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U.S. FWS REOPENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is re-opening the public comment period for a proposed rule to list the monarch butterfly as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The proposed rule includes species-specific protections and flexibilities to encourage conservation of the butterfly under section 4(d) of the ESA. The comment period will be reopened for 60 days, until May 19, 2025, to give all interested parties an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed rule, which was published on December 12, 2024. Comments that were previously submitted do not need to be resubmitted as they are already incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in the final listing determination.

Public comments are an integral part of the ESA listing determination process, and the Service recognizes the complexity of the information requested for public comment in the proposed rule. By reopening the public comment period, the agency is ensuring everyone has a chance to share information relevant to the conservation status of the species, including the associated 4(d) rule and proposed critical habitat designation.

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Remembering the Battle of Chelsea Creek 250 years later — Read about it on Page 4

Council considers making ZBA an elected board

By Adam Swift

One city councillor wants to see the Zoning Board of Appeals as an elected rather than an appointed board.

At Monday night's meeting, Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro introduced a motion for a home rule petition to make the ZBA an appointed board.

Several councillors said they respected what Cogliandro was hoping to achieve, but that they opposed the change.

The motion will next go before the council's legislative affairs subcommittee before coming back to the full council for a popular vote. To become a reality, a home rule petition must be passed by a super majority of eight city councillors, approved by the mayor, and then pass through the state legislature and be signed by the governor.

At Monday night's meeting, Cogliandro spoke about why he wasn't to see the ZBA change to an elected body, and addressed some of the concerns he has heard about the home rule petition.

"I want to clear up some

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Mayor Patrick Keefe and Governor Maura Healey with local and state officials following Keefe's State of the City Address held last Thursday at the Susan B. Anthony Auditorium. See more photos from the event on pages 6 and 7.

HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY ANGELO MIGLIERO



Recently the family and friends of Revere resident Angelo Migliero joined together at the Marina at the Wharf Restaurant to celebrate his 95th birthday. Shown above, Angelo Migliero and his family, Joan, Claire, wife, Jenny and Fred.

Mayor looks to continue progress for residents, schools, and business in annual address

By Adam Swift

During his State of the City Address at the Susan B. Anthony School Auditorium last Thursday, Mayor Patrick Keefe highlighted the progress Revere has seen during his first full year in office.

"A year ago, I stood before you in this auditorium and outlined my plan to move our city forward guided by the principles of optimism and unity — aiming for progress that improves the everyday lives of folks like us who are fortunate enough to call Revere home," Keefe said. "Leading with this mindset meant we would address the complex decisions we make on a day-to-day basis with a positive attitude and confidence: I'm proud to say that progress is

our result."

State and local leaders came out to show their support for the mayor and the city, including Governor Maura Healey, who introduced Keefe and praised the job he has done for Revere.

"Revere is a city that says so much about America, that says so much about what makes this country so great; what it stands for, and what makes Massachusetts so special," said Healey. "To me, Revere has always been a city of the American Dream, where the American Dream begins, where the American Dream is built, it's full of so many hard-working people with big hearts, and neighborhoods that are both tight knit, and welcoming. It's a place where people care about

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Unhappiness expressed at School Comm. meeting after failing to pass Resolution for Safe Haven

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

During the Revere School Committee's regular meeting last week, the committee's student representative highlighted the unhappiness of several students, parents, and teachers stemming from the failure to pass a Resolution for Safe Haven last month.

Vice-Chair Jacqueline Monterroso introduced the Resolution for Safe Haven, which

responds to concerns about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and was described by her as a "simple restatement of the law."

While community members, such as students who spoke during the public speaking portion of the meeting last month, spoke in favor of the resolution, some committee members feared it would bring unwanted attention and targeting that could lead to protests, among other unintended consequences.

Ultimately, the resolution failed to pass by a vote of 3-2 last month. However, at last week's meeting, the student representative for the school committee mentioned that this decision was unpopular amongst many students, teachers, and parents.

"Many have expressed concerns that the timeline from inception to vote was too short, which caused limited discussion of the resolution," said the student representative.

They continued by saying that many students thought the idea that the resolution would put a target on students' backs was unfounded. "Many students feel less safe without the passage of this resolution and are re-

questing alternative solutions along with improved communication from the school."

The representative then read from a letter from the Revere High School Student Senate and Revere Student Representatives, which detailed how the actions of the federal government have vastly impacted many community members' daily routines.

The letter stated that the decision not to pass the resolution was "actively keeping families in the dark" and "does not reflect the wishes of the entire Revere community."

The letter also highlighted the importance of passing the resolution, pointing to Revere's foreign-born

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VACCINES ARE SAFE —
AND THEY ARE ESSENTIAL

The recent outbreak of a measles epidemic in areas of west Texas and New Mexico (where the measles vaccination rate is far below the national average) should serve as a warning to all Americans that vaccinations against measles and other diseases are crucial not only for the individual health of our children, but for society at-large.

Measles officially had been declared eradicated in the United States more than two decades ago, with the occasional infection occurring in persons who had traveled abroad and who unknowingly had come into contact with a person who had measles.

Ironically however, the lack of measles outbreaks in this country over the past 20 years has led to complacency among certain groups who are unaware of the risks of this airborne disease and the ease with which it can spread.

In addition, those who refuse to receive vaccines either for themselves or their children have been grossly misled by charlatans who have made baseless assertions that vaccines can be harmful (such as suggesting a link between vaccines and autism).

In short, the combination of young parents who have no knowledge of the dangers of these diseases (because measles did not exist when they themselves were children) and the misinformation that has been spread by those who have no idea what they are talking about has created a dangerous situation that threatens the health of our country.

For those of us of a certain age who recall the ravages of polio, measles, chicken pox, rubella, mumps, and other diseases before the arrival of vaccines, the level of ignorance and deception in recent years has been nothing less than mind-boggling.

We urge all of our readers with young children to listen to the advice of their pediatricians and allow their children to receive the schedule of vaccinations that has been recommended by health authorities for decades.

Similarly, all of our readers who are “older” should stay up-to-date with their vaccines for the flu, COVID, pneumonia, and RSV. Unfortunately, the uptake of these vaccines has waned since the height of the pandemic, but they are essential for our health and well-being. These diseases kill and hospitalize tens of thousands of Americans annually, but the available vaccines could significantly reduce those numbers if everyone were to get their annual shots.

ONCE AGAIN,
LOGAN WAS A BREEZE

We wish to take a moment to mention that our recent travels through Logan Airport, as always, were a breeze.

Unlike the days before 9/11, air travel has become a dreaded experience for everyone. The requirements of security protocols are not pleasant (though we are grateful for them because they ensure our safety), but the flying experience itself is no longer enjoyable.

The large number of canceled and delayed flights (primarily because of the increase in extreme weather caused by climate change), overbooked flights, cramped seating, lost luggage, and unruly and rude fellow travelers have made air travel far from something we look forward to.

However, unlike many other major airports, Logan stands out for its accessibility (thanks to the many options, whether by car, bus, subway, or boat) and its overall customer experience. The TSA lines seldomly are unmanageable, the concourses are clean, and the food offerings -- particularly because of the presence of Boston-based options such as Kelly’s and Legal Seafoods -- are far better than most other airports we’ve visited.

To be sure, everything can be improved, but we wish to express our view that Massport is doing a great job at Logan Airport -- and we are grateful that the beginning and ending of our recent vacation were pleasant and stress-free experiences.

Some anniversaries remembered and some forgotten

The following Op-Ed submitted by John Henry in December of 2024 is being reprinted this week in light of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Battle of Chelsea Creek.

By John J. Henry

Anniversaries are a time to look back, to celebrate milestones and achievements; it is also a time to remember the misfortunes and hardships that some of the members of our society experienced leading to the creation of our new nation and to reflect upon those events as we reconnect with our past.

During the upcoming two years a constellation of past historical events will be occurring which are significant to both our national and local histories, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

As this year comes to a close a lesser known local historical event will be concluding; the 400th Anniversary of the, settlement of Winnisimmet, (now Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop), when an adventurous 22-year-old young man from Devonshire England, named Samuel Maverick, journeyed from Weymouth England arriving at Wessagusset , (now Weymouth), Massachusetts in 1623 to pursue his fortune in British North America. A short time after his arrival he decided to move on from Wessagusset traveling to the north side of the Mystic River, at the junction of Massachusetts Bay, arriving at an area of land in 1624, then populated by the Rumney Marsh Indians, part of the indigenous people of the Pawtucket nation, on land that they called Winnisimmet. Maverick took possession of the lands of Winnisimmet from the Rumney Marsh Indians by occupation, in keeping with the adverse land acquisition provisions of British law, thus establishing Winnisimmet as the fourth permanent British North American settlement in Massachusetts. Maverick would quickly develop the land that he occupied constructing a home, with a palisade defensive fortification enclosure, on the Winnisimmet hillside facing the Mystic River. Although in early conflict with the Rumney Marsh Indians Maverick subsequently established a harmonious fur trading relationship and friendship with them. During a smallpox epidemic outbreak Maver-

ick ministered to the medical needs of the Rumney Marsh Indians and buried 30 of their dead in one day.

In June of 1630 Maverick would greet, the legendary John Winthrop, the Puritan leader of the Massachusetts Bay Company, at his Winnisimmet home, as Winthrop traveled from his Salem outpost to Boston Harbor in search of a suitable location for the capital of his Massachusetts Bay Company settlement, his proverbial new Jerusalem, which Winthrop referred to as his, “city upon a hill”, a model for the building of a new Puritan society in North America. Maverick would render essential services to Winthrop’s Massachusetts Bay Company, as Winthrop labored to establish a home for his Puritan religious community as well as his, British North American economic colony. Winthrop would later establish Boston as the capital of the Massachusetts Bay Company in 1634 and he then quickly annexed all of Winnisimmet, including the lands of Rumney Marsh and Pullen Point as part of the new Puritan Town of Boston. Maverick would remain as a resident of Winnisimmet for a short time until he deeded his hillside estate and a portion of his other Winnisimmet land holdings to Richard Bellingham in1635. By then Maverick had already moved on from Winnisimmet to his new home at Noddle’s Island, (now East Boston), in Massachusetts Bay.

While it is fitting and appropriate to recognize Maverick as the first English settler of our area, 400 years ago in 1624, it is inappropriate to condone Maverick’s less than honorable character, stature and reputation since Maverick shamefully became the first slave trader in Massachusetts, committing New England’s original sin. It should be noted, that Maverick was a product of his seventeenth century English times that condoned slavery for both cultural and economic reasons. Moreover, slavery was a major component of British economic Imperialism that relied heavily upon slavery for the establishment of British North American agricultural plantations, to acquire resources and produce agricultural products for shipment back to England. The cultivation, of agricultural products, required substantial feudal forced labor by both indentured servants as well as Negro slaves to become a successful economic venture.

In 1645 John Winthrop,

who had served as Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony on six different occasions, wrote about British North American economic expansion stating: “I do not see how we can thrive until we get...a flock of slaves sufficient to do all of our business...and it will be cheaper to maintain twenty Negro slaves cheaper than one English servant.” A number of those very slaves now rest in our Rumney Marsh burial ground located on Butler Street.

Slavery in Massachusetts would last for 159 years.

It was not until the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780, and its subsequent judicial interpretation in1783, that ultimately brought an end to slavery in Massachusetts.

On March 27& 28,1775, members of our town’s militia joined together with 1000 militia men from all of the then New England colonies, and tenaciously confronted 400 British Royal Marines, with their fleet of three naval vessels, assault barges and field artillery, encountering British troops beginning at the inner islands of Boston Harbor and ending in the marshlands and mudflats of Chelsea Creek, near Slade’s Mill, resulting in the capture and sinking of the British Royal Navy schooner “Diana”. The Battle of Chelsea Creek, although mostly forgotten to history, was notable since it was the first planned offensive battle of the Revolutionary War; the first instance of military cooperation by the New England colonies, battling the Redcoats; the first naval engagement of the Revolutionary War; the first capture of a British vessel of war; and the first time that artillery was used by the colonial militia against the British. While the colonial losses were minimal the Redcoats lost sixty-four of their elite troops.

On April 19,2025 our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the, “Short heard round the world”, on April 19th 1775, when we celebrate the confrontation of Massachusetts colonists and British Redcoats at Lexington and Concord, marking an important battle of our war for Independence from Great Britain and another transition from a war of words to one of bullets.

Although little known, by many of our current Revere citizens, a number of the then residents of our early town played an important role in this confrontation for independence from Great Britain, when the pastor of The Church of Christ at Chelsea,

(now Revere), Reverend Phillips Payson, lead a party of men from his church congregation halting the retreating British Redcoats, after the confrontation at Lexington and Concord, engaging the Redcoats at Menotomy, (now Arlington), in an intense rear action confrontation, when the men of the church congregation killed a number of the Redcoats and took several of the enemy as prisoners. By their courageous action the men from our town enshrined themselves in the history of our nation by their heroic participation in this important confrontation of the American Revolution for Independence from Great Britain. Also, for his heroic leadership of the men from his church congregation, Pastor Phillips Payson would become forever known as “Fighting Pastor Payson”. Payson would go on to participate, with John Adams as a contributor, in the writing of the Massachusetts Constitution and as a founding member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, along with John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine and John and Samuel Adams.

Twenty days later, on June 17,1775, the colonists once again battled the British Redcoats at the bloody battle of Bunker Hill. The battle, which actually occurred at Breed’s Hill, only lasted two hours, however, the losses were significant resulting in 1,054 British casualties and 450 colonial losses, demonstrating the fighting ability of the colonial forces to effectively do battle against the British Redcoats.

Over one year later, on July 4,1776, the Second Continental Congress of the thirteen American Colonies, meeting at Philadelphia, sent a bold message to the King and Parliament of Great Britain by proclaiming the American Declaration of Independence, from Great Britain.

Recognition of our past, acknowledging historical events and experiences of a bygone era, including both positive and negative aspects, allows us to gain important insights and lessons learned as we strive to shape a better future.

We can’t change history but we certainly can learn from it. As William Shakespeare wrote in his play, “The Tempest,”

“The past is prologue.”

John J. Henry served as City Clerk of the City of Revere for thirty-two years from 1977-2009. He has written numerous articles, over the years, about the early history Revere.

LETTER to the Editor

OPPOSES ELECTED ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Dear Editor,

I strongly oppose the proposal to establish an elected Zoning Board of Appeals in Revere. While accountability in government is important, this measure would politicize a board that should remain objective, professional, and focused on land-use regulations—not electioneering and special interests.

The ZBA exists to fairly and consistently interpret zoning laws, which requires expertise in real estate, construction, planning, and legal precedent. Appointing qualified individuals ensures decisions are made based on sound policy rather than the political whims of an election cycle. Making the board elected would open the door for candidates who lack the necessary knowledge but win based on name recognition, political allegiances, or campaign promises that cater to special interests rather than the city’s overall growth and development.

Given Revere’s historically low voter turnout relative to the number of registered and eligible voters, the

reality is that only the most vocal NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) types would run and win. Instead of a board that balances the needs of the city, we could end up with one dominated by individuals whose primary objective is blocking any and all development—regardless of its benefits to the community. This would not only stifle Revere’s progress but could also lead to an increase in lawsuits and legal costs borne by taxpayers.

The current system already allows for oversight and public input. The City Council’s Appointments Subcommittee and the full

City Council review nominees’ qualifications and have the authority to approve or reject appointments. Residents have ample opportunity to weigh in during this process, ensuring that only well-qualified individuals serve.

If the goal is to improve transparency, we should focus on expanding public engagement in zoning discussions, not turning the ZBA into a politically driven entity. I urge Revere’s leaders and residents to reject this misguided proposal and preserve the integrity of our zoning process.

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GUEST OP-ED

Revere fears ‘heavy-handed’ housing laws - but not housing crisis

By Matthew Terrell

Revere’s ongoing resistance to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations outlined in the State’s 2024 Affordable Homes Act highlights a deeper issue within the City’s approach to the housing crisis: an unwillingness to adapt to policies that are proven to make housing more affordable. Recent motions introduced before the City Council seek to challenge or weaken these regulations, citing concerns about congestion, overdevelopment, and neighborhood character. Just like complaints garnered against the City’s Housing Production Plan, these arguments serve to maintain the status quo instead of addressing the root causes of the housing crisis.

The suggestion that Revere should be exempt from state ADU guidelines under the guise of home rule is deeply flawed. Home rule should not be a shield to avoid participating in a regional solution to a regional crisis. The state is stepping in precisely because cities like Revere have repeatedly failed to enact policies that allow for sufficient housing growth. According to Census data, 92.7% of employed Revere residents commute outside the city for work each day, relying on the Greater Boston job market. With that dependence comes a responsibility to contribute to the region’s housing supply. Revere cannot claim to be an independent entity while simultaneously benefiting from the economic opportunities that come with being part of a larger metropolitan area. Rejecting statewide solutions in favor of insular, exclusionary zoning policies only ensures that Revere continues exacerbating the housing crisis rather than addressing it.

The council’s objections to ADUs, particularly around congestion and parking, are riddled with contradictions. Residents and public officials alike frequently cite traffic as a major issue, yet few acknowledge that congestion stems largely from car dependency—an issue exacerbated by suburban-style development. More importantly, Revere’s worst congestion isn’t coming from its own residents or proposed ADUs—it’s from commuters in outer suburbs using the city as a cut-through to Boston. The state’s ADU policy eliminates parking requirements near transit stops to encourage public transportation use, a move that should be welcomed rather than resisted. If city leaders want to ease congestion, they would lobby for policies that address the real problem: getting cars from outer suburbs off Revere streets, whether through tolls, congestion pricing, or pushing the state to invest heavily in regional public transportation, so that we stop paying the price for the convenience our roads give to everyone on the North Shore.

If the council was truly serious about reducing the number of cars registered in Revere, they wouldn’t focus on blocking ADUs or housing growth, but instead implement policies that provide financial incentives for car-free living. Subsidized Charlie cards, bike grant programs similar to Boston’s E-Bike program that gave vouchers to assist residents in transitioning from car to bike transportation, or even tax breaks for households without a car would do far more to reduce congestion than retaining arbitrary parking minimums. Ultimately, this would clear up the roads for our residents who have no other choice but to own

a vehicle, whether it be our seniors with reduced mobility or those whose jobs necessitate owning a car.

Another frequent criticism is that ADUs won’t create affordable housing because most will rent at market rate. This argument is technically correct but fundamentally misunderstands supply and demand. The region is critically underbuilt, and housing costs will continue to rise as long as demand outpaces supply. ADUs won’t immediately lower prices, but delaying incremental housing growth only prolongs the crisis. While ADUs may not be classified as “affordable housing,” they create more options for middle- and working-class residents—the very people who form the backbone of Revere.

Yet time and time again, Revere’s leadership resists even the smallest steps toward expanding housing affordability. Despite priding itself as a dense, working-class community, officials hide behind the claim that single-family neighborhoods are the “backbone” of Revere’s character whenever the opportunity arises to make meaningful change. They argue that the city is already overcrowded and has “done its part” to accommodate growth, ignoring clear data that tells a different story. According to the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, Revere has just 18.33 housing units per acre, lagging behind Everett (22.19), Somerville (29.72), and Chelsea (30.22)—cities that have embraced housing policies to meet growing demand. The idea that single-family zoning is the foundation of Revere is revisionist at best. Revere was not founded and built on suburban sprawl, it was built on a vibrant mix of affordable, multi-density, neighborhoods such as Shir-

ley Ave or Beachmont. Single-family neighborhoods are a relatively recent development, imposed through restrictive policies that have made the city less accessible over time. The long-perpetuated fantasy of single-family neighborhoods with all the luxuries of urban living does not match Revere’s reality.

Revere Officials claim that Revere’s ordinances such as our ADU guidelines “Fit like a glove.” But for whom? Restrictive zoning ordinances are a direct driver of rising housing prices and displacement. These regulations do not “protect neighborhoods” — They protect landlords who hike rents without improving living conditions and real estate agents cashing in on soaring commissions. If this is a perfect fit, it is only for those profiting off the housing crisis, not the residents being priced out.

Furthermore, the character of a community is not defined by housing typology, it is defined by the peo-

ple that inhabit it. And right now, the very people who have shaped Revere’s character for over two centuries — working-class families, immigrants, and lifelong residents — are being priced out. Preserving Revere’s character should mean keeping it liveable and accessible, not freezing it in time at the expense of those who can no longer afford to stay.

The failure to act on housing is not just a policy failure—it is a betrayal of Revere’s future. Young residents who grew up here, attended Revere schools, and whose families have invested in this city are being pushed out. Instead of planting roots, starting families, and contributing to the community that raised them, they are forced to look elsewhere. This is not just about housing—it is about keeping Revere’s future generations here rather than exporting them to other cities. When we push our youth out, we lose their talent, energy, and commit-

ment to the city.

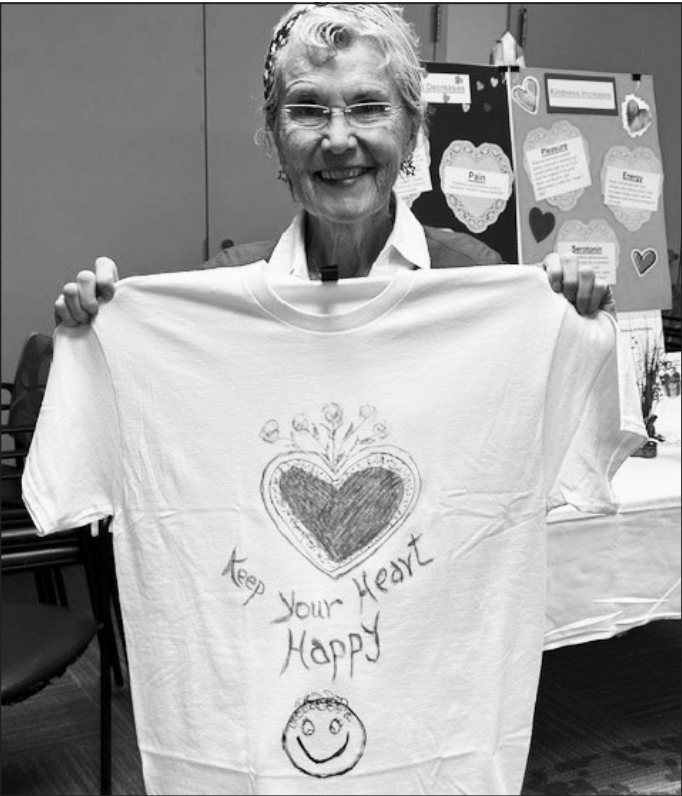
At the end of the day, this is not just a plea for ADUs or any single policy change—it is a call for honesty. If elected officials have no intention of supporting real solutions, they should not campaign on promises to increase housing affordability. Blocking reform under the pretense of protecting the city’s “character” does nothing but ensure Revere remains inaccessible and unaffordable for the very people its leaders claim to represent. Revere must decide whether it wants to be a city that learns from past mistakes and moves forward or one that clings to outdated policies, exacerbating the housing crisis. It is time for city leaders to stop providing lip service on the campaign trail, telling voters what they want to hear, and instead, start being honest about whether they are willing to take the necessary steps to make this city accessible for those who want to call it home.

HEART HEALTH AND KINDNESS FAIR
AT THE JACK SATTER HOUSE

Photos courtesy of Hebrew SeniorLife

The Jack Satter House recently held a Heart Health and Kindness Fair and hosted 100 residents, who had the opportunity to get their blood pressure checked, nosh on heart-healthy snacks, make t-shirts, and learn ways to enhance heart health!

The fair is part of Hebrew SeniorLife’s Right Care, Right Place, Right Time Initiative, which integrates health and wellness teams into affordable senior housing communities to help residents take proactive steps to manage their health.



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GUEST OP-ED

“En Es-pañol!” Trump’s Executive Order on English undermines civil rights

By Adilson González Morales

Whenever I talk to friends and colleagues about their experiences learning Spanish, French, or another language, you’d think they all went to the same school. Most people know the story — your bladder is about to burst, you raise your hand and ask in English if you can go to the bathroom, only for the teacher to slowly respond, “en Es-pañol.” You fumble for the right words, but “¿Puedo usar el baño?” won’t quite make it to your tongue. The seconds feel like an eternity as your urgency grows.

Now imagine that same moment of struggle — but instead of a classroom, it’s a hospital emergency room, a courtroom, or a disaster relief center. Imagine being told, “in En-glish,” while trying to get food assistance, medical care, or housing support. That is the reality Trump’s executive order threatens to create.

The United States has never had an official language, and that’s a good thing. It reflects our nation’s diversity and recognizes that every language spoken here belongs. More importantly, civil rights protections ensure that all of us — regardless of the language we choose to speak — are protected. By giving federal agencies the choice to “opt out” of offering multilingual services, this administration

is not just undermining history; it is creating a path to silence our families and neighbors in times of crisis.

As an environmental advocate and communications strategist at Conservation Law Foundation, I see firsthand how language barriers deepen environmental injustices. When Eversource planned an electric substation in East Boston, neighbors fought back, but without translated notices or interpreters, many were shut out of key decisions. And despite 84% of voters opposing the project in a referendum, the substation will be built.

But this is not an isolated issue. In 1993, Chinatown residents fighting a parking garage on Parcel C had to translate legal filings, mobilize bilingual volunteers, and push for government documents in Chinese just to be heard. In 2016, Spanish-speaking tenants across Massachusetts were denied leases, legal notices, and even eviction appeals due to a lack of language assistance — yet they fought back and won a settlement. And since 2019, New Bedford residents challenging a waste transfer station have jumped hoops to get access to critical hearings in their native language.

From public health to housing, language access determines who gets a say in decisions that shape their lives. It’s already hard

enough to make your voice heard — this executive order threatens to make it even harder.

When I moved to the U.S. at 16, I spoke only Spanish. Navigating a new country as a teenager was overwhelming, but I made it through because people helped me understand. Over the years, I have studied other languages — French, Portuguese, Russian — because it has helped me understand and better help others, too. But even as a multilingual person, I know that in moments of distress, language fails us all. Our words slip away when we are in pain, afraid, or desperate for help, even in our first language.

We always find a way. Every movement for justice has been fueled by voices refusing to be ignored, in every tongue spoken on these streets. Communities translate, advocate, and make themselves heard — even when the system tries to shut the door. Speaking another language isn’t a weakness — it’s a superpower. No executive order can erase that. And just like no teacher could stop a desperate kid from finding a way to ask for the bathroom, no politician can silence millions determined to be understood.

Adilson González Morales is a senior communications strategist for Conservation Law Foundation.

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themselves and their community.

“It’s a city that is proud of its history and also building towards its future.”

Keefe’s speech focused on both that history, as well as Revere’s push toward progress.

“Tonight, I am happy to tell you what this progress looks like for our great City,” Keefe said. “We can start by looking at what we have achieved in our public schools. The most substantial project in the City’s history is the construction of a new Revere High School.”

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Keefe pointed to the positive atmosphere Revere builds and maintains both as a home for its residents and as an attractive location for businesses large and small.

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Mayor Patrick Keefe delivering his State of the City Address.

studios, pet care boutiques, and modern spas,” Keefe said. “These are operated by our neighbors who know that a Revere address will foster success. All these contribute substantially to our tax base and lessen the burden on our homeowners.”

Some of those larger businesses that add to the tax base include Amazon, the Trident Logistics Center on Lee Burbank Highway, and the continuing work at Suffolk Downs.

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\$500 million dollars has already been invested into our local economy,” Keefe said about the Suffolk Downs project. “The City Council’s recent approval of Suffolk Downs as a Smart Growth District will help stimulate further growth throughout the project, specifically with the construction of Portico later this year. And this fall the groundbreaking of a nationally branded hotel. Suffolk Downs will continue to deliver union jobs to local tradespeople, as well as permanent jobs when businesses begin to open this summer:

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Mayor Patrick Keefe with Father Stanley, of the Morningstar Collaborative.



Gov. Maura Healey introducing Mayor Patrick Keefe for his annual State of the City Address.

Looking into Revere’s future, Keefe said when completed, Suffolk Downs is projected to produce some \$60 million dollars every year in taxes to the city.

The mayor said commercial development benefits every resident of Revere, because the tax revenues the city collects will help fund key community objectives, such as:

- Resiliency Projects in Beachmont, Riverside, and Oak Island
- Ensuring safer neighborhoods and streets throughout our community
- Preserving historic landmarks such as the Rumney Marsh Burial Ground

- Revitalizing Gibson Park

“And, perhaps the most exciting, reviving and restoring the beloved McMackin Field to its former glory — a project that residents have requested for years,” Keefe said. “This all-purpose recreational complex will be the jewel of our neighborhood parks.”

Keefe spoke about the efforts of the city and his administration to build new housing, including affordable housing, in Revere.

“I pledge to you that we will meet the needs of those who want to live and stay here,” Keefe said. “As our city flourishes, we confront increasing demands on our public service. Revere has met — and will continue to meet — those demands.”

To the delight of many in the audience, particularly the firefighters, Keefe said the sitting will soon open the new Alden A. Mills Point of Pines Fire Station.

After years of wishing, planning, and unavoidable construction delays, we will unlock the doors, turn on the lights, drive in the new Engine 2 fire truck — and finally open the new Alden A. Mills Point of Pines Fire Station.

“When we open the fire station, we also will christen a community room in dedication to the man whose voice, passion, and persistence championed the project from Day One, former Ward Five Councilor John Powers,” said Keefe.

The mayor said the progress the city has made extends to the police department.

“This year, adding five new officers, several of whom are bilingual, and an additional five new officers begin their police academy training this month,” Keefe said. “With adequate staffing, our police department can focus on specific areas of need in addition to responding to the over 20,000 calls for service they receive every year.”

To complement regular police duties, the mayor said the city has also developed its harm reduction team and reinvested in its Behavioral Health Unit to work proactively to prevent crime and funnel at-risk residents into programming and services that suit their complex needs.

“We have also deployed



Mayor Patrick Keefe with School Committee members, Aisha Millbury-Ellis, John Kingston and Anthony Caggiano.



Mayor Keefe with Ward 1 City Councillor Joanne McKenna.

our BHU and our Student Resource officers to work as mentors and role models to our student population to ensure we maintain a healthy learning environment,” said Keefe. “This has bolstered the creation of one of Revere’s most cherished after school programs run by our very own Officer Joe Singer. Revere Boxing outreach serves our at-risk population with mentorship, physical and emotional wellness and a sense of community.”

The Revere Boxing students in attendance at the State of the City received applause from the audience that even eclipsed the fire department.

“While we quickly think of our Police and Fire Departments when we mention public safety, keeping our residents safe encompasses a much broader spectrum of municipal government,” Keefe said. “Our Department of Public Health



Revere City Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo and his wife Crystal at the State of the City Address.

works with genuine care and compassion to provide safeguards to our residents, promoting optimal health through a wide-ranging spectrum of initiatives. Perhaps most important, our Department of Public Health is at the forefront to combat two of the greatest dangers to the public: substance use disorder and homelessness.”

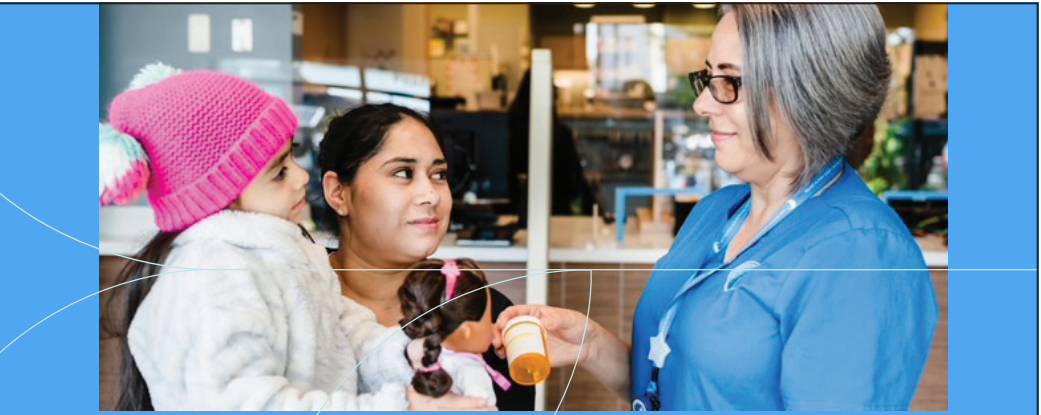
In 2024, Keefe said the city opened the Robert J. Haas Health and Wellness Center, a state-of-the-art fitness center that offers a wide range of fitness classes and programs that welcomes residents to strive toward their health and wellness goals.

“The Haas Center is a crowning achievement of our robust Parks and Recreation Department, one that already hosts dozens of recreational, educational, and

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Mayor Keefe with family members during the State of the City Address last week.



Gov. Maura Healey and Mayor Keefe with members of the Revere Boxing program during the State of the City Address.



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Mayor Keefe with former State Senator Joseph Boncore, State Rep. Jeff Turco, State Rep. Jessica Giannino, and State Senator Lydia Edwards.

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cultural programs that benefit the quality of life for residents of all ages,” he said.

The mayor also praised the level of variety of services offered by the Revere Public Library and at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center.

“Some of Revere’s progress is not so flashy: In fact, a lot of progress happens underground,” said Keefe. “Take, for example, the rehabilitation of the water main infrastructure in Oak Island, where our DPW and Engineering Department successfully replaced water and sewer lines running under the commuter rail tracks, some 900 feet of protected pipe that delivers increased water volume and enhanced fire protection to the neighborhood. This project had been in the works for over a decade and we only had four-day window, with effective coordination between the City and the MBTA, the project was completed with minimal disruption to the surrounding neighborhood.”

Keefe said the dedication and skills of the Department of Public Works means that Revere is doing more of the work in-house, saving money and tackling long-standing initiatives, pointing to the newly constructed pump station on Dunn Road.

“Underground infrastructure, smoothly-paved streets, new sidewalks, better flood control, efficient management — This is the current state of our Department of Public Works,” Keefe said.

Keefe also revealed upgrades to the city’s 311 system and its ability to both give out and receive information from residents.

“Tonight, I am proud and privileged to announce that, as of right now,

everyone will be able to reach 311 through our new chatbot, PIPER,” said the



Mayor Keefe with City Clerk Ashley Melnik and State Representative Jessica Giannino.



Winthrop Town Manager Tony Marino, Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez at Mayor Keefe's State of the City Address in Revere last week.

mayor. “Powered by artificial intelligence, PIPER will provide solutions through a convenient text conversation directly through your mobile phone. PIPER is also fluent in 75 different languages, opening the door to increased connection between residents and city hall.”

In the past 12 months, Keefe said the city has successfully negotiated every public union contract in Revere.

“The essential services of our city government function because of our collective leadership,” said Keefe. “And, while we have traveled a great distance, much more lies ahead, I know we will encounter headwinds and rough seas, but we will maintain a steady hand as we navigate our course. We... are Revere, I am confident that our ship is seaworthy.

“And I encourage everyone to climb aboard and be part of our crew, whether through existing programs or by introducing new ideas that will make our city a better place to live, work and prosper.”

Keefe noted the development over the past years that has turned the city into a desirable place to live and work, both along Revere Beach and beyond.

“My friends, we have all the ingredients, all the resources, all the ingenuity to build Revere a future that is greater than our present,” Keefe said. “So, let’s look at where we are, let’s gather our talents, and let’s continue to move Revere forward. I am proud and eager to lead the way, and I welcome every one of you to join the project of Revere’s future, our future of promise, our future of progress.”

STATE OF THE CITY 2025

The full text of Mayor Patrick Keefe’s State of the City Address is as follows:

“A year ago, I stood before you in this auditorium and outlined my plan to move our city forward guided by the principles of optimism and unity – aiming for progress that improves the everyday lives of folks like us who are fortunate enough to call Revere home.

Leading with this mindset meant we would address the complex decisions we make on a day-to-day basis with a positive attitude and confidence: I’m proud to say that PROGRESS is our result.

Whether it means improving access to city services, replacing a sidewalk, building a school, or working together for the best interest of our city, progress results from consistent effort towards any greater good.

- “Progress” results from attention to detail and hard work.

- “Progress” results from a careful appreciation of the risks we weigh and the advantages of the choices we make.

- “Progress” results from teamwork, as we aspire to our common goals by leaning into each team member’s personal skillset.

Tonight, I am happy to tell you what this progress looks like for our great City.

We can start by looking at what we have achieved in our public schools.

The most substantial project in the City’s history is the construction of a new Revere High School. We are nearing the completion of the design phase and now see the renderings of a modern four-story building and adjacent athletic fields.

By August, we will have shovels in the ground, and this long-lived dream will become a reality for the students attending the very school I stand in tonight.

I maintain that a city’s schools are the greatest measure of a community’s reputation, and I am committed — along with our City Council, our School Committee, our Superintendent, and all of Revere’s educators — to build a new Revere High School that symbolizes BOTH the outstanding quality of our school system and the growth and vitality of our city.

We all know that our students represent the very best of Revere and its future. As a small example,

- Members of the Class of 2025 will leave Revere High School in just a few months and move on to highly selective institutions such as Brown, Georgetown, Tufts, Colby, and many more.

- Our CityLab Innovation High School continues to provide students with experiential learning that will give them an advantage in the ever-evolving job market.

- The transformation of the McKinley School



Mayor Keefe with his wife Jenn and daughter Adrianna prior to his State of the City Address last Thursday. The mayor's son, Patrick, was on duty with the National Guard.

will bring Early Childhood Learning to nearly 200 of Revere’s youngest residents. With a projected opening in 2027, these eight new classrooms will provide children with a vital foothold in education, while giving families the ability to remain in the workforce with confidence.

Preparing every child in Revere for the future is our most important duty. I pledge to continue to support a school system that guides every student toward success.

While we have always known that Revere has the perfect atmosphere for hardworking people to plant their roots, our city has also become a destination for businesses to grow and provide quality job opportunities to our residents. These new businesses have changed our city’s landscape, while preserving the character and personality that makes it our home. With our proximity to Boston, Revere has become the optimum location not only for large businesses such as Amazon, but family-owned businesses as well.

In 2024, 82 new businesses opened their doors in Revere. These include restaurants, cafes, Revere’s first Urgent Care center, fitness studios, pet care boutiques, and modern spas. These are operated by our neighbors who know that a Revere address will foster success.

All these contribute substantially to our tax base and lessen the burden on our homeowners. Amazon, alone, paid some \$6.1 million dollars in real estate and excise taxes in the past fiscal year.

As we speak, work is well underway on the first of three phases of the Trident Logistics Center on Lee Burbank Highway.

When finished, two sleek buildings containing over 600,000 square feet of modern distribution space, surrounded by attractive landscaping, will replace the unsightly oil tanks that stood as an entry to Revere for decades. The future use of this site is projected to generate an additional \$4.3 million dollars real estate

taxes and bring hundreds of new, well-paying jobs.

When we speak of progress, we must, of course, point to the continuing work at Suffolk Downs, now seven years into a twenty-year plan.

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Suffolk Downs will continue to deliver union jobs to local tradespeople, as well as permanent jobs when businesses begin to open this summer: Further enhancing Revere’s micro economy.

Think about it, when HYM acquired Suffolk Downs in 2017, the 62 acres generated about \$400,000 in tax revenue. Since then, Suffolk Downs has produced over \$10 million in property taxes and another \$4 million in permitting fees. Those numbers will only continue to grow as the project continues.

Looking into Revere’s future, when completed, Suffolk Downs is projected to produce some \$60 million dollars every year in taxes to the city.

Suffolk Downs will become the dynamic district of our city, where people will live, work, and where everyone can take advantage of leisure and recreational pursuits that will surpass what we see at popular destinations like Assembly Row, Market Streets, or even Boston’s Downtown Crossing.

I pledge to work not just for any development, but for Smart development that works with and for our community, because making Revere one of the most outstanding cities in the Commonwealth is our goal.

Commercial development benefits every resident

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Warehouse project on Lee Burbank Highway moves forward before ConsComm

By Journal Staff

The Revere Conservation Commission (ConsCom) held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, March 5, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Nicholas Rudolph and fellow members Brian Averback, Joseph LaValle, Amelia Viscay, Thomas Carleton, and Bernardo Sepulveda were on hand for the session. In addition, new Associate Commissioner Dora Hallett was in attendance.

The first matter on the agenda was a request for a Notice of Intent (NOI) from the McClellan Highway Development Company LLC, for work related to Suffolk Downs Phase 1R off-site roadway improvements, specifically for proposed traffic mitigation and infrastructure improvements along Lee Burbank Highway.

Rick Latini from the traffic consulting firm Howard Stein Hudson made a presentation to the ConsComm. He explained that the work will remain within the existing roadway and sidewalks and will be minor in scope. He said there will be a modification to the median and improvements to the

"jug handle" turnaround, as well as new traffic signals, including pedestrian signalization.

"There will not be any negative impacts to the resource areas," said Mattine. "We are not widening the roadway or making a material change in the grade."

After Rudolph received assurances about erosion control measures, the commissioners unanimously voted to issue the NOI.

The next matter was a request for an NOI from Revere MA Owner, LLC-277 Park Ave, 45th Floor, New York, the developer of the Revere Commerce Center at 96,140,186, &186A Lee Burbank Highway, for the proposed construction of a 77,600 square foot technology warehouse and ancillary office spaces, access drives, stormwater measures, a loading dock, and utility improvements.

Scott Morrison, a Wetlands Scientist from VHB, presented the application to the ConsComm. He noted that the commission previously had issued an NOI in the fall for the demolition of existing buildings on the site, which is located between Lee Burbank Highway and Chelsea Creek, and that the developer now

is seeking to proceed with the construction of the new facility.

He said there will be significant improvements to stormwater capture (the present "system" consists of an outfall pipe that discharges runoff directly into Chelsea Creek) that will include deep-sump catch basins, a water quality unit, and a sand-surface filter before there is any discharge into the creek.

The vast majority of the project is within land subject to coastal storm flowage and will impact the coastal "beach." Morrison said that various state environmental agencies have signed off on the project. He also noted that landscaping improvements will include the planting of 100 trees on the site.

"The site as it stands is very degraded," said Rudolph, "and your treatment system will provide a great enhancement to the area."

Averback expressed the hope that future tenants of the project will be required to ensure that the site is maintained in terms of trash pick-up and maintenance.

The commission unanimously approved issuing the NOI.

The commission then

took up a request for a Determination of Applicability pertaining to the commuter train right-of-way by Keolis (MBTA) for a vegetation management plan to ensure that the tracks are maintained in safe condition. Keolis is required under state law to obtain permission for the use of herbicides and other vegetation control measures every five years.

The commission unanimously voted to issue a negative Determination of Applicability, which means that the work will not fall within the purview of the ConsComm.

The commission heard a request for an NOI from the City of Revere for its Bennington Street/Fredericks Park project that involves supplemental borings and a verification of resource areas. Elle Baker from the city's office of Planning and Community Development

presented the application. She told the commission that this is a joint project with the City of Boston with the purpose of enhancing resilience in the area from the projected impacts of climate change.

Taylor Donovan, an Environmental Scientist with VHB, presented a slide show that highlighted an overview of the scope of the project, which is adjacent to Sales Creek, which flows into Belle Isle Creek and its salt marsh. She noted that there will be no permanent impacts to the area from the borings, which will be small (five sq. feet) and will be conducted on land areas that already have been disturbed by development.

The ConsComm was unable to take a vote on the project because the city had not received a file number from the state ahead of the meeting, but will do so at its

next meeting. The last item involved a correspondence from Mass. DEP pertaining to 6 and 14 Beverly St. for a project in the Coastal Dune/Barrier Beach. The ConsComm initially rejected the proposal after a contentious meeting at which neighbors strongly objected. However, the developer appealed to the state DEP, which issued a Super-seding Order of Conditions and has agreed to accept jurisdiction of the project. The issue before the ConsComm was whether to retain jurisdiction of the project or allow the DEP to oversee it.

"The DEP has far more resources than we do to oversee this project," noted Rudolph.

The members voted unanimously to allow the DEP to monitor the project, rather than to have jurisdiction remanded back to them.

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of the things I have seen in the last 24 hours in regards to this," said Cogliandro. "There is talk that this is going to hurt developers in the city; there is also talk that this motion was put forward to take power away from the mayor. Neither one of those are true."

Cogliandro said the ZBA has become incredibly powerful, especially over the past few years with all the development the city has seen.

"The ZBA has had 108 variance requests before them since I have been on the council, and that is in January of 2022," he said. "Out of those 108, three were withdrawn, 10 were denied, and 95 were approved. Everything from gazebos to hundreds of units in an apartment building to splitting lots in half to build on a different lot."

Currently, the mayor appoints the members of the ZBA and the council confirms the picks.

With elected officials, Cogliandro said more power would be in the hands of the residents and in the neighborhoods.

Cogliandro noted that he has also heard the argument that rather than changing the ZBA, the city should focus on changing zoning. But, he said all the zoning

changes that have either been considered or before the council only serve to create smaller lots and more development.

"We are going to be washing each other's windows if a lot of this stuff goes through," Cogliandro said.

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said she had concerns about what an elected board would mean financially both for the city and the ZBA members.

"The position currently only pays \$1,000 per year, making it highly impractical for individuals to run a campaign; an endeavor which requires time, effort, and fundraising all for a position with minimal compensation," she said. "Transitioning to an elected board could create expectations for at least a part-time salary, imposing a financial burden on the city at a time when we are focused on funding a critical project such as the new high school."

The change, Guarino-Sawaya said, would also strip the mayor of some of his authority and upset the balance of the municipal government.

"I strongly believe keeping the Zoning Board of Appeals an appointed body is in the best interest of the city and its residents," she

said. Council President Marc Silvestri said he could see both sides of the issues, but ultimately, he said he believed that part of the responsibilities of the mayor is having the authority to appoint their own boards and committees.

"Taking those responsibilities away I think waters down the government and that is the reason I am against it," said Silvestri.

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, however, said she supported the home rule petition, and that last year, she had inquired about the possibility with the city solicitor.

If the home rule petition fails, Kelley said the council should look at taking away some of the board's authority, such as the ability to issue parking variances.

City council candidate Anthony Parziale also said he supported Cogliandro's efforts to make the ZBA an elected board.

"I can't see any reason why we wouldn't let the people decide what their neighborhoods will look like," he said. "I don't think it's fair that one group of unelected people get that much power to reshape our city without the people's say."

Mixed-use development proposed for Shirley Ave.

By Adam Swift

A developer is proposing a 50-unit mixed use development at 114 Shirley Ave.

Currently, there are two commercial spaces and three residential units in the building on the property.

The developer, Trichilo Development of 13 Victoria Street in Revere, is requesting a special permit from the city council to raze the existing building and build a new five-story building with two commercial units on the ground floor and 48 residential units on the upper floors.

Project attorney Joseph Cattoggio said the project is slightly smaller than the 52 residential unit plan that was originally presented to the city's site plan review committee.

"There were some recommendations that were made at that point that were

incorporated into a revised plan," said Cattoggio.

Brian Harkins of the city's public arts commission and the Massachusetts TDI adjunct fellow for the arts in Revere spoke in favor of the project at Monday night's city council public hearing on the project. Harkins said he has worked with Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky and others in the Shirley Avenue district, meeting with the developer to ensure that the project is integrated into the community.

"They are going to work with us to be able to have an arts community and cultural center down on Shirley Avenue," Harkins said.

Novoselsky said the proposed project is similar to several other projects along Shirley Avenue, with four floors of residential space with commercial space on the ground floor.


"There will be no park-

ing, and residents will not get parking permits, as we have done in the past," he said. "We did have a neighborhood meeting, and we had four or five residents show up. No one was su-per against it, there was one person saying it would block their light, but that's about all I got for negative feedback."

Councillor-at-Large Robert Haas, III said his one concern about the project was that there was no mention of affordable units.


"I know Brian talked about the arts, and it is kind of geared to that with one- and two-bedrooms, but I would love to see something for seniors in these, even if it is just a couple of units," he said.

The special permit request will next go before the council's zoning subcommittee before coming back before the full council for a potential vote.



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The State of COMMUNITY BUILDING



The Haas Health and Wellness Center has **increased offerings of popular fitness classes**




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The State of PUBLIC EDUCATION




The **NEW Revere High School** will break ground at the Wonderland site in **Late Summer 2025**



Revitalizing the McKinley School will bring **200 early childhood education seats** to Revere




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The State of PUBLIC SAFETY




The **NEW Alden A. Mills Point of Pines Fire Station** opens in **Late Spring 2025**



The Revere Police welcomed **5 NEW officers**, several of whom are bilingual



Partnering with Chelsea and Winthrop will bring an **enhanced regional 911 call center** to Revere



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The State of INFRASTRUCTURE



Water main improvement projects in the Oak Island and Library Street neighborhoods **increase water quality** for residents, and **water volume** for public safety




Public works projects are being handled **in-house**, to **increase productivity** and **cut costs**



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The State of COMMERCIAL GROWTH




In 2024, **82 NEW businesses** opened their doors, because **"a Revere address fosters success"**



Continued work at Suffolk Downs **guarantees union construction** and **permanent jobs** in Revere




Larger businesses, like Amazon, will **continue** to contribute **tens of millions** in tax revenue




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The State of PUBLIC SPACES



The Department of Public Works has **begun construction** of the **NEW McMackin Field**



The Gibson Park revitalization project will bring **NEW tennis courts** and a **multi-sport field**




Partnering with Suffolk Downs will bring the **Revere Beach Farmer's Market** to Beachmont




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The State of ACTIVITIES



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SEN. LYDIA EDWARDS HOSTS COFFEE HOUR AT ANTONIA’S AT THE BEACH



Lydia Edwards, State Senator for the Third Suffolk District that includes the City of Revere, delivers remarks at the Coffee Hour that she hosted Saturday.

492 Revere Beach Boulevard. In her remarks, Edwards humbly credited Reps. Jeff Turco and Jessica Giannino for partnering with her on Beacon Hill to produce several accomplishments for the district. Edwards noted those accomplishments include a \$75,000 appropriation for first-time buyers and a \$10,000 grant for the food pantry at the First Congregational Church. Edwards also said she has been a proud supporter of discounted fares for low-income residents who use MBTA and commuter rail transportation.

Promotion to Chairperson of Judiciary Committee
Sen. Edwards told her constituents that she has



Sen. Lydia Edwards (center) greets Revere residents at the Coffee Hour (from left), Esperanza Rojas, Samira Bustillo, Zaida Adame, Cynthia Steg, Barry Steg, and Carmen Ruiz.

been promoted to the position of Chairperson of the

Joint Committee of the Judiciary. “I’m very excited about that,” said Edwards. “What comes through the Committee are all our criminal laws. I’ll be meeting with the police, the judges – it has a lot to do with our public safety and how we enforce the laws in the Commonwealth. It’s an extremely busy committee.”

Memorial Day Breakfast

Sen. Edwards announced at the Coffee Hour that she will again be hosting a Memorial Day breakfast at the Beachmont VFW. The event will honor veterans. “Last year we invited all veterans from around the area,” said Edwards. “We had a table sponsored by



Sen. Lydia Edwards with School Committee Member Jacqueline Monterroso and Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ex-Officio Chair of the Committee.

local unions. During the program, people brought in the names of their loved ones who served but are no longer here with us. We had a POW tribute table. Revere High JROTC students helped serve the breakfast and it was just a beautiful event. Revere showed up and showed out.”



Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Ward 1 Councillor Joanna McKenna, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Sen. Lydia Edwards, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Rep. Jeff Turco, and Councilor-at-Large Michelle Kelley.



Sen. Lydia Edwards welcomes Mayor Patrick Keefe to the Coffee Hour Saturday at Antonia’s at the Beach.



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Sports

TONY FERULLO NAMED CAC COACH OF THE YEAR

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School was the 2025 Commonwealth Athletic Conference (CAC) Champions (Small Division), finishing the regular season with a record of 18-2 (most wins in school history) and posting a 10-0 record in conference play.

This was the fifth conference title for Mystic Valley in its 21-year history, and the fourth CAC Coach of the Year Award for head coach Tony Ferullo. Ferullo is the first and only coach that Mystic Valley has ever had.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MYSTIC VALLEY REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL
Coach Ferullo talks to his athletes in between plays.



CARY I NEED OUTLINE

City council approves public health ordinance

By Adam Swift

Feminine hygiene products will soon be available for free in Revere’s municipal buildings.

Monday night, the city council approved an ordinance introduced by Councillors Angela Guarino-Sawaya and Juan Pablo Jaramillo relative to improving public health and accessibility to health care products in the City of Revere.

The ordinance echoes an early one introduced in the schools which provides feminine hygiene and menstrual products in school buildings free of charge.

“I’m very grateful to have partnered with Councillor Jaramillo on this motion,” said Gaurino-Sawaya. “Access to menstrual and hygiene products is a basic necessity and not a luxury. No one should have to miss school, work, or daily activities because they can’t afford these essential items. By making them available in city-owned buildings, we promote public health, dignity, and equity for all residents.”

Guarino-Sawaya said the ordinance takes a proactive, cost-effective approach by exploring grants and budget allocations to ensure sustainable access to the products.

“Revere has the opportunity to lead by example and make our public spaces more inclusive and supportive for everyone,” she said.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro said he supported the motion but asked about the cost of the program, noting that a cost analysis from the city was required for any motion that would cost more than \$5,000.

Legislative Affairs subcommittee chair and Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio said he believed the cost of the ordinance would not reach the \$5,000 threshold.

At a public hearing on the ordinance last month, Revere students Julia and Jameelah Figueroa spoke in favor of the measure.

“Access to menstrual products is a basic necessity that is often a luxury for many women in our community,” Julia Figueroa said. “That need for menstrual products can come at unexpected times, whether it is during the school day, a visit to city hall, or the library.”

RHS  ROUNDUP

RHS SPRING SPORTS SEASON SWINGS INTO GEAR

The 2025 athletic season will get underway for Revere High athletes this coming week.

The boys varsity volleyball team opens the season under head coach Lianne Mimmo tomorrow (Thursday) evening with a match against non-league foe Milton at 6:30 at Revere High.

The Patriots will travel to non-league opponent Lawrence on Monday.

The boys and girls tennis teams, led by veteran coaches Mike Flynn and Carla Maniscalco respectively, will face non-league rival Winthrop on Monday, with the girls playing on the courts at Gibson Park and the boys making the short trek to Winthrop.

The girls lacrosse team, led by head coach Amy Rotger, will make its 2025 debut at Greater Boston League opponent Malden on Tuesday.

The RHS baseball team, led by coach Sebastian Salvo, will open its season when the Patriots host non-league opponent Beverly on the Tony Conigliaro diamond at RHS on Tuesday afternoon.

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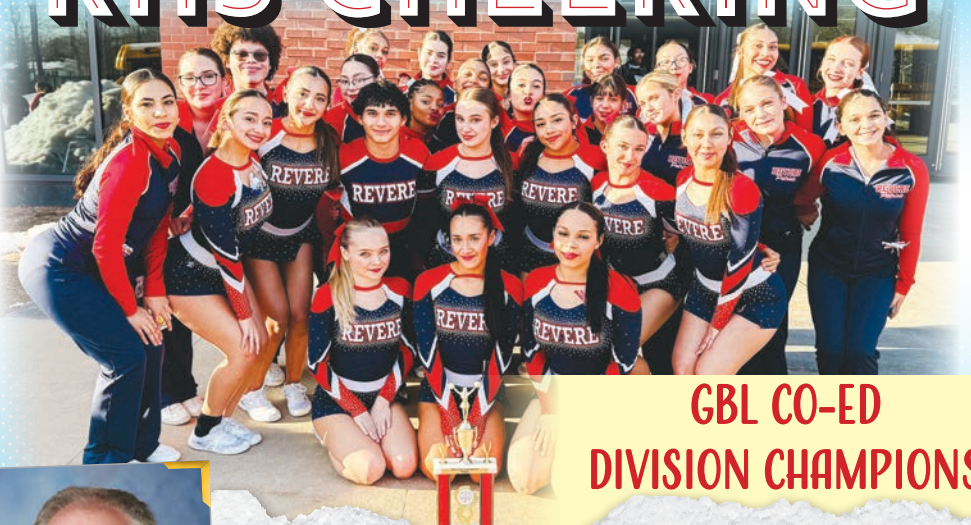
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State Rep. Turco named House Vice Chairman of Joint Committee on Veteran and Federal Affairs Committe

Special to the Journal

Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco has received his committee assignments for the new legislative session, including being named a Chairman of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. “I am honored that Speaker Mariano has selected me for this important role. Massachusetts has always been a national leader in caring for our Veterans. In this new role, I look forward to making sure Massachusetts continues to lead the nation,” said Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D. Winthrop). The Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs is responsible for reviewing all legislation related to veterans and matters involving the federal government. This includes

evaluating bills, policies, and initiatives that impact veterans’ benefits, services, and rights, as well as any legislation that concerns the relationship between state and federal governments. In doing so, the committee works to ensure that legislation serves the best interests of veterans and upholds the proper functioning of federal and state affairs.

In addition, he has been appointed to several key committees: Federal Funding, Policy, and Accountability; Emergency Preparedness and Management; and Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy. "These important committee assignments will allow me to take deep dives in working with our Federal partners as well as working to address the crushing in-

creases in utility costs that are harming the people of Winthrop and Revere," said Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco.

The House Committee on Federal Funding, Policy, and Accountability is tasked with overseeing federal spending, including stimulus funds and block grants. The committee collaborates with the House Committee on Ways & Means to analyze federal stimulus allocations and ensure compliance with related regulations. Its work focuses on comparing historical data, identifying best practices from other states, and tracking how federal funds are used, while providing regular reports to both the House of Representatives and the public. Additionally, the committee reviews state laws, regulations, and poli-

cies, offering recommendations to help Massachusetts secure more federal funding. "I am grateful to serve as a member of the House Committee on Federal = Funding, Policy, and Accountability. This committee plays a critical role in ensuring that federal resources are effectively allocated and spent, and I am committed to working tirelessly to secure the funding and support Massachusetts deserves,” said Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco.

The Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management serves as an oversight and advisory body, dedicated to monitoring and investigating issues related to emergency response and recovery efforts. The committee periodically issues reports with recommenda-

tions for legislative actions, strategies, and innovations aimed at addressing emergency needs and ensuring a safe recovery for all residents of the Commonwealth. "It is a privilege to serve as a member of the Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management. This committee plays a vital role in ensuring that we are prepared for any crisis, and I am committed to working alongside my colleagues to develop effective strategies, support recovery efforts, and strengthen our response systems to protect the residents of the Commonwealth,” said Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco.

Lastly, the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy is responsible for overseeing the development and management of various energy

sources, including coal, gas, oil, solar, wind, and tidal energy. The committee evaluates the siting of energy facilities, public utilities, and renewable energy projects, such as wind farms, while also addressing related matters like the bottle bill and other legislative concerns. Its work helped shape policies that ensure a sustainable and reliable energy future for the Commonwealth. “I look forward to working on innovative solutions that will ensure a sustainable, reliable, and efficient energy future for the Commonwealth but most importantly AFFORDABLE energy for our residents,” said Rep. Jeffrey Rosario Turco.

You can reach Rep. Turco at jeffrey.turco@mahouse.gov or at (617) -722-2080 ext.4.

STUDENT SENATE STAR

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20TH EDITION

the student senate star

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

OPPORTUNITIES & INCLUSION COMMITTEE UPDATES

At the start of March, the RHS ASL Club was officially back in session after finally finding



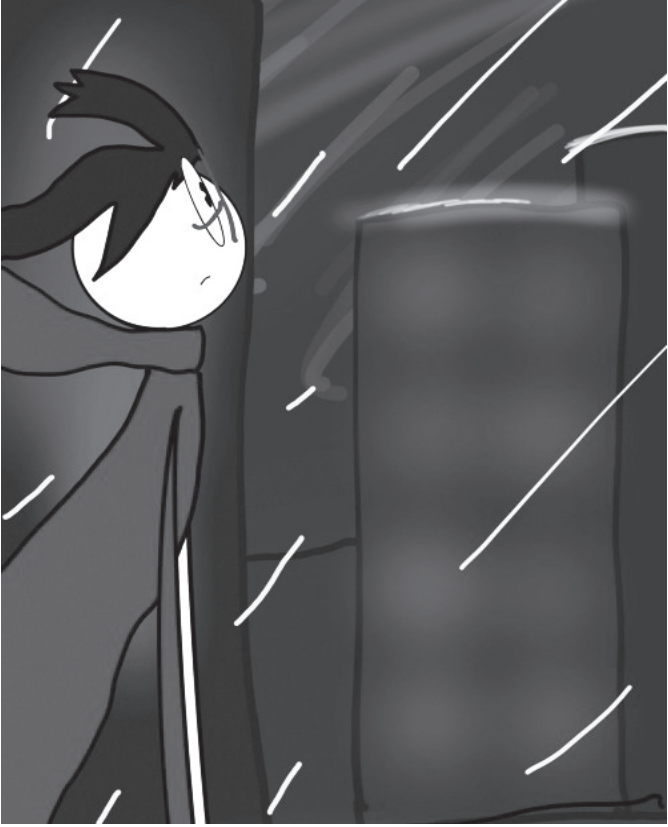
Members of the Opportunities & Inclusion Committee at the March Student Senate meeting.

our new advisor, Ms. Rocaberte. Ms. Rocaberte teaches the high school's Life Skills class and has been highly committed to supporting students who are passionate about ASL while also increasing her own fluency! Meetings are in room A5 after school every Friday. Students and faculty are welcome to drop by to learn American Sign Language in a collaborative learning space, participating in group activities and instruction. In the future, the club hopes to expand its presence by offering community service activities where students can put their ASL to practice!

The Opportunities and Inclusion Committee kicked off March with our second annual Mental Health Workshop partnered with the NAN Project to raise mental health awareness for both students and faculty. With a great turnout, speakers from the NAN Project shared their experiences battling mental health and their journey of overcoming their struggles. In addition, the speakers shared potential warning signs to look out for and action steps to address them. We thank the NAN Project for, once again, opening up the conversation for RHS students and staff to share their own experiences, ask questions, and receive mental health resources!

The RHS Feminist Empowerment Movement Club (FEM) is partnering up with the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) to hold a Survivor Speaker workshop for highschool students. Taking place on April 18th from 8-9:30 AM, this workshop will allow students to hear survivor stories and participate in discussions that spread awareness about sexual violence, prevention steps, and support resources.

SNOWFALL



Artwork by Steven Alfaro, @Mariocuphead

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE REVERE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: SAFE HAVENS MAKE SAFER SCHOOLS

Dear Revere School Committee,

While Revere is just a tiny portion of the greater United States, we are still deeply affected by the actions of our federal government. To call the last few months unprecedented would be a severe understatement: for many, daily routines have been flipped completely upside down. At the last School Committee meeting, the decision to bring the Safe Haven Resolution to the table was brought forward with the support of our Student Representatives. Despite our concerns, the measure was voted down, actively keeping families in the dark. We believe this decision does not reflect the wishes of the entire Revere community.

The need to pass the Safe Haven Resolution is especially dire for Revere. The

estimated percentage of ‘foreign-born persons’ that reside in our city was estimated at 43.5%, or nearly half of our city's population. It is certain that, without any doubt, Revere is a resilient immigrant community. Within our community events, governance, and classrooms, we work to value diversity. If we truly want to put our words into action, we must ensure all district stakeholders are protected and in-the-know about the support around them. Furthermore, this resolution can help tackle other disparities that have risen. As a result of heightened ICE activity in the region, students fear going to school. In some cases, guardians are fearful of sending their own children to school out of worry of what it could mean for their families. This results in not only a disruption in attendance, but also in learning. By passing the Safe Haven Resolution, we not only restore trust, but also education for students that deserve to feel safe in school.

Revere Public Schools would not be alone in this decision. Dr. Abeyta, the Superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools, published an Op-Ed in the Boston Globe in which she used the example of Lynn Public Schools in her decision to make Chelsea Public Schools a Safe Haven district. Following the communications between the district and the families of students to reassure that the district is still committed to ensuring student safety, Chelsea saw their attendance rate immediately begin rising again. Our school district,

which has a similar demographic background to that of Chelsea, can follow in these footsteps in order to support all students.

Still, there are arguments that creating a ‘Safe Haven’ district would put a ‘target’ on students' backs. While this rhetoric may be from a place of concern, it is unfounded and ultimately dangerous. Some worry that this decision could possibly bring protests to schools, but in the cases of Lynn and Chelsea, this backlash never occurred. As a matter of fact, publicly announcing that these districts were Safe Havens reaffirmed trust within these communities. Families were able to trust the schools they were sending their children to, knowing that students' safety was the district's priority. Given the background of our city, it's crucial we reaffirm our commitment to all students and families within the district.

We all have the safety of the students of Revere in our minds. We hope we can come to a decisive and effective solution for all of our city. Recent actions to limit the safety of our education system impact ALL students. Much of it feels out of our control. Still, you all have the control – the power – to enact measures that will support our students. At the end of the day, schools are built on trust: ensuring all of Revere feels secure within our Safe Haven will fortify that trust and protect our entire community.

Sincerely,

RHS Student Senate & Revere Public Schools

Albert Moscone named a member of the NTL criminal defense - top 40 under 40 trial lawyers

Special to the Journal

The National Trial Lawyers proudly announces the selection of Albert Moscone, a distinguished member of Moscone Law PLLC, as an NTL – Criminal Defense – Top 40 under 40 Trial Lawyer in the state



Albert Moscone

of Massachusetts. The Top 40 Under 40 distinction is bestowed upon a select group of attorneys who exhibit superior qualifications, exemplary trial results, and exceptional leadership in the realms of criminal defense and/or civil plaintiff law. Membership in The National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 not only recognizes these legal professionals for their achievements but also offers invaluable legal news, information, and continuing education resources to trial lawyers nationwide. The National Trial Lawyers is an invitation-based organization dedicated to recognizing and promoting excellence in the legal profession. Comprising the top trial lawyers in each state, the organization provides a platform for networking, knowledge-sharing, and professional development within the legal community. For more information, visit <http://thenationaltriallawyers.org/>.

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el; and --The Newburyport COD member gave an update on that community's implementation of the Project Lifesaver program. The Newburyport Police Department will begin training soon.

According to Project Lifesaver's website, "Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies, and is strategically designed for 'at risk' individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition."

However, DeCicco saved the big news of the evening for last, when he announced that for the second year in a row, the Revere COD's application for a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches program to hold an All Abilities Day at Revere Beach this summer has been approved. This marks the second straight year in which Revere has received a grant from the organization.

DeCicco noted that this year the Revere COD was one of just 75 grant recipients out of 168 applicants. He also noted that the Revere COD was awarded a grant of \$5000, which was an increase from the \$3500 grant that the COD received in 2024.

"This means that we will be able to conduct an even bigger and better program this year," said DeCicco, who noted that the Revere COD still needs to apply to the DCR in order to obtain a permit for the event, which he said will take place on a Saturday in August.

Frank Cammisa Renowned Revere educator, guidance counselor and principal



Frank A. Cammisa, beloved husband of Elizabeth Giuliano, passed away on Saturday, March 22 with his family at his side.

Born in Winthrop, the loving son of the late Frank and Phyllis (Lombardi) Cammisa, Frank proudly grew up in Revere. He attended Immaculate Conception High School and then enrolled at Suffolk University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in education. He furthered his education, receiving a Master's Degree in education from Salem State College. Frank also served his country for six years in the National Guard.

His love of teaching and education, along with the love of his hometown, brought him to the Revere School System. In addition to being a renowned educator, Frank was a guidance counselor and principal. His 41 years in the school system brought not only fond memories for Frank, but he also touched the lives of many students. Frank was also a driving school instructor for the Pleasant Auto School.

Frank enjoyed simple things like going for a nice walk and listening to good music. He liked to vacation, go out to eat and socialize. Frank's greatest joy came from being with his family. His kindness and strength will be remembered and the love he had for everyone will be deeply missed.



In addition to being the beloved husband of 33 years to Liz, he is the devoted father of Tanya Frasier and her husband, Mark of Lynnfield and Frank Cammisa and his fiancée, Nicole Collins of Peabody; cherished grandfather of Ryan Frasier, loving cousin of George and Lucielle Annis of Topsfield and dear friend of Victor and Diane Bruno of Revere.

Family and friends are cordially invited to visiting hours at the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., North Reading (Corner of Park St. and Rt. 238 at the Reading Line) today, Wednesday, March 26th from 5 to 9 p.m. His Funeral will be held from the Cota Funeral Home at the Reading Line) on Thursday, March 27th at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass to celebrate Frank's Life at Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere at 11 a.m. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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Theresa Petrilli Of Winthrop



Theresa Louise (Festa) Petrilli, of Winthrop, formerly of Revere, passed away on March 18, 2025, at home, surrounded by her loving family, at the age of 97. Born on February 28, 1928, to the late James Festa and Louise (Ladere). She was the beloved wife of the late Alberto M. Petrilli. Her commitment to her family was unparalleled. Theresa was a devoted mother to Al Petrilli and his partner, Heather Clucas of Winthrop and David Petrilli and his wife, Kathy of Saugus. Cherished grandmother of Albert Petrilli and his wife, Rachel of Winthrop, Marielle Petrilli and her fiancé, Nick Russo of Burlington and Olivia Petrilli of Saugus. Adored great-grandmother of Adelyn and Ava of Winthrop. Theresa was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Marie C. Petrilli; and her siblings, Florence Penachio, Louise Milano, Helen Toto, Mary Melchione, Gerard Malio, Joseph Malio, William Malio, Anthony Festa and Joseph Festa. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends she loved to be with.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Marie C. Petrilli cancer fund, 11 Nahant Ave., Winthrop, MA 02152 or Venmo Albert Petrilli, to [@mariecpetrillicancerfund](https://www.mariecpetrillicancerfund.org) For guestbook and complete obituary, please visit www.buonfiglio.com Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home

Barbara (Appley) Bullock Retired Logan Airport Hilton Manager

Barbara L. (Appley) Bullock of Revere, 93, died on February 20, while under hospice care. She was the wife of the late Joseph Bullock.

Born in Boston and raised in the Beachmont section of Revere, she was the daughter of the late Capt. Willard and Priscilla (Smith) Appley. Barbara worked for many years as the manager of the Logan Airport Hilton. She and Joe Bullock enjoyed many travels through the South, also to Brazil and Ireland. Barbara enjoyed baking and spending time with her puzzles and her cat "Paws."

She is survived by her three children: Cathleen Ochoa and husband, Ron,

Billy Earle and his wife, Holly and Sharon Schena and her husband, Anthony; five grandchildren: Daniel, Alexander, Christopher, Anthony and Anessa plus six great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a small graveside service on Saturday, March 29th, at the Mausoleum in Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett at 10:30 a.m. Those planning to attend should contact Ron Ochoa at 781-244-3910 for additional information and directions prior to March 29th. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association are suggested and appreciated. For condolences www.Bisbee-Porcella.com.

Louis Everett Frederick Jr. He touched the lives of all who knew him



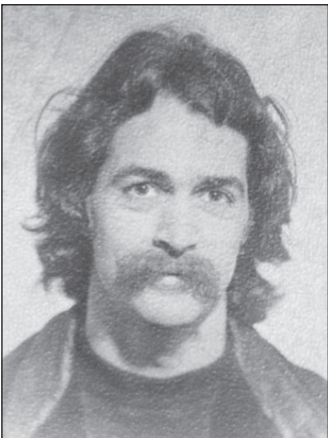
It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Louis Everett Frederick Jr., aged 76, who left us on March 12.

Louie was the cherished husband of Terri Frederick, devoted father of Louis E. Frederick III, Kyle W. Frederick, Andrew J. Frederick, and Alora L. Frederick; adored grandfather of Louis E. Frederick IV (Everett) and Avery M. Frederick, and a dear friend to many.

Born and raised in Revere, Louie was known for being a true family man, Marine veteran, master carpenter, avid and exceptional chess player, triple Purple Heart Vietnam War recipient, horse racing enthusiast, and visionary. He touched the lives of all who knew him with his generosity, passion, playfulness, sense of humor, and unwavering faith that things will always work out. He brought a feeling of reassurance and warmth to everyone who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 28th at Buonfiglio Funeral Home in Revere. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. and eulogies and military honors will take place at 7p.m.

We take comfort in knowing that Louie's love will continue to live on in each of us, and we find peace in



knowing that he is now at rest, watching over us all.

He will be forever missed and loved.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Frances "Chickie" Duffy

Mar. 26, 1940 - Dec. 21, 2020



On our Mother's birthday in heaven We're remembering her and the phenomenal woman she was.

Her memory will live long in our hearts. Happy Birthday, Mom.

Children Beth, Arthur, Joey, Wayne and all your grandchildren, great grandchildren & family

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, thou who are all knowing, who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal, thou who giveth me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me and who in every instant of my life art with me. I'd like in this short dialogue to affirm my gratitude for all your blessings and reaffirm once again that I never want to part from thee though the illusion of material things abound. My desire is to be with thee and all loved ones in perpetual grace. Thank you for your mercy on me and mine (Person should pray 3 consecutive days without revealing petition. Within three days grace will be attained, regardless of how difficult the petition may be.) Publish this prayer once grace is obtained.

C.G.

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Meet Piper! The City of Revere’s latest innovation

Special to the Journal

At the 2025 State of the City Address, Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. announced the launch of the City of Revere latest customer service tool, Piper! Piper is a text messaging service that lets residents quickly and easily connect with the city 24/7 without the need to download an app. It was launched in partnership with Citibot, the leading provider of in-

teractive chat solutions for local government. To start a conversation via text message, residents can text “Hello” to (844) 30 - PIPER (74737). Piper immediately responds with a short greeting explaining the ways residents can use the service. Piper combines advanced generative AI and machine learning to handle a wide range of resident needs.

With support for 75 languages, it is also a valuable tool in creating an inclusive and accessible community. Residents can submit service requests to Piper, such as reporting a pothole to be filled, and can also ask questions such as when City Hall is open, or when the next City Council meeting is. If, at any time during the interaction a Revere resident needs assistance or help from City staff, they

can send in a message with Piper and the appropriate staff member can follow up with them. “Piper will revolutionize the way residents communicate with City Hall: Its usefulness has no limits. People want answers at their fingertips, and now is the time. With proficiency in 75 languages, advanced AI technology, and supported by our 311 Department, Piper marks yet another ele-

vation in access to City services,” said Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. The City of Revere is the first municipality in Massachusetts to adopt Citibot’s solution. Based in Charleston, SC, Citibot LLC was formed in 2016 with a mission of making cities and counties accessible for all. Bratton Riley, Citibot’s co-founder and CEO, was inspired by the evolution of the con-

versational chatbot and its ability to help governments be more accessible and accountable to every resident. “People’s expectations of high-quality customer service are ever-increasing,” said Riley. “Cities like Revere are leading the way by delivering powerful solutions to maximize efficiency and enhance access to information and vital services.”

REVERE ART PROGRAM FOR ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES

Mayor Patrick Keefe along with Revere’s Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Hinojosa are pleased to announce a new pilot program for artists with disabilities.



With a wide spectrum of colored pencils artist Stephen Prizio works on a landscape drawing.

Adding new interesting programs to the many available to Revere citizens is always a positive step forward, and both Mayor Keefe and Director Hinojosa were happy to approve

this program. The art program for disabilities will be held at the Revere Parks and Recreation Department at 150 Beach Street every Tuesday evening, the cost is \$6.00 per class. All art supplies will be provided, students must be 16 years of age or older, and able to work on their own. Classes begins at 530pm and run for approximately 1 hour and will be led by instructor Kevin Simpson. The exact length of this program is still under determination and depending on the turnout the length will be determined. Further questions about this or any other Revere program, call the Parks and Recreation Department @ 781-286-8190



Supervising Artist Kevin Simpson is shown with Jenn Duggan from Revere Parks and Recreation, Margo Johnson, and early arrival artists Stephen Prizio and Brenda Carvalho. Shown at the 1st art program last Tuesday.

REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago
March 24, 2015
A group of faith-based groups representing several different religions has planned a forum to help break down the barriers between Muslims in Revere and their neighbors – a forum largely in response to threatening notes found last month in the Shirley Avenue area.
Mayor Dan Rizzo announced that the Youth Summer Employment Program will have a drastic change going into the 2015 summer. Youth will be placed in departments across city government, including Public Works and Parks & Recreation, along with a new partnership involving the Chamber of Commerce. The program serves children and teens ages 14 to 21. The program is funded through the annual municipal budget along with grants from the Massachusetts Port Authority and YouthWorks.
Revere educator Joanne M. McKenna is the first candidate to pull nomination papers for a special election to fill the Ward 1 Councillor seat left vacant by the late Richard A. Penta. McKenna, who resides on Winthrop Avenue and has resided in Beachmont her entire life, has been an art teacher at Revere High School for over 30 years.

20 years ago
March 30, 2005
The Revere Health Dept. is developing an Emergency Medical Operations Plan to plan for the decontamination of the city in the event of a medical epidemic caused by a terrorist attack. The federal Dept. of Homeland Security has mandated that every community in the country have such a plan in the aftermath of 9/11.
The federal Dept. of Justice has provided a grant of \$326,000 to the city to help combat domestic violence.
Revere Police Lieut. Jeremiah Goodwin was stabbed by a Chelsea man outside of Reardon’s Restaurant after Goodwin stopped a motor vehicle with the suspect

and two other men.
Police arrested a 26 year old Melrose man as he was trying to break into homes on Ridge Rd.
30 years ago
March 29, 1995
Seven plaintiffs who sued the city and the police union for alleged civil rights violations during a picketing incident in 1990 have settled their claims for \$130,000 to be divided among them.
The Megaplex Commission formally notified the city this week that it is not interested in the Suffolk Downs site for the proposed megaplex facility.
State Rep. Robert DeLeo has filed a bill that would prohibit insurance companies from discriminating against victims of domestic violence. Companies reportedly are denying health and life insurance policies to domestic violence victims.
The trial of Robert L. Bianchi Jr., who allegedly stalked and shot five bullets into his wife, Donna Jean Bianchi, on a Beachmont sidewalk 11 months ago, is set to get underway in Suffolk Superior Ct.
Mayor Robert Haas has called for an audit of the School Dept. in the wake of reports of unpaid invoices and other procedural irregularities.
A fire of suspicious origin caused \$100,000 in damage to the Crescent Pharmacy on Shirley Ave. Saturday night.
The City Council is set to accept a new city ordinance that would assess fines against vendors who sell tobacco products to underage purchasers.
Revere police officers are unanimous in their condemnation of O.J. Simpson defense attorney Alan Dershowitz, who has suggested that police officers are trained how to lie.
Former RHS principal Albert Manganiello has been accepted into the Brandeis Hall of Fame. Manganiello, an RHS grad, was named one of the top 50 college football players in 1952.

40 years ago
March 27, 1985
The Revere Housing Authority (RHA) has taken under advisement a request by Carabetta Enterprises, the developer of the long-awaited Ocean Ave. site at Revere Beach, for the RHA to finance the construction of the condo and rental unit complex pursuant to a state law that provides for tax-exempt local loans to encourage rental housing construction.
Mayor George V. Colella said that the police officers who have been accused of ransacking the Northgate CVS store when they responded to an early-morning burglar alarm either should be discharged or returned to duty by the end of the week in order to resolve the matter. Six officers presently are on administrative leave after five of them reportedly failed lie detector tests.
The Revere Boys Club will hold its 10th annual telethon this weekend on Colonial Cablevision.
April 21-22 has been set for the second annual Revere Spring Street Hockey Tournament at Oak Island Park.
50 years ago
March 26, 1975
The developers of Revere Beach and the State Dept. of Community Affairs have signaled their support for a bill filed by Revere State Senator Joseph J.C. DiCarlo that would provide state assistance for the development of Chapter 121A projects.
Local resident Thurston Ege is spearheading a 10-taxpayer lawsuit that is challenging the legality of a 4-1 vote by the Conservation Commission approving the drainage plans submitted by Freedom Realty in connection with the construction of a shopping center at Wonderland.
A consultant to the School Committee has said the city should close the Howe, Pasteur, Ronan, Shurtleff, and Wolcott schools because those facilities are obsolete and are shortchanging the

students and that the city should construct new elementary and middle schools in the Beachmont area.
Two men have been arrested and more arrests are expected for the rape of a 16 year-old Saugus girl in a Marshall St. apartment Friday night. The victim told police that she had left a party to go to the apartment with three men and that there were 10 men involved in the incident.
Local karate instructor John Dee placed second in the recent Connecticut state championships.
60 years ago
April 1, 1965
The City Council approved a record-high city budget for 1965 of \$9,409,167. Even though the council slashed \$549,000 from the budget request submitted by Acting City Manager Joseph McChrystal, it still is \$1,334,438 higher than 1964’s budget.
The Board of Health, after facing more than 100 angry residents at a public hearing, recessed for five minutes and then unanimously rejected a request for an application for a trailer park in the Oak Island area.
The School Committee has approved a summer program in the schools aimed at aiding poverty-stricken children. School Supt. Louis Perullo explained to the committee that the program, known as Head Start, comes under the provisions of Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson’s anti-poverty program.
Some 3500 residents attended the annual Revere High Science Fair this weekend. Paul Weinberg won first place in the Chemistry division; Roberta Ayoob and Joseph Cecere shared first place in Biology; and Paul Kane won the Physics category.
More than 200 members of the St. Anthony’s Holy Name Society attended Sunday’s Communion Breakfast at the Wonderland Ballroom.
Bette Davis, Olivia DeHavilland, and Joseph Cot-

ten star in Hush, Hush Sweet Charlotte at the Revere Drive In and Lee Remick stars in Baby the Rain Must Fall at the Revere Theatre.
70 years ago
March 31, 1955
Two Revere men, Marvin H. Siegel of 22 Blake St. and George Kady of 418 Revere Beach Parkway, were among just 90 of 360 applicants to have passed the recent Mass. Bar Exam.
A citizens committee has proposed the construction of a new high school for 1500 students and two new elementary schools, one in Beachmont and the other in West Revere. The committee also recommends the abandonment of the Howe and Wolcott schools, and possibly the Ronan and Shurtleff schools. The committee also recommends that a kindergarten program be started.
Revere’s spring Fix-Up, Clean-Up, and Paint-Up program gets underway tomorrow.
City Manager Edward P. O’Toole has named Al-morse J. LaPorte of 23 Floyd St. and Francis X. Flynn of 85 Calumet St. as permanent firefighters.
Louis B. Fox was the guest speaker before an overflow crowd of men and women who attended the anniversary dinner of the Jewish Community Center on Nahant Ave.
80 years ago
March 29, 1945
Tech. Sgt. Vincent J. Corso has been awarded the Silver Medal for gallantry in action against the Germans on the northern Italian front. Corso, though wounded during action, assaulted and destroyed a German machine gun nest by throwing a hand grenade that stunned the enemy and then shooting three of them.
Lieut. James J. Gibson has been awarded the Silver Medal and Bronze Star for leading a tank and infantry drive against the Nazis to relieve an American company of soldiers who had been surrounded in a Belgian village during the Ger-

man counteroffensive last December. Gibson has been wounded in action twice, once in Normandy during the Allied breakout at St. Lo and then again in December.
Joy and relief came to the family of Lieut. Bernard Epstein, 28, of the Army Air Forces who had been reported as missing in action over Germany on December 18, but who now has been reported by the Red Cross as a prisoner of war.
This week marks the 73rd anniversary of the train crash at Revere Station in which 32 passengers were killed. The crash, which involved two trains when one overtook another waiting at the station, led to a nationwide call for better safety signal devices.
90 years ago
March 30, 1935
Several hundred Revere residents registered their protest to the surprise action taken by the City Council last week that approved by a vote of 8-1 the construction of a dog track at the site of the old Wonderland Park. One prominent resident, noting how the measure had been jammed quickly through the council, commented, “The oil interests searched the Atlantic Seaboard from Maine to Florida for a place to dump their oil tanks, but could not find a place that would have them until they came to Revere. Now the dog racing interests have tried everywhere else in the state and have been rebuffed by the citizenry in those communities, but have come to Revere and been welcomed by our generous councilmen. Revere has to contend with enough riff-raff that is attracted to our beach in the summer, and now we’ll have to keep an eye on the gambling element for 160 days of dog racing.” The Revere Chamber of Commerce also went on record against dog racing. The Bay State Greyhound Racing Assoc. and the Old Harbor Kennel Club now must obtain approval for a permit from the State Racing Assoc.

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CITY FINANCE

Surcharge would generate much-needed revenue for city

By SETH DANIEL
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City officials are crossing their fingers and lobbying state leaders in hopes of passing a vehicle rental surcharge that would be applied to all rentals within the City of Revere.

The proposal would be \$10 per rental and would generate almost \$500,000 per year for the city - money that could go towards things such as the new schools or the new police station. And with a new revenue stream such as the surcharge, city officials have warmed up to planned building projects - many of which have caused stirring financial debates.

However, passage of the bill is going to be a tough row to hoe.

City Councillors unanimously passed the measure last fall and sent it to the State Legislature. According to State Rep. Bob DeLeo's (D-Winthrop) office, the bill is in the process of being numbered and would soon be assigned to committee. So far, the entire state delegation from both houses has voiced support for the surcharge.

That is no great victory, if history is to be a guide.

Last year, both houses of the Legislature passed the bill for Revere, but Gov. Mitt Romney vetoed the measure near the end of the legislative session. This prevented the Legislature from overriding the veto, and the bill died when time simply ran out.

"I don't think the residents of this city realize just how close we came last year, and how hard we worked as well," Mayor Tom Ambrosino said at a recent meeting.

"Hopefully, we're going to have passage in the Legislature again, and maybe the governor won't veto this year, or maybe his veto can be overridden," the mayor said this week.

The city will also have to contend with vehicle rental companies, who aren't ambivalent to the proposal - though they haven't spoken out loudly against it either. Nevertheless, nearly 20 percent already and, thus, already paying their fair share. Calls to some vehicle rental companies in the city were

COMMUNITY



Mario Perez will run the Boston Marathon in honor of his daughter, leukemia survivor Vanessa.

No chance of Perez running out of love

By SETH DANIEL
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People often say they would do anything, even run a marathon, to save their loved ones.

Mario Perez of Prospect Avenue has actually done it.

It was five years ago when Mario Perez became a marathon runner to help save his daughter's life. Vanessa, who is now 11, had been diagnosed with leukemia in 1999. In early 2000, someone had offered to run the Boston Marathon in Vanessa's name as part of the

Mass. General children's cancer fund-raising team.

Perez and his family went to an organization meeting, only to find out that the person who was to run for Vanessa hadn't shown up. From that moment on, Perez has been a runner.

"I was very concerned because no one showed up to run for my daughter," he said in a recent interview. "I never ran more than a mile in my life, but I decided that day to run the marathon, and since that day, I feel like a

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catholics reflect on the life of Pope John Paul II

By SETH DANIEL
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The passing of Pope John Paul II over the weekend brought the city's three parishes into a mode of change, prayer and remembrance of a man that, by all accounts, will be noted as exceptional.

As one of the most visible popes in history, John Paul II had a personal connection with many Catholics who had seen him traverse the globe. Locally, many remember him visiting Boston on a rainy day in 1979.

Father Carlos Flor and Father George Szal at Immaculate Conception Parish said the mood over the weekend there was solemn.

Father Carlos noted that many people heard the news of the pope's passing in the Saturday afternoon Mass, which was a continuation of the celebration of Easter.

"It was tough because we were still celebrating Easter and then we had to announce that the Pope had passed," said Father Carlos.

On Sunday, the parish held a spiritual hour of meditation to

pray for the soul of the pope. Likewise, Father Carlos said the priests spoke about the pope in most of their weekend sermons.

"As a priest, you realize that when you're talking and preaching and it's something interesting, people look at you without blinking an eye," he said. "When I was talking about the pope this weekend, people were very attentive."

Father Carlos added he felt the pope should be remembered for his steadfast beliefs.

"Recently, we've been listening so much to conversations about euthanasia and the death of this woman in Florida, Terri Schiavo," he said. "The pope dying with so much dignity and facing the resurrection is a great example of how a man can be transformed by faith - even in sickness and old age. He should be remembered for his fidelity and not changing his beliefs...in a world that is constantly changing."

Likewise, at St. Anthony's Parish on Revere Street, people were sad and apologetic. The parish held a Mass on Friday night for the Pope.



A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

The altar at Immaculate Conception is adorned with tributes to Pope John Paul II, who died last weekend.

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REVERE SENIOR CENTER ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION



Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, Anthony Caggiano, School Committee, Councillor Paul Argenzio, John Kingston, School Committee, City Council Vice President Joanne McKenna, Danny Norton, bagpiper, Jay Higgins, Outreach Manager for Congresswoman Katherine Clark, Senator Lydia Edwards, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and Deb Peczk, Director of Elder Services

Photos by Marianne Salza

Everyone was feeling Irish during the Revere Office of Elder Affairs’ Saint Patrick’s Day Celebration on March 19 at Saint Athony of Padua Parish hall.



Bagpiper, Danny Norton, marching through tables of seniors



Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley and Irma Accettullo



Deb Peczk, Director of Elder Services, hugging Lorraine Repoli



Councillor Joanne McKenna, Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Senator Lydia Edwards



Irma Accettullo, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and Joe Guarino.



Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya with Dale and Maureen Willett.



Nina DeFreitas, Anne Straccia, Councillor Joanne McKenna, and Marie Voto.



Barbara Stoddard, Patty Malloy, Leah DePaolo, and Judy O’Keefe.



Pat Millard, Barbara Iovine, Connie LaBonte, Hazel Fuller, and Emily Eustace all dressed for the occasion and enjoying their corned beef and cabbage.



Ernie G. Brown and Cheryl Rivers.



Judy D’Ambrosio and Al Doucette.



Maureen Willett, Phyllis and Mike Prizio, Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Bill Reedy, Kathy Smith, and Milly Schetting.



Richard and Janet dancing to ‘Mack the Knife’ by Kenny Garrett.



Joanne Monteforte and Geri Egner selling raffle tickets.



Maria Margaca and Roy Zarbano.



Deb Peczk, Director of Elder Services, and Anna Piccardi, Assistant Director & Transportation Coordinator.

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'The Yellow Dress' captivates high schoolers at CityLab

Powerful one-woman play addresses teen dating violence

Special to the Journal

In partnership with HarborCOV in Chelsea and CityLab Innovation High School, Revere Public Schools recently commissioned a performance of 'The Yellow Dress', a dramatic one-woman play based on the stories of young women who were victims of dating violence.

Performed last week in front of a captivated audience of high schoolers at CityLab, the play tells the story of Anna, played by Rydia Vielehr, and Rick through an intimate and honest monologue. Anna describes her relationship that started as young love full of passion and promise that ultimately ended in tragedy.

"I know that I did the right thing to leave him; it's just that I didn't know that Rick doesn't take 'no' for an answer," says Vielehr's character Anna in the play.

The Yellow Dress is a powerful performance carefully constructed for teens, encouraging them to think differently about dating violence by emphasizing awareness and early warning signs such as isolation, obsession, and controlling behaviors. Key points in the play include the cycle of abuse, the importance of recognizing positive and negative aspects of rela-

tionships, and the impact of emotional dependency and low self-esteem.

This play allows the audience to learn about the cycle of dating violence. The audience watches as Anna describes the different types of abuse that she experienced, the effects that abuse has on the victims of dating violence, and how difficult it is to leave an abusive relationship.

After the performance, Vielehr, led a group discussion with CityLab students to talk about the play and the facts and falsehoods about domestic violence. The discussion touched on dating violence topics such as awareness and early warning signs; positive and negative aspects of the relationship; the impact of abuse on self-esteem and emotional dependency; recognizing and addressing abusive behaviors; challenges of helping and supporting victims; the role of emotional dependency and jealousy in abusive relationships; the danger of breaking up and the importance of support; the broader impact of dating violence; and the complexity of abusive relationships and the need for change.

"How many of you guys think something like this could happen in Revere or at your school?" Vielehr asked the students. "I see a lot of hands go up and things like this can happen anywhere. Part of the problem with dating violence, as you saw in this show, is awareness, being aware that things like this can happen in your community. A lot of people try and

hide it and cover it up, but just by talking about it and making people aware, that's how we can make sure that things like this don't happen anymore. We have a lot of people in your community who are concerned about you and want to make sure that you guys have the best experience in high school."

Vielehr continued, "You've got a lot of teachers, guidance counselors, and other people who are there for you."

As teens begin to form romantic relationships Vielehr said jealousy is a natural part of dating, especially among adolescence.

"How many of you guys ever felt jealousy in your life?" Vielehr asked. "I see most hands go up. Now, jealousy is a perfectly natural middle motion. It's fine to feel jealous, but what Rick did wrong was that he acted upon this jealousy. That's what we call possessiveness. Rick treated Anna like an object like he thought that he owned her. Just because you feel a certain way does not give you the right to try and control someone and do whatever you want."

As the discussion progressed, students made some very poignant observations of Rick's behavior.

"He might have been struggling and finding some sort of control in his life, in his relationship," said one student. "He could have had low self-esteem and could have been looking for a way to control the situation and the people around him."

"The Yellow Dress" is part of Deana's Education-

al Theater, a Massachusetts-based organization that performs educational plays and workshops that deal with domestic abuse and bullying. Deana's Theater has performed works across the country for more than twenty years, with "The Yellow Dress" having been adapted for high school, college, and military audiences, and offered to over 20,000 people.

The Yellow Dress was written by Deborah Lake Fortson and originally produced by Sydney Patten. The production was introduced by Lori Dawson, Ph.D., director of the Women's Studies program, and Patricia Marshall, Ph.D., associate vice president for academic affairs. The presentation of "The Yellow Dress" at WSU was given in remembrance of former Worcester State University (WSU) student Candace Allen Scola, who was found dead in her home in 2002 and is believed to have been a victim of domestic violence.

If you believe you are a victim of dating or domestic violence HarborCOV is here for you. You can call them at any time to get support. HarborCOV's 24 Hour Hotline is 617-884-9909.

To see a short clip of The Yellow Dress performance please scan the QR Code.



Vielehr performed 'The Yellow Dress', a dramatic one-woman play based on the stories of young women who were victims of dating violence, at CityLab last week.



CityLab students were captivated by the powerful performance and message the play conveys about teen dating violence.



Students participated in a group discussion of the play about the impacts of dating violence.



Many students offered poignant observations about the play.



Members of HarborCOV during the performance. Revere Public Schools partnered with HarborCOV in Chelsea and CityLab to bring the performance of 'The Yellow Dress' to the high school.

FRESH & LOCAL

The soup cure

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

You may think of a soup cure as using chicken soup to relieve respiratory symptoms, or one of the many hangover soups you can find online, including Korean Haejang-guk, which translates to "soup to chase a hangover." However, the Boston Globe food section recently praised soup as a

cure for food waste.

Globe correspondent, Lisa Zwirn presented her action plan. She wrote, "Take a look in your fridge and identify those foods you'll likely throw away in a few days." "With the addition of stock, water, or other liquid, leftovers can become soup. Yes, something as simple (and cost-saving!) as making soup from leftover

foods is the perfect fix to prevent food waste."

Need a Soup Formula?

Food writer, Pam Anderson offers one of the best we've ever seen in her book, "How to Cook Without a Book." She writes, "This formula is easy to internalize: 1 pound protein, 1 pound vegetables, 1 quart broth, 1 onion, 1 can tomatoes, a starch (potatoes, rice, pasta, beans), and herbs, spices, and/or flavorings. The technique is simple, too: Sauté an onion until softened, add the remaining ingredients, bring it to a simmer, cook for about 20 minutes, and serve it up."

This guideline makes four generous servings, but you can easily halve or double it.

Other advantages of soup are that it is easy to reheat, many soups freeze well, and a good thermos makes it a great lunch on the go.



This salmon soup started with frozen salmon, potatoes, bacon, onions, fish stock, milk, and herbs.

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Fontbonne to recognize three distinguished alumnae

Special to the Journal

Fontbonne, The Early College of Boston, a leading Catholic school for young women serving grades 7-12, will honor three distinguished alumnae for their accomplishments at the upcoming celebration of its milestone 70th anniversary. The gala will recognize Jean Hynes ('87), the first woman to be appointed CEO of Boston-based asset management firm Wellington Management; Melissa Nelson ('06), the first Black woman to lead the Nurse-Midwifery Division at Massachusetts General Hospital; and Arielle Gaines ('07), an educator and former Teacher of the Year at Match Community Day Charter School.

"Fontbonne's legacy of excellence in education and leadership is evident in the achievements of our alumnae," Fontbonne Head of School Maura Spignesi said. "These exceptional individuals have made meaningful contributions to society, demonstrating the strength, dedication, and impact that Fontbonne instills in all its students. Their success reflects the values and teachings of our school, and we take pride in seeing them pursue their passions, which is what we always have and will continue to encourage," she continued. "We are incredibly proud of their contributions to their respective fields and society, and we hope their stories will continue to inspire our students for the next 70 years and beyond."

WCVB Newscenter 5's morning anchor, Antoinette Antonio, will emcee the event. Antonio joined the station in 2013 and is currently the co-anchor of the station's Eye-Opener and Noon newscasts. The gala, which will be held March 29, 2025 at Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood, will celebrate Fontbonne students' accomplishments over the past seven decades. This event will raise funds for the school's Light of Life Fund for financial assistance, which is essential for ensuring equitable access for all students throughout the Greater Boston area and the South Shore.

The gala will showcase student performances and feature a student speaker who will highlight the character and leadership skills students cultivate throughout their ed-

ucation at Fontbonne.

Honoree Career Summaries Jean Hynes '87 – CEO, Wellington Management

Jean Hynes, chief executive officer and managing partner of Wellington Management, is the first woman CEO in the firm's history. Hynes has earned numerous accolades for her work, including recognition from Forbes 50 Over 50, Barron's 100 Most Influential Women in US Finance, and 100 Women in Finance's North American Industry Leadership Award. A CFA charter holder, she serves on the Investment Committee at Wellesley College and the board of The Massachusetts Competitive Partnership, among other leadership roles.

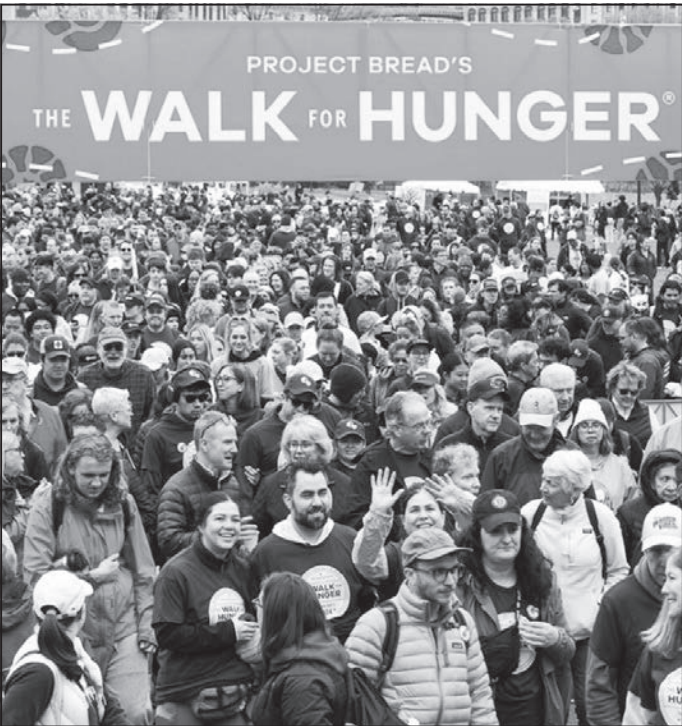
Melissa Nelson '06 – Chief Midwife, Mass. General Hospital

Melissa Nelson is the Director of the Nurse Midwifery Division at Massachusetts General Hospital. After receiving her nursing education at the University of Pennsylvania, Nelson has dedicated her career to advancing maternal healthcare and addressing healthcare inequities. In 2023, she completed Duke University School of Medicine's Advanced Practice Provider Leadership Institute. A passionate educator, she also teaches and mentors students in midwifery and women's health.

Arielle Gaines '07 – Educator, Match Community Day Charter School

Arielle Gaines, a kindergarten teacher at Match Community Day Charter School, has made a significant impact in the field of education. Gaines earned degrees in physical education and education from Hampton University and the University of Massachusetts-Boston, respectively. Recognized for her leadership and pedagogical excellence, she was named Teacher of the Year at Match Community Day Charter for the 2023-2024 school year. She is committed to providing her students with a solid academic foundation and the confidence to advocate for themselves.

REGISTER FOR PROJECT BREAD'S 2025 WALK FOR HUNGER



JON SACHS PHOTOGRAPHY

The Walk for Hunger, Project Bread's flagship community fundraiser, is seeking walkers to mobilize their neighbors and join the celebration. The one-day event is set for Sunday, May 4 on the Boston Common, and will feature family-friendly activities, food and entertainment along the 3-mile loop. In its 57th year, Project Bread invites you to help raise more than \$1 million to support the leading statewide food security organization's approach to ensure food access for all children and families in Massachusetts. Likeminded anti-hunger organizations can enroll in the nonprofit's co-fundraising program, The Commonwealth, forming teams to raise money to support their own work, while also furthering Project Bread's statewide effort.

Ready to walk? To register for the event and create a personal or team fundraising page for the Walk for Hunger or to make a donation, visit projectbread.org/walk or email walk@projectbread.org.

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Gather
Penny starts with the vegetable crispier and pulls out some of her favorite soup makers. This is the time to use those limp carrots or the outside stalks of celery. She might supplement with frozen vegetables. Next is protein from leftovers or her freezer stash. Our soup can be vegan or vegetarian by using beans and grains as protein.

Since we eat a lot of soup, the sautéed onion may be waiting in the refrigerator. Sautéed onion is used in so many dishes that Penny always makes a double or triple batch and refrigerates the extra for the next meal. Zwirn suggests using water, broth, miso, bouillon, tomato, coconut milk, fish stock, or clam juice as your liquid. She adds salt, pepper, fresh herbs, lemon juice or vinegar, hot sauce, or other flavorings for seasoning or added zest. You can also top the soup with croutons, crackers, herbs, or cheese.

Sharing Soup Is Caring

The story of stone soup is part of many cultures. The basic storyline is of a hungry person who convinces a community to add a little

something to a pot of water containing just a stone. They offer to share their delicious "stone soup" with the villagers. The stranger explained that the soup would be even more tasty with some garnish. The community begins to contribute a potato, a carrot, a piece of meat or whatever else they have. In the end, the stranger removes the stone from the pot and everyone shares a meal of stone soup.

Soups are easy to share. We loved having an informal soup exchange with friends a few years ago. We would pack soups in one-quart mason jars and arrange a hand-off. This trade allowed us to try new recipes and experience soups we didn't know we liked until someone made them.

You may not think of soup as something to bring to a community picnic or potluck, but it's easy. Put your soup in a crock pot with a ladle, paper cups, and spoons, and it will be easy to serve and enjoy.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No. SU25P05626D Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114 In the matter of: Kevin Avalos of: Revere, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Kevin Avalos is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Yajaira Solis of Revere, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the

court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 04/10/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 12, 2025 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate 3/26/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 Chapter 131 of the Massachusetts General (Wetlands Protection Act) that the City of Revere Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing Wednesday, April 2,

2025 at 6:30 PM at Revere City Hall Council Chambers, upon the application (Notice of Intent) of Kevin Chiles to demolish an existing garage and construct a single family dwelling at 30 Floyd Street. The property is located in the 100 year Flood Plain. Copies of the plan may be obtained by contacting the Revere Conservation Commission. 3/26/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

City of Revere Massachusetts Conservation Commission Notice Of Public Hearing Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Revere Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday., April 02, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in the City of Revere Council Chambers on the second floor of the

Revere City Hall, on a Notice of Intent by property owner located at 55 Sagamore St. The project consists of to demolish an existing garage and construct a single family dwelling at 30 Floyd Street. The property is located in the 100 year Flood Plain. Copies of the plan may be obtained by contacting the Revere Conservation Commission Office at 249R Broadway, Revere, MA on Monday through Thursday from 8 A.M. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:30a.m. Application and meeting information may also be obtained by contacting the Conservation Commission by calling 781-286-8185 or by emailing concom@revere.org. 3/26/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing A-25-07 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, April 23, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DeGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City. Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of John Duran, 59 Howard Street, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a variance of RRO Section 17.24.010 rear yard setback for decks to enable the appellant to construct a 12.5'x 19' deck at 24 Shurtleff Street, Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-07) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Proponent/

opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to amelnik@revere.org on or before April 15, 2025. Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk City of Revere Zoning Board of Appeals 3/26/25, 4/2/25 R

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU25P0545EA Estate of: Barbara Jean Ryan Also known as: Barbara J. Ryan Date of Death 02/27/2025 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intes-

tacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Marilyn Gifford of New Smyrna Beach, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Marilyn Gifford of New Smyrna Beach, FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/23/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance

and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 21, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 03/26/25 R

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COMMUNITY UNITES IN SUPPORT OF PAUL BAGLIO

By Angela Guarino-Sawaya

On March 21, 2025, our community came together in an extraordinary way to support seven-year-old Paul Baglio, a brave young boy battling a rare cancer. The generosity, kindness, and love displayed that evening were overwhelming.

It was both an honor and a privilege to organize this fundraiser and I am truly grateful to have been entrusted with making it happen. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Annemarie Lara and Renee McGlew, whose tireless efforts and unwavering support were instrumental in making this event possible. Thank you for believing in me.

One of the most touching moments of the night was the police escort orchestrated by Lieutenant Robert Impemba of the Revere Police Department. His leadership in coordinating the escort—with departments from Revere, Winthrop, Everett, Boston, State Police, the Sheriff’s Department, and the Revere Fire Department—made the moment unforgettable. Paul’s smile said it all when he received his own personalized police shirt, hat, and badge from the Lieutenant as well as a special visit from Police Dog Officer Charlie. He was also presented with a birthday party certificate from the Revere Police Department and a fire truck ride from the Revere Fire



Mayor Patrick Keefe proclaims March, 21, 2025 as Paul Baglio Day in the City of Revere.

Department. A special thank you goes to Mayor Patrick Keefe, who officially proclaimed March 21, 2025, as “Paul Baglio Day,” honoring Paul’s incredible strength and spirit. State Representative Jeff Turco also presented Paul with a special certificate, recognizing his resilience and Senator Lydia Edwards gave Paul words of encouragement and support. Pastor Paul Cacchiotti blessed him and his family.

This event would not have been possible without the support of so many wonderful people. Actor and comedian Jay “The Boston Guido” and NESN’s Wicked Bites superstar Steve D’Amato (The Boston Snacker) kept the energy high as our emcees. They brought laughter and energy to the night and their talent was insurmountable.

The Beachmont VFW generously donated their hall, helped with setup and cleanup, and collected over \$700 in donations at the bar. I am incredibly grateful to all the local businesses and restaurants that stepped up to donate food, gift cards, and financial support, including: Antonia’s (Revere), Kowloon’s (Saugus), Billy C’s (Revere), Avellino’s (Medford), Blackstrap (Winthrop), Nick’s Place (Winthrop), The Line Bar & Grill (Everett), Carmela’s (East Boston), New Deal (Revere), Mexico and Tu Casa (Winthrop), La Hacienda (Revere), The Good Diner (Revere), Milano’s (East Boston), Meridian Market (East Boston), The Meat Market (Winthrop), Spinel-li’s (East Boston), Volare (Revere), Kelly’s Pub (East Boston), BJ’s, Manne’s, Torretta’s, Blanca’s Bakery (Revere), Nick’s Place (Revere Beach) Premier (Somerville), The Brown Jug (Chelsea), Nonni’s Piz-za (Revere), and homemade cookies and brownies by Lilly.

The entertainment was nothing short of amazing! DJ Rob Bulla, the talented duo, Déjà Vu, the mother/daughter trio Family Affair, Grammy-nominated artist and actor Ricky Eric, classically trained singer Christine Viarella, entertainer Ed Sinibaldi, Bianca McGlew, the dancers from Saint Mary’s Dance Team, and dance soloist Arianna Lara all contributed to making the night extra special.

A special thank you to Saber Abougalala, owner of The Good Diner, and Police Chief David Callahan, who stepped in to serve food when they saw the need. Their kindness and leadership were truly inspiring.

With over 300 people in attendance, this event proved just how much love and support our community has for Paul and his family. Thank you to Revere TV and The Revere Journal’s Cary Shuman for covering this beautiful night.

I am also incredibly grateful to my colleagues who attended and supported this effort: Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Representative Jeff Turco, Senator Lydia Edwards, Councilor Joanne McKenna, Councilor Paul Argenzio, Councilor Juan Jaramillo, School Commit-teewoman Aisha Milbury Ellis and Councilor Ira Novoselsky, who generously donated Red Sox tickets for auction. Thank you to Councilor Anthony Cog-liandro for donating a gift certificate for Revere Karate Academy and Councilors



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Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Saber Abougalala of The Good Diner, and Police Chief David Callahan.



Annemarie Lara, Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Renee McGlew.

Marc Silvestri & Chris Giannino for their donations.

To everyone who donated, helped sell raffles, participated, or attended—thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your generosity will help ease the bur-

den on Paul’s family during this difficult time. Most of all, seeing Paul’s infectious smile made every effort worthwhile.

God bless you all!
Ward 5 Councilwoman
Angela Guarino-Sawaya



Revere Police Lt. Robert Impemba, Robert Baglio, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Jade Baglio.



Steve D'Amato of Wicked Bites, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and The Boston Guido.



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Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya and School Committeewoman Aisha Milbury-Ellis.



Guests at the Guarino Table enjoying the fundraising event held Friday night at the Beachmont VFW.

MARCH SCHEDULE

MONDAY
5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *
6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2
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.) *
5:30PM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
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.) 263
5:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *
6:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (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
5:15PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *
5:15PM - ZUMBA - VANESSA (45 MIN.) *
6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) *
7:00PM - STEP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) *

THURSDAY
5:30AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *
6:30AM - HIIT - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 3
9:00AM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2
12:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) *
5:25PM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *
6:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
6:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) *

FRIDAY
5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2
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
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SATURDAY
6:30AM - 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 YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) *
9:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
10:00AM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
11:00AM - SPIN - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2 & 3

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