilemma because of the lack of school nurses for hospitals, programs, and schools. He noted that the nurse staffing is presently down 50% in Everett schools and that a field trip of 40 students takes one nurse away from use in a local school building with a student population of 600 to 900 students. Hart stressed that to have field trips with the current shortage of nurses in the Everett schools, as well as in hospitals and other emergency facilities, would

'not be safe."

In other business, the

committee voted unanimously to accept the following donations:

- -- \$2,000 from the Joseph J. Pagans Memorial Scholarship Fund;
- -- New toys from the State Senator Sal DiDomenico Foundation; and
- -- A \$700 grant from the Computer Science Teachers Association to Everett High School.

OHNC HEARS PLANS FOR BENNINGTON STREET PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - During the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council's (OHNC) monthly meeting attendees learned of a proposal at 1214-1222 Bennington Street that would bring several rental units to the area.

According to Attorney Richard Lynds, who presented the project to the OHNC, the proposal, subject to Article 80 review, involves renovating and reusing the existing commercial buildings at the site to build 28 units.

"This is an existing oneand two-story commercial building, and our proposal would involve maintaining the existing structures that are there, so we're not looking to demolish anything. We would be building within the footprint of what presently exists and just going up vertically a total of four stories," said Lynds.

Additionally, this iteration of the plan includes 10 parking spaces in an enclosed garage. It should also be noted that an existing parking lot next to the building is slated to remain.

Furthermore, the proposal would contain five affordable units offered at a maximum of 60% area median income (AMI). Regarding the unit mix, there are plans for 11 one-bedroom, 16 two-bedroom, and one three-bedroom units.

Also, regarding the project, Lynds said it was by right, adding, "There are no zoning variances being requested with respect to this project. So this is a completely zoning-compliant project."

After reviewing zoning information, Lynds outlined some other features of the proposal, including balconies and a common roof deck. However, he noted that the layout of aspects such as the deck and where the mechanicals are located may change because of an MBTA right-of-way in the area

Later, Lynds gave the floor to Eric Zachrison, the project architect, who highlighted plans, elevations, materials, and more.

For example, he spoke about the building material, which will gray over time. "The idea of that material is it has kind of richness that allows it to not mimic but kind of enhance the existing brick we've already got and try and work with that," said Zachrison.

Eventually, those in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

One attendee commented and was not a big fan of the building design, comparing it to a warehouse or storage building. This same attendee also voiced their support for commercial or retail use at the site.

Lynds noted that plans up the street at 1188 Bennington Street are slated to have two retail spaces. "It would seem a little redundant to try to add that into this location as well."

However, he added that the site is set up for transit-oriented development, and there is a possibility of

GIRL SCOUTS PARTNER WITH POLICE TO EARN DETECTIVE BADGE



Winthrop Girl Scout Troop 70227 shown at the Winthrop Police Station.

swapping out the garage parking for retail, considFacebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Orien-

ery year on his performance reviews from councilors is

ering the aforementioned parking lot next to the building.

One resident asked about the process for this project to proceed. Lynds indicated that approvals could be received in the spring. Construction could begin this fall at the earliest and take 14-16 months to complete.

Another resident asked about plans for trees in the area. While Lynds noted that there are not many trees in the area currently, he indicated that they have already discussed adding street trees with the city.

He also mentioned that the sidewalk will be completely overhauled in conjunction with the city's complete street requirements, and there is potential for exterior bike parking and benches.

As the discussion continued, more attendees made comments and asked questions. Since this project does not require any zoning variances, Lynds did not think a vote from the OHNC was necessary but said he was happy to return for a second presentation.

He also noted that there would be a public meeting regarding the project hosted by the Planning Department. Then, the project would eventually go before the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board for a vote.

For more information about the OHNC, visit its

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COUNCIL APPROVES NEW FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR TOWN MANAGER

WINTHROP - The town council unanimously approved a new five-year contract with current Town Manager Tony Marino at last week's meeting.

Marino has been town manager since 2022, when he signed a three-year contract at an annual salary of \$205,000.

The new contract runs from May 23, 2025 through May 23, 2030, and includes a cost of living increase of 2.5 percent per year beginning on July 1, 2025, which aligns with the town's fiscal year.

"The general consensus out of not only the finance subcommittee, but also I think I speak for the council in general, is that we are lucky to have (Marino) as town manager," said Councilor and Finance Subcommittee Chair John DaRos. "During our finance subcommittee meeting ... (Town Council President Jim Letterie) made a good point, and that is talent for a town manager for our town is hard to come by in terms of everything we want and need for a town manager."

DaRos noted that the feedback Marino gets ev-

very positive.

Precinct 5 Councilor Joseph Aiello said Marino has been a pleasure to work with. "He has been more re-

sponsive with a limited staff than any other town manager I have dealt with in the past," he said.

Aiello also praised Ma-

rino's judgement and his ability to patiently explain financial and municipal issues.

Councilor-at-Large Max

Tassinari his vigilance in producing a capital plan for the town and his efforts to get a financial impact study underway.

"Thank you for getting us started on a path where we can actually visualize a future that is more than a year or two ahead of us," he said.

Council Vice President Hannah Belcher said Marino has helped streamline how the departments in the town work and has also helped to ensure that Winthrop brings in as much revenue as it can.

"It's been a great relationship and I know we are showing a commitment to you, and I know you, in terms of this contract, are also showing a commitment to Winthrop," said Letterie. "My big thing with a town manager is to be a blue collar town manager that can get your hands dirty and get in there, and it's been a pleasure working with you."

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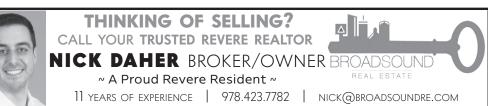
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REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago **February 5, 2015**

The annual Top 100 List of salaries for Revere city employees that appears in this week's Revere Journal reveals that more than 168 employees earned more than \$100,000, though many of those were police officers whose earnings were inflated by detail work. The city's payroll has increased by nearly \$23 million since 2010, and the numbers of those earning more than \$200,000 a year doubled from two to four in 2014. The City released its complete payroll figures last week and it revealed an ever-increasing payroll that is knocking on the \$100 million mark, coming in at \$92.83 million in total. The overall payroll sat at \$70.662 million in 2010, and increased to \$86.41 million in 2013. The year-to-year increase for 2014 showed the payroll up by \$6.4 million. A recent Boston Globe story that indicated that 10,500 state employees were paid more than \$100,000 last year, indicative of the trend of higher salaries being paid to city employees statewide. Advocates for municipal employees say it is important to give people what their services are worth and to reward employees for their excellence in an effort to retain them.

The record-setting snowfall in the past week (the back-to-back snowstorms brought more than 40 inches of snow to our region) has created difficult challenges for the Department of Public Works crews who have been working around the clock to remove the snow from city streets and roadways -- and there is even more snow in the forecast for this week and next.

Several Revere police officers began carrying Tasers last week, also known as Electronic Control Weapons (ECW), and so far it's made an early and significant difference in assaults on police officers by deterring wouldbe combatants.

20 years ago **February 9, 2005**

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino told an approving audience in the City Council Chamber that the city has weathered the fiscal crises of the past two years and is now back on track to face a bright future.

Local developers and real estate moguls Richard and Steven Clayman have purchased the development rights to the North Lot and Lot H on Ocean Ave. at Revere Beach.

The first degree murder trial of William Angelesco, who allegedly shot and killed a Nahant man on December 8, 2001, in the Squire Lounge, got underway this week in Suffolk Superior Court.

State Rep. Robert DeLeo has been named the Chairman of the House Wavs and Means Committee by Speaker Sal DiMasi.

Eugene McCollom, 40, of Winthrop has pleaded guilty to manslaughter for the 2001 murder and beheading of John "Jackie" Leyden of Revere. McCollom also is expected to plead guilty to the murder and dismemberment of an unidentified woman whose body was dumped at the Chelsea Soldier's Home where McCollom attended AA meetings. Jackie Leyden's brother, William, originally had been charged by the Suffolk County D.A. with the murder because of incompetent police work by the Boston P.D. and only was released from jail when McCollum's brother stepped forward with information about the

The Wedding Date, Sideways, and Are We There Yet? are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago **February 8, 1995**

McDonald's Corp., which has had a restaurant police and fire protection

in the city for many years on Squire Rd., has filed a petition with the Licensing Commission for a fast food restaurant on Revere Beach on the site of Porky's Bar-

Revere state representatives William G. Reinstein and Robert DeLeo said they are skeptical of a bill that would have the state pay for the Big Dig costs because they fear that it will lead to toll increases on the Tobin Bridge and Sumner Tunnel.

A large crowd was on hand for the 100th birthday party at the Wharf Restaurant for Salvatore Paone, who is known by many residents who fondly recall his family's operation of the Paone Spa, a fixture for decades at 335 Broadway, where fruit, newspapers, and books were sold.

New Revere firefighter Joseph Giannino was sworn in this week with his proud father Chris Giannino, himself a former firefighter, looking on.

40 years ago **February 6, 1985**

Mayor George V. Colella delivered his State of the City address Monday. Much of Colella's speech singled out School Supt. William J. Hill for criticism, with Colella asserting "there is a vacuum of leadership in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, which is disrupting the fabric of the school system."

William Ferullo is the new President of the Revere Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Barbara Tufts, who had served in that post for two years.

Mrs. Soffel, Nightmare on Elm Street, and Witness are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago **February 5, 1975**

80-minute meeting, the City Council remains in a quandary about how to improve



for No. Revere. The discussion took place after last week's tragic fire on Marshall St. that claimed the lives of the five members of a family. City Councilor Edward O'Hara has called for the construction of a new fire station and police substation in that part of the city.

Clarke Mosher, a 60 year-old homeowner at 570 Mountain Ave., shot and wounded two of three youths who broke into his house in the middle of the night. Mosher, whose home was broken into a month ago, said he was carrying the pistol for his protection.

60 years ago February 11, 1965

The City Council has agreed to ask the City Solicitor for an opinion as to whether the pay raises given by City Manager Joseph McChristal to certain city employees, including a \$2200 pay raise for himself, and which were approved on a 4-3 vote by the Council, are legal. However, three councillors, Daniel Smith, Ray Carey, and George Colella, who voted against the raises, maintain that five votes of the Council are needed to approve such measures.

The School Committee has named Edward Strong

as the new director of foreign languages in the school system.

70 years ago February 10, 1955

A 66 year-old Cambridge woman became the city's first traffic fatality of the year when she was struck by a hit-and-run driver Sunday evening as she was crossing Ocean Ave. A 24 year-old local man came to the police station later that evening and turned himself in as the operator of the motor vehicle.

A state legislative committee heard a plea from members of the Point of Pines Y.C., who told the committee that unless the basin of the Saugus River is dredged, the yacht club will cease to exist. They told the committee that there presently are only three feet of water at low tide.

Captain Joseph Concannon, a member of the National Guard since 1932 who served in WWII and then volunteered to serve in Korea, where he was killed on December 3, 1950, was laid to rest with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery this week. He leaves his wife and two children. He had lived in Beachmont for 20 years and was a member of Beachmont VFW Post No. 6712.

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He was awarded the Bronze Star in WWII and the Silver Star in Korea.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Former Boston Mayor and Massachusetts Governor James M. Curley was the guest speaker at a tribute attended by local, state, and national leaders in honor of Colonel Joseph Hanken and his wife, Bess, before a capacity crowd at the Frolic on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. The event was sponsored by VFW Post No. 940.

80 years ago **February 8, 1945**

The War Dept. has sent word that Flight Officer Samuel E. Gordon, 27, of 9 Orr Sq., is missing in action after his bomber was shot down over Germany on January 13. He was a 1936 graduate of Revere High and also had graduated from Michigan State Univ.

Good news was received this week by the family of Pfc. Bernard Nugent, 25, who is reported as being a prisoner of war of the Germans. Nugent had been reported as missing in action in October.

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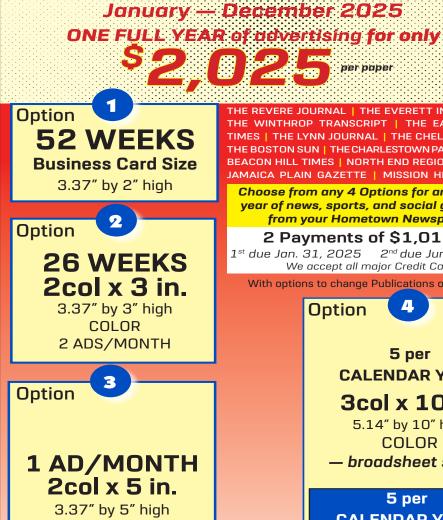
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The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), commonly referred to as Fuel Assistance, provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills. Enrollment for LIHEAP is free and open through April 30, 2025.

LIHEAP is open to homeowners and renters, including households whose cost of heat is included in rent. Eligibility is based on household size and the gross annual income of every household member 18 or older. Household income cannot exceed 60% of the estimated state median income. The program provides assistance through a fixed benefit amount for the cost of the primary source

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"National Grid recognizes that energy bills can be a real challenge for many customers - especially in the colder winter months," said Bill Malee, Chief Customer Officer at National Grid. "The LIHEAP program can provide much-needed assistance for customers struggling to keep up with their energy costs and helps cover energy usage dating back to November 1, 2024. We also encourage customers to visit us at one of our Customer Assistance Events, where attendees can meet with National Grid assistance program experts in person and explore options to manage their energy bills and ways to save money."

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HEAPVisit and apply at an agency in your area.

For more information concerning LIHEAP:

• Visit https://www.mass. gov/service-details/learn-about-low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap.

• Customers may also call the Cold Relief Heatline at (800) 632-8175.

LIHEAP is funded by an annual federal grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, and administered by a network of local agencies, in many areas the same agency that administers the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP or fuel assistance).

"Thousands of families across Massachusetts depend on LIHEAP assistance to keep their homes warm during the winter," said U.S. Representative Lori Trahan of Massachusetts. "That's why I've always encouraged anyone in need of help to check their eligibility, connect with their local community action agency or National Grid, and ap-

ply for home heating assistance as soon as possible."

Along with LIHEAP, National Grid customers have access to several programs designed to help reduce energy use and lower energy costs, manage their energy bills and payments, and help them secure available energy assistance. Programs include but are not limited to:

• Discount Rates where qualifying income-eligible customers may receive a discounted rate on electric and gas service, as well as no-cost energy efficiency upgrades.

• The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is available to income eligible Massachusetts resident who, because of temporary financial difficulty, cannot meet a month's energy expense and is not eligible for state or federal energy assistance.

• Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provides financial relief

to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months. HEAP is a free, statewide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies.

• Customers may enroll in programs such as the Budget Billing Plan, which spreads monthly payments out more evenly throughout the year to offset periods of high energy usage.

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RHS PATRIOT INDOOR TRACK SENIORS



Last week was the final regularly schedule track meet at the Regie Lewis Center in Boston. Prior to leaving RHS for the meet, the Patriot seniors were recognized for their dedication to the team. Shown are Asst. Coach Will Johnson with senior Patriots, Isaiatl DeCorusta, Kenan Batic, Youness Chahid, and Mohammed Ferris.





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RHS BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS CHELSEA, 74-38

Revere erupted for 26 first quarter points to lead Chelsea 26-4 at the end of the first quarter, and it was cruise control after that as the Patriots rolled to a 74-38 win over Greater Boston League rival Chelsea at the Roland Merullo Fieldhouse at Revere High January 28.



Avi Lung (4) drives on Chelsea's Brouk Ephrem (24).



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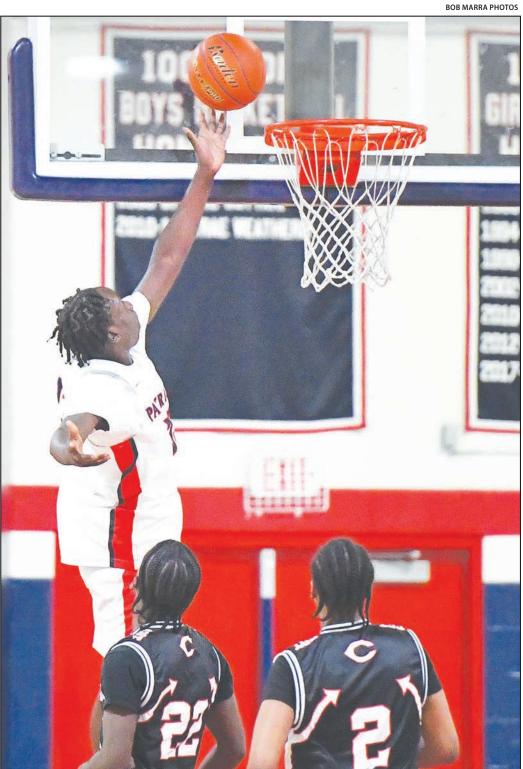
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Charles Dobre (33) gets above the crowd and lays in two Revere points.



Isaiah Llamos (5)
drives to the basket against Christian Colon (11).



Ethan Day on his way to the basket and a pair of his 23 points.

RHS BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS CHELSEA, 74-38



Erick Mayorga (12) and Ethan Day (11) take down rebound.



Avi Lung (4) defends against drive by JJ Williams (5).



Devin Berry (22) defends against Moses Karenzo (1).



Adnane Amine (3) puts on the brakes.



Zaney Kamembe (30) and Charles Dobre (33) control a rebound.



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§ 17.25.010. Definition of

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LEGAL NOTICES

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and fire safety codes and

all applicable building

LEGAL NOTICE Public Hearing Storage of Flammables Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148, Section 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Councillor Joseph A. **DelGrosso City Council** Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts on the application of Gibson Point Owner, LLC c/o Redgate, 265 Franklin St., Boston, MA 02110 requesting a Chapter 148 License from the Revere City Council for aboveground storage of 5,005 gallons of gasoline and 358.2 gallons of oil to be contained within 199 vehicles to be parked in a parking garage of a residential development at 1 Gibson Way, Revere,

A copy of the aforementioned application 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 February 18, 2025. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org. Ashley E. Melni City Clerk

02/05/2025

LEGAL NOTICE Public Hearing Storage of **Flammables** Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148, Section 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts on the application of Revere Owner, LLC, 646 Ocean Avenue, Revere, MA requesting a Chapter 148 License from the Revere City Council for aboveground storage of 237 gallons of diesel fuel (emergency generator), and 4,840 gallons of gasoline contained within 242 vehicles to be parked in a two-level parking garage within a mixed-use development at 646 Ocean Avenue, Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application 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 February 18, 2025. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik

LEGAL NOTICE A-25-03 **Public Hearing**

City Clerk

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (RRO) that the City of Revere **Zoning Board of Appeals** (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, February 26, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. **DelGrosso City Council** Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Ibrahim Asidah, 84 Patriot Parkway, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a variance of RRO Section 17.24.010 maximum principal building coverage and RRO Section 17.24.030(3) parking requirement that an existing developed lot (83 Patriot Parkway) held in common ownership with a qualified vacant lot (Lot 194 Patriot Parkway) must provide at least two off street parking spaces on the developed lot to enable the appellant to construct a single-family dwelling on Lot 194 Patriot Parkway, Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-03) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM, and Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@revere.org on or before February 18, 2025. Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere

Zoning Board of Appeals 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025

LEGAL NOTICE C-25-03 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts **General Laws and Sections** 17.40.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Edvin Balla, 48 Derby Road, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a special permit from the Revere City Council to enable the appellant to raze the existing non-conforming structure and construct a new four-story mixed used building, within the same footprint, consisting of a two-story restaurant on the ground and second floors, and two residential units on the third and fourth floors (one apartment per floor) at 63-64 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application (C-25-03) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. 02/05/2025 Proponent/opponent

testimony will be accepted

in writing on or before Feb-

ruary 18, 2025. Testimony

can be submitted via email

to amelnik@revere.org.

Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk 01/29/2025,02/05/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

C-25-04 **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts **General Laws and Sections** 17.40.020 and 17.40.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Nicholas Daher, 375 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a special permit from the Revere City Council to enable the appellant to expand an existing nonconforming use and structure for the conversion of a 5-unit structure to a 6-unit structure at 30 Campbell Avenue, Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application (C-25-04) 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 to 12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted

Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025

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Attest:

LEGAL NOTICE CZ-25-01 City of Revere, MA Public Hearing Notice Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17, Chapter 17.56, Sections 17.56.010 - 17.56.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, that (a) the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, and (b) the Revere Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:30PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere: An Ordinance Further Amending the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Revere Repealing the Definition and Use of Mechanical Parking Systems Be it ordained by the City of Revere, MA as follows: Section 1. Section 17.08.502 Mechanical Parking System is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 2. Section

17.28.035 Mechanical

deleted in its entirety. A copy of the aforementioned zoning ordinance (CZ-25-01) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/ opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before February 18, 2025. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk Attest: Megan Simmons-Herling Planning Board, Chair 01/29/2025,02/05/2025 **LEGAL NOTICE** CZ-25-02 City of Revere, MA Public Hearing Notice Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 17, Chapter 17.56, Sections 17.56.010 - 17.56.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere, that (a) the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chambe of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, and (b) the Revere Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:30PM in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber of Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. Massachusetts 02151.

relative to the following proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere: A ZONING ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING AC-**CESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS IN THE CITY** OF REVERE Be it ordained by the City of Revere as follows: SECTION 1. Section 17.08.050 of Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following sentence: "An accessory dwelling unit, as defined in Section 17.08.055, shall be excluded from this definition." SECTION 2.Chapter 17.08 of Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new definition: § 17.08.055 Accessory dwelling unit. "Accessory dwelling unit" or "ADU" means a self-contained housing unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking, and sanitary facilities on the same lot as a principal dwelling, subject to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that: (i) maintains a separate en trance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the principal dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the state building code for safe egress; (ii) is not larger

in gross floor area than ?

the gross floor area of the

principal dwelling or 900

square feet, whichever is

to additional restrictions

smaller: and (iii) is subject

be in compliance with the requirements of Section 17.25.020. **SECTION 3.Section** 17.16.040 of Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new row above "Dwelling, single family" and by-line in the Table of Uses: **ZONING DISTRICTS** USE RA RA1 RB RB1 RC RC1 RC2 RC3 PDD1 PDD2 NB GB GB1 CB HB TFD IP Accessory dwelling unit (ADU) yes27 no yes27 Foot note 27: More than one accessory dwelling unit on a single lot is prohibited unless authorized by a Special Permit. **SECTION 4.Section** 17.16.260 of Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by deleting the sentence starting with "Further" and ending with "chapter" and inserting in place thereof the following new sentence: "Accessory dwelling units, as defined in Section 17.08.055, shall be excluded from this section." **SECTION 5.Section** 17.24.110 of Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following sentence: "For detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU) dimensional controls, see Section 17.25.040 of this Title." SECTION 6.Title 17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by deleting Chapter 17.25 and inserting in place thereof the following new chapter: Chapter 17.25 **ACCESSORY DWELLING** UNITS

base flood elevation Revere. whichever is smaller. E. No ADU shall be condominium. separate ownership.

§ 17.25.000. Purpose. Accessory dwelling units are allowed within the RA, RA1, RB, RB1, RC, RC1, RC2, RC3, NB, GB, and LI districts under certain situations to: A. Create new housing units while respecting the in 760 CMR character and scale of 71.02 and the existing single-family homes. principal dwelling complies B. Increase the housing with off-street parking stock of existing neighrequirements. borhoods in a manner B. For ADUs that are locat-

ed further than 0.5-mile

radius of an MBTA transit

station as defined in 760

CMR 71.02, there shall be

one additional parking

space if the existing

that is less intense than

C. Allow more efficient use

of existing housing stock

and infrastructure.

D. Provide a mix of

alternatives.

cooking, and sanitary facilities on the same lot as a principal dwelling, subject height. to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that: (i) maintains a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the principal dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the state building code for safe egress; (ii) is not larger in gross floor area than? the gross floor area of the principal dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller; and (iii) is subject to additional restrictions including but not limited to additional size restrictions. An ADU shall comply with from 8:00AM to 5:00PM all applicable building and on Friday 8:00AMand fire safety codes and 12:00PM. Proponent/ be in compliance with the opponent testimony will requirements of Section be accepted in writing on 17.25.020. or before February 18, § 17.25.020. Requirements 2025. Testimony can be for all accessory dwelling submitted via email to units. amelnik@revere.org. All accessory dwelling Attest: units within or adjacent to Ashley E. Melnik a single-family dwelling City Clerk must meet the following Attest: requirements: A. Pursuant to Section 8.09.030(H), short term rental of an ADU shall be prohibited. B. No structure that is not connected to the public water and sanitary sewer systems shall have an ADU. C. No ADU shall be permitted below the . FEMA one-hundred-year established on the FEMA One Hundred-Year Flood Hazard Map for the city of D. The maximum gross floor area of an ADU shall be not more than **FORMAL** nine hundred (900) gross square feet, or not more than? gross floor area of the principal dwelling, Estate of: Joel M. allowed within a duplex, townhouse dwelling, or F. ADUs shall not have G. Commercial use is prohibited within an ADU. H. ADUs must comply with all building, fire safety, and health codes and shall be designed so that the appearance of the principal structure maintains that of a single-family building. § 17.25.030. Off-street parking requirements. A. There shall be no additional parking required for an ADU in cases where the ADU is located within a 0.5-mile radius of an MBTA transit station as defined

principal dwelling is not in This is NOT a hearing date, compliance with off-street but a deadline by which parking requirements. An you must file a written ADU parking space may appearance and objection not be created within the if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a front yard but may be created within the side timely written appearance yard to allow up to three and objection followed by an affidavit of objections vehicle tandem parking. §17.25.040. within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may Detached ADUs. An ADU may be detached be taken without further from the principal dwelling notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINif it complies with the ISTRATION UNDER THE sections of this chapter and the following additional MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) provisions: A. No more than 25% of A Personal Representative the rear yard and side appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised adminyard may be occupied by a detached ADU. istration is not required to B. No detached ADU shall file an inventory or annual exceed fifteen (15) feet in accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the C. No detached ADU shall estate are entitled to notice be closer than twenty (20) regarding the adminisfeet from the rear property tration directly from the Personal Representative (10) feet from each side and may petition the Court property line, and fifteen in any matter relating to (15) feet from the front the estate, including the property line. distribution of assets and D. A detached ADU shall expenses of administranot be located between tion. a road and the front WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this facing side of the principal dwelling. Court. A copy of the aforemen-Date: January 29, 2025 tioned zoning ordinance Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. (CZ-25-02) is on file and Register of Probate available for public inspec-02/05/25 tion in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday **LEGAL NOTICE**

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Docket No.

Estate of:

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Megan Simmons-Herling Planning Board, Chair 01/29/2025,02/05/2025 **LEGAL NOTICE**

Joseph Andrew Vella, Sr. Also known as: Joseph Vella, Sr. Date of Death: OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT 03/18/2024 To all interested persons: PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** A Petition for Formal Suffolk Probate Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal and Family Court Representative has been 24 New Chardon St. filed by Joseph Vella, Jr. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 Of Revere, MA requesting CITATION ON that the Court enter a PETITION FOR formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as ADJUDICATION requested in the Petition. Docket No. The Petitioner requests SU25P0196EA that: Joseph Vella, Jr. of Revere, MA be appointed as Personal Representa-Pressman tive(s) of said estate to Date of Death serve on the bond unsuper-09/06/2024 vised administration. To all interested persons: IMPORTANT NOTICE A Petition for Formal Ad-You have the right to objudication of Intestacy and tain a copy of the Petition Appointment of Personal from the Petitioner or at Representative has been the Court. You have a right filed by Skyler Gardner of to object to this proceed-Georgetown, MA requesting. To do so, you or your ing that the Court enter a attorney must file a written formal Decree and Order appearance and objection and for such other relief as at this Court before: 10:00 requested in the Petition. a.m. on the return day of 03/04/2025. The Petitioner requests This is NOT a hearing that: Skyler Gardner of Georgetown, MA be date, but a deadline by appointed as Personal which you must file a Representative(s) of written appearance and said estate to serve With objection if you object to Personal Surety on the this proceeding. If you bond in unsupervised fail to file a timely written appearance and objection administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE followed by an affidavit You have the right to obof objections within thirty tain a copy of the Petition days (30) days of the return day, action may from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right be taken without further to object to this proceednotice to you. **UNSUPERVISED ADMIN**ing. To do so, you or your ISTRATION UNDER THE attorney must file a written MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM appearance and objection

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LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given that

AAM Kelly's Revere, LLC d/b/a Kelly's Roast Beef Revere, David R. Masse, LLC Manager, has made application to transfer a Common Victualler license from Kelly's Roast Beef, Inc., said license to be exercised at 410 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere, MA. Requested hours are Sunday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 11 p.m., requested seating is 24 outside. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. **REVERE LICENSE COMMIS-**

ZIUN Robert Selevitch, Chairman Daniel Occena Liliana Monroy

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Gibson Point Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Mila's, Michael Aldi, Manager, has made application for an All Alcohol Restaurant license, said license to be exercised at 1 Gibson Way, Suite 131, Revere, MA. Requested hours are Sunday -Saturday 7 a.m. - 12 a.m., requested seating is 89 inside, and 50 outside, and requested entertainment is: Widescreen cable TV. Radio, DJ, Amplifiers, Karaoke, Vocal/Instrumental Music, and Dancing by Patrons. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. **REVERE LICENSE COMMIS-**

SION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Daniel Occena Liliana Monroy

2/5/25

LEGAL NOTICE MONTHLY

BOARD MEETING Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 38 of the General Laws, that a meeting of the Revere Housing Authority will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 70 Cooledge Street, Revere, Massachusetts. **REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY** BY: DEAN HARRIS **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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INDEPENDENT

Democratic officials hold press conference at NeighborHealth PACE in Revere

Criticism directed toward proposed federal funding freeze that has since been rescinded

Special to the Journal

In an impressive display of unity at a press conference in Revere, Democratic Whip Katherine Clark joined Mayor Patrick Keefe and U.S. Reps. Ayanna Pressley and Jim McGovern in addressing the President Donald Trump Administration's Jan. 27 memo calling for a freeze on federal spending.

Clark, whose office hosted the media event, chose the NeighborHealth PACE facility in Revere - a national model in the field of healthcare - as the site for the press conference.

Jim Cantwell, state director for U.S. Sen. Edward Markey, and Janice Rottenberg, state director for U.S. Senator Liz Warren, also appeared at the event.

The officials expressed their displeasure with President Trump's proposed action that would have affected the funding for "critical public services, including Medicaid, Head Start, and community care centers."

Keefe delivered the opening remarks, respectfully introducing his colleagues in attendance including City Council President Marc Silvestri, City Councillors Joanne McKenna, Ira Novoselsky, and Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and School Committee member Anthony Caggiano.

Congresswoman Clark told the assembled media and supporters that if there hadn't been a ruling against the action (calling for a freeze on federal funding), "this healthcare center (NeighborHealth PACE, Revere) would have lost its funding."

"Nurses and doctors would stop getting paid. Appointments would be canceled. Seniors wouldn't the health of our commuhave a place to turn. And 80 million people around majority of our patients are this country would lose access to Medicaid, access to healthcare," said Clark. "Donald Trump thought he

could get away with something so brazen, but the American people spoke out, and we have uplifted those stories and put this Administration into retreat. But we know this is Round 1. House Democrats are ready to keep fighting alongside the American people."

Representatives Govern and Pressley joined Clark in a pledge to stay united against any of Trump's policies that would be detrimental to the nation's well-being.

"We were able to get him to withdraw at least for now his order stopping things like Meals on Wheels, HeadStart, veterans' care, police, firefighters, and funding for health centers." said McGovern.

Pressley continued the negative tone toward

the Trump Administration.

"On Monday [Jan. 27], Donald Trump attempted to cruelly and unlawfully halt federal funding and grants across the entire federal government, impacting vital services," said Pressley. "His actions created chaos, misinformation, and stoked fear for folks in my district, across this country, and across our commonwealth (Massachusetts) fear for our babies' education, for our elders' heating assistance, for our families' ability to access childcare and more."

"This will not be the last time they try to rip away essential resources from our communities," concluded Pressley. "But there is always something we can

Hollis Graham, RN BSN, Assistant Vice President, Strategy and Innovation, NeighborHealth, also addressed the media.

"We're here to strengthen nities," said Graham. "The low-income, hard-working individuals, families, and vulnerable older adults who depend on government



Democratic Whip Katherine Clark responds to a question from the media during the press conference.



A delegation of Revere elected officials attended the press conference. From left, are Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, City Council President Marc Silvestri, Democratic Whip Katherine Clark, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Congressman Jim McGovern, Jim Cantwell, State Director for Sen. Edward Markey, and Janice Rottenberg, State Director for Sen. Liz Warren.

funding for their healthcare. "Today, we're happy to

host this press conference at one of our PACE programs which stands for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly," continued Graham. "Our ability to prodepends on stable federal say that the health centers across Massachusetts are one of the most cost-effective solutions in our health-

care system. Without stable, predictable funding, health centers face real risk, fewer services, fewer providers, and longer wait-times for healthcare. Our community remains strong to provide high-quality care, vide these critical services reduce health disparities, and strengthen commufunding. We are proud to nities, but we need stable funding to do it. When we invest in community health, we invest in healthier communities, stronger neigh-

borhoods, and a more just healthcare system for all."

The conference concluded with questions from the media. A reporter asked Mayor Keefe about what the City is doing to ensure that agencies such as NeighborHealth stay connected to federal resources

"We're going to rally our community together regardless of what their political affiliation is and make sure they're going to feel secure and not go to bed every night afraid if a funding source they rely upon isn't going to be arbitrarily eliminated," said Keefe. "We owe this to our seniors, our first responders, and to our veterans who rely upon many different funding sources."

Clark thanked Neighbor-Health for "not only hosting the event today, but more importantly, for the work you do every single day."



Mayor Patrick Keefe delivers his welcoming remarks at the press conference.





PACE Vice President and Executive Director Calay Ip, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Democratic Whip Katherine Clark, Congressman Jim McGovern, Mayor Patrick Keefe, NeighborHealth Assistant Vice President Hollis Graham, and NeighborHealth Director of Communications Emily



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