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## NEWS BRIEFS

### SUFFOLK DOWNS TO HOST 4TH ANNUAL DAFFODIL DASH

Looking for a family friendly way to kick-off the Boston Marathon weekend? On Saturday, April 19, The HYM Investment Group LLC (HYM), will host the fourth annual Marathon Daffodil Dash from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Track at Suffolk Downs, in partnership with the Revere Parks and Recreation Department and the Marathon Daffodil Project.

The Marathon Daffodil Project began after the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013 with the yellow daffodil used as a symbol of strength and hope. In commemoration of the 12th anniversary of the Boston Marathon Bombings, The Track at Suffolk Downs will be filled with the "Marathon Daffodils" that line the streets of Boston leading up to the Boston Marathon finish line.

The event will feature three 50-yard dash races for grades K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8. The races will kick off at 10:30 am. Following the races, all participants and families are encouraged to hang out in The Paddock and enjoy snacks from local vendors, face painting, flower crowns, and music by a local DJ.

"We are excited to again partner with the Marathon Daffodil Project and Revere Parks and Recreation for the fourth year of Daffodil Dash at Suffolk Downs."

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## Council to consider special permit for spray foam business on Broadway

By Adam Swift

The city council's zoning subcommittee will take up a special permit request for a change of use at a business at 870 Broadway.

Master Spray Foam Insulation is requesting the special permit to change the current non-conforming use, a commercial garage, to another non-conforming use, a contractor storage yard.

At a public hearing before the full council last week, one resident who lives near the location raised concerns about the current state of the building at 870 Broadway, as well as about noise in the early morning hours and black soot coming from the exhaust system at the top of the building.

The attorney representing Master Spray Foam said the applicant would agree

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## VETS BREAKFAST



Pictured during the Vietnam Veterans Day Breakfast at the Beachmont VFW Mottola Post, Council President and veteran Marc Silvestri, Boston City Councillor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, Donna Dreeszen, Revere VSO Julia Cervantes, Rep. Jessica Giannino of Revere, Rep. Jeff Turco of Winthrop, Winthrop VSO Phil Ronan, Commander Ken Holgersen, Chairman of the Mass. Veterans Services Committee and Everett State Representative Joe McGonagle, veteran Bob Dion, and Ward 2 Councillor and veteran Ira Novoselsky. See more photos on Page 16.

## Body found off Revere Beach

Staff Report

A body was found in the water off Revere Beach late Monday afternoon, according to state police.

Around 5:45 p.m., Mas-

sachusetts State Police responded to a call for an object floating in the water. Police determined the object was a body, and investigators said there was no sign of foul play.

As of Tuesday morning, police had not released any information on the identity of the body or the possible cause of death.

Police did state that there were no threats to the public

as a result of the incident.

As of press time, no further info is available. Please check our website where updates will be posted as they become available.

## Licensing Comm. issues licenses for spring events; addresses Squire incidents

By Journal Staff

The Revere License Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 19, in the City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chair Robert Selevitch and fellow members Dan Occena and Liliana Monroy.

The first item on the agenda was a request from the city for a 1-day Malt/Wine License to be exercised at McMackin Memorial Park, 249 Broadway, on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m.

-3 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, April 27. The event is a Beautify Revere spring cleanup day, followed by a celebration barbecue for the volunteers. The expected attendance is 200.

Rose Burns, the event manager from the mayor's office, presented the application.

Burns said that this is the second annual Beautify Revere event and that Murray's Tavern will be responsible for managing the alcohol.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

Next up was another request for a 1-day Malt/Wine License by the Revere Public Library, 179 Beach Street, for Thursday, April 10, from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for a Books & Brews networking event for small businesses with an expected attendance of 30-40.

Don Martelli, who is on the board of both the library and the Chamber of Commerce, presented the application. He said the event will highlight the resources available to small businesses at the library. Murray's Tavern will host the beer and wine aspect of

the event.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

A third application for a 1-day license came from Let'er Rip, LLC, 649 Squire Road, Nicole Larson, event manager, seeking a 1-day Entertainment License to be exercised in the parking lot at 649 Squire Road, on Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, May 17, for a Bike Show Fundraiser with a DJ and a raffle to benefit a service animal non-profit with an expected attendance of 50-100.

Ms. Larson said that this is the second annual event and that it raised \$2600 for the non-profit organization last year.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

Mario's Mission, Inc., Marissa Todisco, event manager, came before the commission seeking a 1-day Common Victualer & Entertainment License to be exercised on the field at the Susan B. Anthony School on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for the second

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## ANTHONY PARZIALE HOLDS CAMPAIGN KICKOFF RECEPTION FOR COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE

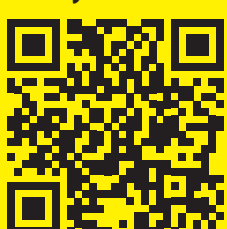


CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Candidate for councillor-at-large Anthony Parziale, with supporters Lorraine "Dreamie" Cioffi (left) and Lorena DiLorenzo (right) at the reception table during his campaign kickoff at the Sand Bar. See more photos on Page 10.

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## Officials release cause of death for Revere women found in Belize

Staff Report

The three Revere women who were found dead in a resort hotel room in Belize in February died from acute carbon monoxide poisoning, according to a joint release from the families of the victims.

The families of 23-year-old Kaoutar Naqqad, 26-year-old Wafae El-Arar, and 26-year-old Imane Malah stated officials with the United States Embassy in Belize informed them last

week that the cause of death for all three was acute carbon monoxide poisoning, likely caused by a faulty water heater.

"While we remain shattered by the loss of these three bright lights in our world, we are incredibly heartened by the results of this investigation and grateful to those who completed it in a thorough and independent manner," the families stated. "We have said since the beginning of

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# Mayor Keefe introduces Revere Power Choice

Competitive pricing to cut electricity costs for residents

Special to the Journal

Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. and the City of Revere are pleased to announce the June launch of Revere Power Choice, a new group electricity buying program for residents and businesses. Participants in Revere Power Choice will have Direct Energy as their electricity supplier and will enjoy 30 months of stable electricity supply prices. The City of Revere joins more than 200 other Massachusetts cities and towns with similar programs, including the nearby cities of Boston, Chelsea, and Malden.

"Introducing a stable, lower-priced option to the electricity market in Revere immediately lowers costs for residents, and leads the way for competitive pricing in the future. I look forward to participating and seeing cumulative savings on my electrical bills in the coming months," said Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr.

Revere Power Choice participants will automatically receive a stable price of 13.760 ¢/kWh for 30 months, which will provide savings at launch of about \$4/month for an average residential household, though future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Participants in Revere Power Choice can also choose to receive 80% of their electricity from renewable sources for 14.200 ¢/kWh, or to receive 100% of their electricity from renewable sources for 15.050 ¢/kWh. Electricity sold in Massachusetts automatically includes 63% from renewable sources.

National Grid remains responsible for delivering

electricity to Revere, addressing power outages, and handling all electricity billing. Revere Power Choice impacts only the electricity supply price on the bill. National Grid's delivery charges are not impacted.

Like all similar programs across the state and in accordance with state law, Revere Power Choice will use an automatic enrollment model. Electricity accounts with National Grid's Basic Service, meaning accounts that do not have a private electricity supply contract, will be eligible for automatic enrollment in Revere Power Choice in June and will see the program price on their July bill. Eligible account holders will receive a notification by mail in early April. Electricity accounts with a private electricity supply contract will not be eligible for automatic enrollment but can enroll in Revere Power Choice by request.

Participation in Revere Power Choice is never required. Electricity customers with accounts eligible for automatic enrollment can choose to opt out before being automatically enrolled if they do not wish to participate. Opt out requests must be submitted by May 12, 2025, to prevent automatic enrollment, but any customer who does participate in Revere Power Choice has the freedom to opt out at any time in the future with no fee or penalty.

Program details will be available in the next few weeks on the program website, [ReverePowerChoice.com](http://ReverePowerChoice.com). Please contact Abderazak Azib with any questions ([aazib@revere.org](mailto:aazib@revere.org)).

## HISTORIC DAY FOR THE EMERSON COLONIAL THEATRE AND BOSTON LYRIC OPERA

Special to the Journal

On March 27, the City of Boston presented a Certificate of Recognition to both the Boston Lyric Opera and the Emerson Colonial Theatre as they commemorate the 80th anniversary of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel pre-Broadway run in the same theatre eighty years ago to the day.

The certificate was presented in the iconic lobby of the theater by Kenny Mascary, Interim Chief of Arts and Culture for Boston. Celebratory comments were provided by Lee Pelton, President of The Boston Foundation, who was very engaged in the reopening of the Emerson Colonial Theatre in 2018 as the President of Emerson College at that time.

In another historic twist, Pelton will be playing a small part in the upcoming Carousel production by the BLO as the Starkeeper.

Catherine Peterson, Executive Director of ArtsBoston, joined the observance, noting that the Colonial Theatre has a storied past, as it was often

the venue for shows in their pre-Broadway runs, which included, not only Carousel, but Oklahoma, Porgy and Bess, and Annie Get Your Gun, among others.

Peterson also shared that March 27 was World Theatre

Day, and in recognition of the Carousel anniversary and of theatre overall, ArtsBoston would be discounting sales of Carousel tickets at BosTix starting from last Thursday for four days to \$19.45, representing the year of its first

opening, as well as offering a 20% additional discount for various other local theatrical events, again through March 30.

The recognition award was accepted on behalf of both entities by Bradley Vernatter, General Director of the Boston Lyric Opera, along with Joey Riddle of Ambassador Theatre Group, manager of the theatre, both of whom shared more history of the theatre, which opened in 1900 and is the oldest continuously operating theater in Boston.

The event closed with Nina Yoshida Nelson, Artistic Director of the BLO and accomplished professional mezzo-soprano, leading the crowd in an enthusiastic rendition of one of Carousel's signature songs, "You'll Never Walk Alone" accompanied on the keyboard by David Angus, the BLO Music Director and conductor for the upcoming Carousel.

Carousel will be performed at the Emerson Colonial on April 4, 6, 11 and 13. Tickets are available at [www.blo.org](http://www.blo.org).



Shown are (Seated) David Angus. Standing (left to right) are Carousel Stage Director Anne Bogart, Lee Pelton, Joey Riddle, Kenny Mascary, Catherine Peterson, Nina Yoshida Nelson, and Brad Vernatter.

## Belize deaths // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

this investigation that their deaths were suspicious and raised concerns about initial reports in the news media. While today's official finding puts to rest those initial reports, we hope this will give authorities in law enforcement pause before they make similar suggestions during future investigations. Survivors such as our families deserve their best, honest work. We received it today but needed it throughout this investiga-

tive process."

The families asked Belize authorities to continue looking into their own practices as well as to how hotel management handled the deaths of the three women. Original statements in the Belize press raised questions about gummies and alcohol supposedly found in the women's hotel room.

"Our families remain incredibly grateful to the outpouring of support we have received from family,

friends, leaders, and loved ones since their passing," the families added. "Our families ask for continued prayers, patience, and privacy as we navigate this unimaginable loss. May their beautiful souls rest in eternal peace. We will forever love and miss you, Kaoutar, Imane, and Wafae."

Mayor Patrick Keefe has pushed for transparency in the investigation of the deaths at the national and international levels.

"The families of Wafae El Arar, Imane Mallah, and Kaoutar Naqqad deserved the truth as they grieve this unimaginable loss," said Keefe. "These young women were valued members of our community, and while the gravity of this tragedy weighs heavily on us all, I am grateful for the diligence of our state and federal partners in ensuring that a proper investigation was conducted and brought the truth to light."

## Spray foam // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

to having inspections of the building by the appropriate city departments to ensure that the building is safe.

"Specifically, what the petitioner is looking for is a place to have his vehicles stored that service his spray foam business," said attorney Joseph Cattoggio. "There are three vans and three box trucks that will be stored overnight on site. There will be no off-street parking involved."

Cattoggio said there are also no changes planned for the existing building on the property.

The only activity that will take place on the property is the loading of the spray foam for offsite jobs in the morning onto the trucks, and the unloading of the trucks at the end of the day.

"There will be no other vehicles, no construction vehicles like backhoes or

tractors, anything of that nature stored on site, and no materials other than those already there for the spray foam business."

Fiske Street resident Jo Gupta, who lives near 870 Broadway, told the council she had several concerns about the proposal.

"First, it has been used as a contractor's storage yard for seven years, and I wonder why that has been allowed, it is supposed to be used as a gas and service station," Gupta said.

Gupta also said that she is woken up at 5:45 a.m. by employees driving to the business and loading the trucks. Additionally, when the business gets a shipment of supplies, an 18-wheeler typically parks on Broadway and blocks Fiske Street, she added.

Gupta raised concerns about the condition of the

building itself, noting it appears that stucco has fallen off the building and that one of the two exhaust systems on the roof regularly discharges black soot.

In addition, Gupta said there are a number of unregistered cars that have been delivered to and stored on the property.

"The permit should not be approved until all the cars are gone, and I don't know why you would approve it if it is not a conforming use," said Gupta.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro said that under the conditions for the new special permit, the only vehicles that will be allowed on the property are the three box trucks and three vans for the company.

"The site will no longer be used for repairs of any kind," he said. "They are only going to be allowed to have these six vehicles that are all owned by the petitioner and used for his spray foam business."

Under the permit, Cogliandro said the hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and that if there are any issues, neighbors could contact the city. He added that the delivery trucks should not block Fiske

Street, and that he wanted to know what was causing the soot from the exhaust system.

Cattoggio said his client would be open to any city inspections to help determine that the building and the site are up to code.

"I've had several calls on this, and I've got to be honest, speaking to the petitioner before the meeting, I think people are going to be happy with what is proposed," said Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, who chairs the zoning subcommittee. "One, there is no on-street parking of any kind and two, it is truly a lesser use. This is not going to be a mechanic's shop, those cars are not going to be there."

Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio said that it would make the most sense to have the fire inspector look at the building and the furnace to make sure there are no outstanding issues with the property.

"At the end of the day, I think we can all agree that this is a better use for this property, we just want to make sure any concerns in the neighborhood are dealt with," said Cogliandro.

# Revere TV

Your Community Source

## SPOTLIGHT

*Students from Northeast Metro Tech in various tech programs have been sharing what they learn in school on RevereTV lately. Most recently, business technology students recorded a short video to share valuable insights on professionalism, career exploration, and workplace communication. From ethics to acing interviews, the tips and skits they share are incredibly helpful for both young professionals and seasoned experts in various fields. Tune in to see these talented students showcase their knowledge and teach you how to navigate the professional world with confidence! This video is now playing on the RTV Community Channel and is posted to YouTube.*

*It came to the RTV staff's attention that a viewer has been hoping to see a cooking show with a recipe for homemade macaroni and cheese. The studio will be on the lookout for a new local chef to feature another recipe on "What's Cooking, Revere?" but in the meantime, an old episode was pulled from the archives. State Senator Lydia Edwards was in the RTV kitchen studio a few years ago and recorded her own episode showcasing her family's macaroni and cheese recipe! For the next few weeks, watch State Senator Lydia Edwards on "What's Cooking, Revere?" on the Community Channel. She uses her grandmother's recipe to make baked macaroni and cheese while discussing her family history. Although it is playing on the channel for the next few weeks, it is and always has been available to view at your convenience on the RevereTV YouTube page.*

*Revere High School Junior Prom was last Friday night! RevereTV was able to stream live from the prom red carpet. This is always hosted by Revere High School teachers. If you missed the live coverage, watch the recording on the Community Channel at various times daily for the next month. Full coverage also remains posted to YouTube.*

*If you see "In the Loop" this week, you'll hear that the City of Revere is partnering with Eastie Farm to make fresh, locally grown food more accessible. Through the farm's Community Supported Agriculture program, members can receive affordable bags filled with fresh fruits, vegetables, and eggs, with the option to purchase using SNAP benefits through DTA. For more information or to sign up, seek out the flyer for this announcement in between programming on RevereTV, on YouTube, and on Instagram. Simply scan the QR code on the flyer.*

*RTV GOV is scheduled with live events and replays of all government meetings. The latest rotation includes the newest from Revere City Council, Appointments Sub-Committee, Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals Sub-Committee, Revere Board of Health, and the RHS Building Committee. Mayor Patrick Keefe's State of the City Address is also playing within the scheduled rotation of replays. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN.*

## Revere City Council Upcoming Meeting Schedule April 2025

- 1 **Monday, April 7, 2025**  
5:00PM | Appointments
- 2 **Monday, April 7, 2025**  
5:15PM | Zoning
- 3 **Monday, April 7, 2025**  
5:30PM | Economic Development
- 4 **Monday, April 7, 2025**  
6:00PM | City Council Meeting
- 5 **Monday, April 28, 2025**  
5:30PM | Zoning
- 6 **Monday, April 28, 2025**  
6:00PM | City Council Meeting

For informational purposes only. Meeting schedule is subject to change upon the call of the Chair. All meetings will be held in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA. Meeting agendas will be posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law on the City's website: [www.revere.org/calendar](http://www.revere.org/calendar).

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# AHTF hears from new subcommittees

By Journal Staff

The Board of Trustees of the Revere Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, March 12, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Joe Gravellese and treasurer Anayo Osueke were on hand for the session, along with fellow board members Lori Manzo, Dean Harris, Matthew Wolfer, and Laila Pietri.

Osueke presented the treasurer's report. He said the AHTF has a balance in its account of \$677,721.71.

The AHTF's two new subcommittees made reports to the full board.

Wolfer presented the report of the Home Ownership Subcommittee. He said the subcommittee discussed the issues of tax title prop-

erties; working with Habitat for Humanity or similar nonprofits; down payment assistance programs; financial incentives for Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) conversions; and looking into market-rate housing conversions.

As to that last issue, Wolfer said the subcommittee discussed the possibility of the trust either directly investing in 2-4 family properties and converting them into affordable condo units or working with private developers to incentivize them to sell one of their units (in a 2-4 unit condo conversion, for example) as a deed-restricted affordable unit.

Gravellese said his initial reaction is that he would favor the latter course of action by setting up a grant program for private developers. He noted that with

the typical cost for a triplex-decker in Revere in the range of about \$1 million, the former course of action is economically infeasible for the AHTF.

Osueke presented the Fundraising Committee's report. "We talked about partnering with the Community Land Trust (CLT), as well creating an inventory of banks in the area to which we could apply for grants," said Osueke.

Gravellese spoke about the issue of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), which now are legal across the state pursuant to a new state law that allows a homeowner to construct an ADU of up to 900 sq. ft. in a single-family residential zoning district.

He noted that the City of Boston offers \$7500 grants for technical assistance and

up to a \$50,000 interest-free loan (to be repaid upon the sale of the property) for homeowners who create an ADU. He also pointed out that Boston provides a city employee who provides advice to homeowners about the process and who oversees the project, though he noted that this is not a possibility in Revere, where the Building Dept. does not have the resources to provide that degree of assistance.

"A loan program is something we may want to prioritize," Gravellese said, "because that could get things moving forward more quickly."

Gravellese provided updates on other programs with which the AHTF is involved:

-- He said that the tax title program, by which the city

will transfer tax title properties to the AHTF, which then will send out RFPs to developers either for proposals to construct affordable housing on the properties or to purchase a property without an affordable housing component (with the proceeds going to the AHTF), is moving ahead before the City Council;

-- He noted that "applications have been light" for the first-time homebuyer program, which recently received an additional \$75,000 infusion from the state. He suggested that the AHTF at its next meeting may want to contribute an additional \$5000 to the program to bring the total to \$80,000 in order to provide for eight, \$10,000 grants.

The city received \$25,000 from the state last year to which the AHTF added an-

other \$25,000. Five applications have been received for the \$10,000 grants, which assist first-time home buyers with their down payments, the high cost of which are the principal barriers to purchasing a home for many; and

-- As for the potential of a senior home repair program, which must be approved by the City Council, Gravellese said, "We're not quite ready to launch this, but we anticipate a huge demand for it." The objective of a senior citizen home repair program is to improve accessibility for seniors (such as constructing ramps) to allow them to "age in place" in their homes. The program would be operated under the auspices of the AHTF.

The board then adjourned until its next meeting.

# "Not a Teenage Love Story"

Story by Marianne Salza

In Vanessa Rindone (Cimino)'s debut novel, "Not a Teenage Love Story," Revere High School Senior, Isabella Martin, struggles as she mistakes possessiveness and control for care and devotion.

"The book follows the life of Isabella Martin, a high school senior that got her first boyfriend and falls in love. But that love soon becomes tragic," reveals Rindone, a life-long Revere resident. "The book aims to shed light on teenage dating violence, so young adults can learn the warning signs of abuse."

As Isabella's new romance intensifies, she begins to drift from closeness she once cherished between her best friends, whose skepticism becomes in-



Author Vanessa Rindone

creasingly more difficult to dismiss.

"My hope for this book is that anyone who is going through Isabella's experience can resonate with the gaslighting, love bombing, or dealing with outside concerns from family and friends," says Rindone. "Understand that they see

what you are blind to."

Rindone hopes that "Not a Teenage Love Story," published in January 2025, will help readers more readily identify the signs of abuse.

"I would love this book to be offered throughout the school system, or even something that can just be talked about," suggests Rindone, a 2010 Revere High School graduate. "I wrote this book as a heterosexual relationship, but dating violence knows no gender."

Rindone referred to reports from the CDC's (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Study among US high school students. The data revealed that one in 12 high school students reported experiencing physical dating violence in the prior year. Another one in 12 identified themselves as

a survivor of physical or sexual violence.

"I began writing this book mostly because I had my daughter in mind. I wanted to write something that could be beneficial – something that could be informative, not just for her, but for every young girl," considers Rindone. "One day my daughter will bring someone home for her father and I to meet; and because she is my daughter, I know that she will be stubborn and protest everything we say. I pray that she will listen to the things we don't approve of, and the things we see that she is too naive to."

Rindone expressed her gratefulness that she can refer her now nearly three-year-old daughter, Olivia, to "Not a Teenage Love Story" when she is of age in hopes

that she will understand.

"I hope that everybody enjoys this book," emphasizes Rindone. "But mostly young teenagers."

Rindone expressed her joy when parents approach her to share that they purchased "Not a Teenage Love Story" to save for their children when they become teenagers. The young adult fiction book is available through Amazon in paperback and e-book.

Rindone, who graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a Master of Business Administration, will be presenting an author reading and book signing event sponsored by HAWC (Healing Abuse Working for Change) and Be the Light Ministry at All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore in October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

# BCBS of Massachusetts to provide free Bluebikes credit for riders affected by 2025 MBTA closures

Special to the Journal

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross"), the title sponsor of Greater Boston's municipally owned bike-sharing system, Bluebikes, is offering

a free \$20 Bluebikes credit to help commuters affected by MBTA service disruptions in 2025. With planned MBTA maintenance work impacting service throughout the year, this initiative provides an additional mo-

bility option for residents across Greater Boston. Fully funded by Blue Cross, this offer underscores its commitment to supporting community access and wellbeing and complements the City of Boston's free unlocks offer tied to select MBTA closures, ensuring riders have flexible, reliable options, including access to ebikes.

Riders can now redeem the free \$20 Bluebikes credit by entering code BLUE-CROSSMAMBT in the "Rewards" section of the Bluebikes App. The credit applies to both pedal and ebike trips and can be used across Bluebikes' 500 stations across 13 municipalities, including Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown. Credits are available while supplies last and must be used by December 31, 2025.

"At Blue Cross, we are committed to providing communities with reliable and flexible transportation options," said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross. "As the title sponsor of Bluebikes, we're proud to provide this free credit to help commuters navigate MBTA closures, while supporting active mobility and wellbeing for our communities."

Bluebikes is municipally owned by 13 cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts and jointly managed by the Cities of Boston, Cam-

bridge, Everett, Somerville, and the Town of Brookline. The system is operated by Lyft and has been supported by Blue Cross as the title sponsor since May 2018.

For more information on Bluebikes, please visit bluebikes.com.

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# Forum

## HAPPY EID AL-FITR

We'd like to take a moment to offer the members of the Muslim community in Revere a "Happy Eid al-Fitr," which was observed this past weekend and continues throughout the week.

Eid al-Fitr, which literally means the "feast (or festival) of breaking the fast," is an Islamic holiday marking the end of Ramadan, the month when devout Muslims fast daily from dawn to sunset.

We know we join with all residents of the city in wishing our Muslim friends and neighbors best wishes and blessings in the year ahead.

## PLASTICS: IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT

We recently wrote about the pervasiveness of plastics not only in our environment, but also in our bodies.

However, as ominous as we thought things were at the time we wrote those words, more-recent revelations by scientists across the globe have revealed that nano-plastics are coursing not only through every tissue and organ in our bodies, but in every living thing on the planet.

Plastics have been found in even the remotest, most pristine areas of the globe -- and are increasing in their concentration year-by-year.

Plastics, which are derived from petroleum, are used in just about everything that we take for granted in modern life. The air we breathe in our homes contains six times more plastic particles than the outside air thanks to the use of chemical plastic products in our clothing, furniture, and rugs.

In short, everything we eat, drink, or use contains plastics.

Some of the recent findings by scientists include the revelation that human brain tissues have been found to have the equivalent of a plastic-spoon's worth of plastic in them, with newer samples containing far more plastic than those from 20 years ago.

In addition, plastics have been found in the human reproductive organs and in breast milk, which means that every child born today is laden with plastic right from birth.

Having plastics in our bodies is bad enough, but it is estimated that the plastics industry uses thousands of chemicals to make its plastic products -- which means that the nanoplastics lodged in our bodies are leaching these chemicals into us as they break down inside us.

Thanks to the vast scope of the problem, no study yet has been able to establish a definitive link between plastics in our bodies and the increase in health issues that have confounded health experts, including the increases in colon cancer in young persons, higher rates of lung cancer among non-smokers, decreased fertility in both men and women, and the increase in auto-immune diseases.

However, given that many of the chemical compounds that are used to make plastics have been found to adversely affect human health, it is not a stretch to believe that the build-up of plastics in our bodies is a major contributor to the health issues that have arisen in recent years.

But here's the really bad news: Plastics in our environment are increasing every year -- and there is nothing any of us can do to decrease our exposure.

## City looks to provide paper visitor parking passes for seniors

By Adam Swift

The city council and the administration are working together to ensure that senior citizens and home healthcare workers have access to physical visitor parking pass placards.

Councillors Joanne McKenna and Juan Pablo Jaramillo originally introduced the motion, which was unanimously approved by the council, asking that the mayor request the Director of Parking to issue paper visitor passes, as opposed to digital visitor passes, for seniors over the age of 65 and healthcare workers.

"Since the parking department went digital, a lot of people, mostly senior citizens, have called me ...

in frustration because they don't know how to get the visitor passes on the computer," said McKenna. "I talked to the mayor and he said he would put this in as a request."

McKenna said when she went to a recent event at the senior center, even more people came up to her and said they had issues getting the visitor passes online.

In addition to talking to the mayor, McKenna said she also spoke to Parking Director Zach Babo about the issue, and that Babo assured her that his department was working on providing the physical visitor parking placards for people over 65.

"If you are 65 and over, you can get a hard copy of the visitor placard," McK-

enna said. "It will probably be in May because they have to tweak the system."

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said she has also been working with the mayor and the parking director about the issue.

"A lot of seniors are not comfortable with or do not have the access to smartphones or computers," she said. "Expecting them to navigate a digital-only system creates unnecessary hardship on them."

Guarino-Sawaya noted that many senior citizens have multiple home health visits from healthcare workers or family each day.

"A paper option serves as a reliable backup for those who face technical difficulties, ensuring equal access to parking passes regardless

of technological ability is a matter of fairness," she said. "Providing a paper option ensures that no one is left behind."

Jaramillo said it's important to make sure all residents in the city have equal access to city services, and that adjustments are made to policies to make sure everyone has that equal access.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky also spoke in favor of the motion.

"I've gotten hundreds and hundreds of calls of people complaining," he said. "I had one person in my own house try it ... and had trouble doing it. I think we have to make it easier for as many people as we can."

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said Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of The HYM Investment Group LLC. "Suffolk Downs is a family-friendly community, welcoming to our neighbors in East Boston and Revere and all residents of Greater Boston. The Boston Marathon is a special day for the Commonwealth, and we look forward to celebrating it at The Track at Suffolk Downs each year."

"The activation of the Track gives us a taste of what's to come from the vibrant, bustling Suffolk Downs neighborhood and green spaces of the future," said Revere Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. "The Daffodil Dash symbolizes yet another successful partnership between the City of Revere and Suffolk Downs, and I am happy to see so many children and families enjoying the space."

The Daffodil Dash is free to attend and open to the public, but registration is required to participate in the race events. Search Marathon Daffodil Dash 2025 on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) to register.

The Track at Suffolk Downs is located at 525 McClellan Highway Boston, MA 02128. Parking is free and available on-site. The Track is also accessible from the MBTA's Suffolk Downs Blue Line station.

On the same day, HYM and the City of Revere will also host the first Spring Pop-Up Market at The Yard @ Beachmont Square, in collaboration with the Revere Beach Farmers Market. It will be the first of three Spring Pop-Up Markets, the others to be held on May 17, and June 21, respectively. Each market will feature farmers and fresh produce vendors, local vendors, food trucks, and giveaways for customers to enjoy. Each market will run from 11 AM to 2 PM at The Yard, located just steps away from Amaya and the MBTA Blue Line's Beachmont Station at 10

Suffolk Downs Blvd., Revere.

For more information on the upcoming Daffodil Dash, Spring Pop-Up Markets and Suffolk Downs, please visit [atsuffolkdowns.com](http://atsuffolkdowns.com).

## LEVY NAMED TO CRWA BOARD

Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) has elected Paul Levy as the president of the nonprofit's board of directors at its annual meeting last Wednesday.



Paul Levy.

"I am thrilled to become the new Board President of Charles River Watershed Association," Levy said. "As someone who has spent a lifetime working at the intersection of environmental policy, public health, and infrastructure, I am honored to join an organization that has been a leader in protecting and restoring the Charles River for six decades."

Levy has served in several leadership positions over the course of five decades: CEO of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Executive Dean for Administration of Harvard Medical School, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), Chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (MDPU), Director of the Arkansas Department of Energy, and Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Energy Policy Office.

At the MWRA, he had primary responsibility for the "Boston Harbor Cleanup," one of the largest pol-

lution control projects in the world. In operating the water transmission system for 46 communities at the MWRA, Levy carried out an aggressive demand management program which decreased water consumption by 15% over a three-year period.

"We are so excited to have Paul Levy stepping up as Board President at this critical juncture," said Executive Director Emily Norton. "Much work remains if we are to achieve a swimmable Charles, yet the law that provides our best leverage -- the Clean Water Act -- is under attack. With his leadership skills and experience, personal and professional networks, and deep subject knowledge from his MWRA days, I could not ask for a better partner as we move ever closer to re-opening beaches for swimming in the Charles!"

## GREATER BOSTON RESIDENTS SHOULD CONTACT ABCD NOW

ABCD urges residents in Greater Boston and the Mystic Valley to review the HEAP eligibility guidelines even if they don't consider themselves low or moderate income and apply where applicable. HEAP benefits are awarded based on household size and annual income. Residents across all income levels have been impacted by this winter's severe cold and tremendous heating prices. For FY25, as much as \$1,500 can be provided in fuel assistance for eligible households.

"A warm home is essential to health and well being," said ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler. "This winter has been unprecedented in terms of heating costs for people at all income levels. We want to help as many people as possible. We can also help with utility bill advocacy to reduce overdue heating utility bills and facilitate communication with service providers."

ABCD HEAP payments are made directly to com-

panies that supply a household's primary heat source for eligible households in Boston, Brookline, Newton and seven communities in the Mystic Valley: Malden, Medford, Everett, Melrose, Stoneham, Winchester and Woburn. Last year, ABCD received nearly 22,000 HEAP applications, which speaks to the need for and the efficacy of the program.

Earlier in March, ABCD Director of Energy Services Andrea Mendoza participated in a roundtable in Washington D.C. convened by Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass) with Massachusetts-based Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) providers, consumer advocates, and national energy assistance organizations to discuss the urgent need to strengthen and expand LIHEAP to better serve families struggling with rising energy costs. Markey is a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

"It was an honor to join Senator Markey's roundtable and discuss the challenges faced by those experiencing energy insecurity," said Mendoza. "We deeply appreciate his unwavering support for LIHEAP and are excited about the reintroduction of his "Heating and Cooling Relief Act." These programs are indispensable in helping to uplift many in our communities and promote a better future for everyone."

More information about HEAP eligibility guidelines and other energy efficiency programs is available at [bostonabcd.org/heat](http://bostonabcd.org/heat). Residents of Boston, Brookline and Newton can apply by calling ABCD at 617-357-6012. Residents of the Mystic Valley region can call ABCD's Malden Fuel Assistance office at 781-322-6284. They can also call their neighborhood center and make an appointment to fill out fuel assistance forms in person. All Massachusetts residents can apply online at [toapply.org/Mass-LIHEAP](http://toapply.org/Mass-LIHEAP)

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# Council okays historical museum as food truck location

By Adam Swift

A change in the city's food truck ordinance could mean more foot traffic for the Revere Historical Society Museum on Beach Street.

Last week, the city council approved a change in the ordinance, allowing for a food truck to park in the museum parking lot at 108 Beach Street from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

According to council leg-

islative affairs Chair Paul Argenzio, the license commission could grant applicants to operate at the location leeway for extended hours at the location.

The legislative affairs subcommittee recommended approval of the ordinance change after several amendments were made to the original motion. The committee agreed to move the start time from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. after there were

some concerns about food trucks causing traffic issues when school was dismissed at the nearby Immaculate Conception school.

In addition, after some councillors raised concerns about the potential use of generators to power the trucks, the council agreed that the food trucks would be able to tap into the city's electrical supply for a nominal fee.

Sewall Street resident Ed

Terrell said he liked the idea of a food truck in the area, but that he did not believe the parking lot of the historical society was the right location.

"The parking lot of the Historical Society is really, really tight and people don't always park in the proper places," he said. "It is very congested, and now we are talking about possibly a five-story building going in where the old 7-11 was."

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said there was some question about whether the historical museum staff wanted to see the food truck in the parking lot.

"The museum does want it, they want more foot traffic and think by having the food truck outside, even for just a few hours, it would generate more foot traffic into the museum so that people know that it is actu-

ally there," she said.

Councillor-at-Large Robert Haas, III said he also spoke to museum staff and that they were in support of the ordinance change.

Haas said his only question about the ordinance change was if there would be a rotating variety of food trucks at the museum.

Argenzio said what food trucks will be at the location will largely be under the purview of the licensing commission.

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annual Sober Bash, which will offer resources for addiction treatment, with an expected attendance of 50-80.

Ms. Todisco told the commissioners that the event was held in Peabody last year and raised \$5000 for charity. She noted that the group wishes to hold the event in Revere this year to be closer to those who live in the sober facility in the area. She noted that there will be tables to bring awareness of recovery resources and added that there will be a food truck and a DJ.

"I truly commend what you're doing and I'm grateful that you are bringing this event to the city," noted Occena.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

The Boston Wounded Vet Run, Steven Ashman, event manager, presented an application for a 1-day Malt/Wine, Common Victualler, & Entertainment License to be exercised at Fredericks Park on Sunday, May 18, from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., for the presentation and ceremony for the Boston Wounded Vet Motorcycle Run. The expected attendance is 2500.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

The city presented the sixth temporary license application of the session for a 1-day Entertainment License to be exercised at Waterfront Square on Sunday, June 29, from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. for DJ, dancing, and performances to cap the fourth annual Revere Beach Pride Celebration with an expected attendance of 2000.

Steven Morabito, the city's DEI coordinator, presented the application.

"This event will mark the end of Pride Month," noted Morabito. "This has been a successful event for the past four years and we hope to continue it this year."

"This is a great event," noted Selevitch.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

The next item on the agenda was an application from Preciado Brothers, LLC, d/b/a La Cantina

2024, 488 Broadway, Omar Preciado, manager, for a change of closing hour from 1 a.m.-2 a.m.

The owners said that other nearby establishments are open until 2:00 a.m. and they wish to be able to show the upcoming World Cup games.

"We've heard nothing but good things about your business," said Occena.

"Last call will be at 1:30 and everyone has to be off the premises by 2:00 a.m. -- this is a residential area," Selevitch reminded the applicants.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

Sereypanha Chhoeurng, d/b/a 4 Season Boba Tea, 196 Shirley Ave., presented an application for a Change of Business Structure for a Common Victualler License from a partnership to a sole proprietorship.

Ms. Chhoeurng said that there will be changes to the current business, other than it will become a sole proprietorship.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

Villadesi, Inc., d/b/a Bagel Bin Deli, 207 Shirley Ave., Hansi Villadesi, manager, presented an application for Common Victualler and Entertainment Licenses with requested hours of operation from Sunday-Saturday 6 a.m.-10 p.m. The requested seating is 50 and the requested entertainment is for radio and TV.

Mr. Villadesi presented the application. He said the newly-resurrected Bagel Bin, a Shirley Ave. institution for decades that was much missed when it closed a few years ago, will offer breakfast, lunch, and pizza in the evening.

"We welcome you back," noted Selevitch.

"We're all excited to have you back," added Occena.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

The commission then conducted two hearings. The first pertained to Squire Revere, LLC, d/b/a Four Points by Sheraton Boston Logan Airport Revere, 407 Squire Road, regarding an

alleged failure "to comply with mandated license requirements and inspection violations."

Fire Lieut. Erin Leary, who serves as the Director of Fire Prevention for the Revere F.D., informed the commissioners of the issues that had held up the issuance of the required permits by the Fire Dept., which in turn led to the Licensing Commission refusing to issue the necessary licenses.

"This was an issue of life safety," said Leary, who noted that fire detectors were found to be bagged and taped, among other issues, which led to the Fire Dept. issuing a cease-and-desist order for the hotel's recent renovation project. She further explained that "there was incompetence across the board" in terms of the failure of management and its contractors to comply with required safety measures.

However, Leary told the commissioners that the establishment is now in compliance and agreed that the commission can issue the necessary licenses.

The commission voted to place the matter "on file," subject to possible problems arising in the future.

The next hearing pertained to MFRP Corp., d/b/a The Squire, 604 Squire Rd, Peter DePesa, manager, into the alleged failure "to provide adequate security, resulting in multiple violent attacks on patrons."

Peter and Robert DePesa appeared on behalf of the Squire.

"We've had some issues relative to the Squire, some fairly violent issues," said Selevitch at the outset of the hearing.

Police Chief David Callahan then addressed the commissioners.

"This has been an issue that has been going on since January, when there were two incidents involving three victims who were critically injured when they were stabbed in the parking lot," said Callahan.

"This is a public safety issue for the general public, the patrons, and first responders," the chief continued. "If it hadn't been for the advanced life support measures provided by the officers at the first incident, there might have been a fatality. In the second incident a few days later, there was another stabbing in which the victim was stabbed in the chest, also requiring significant first aid and care from the first responders."

"This has been an issue that has been going on for a long time and needs to be addressed," said Callahan. "The owners have to be put on notice that we cannot tolerate this. Sometimes we've had to send every available officer there, which is not

fair to the rest of the city. This is a challenging situation that needs to come to some sort of resolution."

Callahan suggested that the commission either roll back the night club's hours or require

a significant law enforcement presence. "Sooner or later, there will be a homicide there," Callahan added.

"The chief's suggestion that there has been something bad going on there for a long time is erroneous," said Robert DePesa, who then described the circumstances of both incidents and presented a different version than what the chief had described. He also noted that there were three police officers (two of whom were on duty) on the premises at the time of the second incident.

"I've been doing this for 35 years and I find it an insult that I do not run an establishment properly. We've always done the right thing and always have cooperated with the police," said Peter DePesa, who told the commissioners that a rollback in hours will put him out of business because of the substantial income the Squire earns in the late hours of the night.

"This is the first incident we've had in over two years.

We cannot control people's tempers," he concluded.

"We have not had incidents inside the club," added Robert DePesa. "We work well together with the police detail officers."

"We need to come up with some kind of solution," said Selevitch, who then asked Callahan about the deployment of the details.

"You need someone, maybe two, inside, and one outside," said Callahan.

"I've read significant police reports that indicate that the level of violence is escalating," said Occena, who noted that the business owes \$18,000 in past-due detail bills. "It falls on the ownership, not the Revere P.D., to take measures to ensure the safety of your patrons. Your position about this is unacceptable. You need more officers."

"We try to run a very safe environment," responded Robert DePesa, who said that an issue has arisen with detail officers leaving early. "We've reached out to the police, but all we get back is, 'You need more details'."

"You need a security operation that gets out in front of these situations," said Selevitch, who suggested that a detail officer be assigned to the parking lot in a marked cruiser and that the

establishment also send its own security personnel into the parking lot (though the DePesas noted that the police had asked them not to do so previously).

After a brief recess, Callahan told the commissioners that after discussing the situation with the owners, the parties agreed that the police department will not provide detail officers in the future. The Squire will provide its own security on the premises, including the parking lot.

Selevitch asked the DePesas to provide the commission with a security plan and the name of the security company, with the matter to be taken up at the next meeting of the commission.

The commission received one communication during the month pertaining to the surrender of an All Alcohol Restaurant license from Seas The Day Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Seas The Day Restaurant.

There was one license renewal, for a Parking Lot License for Rockwal Realty Trust, 1380 North Shore Road.

The next meeting of the commission is set for April 16.

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Balaj, Gresa	Armand Caruso RET	21 Bellevue Ave #1	\$700,000
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# Rep. Giannino attends the Boston Area Student Innovation Conference at RHS

Special to the Journal

Last week, student senate members from Revere, Somerville, and Salem welcomed Jessica Giannino, Revere State Representative and former student at Revere High School, to discuss government and community issues during the Boston Area Student Innovation (BASICS) Conference at the high school.

With student senators from Revere and CityLab High Schools, as well as student senators from the surrounding communities, Rep. Giannino discussed her journey from high school to Salem State University that culminated with her being elected to the Revere City Council at 18 years old, then as Revere's state representative in 2020. This trajectory, said Giannino, has shaped her political and world views and given her a unique perspective when it comes to city, state, and federal politics.

Giannino told the student senate members present at the conference that her primary focus since being elected to state politics has been on economic growth, workforce development, and cutting-edge research in Massachusetts. However,

she emphasized the importance of 'collaboration', especially in this divided political climate nationwide.



Revere State Representative Jessica Giannino discussed her journey from high school to the state house and the importance of making lasting, supportive relationships along the way. She cautioned students that having disagreements politically doesn't mean you need to end relationships and urged the students to engage in political discourse with respect that moves towards collaboration.

"Politics, especially federally, has become so divisive," Giannino told the students. "It has become all too common that bullying is okay and that treating people with disrespect is

acceptable, and adults have made that commonplace. I think until we get back to basic common courtesy, respecting each other again, listening to each other again, and respecting other opinions again this divisiveness will continue to exist."

Giannino cautioned students that having disagreements politically doesn't mean you need to end relationships and urged the students to engage in political discourse with respect that moves towards collaboration.

"We've created the kind of divisive environment where people will not talk to each other because they disagree on one policy, or a vote, or a candidate, and it's created so much animosity and so much stress and so much anger," she said. "As a country, you can feel it, you can physically feel it, and I think it's taking its toll on a lot of people. It's just so exhausting."

Giannino gave some insight to the student government leaders on how she copes.

"So, there are things that we can control and things that we can't, and every day, I kind of have to wake

up and center myself and look at what is in my control and what is not," she said. "What is in my control is how I treat people and how I receive feedback. So, I think just by starting at that most basic level of just going back to having better conversations, sharing more respect, and listening to each other is how I try and approach my political career."

This after all, said Giannino, is what politics should be about—collaboration.

"So, when we sit down as legislators and talk about things that are important to our communities, we kind of sit in a room just like this and brainstorm what pieces of legislation are impacting our district, and then come up with a plan on how to present them to the Speaker of the House and House leadership in terms of what we want to accomplish. It is exactly what you students are doing today but on a bigger scale."

Giannino went on, "So I love to see this collaboration between Revere, Somerville, and Salem and to see students working collaboratively towards a common goal. As I said, a big



Revere State Representative Jessica Giannino at the Boston Area Student Innovation (BASICS) Conference at Revere High School.

part of my job and politics is sitting down with your colleagues and saying, "I have a great bill or a great idea for a new initiative that could be beneficial to Revere but may be beneficial to your constituents as well. I grew up in Revere but now I have friends and colleagues that live in Ludlow and Fitchburg and Clinton and all over the state."

Giannino told the students that being involved in student government is a great way to meet new friends and gain a new and different perspective.

"You'll meet friends from all over the state, which I think, growing up in the greater Boston area, we kind of become very sheltered, and we stay in our bubbles," she said.

In closing Giannino reflected on the importance of a supportive community and strong relationships formed during one's high school years. She highlighted the role of teachers as mentors and the enduring friendships made, which will remain significant even as the students present have pursued diverse paths in life.

"RHS gave me the foundation to do what I wanted to do because it gave me a good support system," she said. "I knew at the end of the day that I had in my community awesome teachers that I could always go to. I think if every one of you have at least one teacher that you can go to and talk to about life, that's so important, I knew I always did when I was here."

Giannino added, "If it was a problem I was having at home if it was a problem I was having with friends in the classroom, I always knew there was someone else that I could talk to and that support system was huge for me. Also, the friends that I had growing up gave me an incredible support system, I think those real, genuine connections that you make in high school and investing in those relationships is so important. But I think that's what makes me very different, and I hope that's what makes your community different. At the end of the day, every relationship you have in your life is a reflection of the effort you put into it."



Revere High School Student Senate member Erta Ismahili.



Members of Revere High School's Student Senate during the Boston Area Student Innovation (BASICS) Conference at Revere High School.

**KEEFE**  
MAYOR

## Eid Al-Fitr Mubarak

*Eid Mubarak!*  
*Wishing all our friends who celebrate a happy Eid al-Fitr*

May the spirit of Eid inspire us to work together for a brighter future for Revere, filled with understanding

**Lydia Edwards**  
State Senator

Eid Mubarak! May this holiday reinforce our unity and shared values.

State Rep.  
**Jeffrey R. Turco & Family**

Eid Mubarak! Let us celebrate the spirit of compassion and togetherness that makes Revere special.

**Juan Pablo Jaramillo**  
City Councillor-at-Large & Family

Happy Eid to all in Revere Wishing everyone a peaceful and blessed celebration.

**Anthony T. Zambuto**  
Councillor-at-Large

Eid Mubarak! Let's celebrate the values of community and togetherness that make Revere a wonderful place to live.

**Joanne McKenna**  
Candidate for Councillor-at-Large

Eid greetings to Revere. Let's build on our community's strength.

**Ira Novoselsky**  
Ward 2 City Councillor

Happy Eid! let's remember the importance of empathy and kindness, values that unite us all in Revere.

**Paul Argenzio**  
Ward 4 Councillor

Eid reminds us of the power of community. May this celebration bring happiness and prosperity across Revere.

**Bob Haas**  
Councillor-at-Large

Wishing Revere a joyous Eid filled with peace and unity. May this celebration strengthen the bonds of our community.

**Anthony Caggiano**  
Revere School & Northeast Vocational School Committee

Eid Mubarak to all in Revere!

**Chris Giannino**  
Ward 6 Councillor

On this blessed occasion of Eid, let's embrace our diversity and celebrate the shared values that make Revere strong.

**John Kingston**  
Revere School Committee

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## OBITUARIES

### Marie Giusti

A beautiful woman, inside and out;  
Miss East Boston of 1950

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere today, Wednesday, April 2nd from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., for Marie C. (Russo) Giusti who passed away peacefully on March 29th, just days after celebrating her 92nd birthday. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m., followed by entombment in the Holy Cross Cemetery - Community Mausoleum, Malden.

Marie was born in Boston's North End and raised in East Boston. After marrying Robert Giusti, they settled in Revere. Marie loved to be surrounded by family and friends and was truly a beautiful woman inside and out. She was awarded the Miss East Boston title in 1950.



Marie made friends everywhere she went and her co-workers over the years became close friends. For a number of years, they enjoyed yearly trips to St. Maarten together. Marie will be missed by her family and friends and leaves behind beautiful memories for all to share.

She was the loving daughter of the late Sebastiano and Maria (Costa) Russo, beloved wife of the late Robert J. Giusti, devoted mother of Dennis Odoardi and his wife, Cheryl of Revere and the late Richard D. Odoardi; cherished grandmother of Ricky Odoardi of California, Tanya Merchant of Everett, Katrina Odoardi of Fall River and cherished great grandmother of several great grandchildren; the dear sister of Josephine Diminico of Milford, Philip Russo of Stoneham, Edward Russo and his wife, Louise of Oklahoma, the late Salvatore "Sammy" Russo and his

late wife, Patricia "Patty" Russo and the late Richard S. Russo and his wife, Joann of Revere. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews, and the adored great aunt of Richard, Aria, Ava and Aella Russo, whom she cherished.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com).

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

### James P. Hickey

Of East Boston, formerly of Revere

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Monday, March 31 in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for James P. Hickey, who passed away on March 21st at 66 years of age. A Funeral Service was conducted in the Funeral Home followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery. Everett.

The son of the late George M. and Frances W. Hickey and the devoted father of the late James "Jimbo" Cinnelli; dear brother of Joseph Hickey, Linda Hickey, Barbara Hickey-Gibalski, Judy Hickey-Panzini, Michael Hickey, George Hickey and his wife, Brenda and the late Thomas Hickey. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

James was a Revere na-



tive and has been residing in East Boston for the past several years. He was well known as working security at BK's on Revere Beach for many years. A job he thoroughly enjoyed and where he made many friendships.

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### John D. Clifford

Korean War Vet

John D. Clifford of Winthrop, formally of Revere, passed away on Wednesday, March 19, at the age of 92. John was a Korean War Veteran who fought on the front lines and came home with a silver medal.

John was the beloved husband of the late Lucy "Babes" Clifford. Loving father of sons, John D. Clifford Jr. and late wife Patricia and Leonard Clifford and daughters, Marylou Clifford and long-time partner Michael Dalli and Lisa Clifford. Loving brother of Robert Clifford, Florence Dixon and Ed Clifford. Loving grandfather to John D. Clifford, III and his wife



Shannon, Patrick Clifford and his wife Amanda, Richard Morton and his wife Diana, Gina Marie Clifford and her partner Mike Robles. Great grandfather to Jackson Clifford. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services are private at his request.

### Happy 33<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Brandon Anthony (Terminiello) Cotto

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Your time with us was short, but you remain forever young in the hearts of all those who love you.

Rest in peace angel, and watch over your family, your mom Jennifer, dad Edgar, sister Ashley and niece Luna Nova, rest peacefully with your great grandparents, we all miss you and will love you forever.

Until we meet again.

### REVERE Through the Years



Shown in 1981 are the McKinley School Science Fair winners. In the first row, left to right, Michele Hayes, Melissa Dragani, Tracey Fantasia, Nicole Amara, Timothy Bernard, Tracey DeMartino, Kathleen Donahue, Tracey Anderson, and Michele Ciarcia. In the second row, left to right, Mrs. E. Ferrara, Principal, Michele Butt and Mary McCoy.

#### 10 years ago March 28, 2015

Owners of the Wonderland Ballroom have retained a broker and are marketing the property actively, with residential transit-orient-

#### 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 givest 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.

ed development as a focus. TR Advisors of Boston has been retained as the broker for the Wonderland Ballroom site, as plans for the once-talked-about 196-room hotel for the site have been abandoned.

The School Committee has ratified the contract for Assistant Superintendent Dianne Kelly, paving the way for her to take over as Revere's Superintendent of Schools on July 1, succeeding Paul Dakin.

Furious 7 and Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 20 years ago April 6, 2005

Revere Catholics and members of all faiths around the world are mourning the passing of Pope John Paul II this past weekend. Many local Catholics recall the Pope's visit to Boston on a rainy day in 1979.

City officials are lobbying state officials for passage of a surcharge on rental vehicles of \$10 per vehicle that could generate up to \$500,000 annually for the

city

Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the city's bond rating from Baa3 to Baa2, the first upgrade for the city since the 1980s.

Three persons from Chelsea and Revere have been arrested in connection with a knock-off handbag and jewelry ring that featured fake Prada, Coach, and Fendi items.

Fever Pitch, Miss Congeniality 2, and The Upside of Anger are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 30 years ago April 6, 1995

The City Council has passed a new ordinance aimed at vendors who sell tobacco products to underage purchasers with a six-month suspension for a fourth offense and a revocation of a license for a fifth offense.

RHS Principal William McAluff has recommended the expulsion of a 17 year-old female student who had stabbed three sophomore male students with a two-inch pin.

Acts of theft and vandalism at the RHS soccer field continued unabated this week.

A group of Ward 6 residents opposed to the proposed Stop and Shop shopping plaza at Wonderland have appealed a decision of the Conservation Commission allowing the project to go forward with conditions.

Four reputed members of the Patriarca crime family, three of whom are over the age of 73 and three of whom are from Revere, are expected to plead guilty to racke-

teering charges in federal district court.

The Fiesta Shows Carnival opened this week and will continue through April 16 at the Showcase Cinemas parking lot.

A Goofy Movie, Born to be Wild, and Dolores Claiborne are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 40 years ago April 3, 1985

Mayor George V. Colella has labeled as "unfunda-ble and unacceptable" a report by the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell that calls for a school budget of \$15,715,000 which Colella says is \$2 million more than the city can afford.

The six Revere police officers who have been accused of looting a CVS store after they responded to a burglar alarm have been returned to active duty, but still may face a grand jury inquiry. Mayor George V. Colella has ordered that none of the six may return to street duty until the criminal investigation is completed.

In another possible police scandal, Colella has ordered 13 officers who took the Civil Service exam for sergeant in 1983 to take a polygraph exam in the wake of a sensational news story by the Boston Globe reporting that Revere police officers who took the exam scored unusually high marks.

The City Council voted to assess commercial property at the highest possible rates, which should benefit

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## OBITUARIES

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residential property owners. City residents are mourning the passing of former Fire Chief Alfred H. Long who served as chief from 1962-69. Long, who was 80, was appointed to the Fire Dept. in 1938.

King David, Police Academy 2, and The Care Bears Movie are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago April 2, 1975

Mayor William G. Reinstein has submitted a record-high budget of \$24,498,644, an increase over this past year of \$1.6 million. If approved by the City Council, it will mean a tax hike of \$16.00.

The annual field day to clean up McMackin Little League Field is set for this Saturday.

City Councillor William P. DiCarlo has proposed that the Police Department institute motorcycle patrols to combat crime in the city. A group of 200 persons who recently attended a Community Action Night with Mayor Reinstein in Ward 2 cited the city's high crime rate as their biggest concern.

Nick Capano of the Motolo VFW Post is the new President of the Revere Council of Organizations.

Harry and Tonto is playing at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

60 years ago April 8, 1965

The Board of Health has informed the owner of the lot at 222 Winthrop Ave. to remove the debris from the site where the building was demolished. Fire Chief Alfred Long also told the property owner that it presents a serious fire hazard to the nearby adjacent homes and the Centre School.

Former School Committeewoman Mrs. Mary F. Babcock, who served on the committee in the 1940s, died this week at the age of 67. Mrs. Babcock was a former teacher who also served as secretary of the Youth Commission in the 1950s.

Eight year-old George Brutto is being labeled as a hero for his efforts in alerting his parents to the smell of smoke at 2:06 a.m. in their three-story wooden apartment building at 362 Winthrop Ave. Thanks to George's alertness, 16 persons, including 10 children, safely made their escape from the three-alarm inferno that engulfed the structure.

Irwin Cohen, proprietor of Broadway Card and Stationers, is the new President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Roger More is the new President of the Revere Babe Ruth League.

Samuel G. Saval is the new President of the Brotherhood of Congregation Tifereth Israel.

Bette Davis and Olivia DeHavilland star in Hush, Hush Sweet Charlotte at the Revere Theatre. Peter O'Toole and Richard Burton star in Becket at the Revere Drive In.

70 years ago April 7, 1955

City Manager Edward P. O'Toole has put out to bid the contract for the construction of the city's first off-street parking area in proximity to the Broadway shopping district on land between Central Ave. and

Sprague St. The lot will hold 150 cars.

City officials say they are not satisfied with the city's Clean-Up, Paint-Up campaign.

Louis B. Fox, chairman of the local cancer campaign, reports that the 1955 drive is on target to set a new record.

The MDC has agreed to re-sand Short Beach in time for the coming summer season thanks to the efforts of City Councillor Frederick Reinstein.

More than 40 speakers in different vocations addressed a crowd of 540 students and their parents at Career Day held at Revere High this week.

Easter eggs will be given to all children Saturday and Sunday at the Revere Drive In Theatre, which is showing New York Confidential, starring Broderick Crawford and Anne Bancroft. At the Revere Theatre, Marlon Brando, Rod Steiger, and Eva Marie Saint star in On the Waterfront.

80 years ago April 5, 1945

The War Dept. brought the sad news to Mrs. Carrie Allen of 52 Shirley Ave. that her son, Sgt. William E. Allen, 29, of the U.S. Army, was killed in action March 14 on Luzon in the Philippines. He had been reported as missing in action a week earlier. He had been wounded four times prior to his death and had been home on a 30-day furlough last Christmas. A well-known ballplayer with the Revere Pals, Sgt. Allen was a pitcher who could pitch with either hand. In addition to his mother, he leaves his wife, two brothers, and five sisters.

Two Revere soldiers, 2nd Lieut. Nathan Solomon, 26, of the Army Air Forces and Pfc. Edward Majewski, 26, who previously had been reported as missing in action, now have been reported as prisoners of the Germans.

The toll of war in the city continued to increase with the news that John Mastracci, chief cook aboard the Liberty ship Henry Bacon, was among the 15 merchant seamen who gave their lives transporting 19 Norwegian refugees to England when the Bacon was blasted by German planes a few weeks ago. The Bacon became separated from its convoy in heavy fog and was targeted by the Germans. The Norwegians were among several hundred persons being evacuated to England.

The City Council has passed an ordinance requiring clam diggers to obtain a permit from the Board of Health. The council took the action to save the depleted local shellfish beds.

Pfc. Joseph W. DiCarlo has been awarded the Bronze Star for his role in helping evacuate 45 wounded soldiers during the German counteroffensive in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. DiCarlo worked for four days and nights without sleep until he no longer could continue because his feet were frozen. DiCarlo, the treasurer of his class of 1941 at Revere High, entered the Army while attending Harvard College in 1943.

Hedy Lamarr and Paul Lukas star in Experiment Perilous at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

Local man sentenced to nine years in prison for armed robberies in Revere and Everett

Staff Report

A Revere man was sentenced last week in federal court in Boston for the armed robberies of two Boston-area convenience stores in less than one week.

Jaquan Barrows, 27, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns to nine years in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release.

In December 2024, Barrows pleaded guilty to two counts of robbery interfering with interstate commerce, commonly referred to as Hobbs Act robbery, and

one count of using and brandishing a firearm during and in relation to, and in furtherance of a crime of violence. In April 2024, Barrows was charged by criminal complaint.

On the morning of March 29, 2024, a male wearing a mask, dark clothing and an orange safety vest entered a Revere convenience store brandishing a handgun. The suspect walked behind the counter, demanded cash from the cash register drawer, additional cash and a cell phone from the store clerk. The suspect struck the clerk

in the head with the firearm, took an ice cream bar from a store freezer and fled the scene.

Less than one week later, on the morning of April 4, 2024, a male wearing a black mask and dark clothing entered an Everett convenience store and appeared to be shopping. After being asked to pay for his items, the suspect brandished a handgun, pointed it at the store clerk and demanded cash from the cash register drawer and fled the scene.

A subsequent investigation identified a Honda Pi-

lot captured in the vicinity of the Revere convenience store. The vehicle was registered to an individual who resided with Barrows. Surveillance footage obtained from the Revere convenience store and from Barrows' residence showed Barrows wearing clothing similar to the robber. During a search of Barrows' residence on April 4, 2024, clothing items matching the robber from the Revere robbery, as well as a handgun were found. Barrows was immediately taken into custody.

Crossword Puzzle

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-57 indicating starting positions for clues.

ACROSS

- 1 Pond coating
5 Fast drivers
15 Sushi choice
16 Film, music, etc. combined
17 Gets off track
18 State of apprehension
19 Holiday preludes
20 605
21 Large scholarly books
22 Capital of North Carolina
24 Absolute
26 July 26th honoree
27 Twosomes
28 Sound dampener
29 Part of FDIC
30 Mil. watchdog grp.
33 Rocky ridge
34 They: Fr.
35 Luster
37 Composer Rorem
38 Out of work
39 Purify
40 Market figures
42 Hindu mystic writings
43 Finger pointer
46 More impetuous
47 Sinatra song, " \_ Life"
48 Our star
49 Comic Laurel
50 Chief constituent of hardened carbon tool steels
53 Creative inspiration
54 Capillary connections
55 Lemon drinks
56 Football lineman
57 Cozy home

DOWN

- 1 Guy at the helm
2 Bent state
3 Incidental
4 "Thais" composer
5 Ink mark
6 Mixed drink
7 Hgt.
8 Schedule info
9 Roman Pluto
10 One inflicting heavy blows
11 Mortise mates
12 Botanical swelling
13 Stairway piece
14 Impudent

- 23 With reference to
24 Analyze syntactically
25 Rim
27 Straw votes
29 Apple juice
30 Freedom from doubt
31 Removes lubrication
32 Sincerely
35 Hot tubs
36 Master of foxhounds
38 Land in the Seine?
40 Ritual suicide of Hinduism
41 Put forward
42 "Honor Thy Father" author
43 Universal soul of Hinduism
44 "Chico and the Man" co-star
45 Golfers' vehicles
46 Monopoly item
48 Smooth comparative

51 Actress Long
52 Org.

Completed crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

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### ANTHONY PARZIALE HOLDS CAMPAIGN KICKOFF RECEPTION FOR COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE

Cary Shuman photos

Anthony Parziale officially kicked off his candidacy for a councilor-at-large position on the Revere City Council before a large crowd of supporters March 27 at the Sand Bar, 381 Revere Beach Boulevard.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro introduced the city officials in attendance and then focused his remarks on Parziale and his quest for one of the five at-large seats in this fall's election.

"When I think about Anthony, there's three things that come to mind: honesty - I have never known Anthony to say something and

not do it. I can always rely on him to give me an honest answer," Cogliandro told the gathering.

"The second thing is courage. Anthony is not afraid telling people how he feels. He's never been afraid to tell people like it is, either," continued Cogliandro.

"And the third thing is work ethic, and this is most important for me. Anthony started out in the last campaign two years ago. He worked incredibly hard. He did it with very little, but he gained so much ground. He actually came in sixth place; he almost made it. And he

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Councillor-at-Large candidate Anthony Parziale and Revere Commission on Disabilities Chair Ralph DeCicco.



Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, candidate Anthony Parziale, Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio, and School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano.



Nicole DiBenedetto, Michael LaBerge, candidate Anthony Parziale, and Cherise Pesce.



Anthony Parziale, with former School Committeeman Dan Maguire, Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino, and Apollo Almeida (front).



Anthony Parziale is set to deliver his remarks at his campaign kickoff reception March 27 at the Sandbar.



Councillor-at-Large candidate Anthony Parziale welcomes Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto to the campaign kickoff reception.



Candidate for councillor-at-large Anthony Parziale greets supporter Paula Weiner at his campaign kickoff reception at the Sandbar.



Candidate for Revere councillor-at-large Anthony Parziale joins Republican City and State Committee members and friends, including Anthony Zambuto, Joseph Steffano, Vera Carducci, Paul Ronukaitus, Joyce Kelly, and Paul Caruccio, for a show of support at the campaign kickoff reception.

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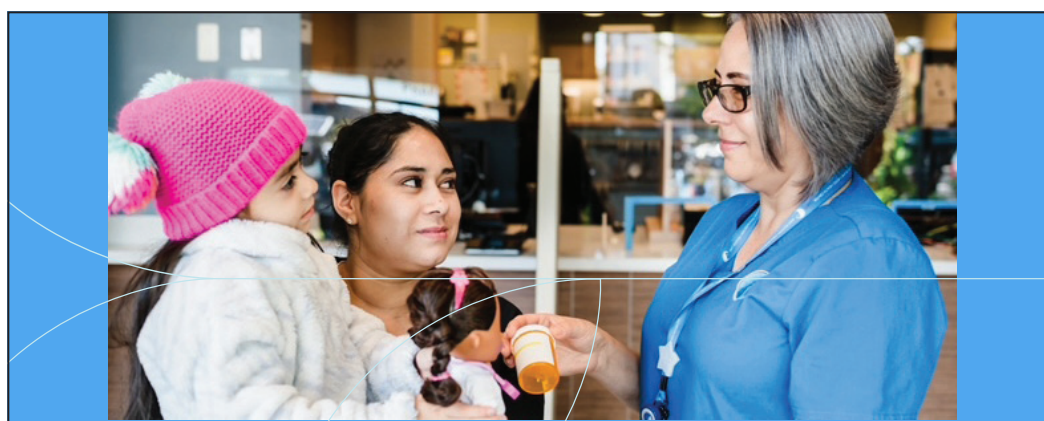
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## Sports

### RHS ROUNDUP

#### RHS GIRLS TRACK SEEKS TO RESUME GBL DOMINANCE IN OUTDOOR SEASON

The Revere High girls track and field team will be seeking to pick up where it left off in the indoor season when coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli and her crew open their 2025 outdoor campaign with a tri-meet this Monday against a pair of Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals at Harry Della Russo Stadium.

The Lady Patriots accomplished a clean sweep of the GBL in the indoor season, compiling a 7-0 dual-meet record vs. their seven GBL opponents and then winning the league championship meet, led by the duo of senior captain Liv Yuong, who won three events (the high jump, long jump, and 55 hurdles) to score 30 points and junior Gemma Stamatopoulos, who scored 26 points (first in the 600 and two-mile and a third in the high jump).

The post-season accolades poured in for the Lady Patriots, with Stamatopoulos leading the way by being named the GBL Co-Track Athlete of the Year.

"This was an extremely well-deserved honor considering all of Gemma's amazing feats this indoor season," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. Stamatopoulos's remarkable accomplishments in the indoor season included:

- Undefeated GBL Champion in the 600m
- GBL Champion in the 2-Mile
- Third place finish at GBL Championships in the high jump
- School record in the 600m (1:42.08)
- School record in the 800m (2:28.29)
- School record in the Sprint Medley Relay (4:35.23)
- School record in the Distance Medley Relay (14:10.67)
- School record in the High Jump Relay
- A clocking of 3:10.49 in the 1000, which was less than one second off the school record;
- Ninth-place finisher in the MIAA Division 1 State Meet in the 600m.

"Gemma is one of the most versatile athletes I have ever had the pleasure of coaching," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Every single coach in the GBL knows that Gemma is a threat in every single event she competes in."

"She is fiercely competitive and is admired by every single one of her teammates," her coach added. "Gemma approaches every practice and meet with a goal to not only better herself, but everyone around her. We are so happy to see that all of her hard work and dedication is being recognized within the league."

Stamatopoulos also competed in the MSTCA Pen-

#### REVERE MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFIED BASKETBALL TEAM AT MARCH MADNESS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL



Coach Kyle Mailey with the Revere Middle School Unified basketball Team. Front row: Leonardo Licata, Brandon Maldonado, Noran Morad, and Bella Corao. Back row: Sophia Queen, Ian DePena, Coach Mailey, Adrian Gominquez, Giovanna Conceicao, Mario Marengo, and Jaedan Wixou. See more photos on Page 12.

athlon. The highlight of the meet came in the fifth and final event of the day when Stamatopoulos broke the RHS school record in the 800m race with a time of 2:28.29. This broke the old record previously set in

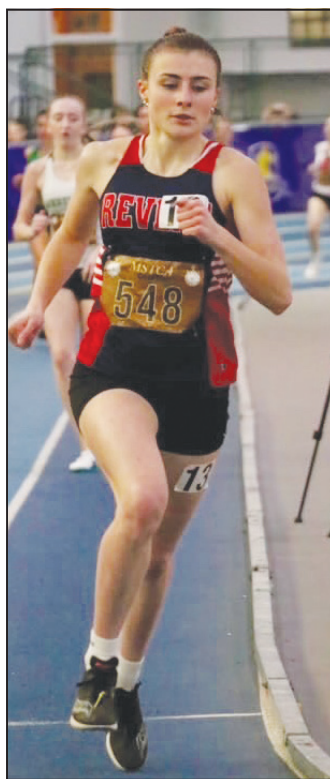
2018 by Hannah Fitzpatrick by 0.21 seconds.

"This incredible race happened after Gemma had already completed the four other events (55m hurdles, HJ, LJ, and shotput) and had been competing for a total

of four and one-half hours," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Even after this long day, Gemma was determined to break this school record, knowing that she would have to lead the race from the start. The closest com-

petitor in Gemma's 800m heat only ran a 2:40, which put Gemma a full 10 seconds ahead of the pack. I cannot express how difficult it is to lead an 800 for the full four laps and only rely

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Revere High junior Gemma Stamatopoulos, who was named the GBL Co-Athlete of the Year for the 2025 indoor track season, will be looking to lead the Lady Patriots to a GBL outdoor track title this spring.

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## REVERE MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFIED BASKETBALL TEAM AT MARCH MADNESS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL

Last week Everett High School hosted the March Madness Middle School Basketball Championship games.

The Revere Unified Team was narrowly defeated by two points by Everett in a terrific game for both teams to remember a long time.



Noran Morad with a layup for the Patriots.



The RHS Lady Patriot Softball Team was at EHS to cheer in the Unified Basketball Team.



Sophia Queen making a pass to a teammate.



Brandon Maldonado goes in for a shot.



Bella Corao grabs a rebound.

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on your own pacing. It calls for not only incredible fitness, but also a really tough mentality."

The second place finish in the 800m added 714 points to Stamatopoulos's total score of 2131, which was good for 62nd place overall out of 150 competitors.

"This was not bad for her first time," noted MacDonald-Ciambelli.

Senior Captain Ashley Cabrera Rodrigues also

competed in the MSTCA pentathlon and scored 1325 points overall for a 133rd finish. Ashley's best event of the day was the 55m hurdles, where she ran a 10.4.

In addition to Stamatopoulos, nine Lady Patriots were named GBL-all stars: Liv Yuong, Olivia Rupp, Gigi Zierten, Zizi Kalliavas, Gianna Chiodi, Danni Hope Randall, Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez, Rania Hamdani, and Fran-

coise Kodjo.

MacDonald-Ciambelli and her crew will face all seven (Lynn Classical, Lynn English, Everett, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, and Somerville) of their GBL foes this spring in dual-meet/tri-meet formats. Members of the team also will compete in the usual state and coaches qualifying and invitational meets throughout the spring.

### RHS SOFTBALL TEAM READY FOR SEASON-OPENER

The Revere High softball team will open its 2025 season this Friday when coach Megan O'Donnell and her crew travel to non-league opponent Northeast Regional.

"We have a lot of returners coming back this season and a few new players this year," said O'Donnell,

whose squad will be led by a quartet of senior captains, Lea Doucette, Jordan Martelli, Frankie Reed, and Brianna Miranda. "We have junior Danni Randall back on the mound with Shayna Smith behind the plate and they are great together.

"Sophomores Anna Doucette and Caleigh Joyce are looking to have a big season in new roles and we are looking for Lea Doucette, Frankie Reed, Jordan Martelli, and Brianna Miranda to have a big year at the plate," O'Donnell continued.

"Freshman Zizi Kalliavas and Valentina Cruz Martinez are going to be great additions to the team because they can play anywhere and will help the team to win. We also have freshman Michelle Pineda and senior Lindsay Pineda, who are both utility players and who will add to our team's depth," the coach added.

Rounding out the varsity roster are seniors Marisella D'Amelio and Zuhey Pastana.

The Lady Patriots scrimmaged East Boston last Tuesday and won 18-9.

"We started off slowly, but our bats came alive in the second inning with big hits from Frankie Reed, Brianna Miranda, Shayna Smith, Valentina Cruz, and Jordan Martelli," said O'Donnell. "Caleigh Joyce and Danni Randall both spilt time on the mound."

The Lady Patriots will meet their seven Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals (Lynn Classical, Lynn English, Everett, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, and Somerville) twice each and will take on three non-league opponents, Northeast, Whittier Tech, and East Boston twice each to round out their 20-game schedule.

The Lady Patriots will host Lynn English at the field at St. Mary's next Monday at 4:15 and will travel to Medford next Wednesday.

"We are looking forward to this season and are looking to turn heads in the GBL," added O'Donnell.

### RHS BASEBALL TEAM OPENS 2025 SEASON

The Revere High base-

ball team was scheduled to open its 2025 season yesterday (Tuesday) with a contest against non-league opponent Beverly.

Coach Sebastian Salbo and his crew will compete in an 18-game season consisting of two contests each against their seven Greater Boston League rivals (Lynn Classical, Lynn English, Everett, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, and Somerville) and four contests vs. non-league foes Beverly, Northeast Regional (2), and Peabody.

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

### RHS GIRLS LACROSSE OPENS SEASON THIS WEEK

The Revere High girls lacrosse team opened its 2025 season yesterday (Tuesday) with a contest against Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Malden.

"We had our first scrimmage against Salem this past Thursday and the girls are really excited to start the season," said head coach Amy Rotger, whose 2025 squad will be led by senior captains Jayla Foster and Naomi Tadele. "We are excited with the improvement we've seen since last season and are excited to see what the season brings."

Rotger and her crew will travel to GBL foe Medford tomorrow (Thursday) and will entertain non-league opponent Waltham next Monday. They will trek to GBL rival Somerville next Tuesday.

### RHS BOYS LACROSSE STARTS NEXT TUESDAY

The Revere High boys lacrosse team will open its season next Tuesday when coach Michael Lucas and his Patriots host Somerville on the Revere High turf field at 4:00. The Patriots will entertain Lynn (which is a combined program of Lynn English and Lynn Classical high schools) next Wednesday.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

**ICE DETAINS HUNDREDS IN GREATER BOSTON AREA, INCLUDING CHELSEA**

CHELSEA - Over the past week, Trump border czar Tom Homan claimed that the federal agents arrested at least 370 people in the Greater Boston area, including Chelsea.

"ICE had to find and arrest these illegal alien rapists because Massachusetts and Boston are sanctuaries that refuse to cooperate with ICE," Homan wrote this week on social media. "They would rather release these animals back into the community rather than honor ICE detainers or notify ICE when they are scheduled to be released."

In a press release, ICE officials claimed that 205 of those detained over the past week had "significant criminal convictions or charges." ICE claimed that those detained included members of major gangs like MS-13 and Tren de Aragua, and six people arrested are foreign fugitives currently facing charges or convictions for murder, drug trafficking, and more. Agents also reportedly claimed to have seized about 44 kilograms of methamphetamines, 5 kilograms of fentanyl, 1.2 kilograms of cocaine, three firearms, and ammunition during the operation.

For local officials and residents, the federal raids spread fear and confusion throughout Chelsea and the surrounding communities.

Last Wednesday, March 19, local nonprofit La Colaborativa first heard word about ICE agents gathered near Market Basket, City Hall, and other locations in the city.

La Colaborativa closed the doors of its offices on March 19 to help protect Chelsea's immigrant population from the raids.

This past Monday morning, La Colaborativa officials were warning of the potential for further ICE activity in the area of the Chelsea produce market.

On March 19, La Colaborativa released a statement addressing the ICE action in Chelsea and the surrounding communities.

"Today, our community was harshly confronted with one of the largest immigration raids in Chelsea over recent decades," it stated. "Orchestrated outside of City Hall, the raid targeted a large number of residents, with agents arresting individuals simply walking to

work. Soberingly, this ruthless action tore apart families, many of whom are in the U.S. legally, leaving children to awaken to a devastating reality.

"Unquestionably, today's events were designed to magnify fear, a fear that permeates our community, preventing countless families from commuting to work, attending school, or venturing out to the grocery store."

After documenting the severity of the raids, La Colaborativa officials said their team swiftly deployed its humanitarian crisis response across the city, and that they are working to marshal legal services, housing assistance, and crisis stabilization support for the families affected by the events.

City Manager Fidel Maltez said the city has not received official confirmation from the federal government regarding the number of people who were detained in Chelsea over the past week.

"They are really targeting the Boston area," said Maltez. "It was a tough week for many in the community, this prevents residents from shopping downtown, it prevents people from going to work. We, as a city, do not think that is the right approach."

Maltez said the Chelsea Police Department will continue its policy of not cooperating with federal authorities on immigration raids, while also ensuring that the city remains safe.

**DEMARIA KICKS OFF RE-ELECTION FOR MAYOR**

EVERETT - A huge crowd of friends and supporters packed the function room at Anthony's for Mayor Carlo DeMaria's campaign kickoff March 20 at Anthony's, Malden.

Event organizers told the Everett Independent that more than 600 people signed in at the front desk for the reception.

First Lady of Everett Stacy DeMaria delivered the introductory remarks.

"First and foremost, on behalf of my entire family, we want to thank you all for being here tonight and for your continued support throughout the years," said DeMaria. "You are all truly amazing. I would like to address the recent situation regarding my husband. I'm not sure how much I can speak on this subject at

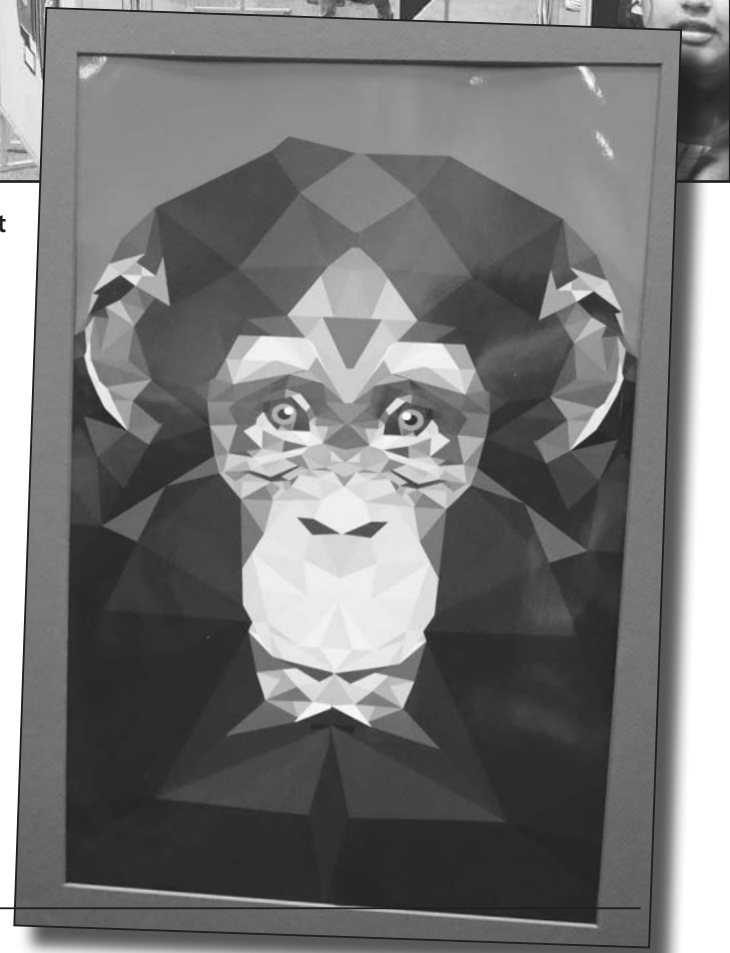


Above, students, families and staff gathered at the District Art Show at the Williams School.

**CHELSEA STUDENT ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AT CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ANNUAL DISTRICT ART SHOW**

Across two public viewings on Saturday, March 15, and Tuesday, March 18, the Chelsea Public Schools Visual Art Department hosted its annual District Art Show at the Williams School. Students from across the school district had pieces of artwork representing various techniques and skills on display for the community to see.

Right, A sample of student work from the Intro to Digital Art class at Chelsea High School.



this point in time, so I will be brief. But I find it very frustrating and quite frankly, it makes me angry. In my opinion, this so-called investigation is incomplete and one sided. I am well

aware that politics can be ugly, often expected to a certain degree. But the past few years have well exceeded any expectations. I've grown tired of people trying to tarnish his integrity with

their self-serving, calculated motives. It's maddening and it's obvious. Carlo loves this city so much and he would never do anything to sabotage the trust of this community. I am certain of

this. So, I would ask you all to stand up for him the way he has for so many for so long. And together we can fight a good fight. There is no other alternative but to

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has not stopped one single day working for this seat. If you call Anthony, he will answer the call," concluded Cogliandro.

Noting the assistance that Parziale provided to her on street parking issues and following a recent flood at her home, campaign supporter Lorraine Cioffi said in her introductory remarks, "I can't say enough about this man. He is honest, he is hard working, and if he says he's going to do something, he will do it. Please vote for Anthony."

In his speech, Parziale

referred to himself as the "self-proclaimed vice councilor - the VC."

"Just like Tom Brady stepped in for Drew Bledsoe, he was ready to go - I'm ready to go," said Parziale.

The popular resident stated the elements of his candidacy: fair, transparent, accountable government that works for the people and not the other way around - the people first. Everybody asks me, 'What does the people first mean, what does Revere first mean?' It's a very simple concept. If some-

thing doesn't work for this city, we don't want it, and I'm going to fight to make sure it doesn't happen. If it doesn't benefit the people, we don't want it.

"One thing you'll never hear from me is that I can't help you. This is the whole reason I decided to run for office," he added.

Parziale, who said that he works for the Woburn DPW, told his supporters, "Your issues are my issues. It's difficult to stay on top of the things that are happening at City Hall and in the blink of an eye, something

goes down that you didn't know that was going to happen - but I can tell you this, I'm going to be out there to make sure that you know. I'm going to be your voice. I'm going to put the people first. I will be there for you. I believe this job is a 24-hour-a-day job."

Parziale pledged that he will work extremely hard for his constituents across the city and "I will fight, I will persist, and I will put the people first."



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fight. Which is why it gives me great pleasure to formally announce that Carlo is wholeheartedly running for re-election.”

As Mayor DeMaria walked to the podium, the crowd erupted in applause and the chants, “Four more years,” broke out throughout the Mayor DeMaria told his many supporters that “the work is not done yet.”

“I look around the city and I say since 2008, the changes we have made as an administration, as a group of people, are unbelievable,” said DeMaria. “I hear it more from people outside the city. They say, ‘wow, your streets are clean, your streets are safe, your parks are beautiful, your islands are all done over, the development is booming, people are coming and wanting to live in Everett.’”

“Everett is for everyone and that’s just not a tagline, it’s the truth,” continued the mayor. “You want to come to Everett and raise your family and get an opportunity, this is the city to do it in.”

DeMaria stated some of his goals for the future.

“These next four years, I’m going to build a brand-new high school with full vocational programming. I’m going to get the second phase of Encore done. We’re going to get that [soccer] stadium built. We’re going to clean up the whole entire waterfront. We’re going to get commuter rail stops in our city. The Silver Line will be coming into Everett. I had a great meeting with [MBTA General Manager] Philip Eng promising me that the governor, the lieutenant governor, the entire team from Sec. Augustus to Sec. Hao – they want to work with the Mayor and the City of Everett to bring economic vitality to

the City of Everett.”

DeMaria seemed humbled by the size of the crowd in attendance. During his remarks, he acknowledged several of his supporters in the audience on a first-name basis, displaying a personal connection to residents of his hometown that has symbolized his highly successful tenure in office.

Mrs. DeMaria embraced the mayor following his remarks as the crowd rose for a standing ovation.

**OHNC STRONGLY OPPOSES PROJECT ON SARATOGA STREET**

EAST BOSTON - During a recent Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) monthly meeting, attendees heard plans for the second time regarding a proposal at 869 Saratoga Street and voted to oppose it.

The proposal, presented by architect Eric Zachrison, calls for constructing a four-story building with three units and three parking spaces in a garage on the first floor.

Additionally, the design has changed since the proposal was first presented to the OHNC last month. The front wall of the fourth story would be pulled back six feet, and the rear back corner would be brought in five feet, reducing the size of the top-floor unit in response to concerns that the fourth level would cast shadows on neighbors.

It should also be noted that the proposed ceiling heights are planned to be reduced. With the changes, the building’s total height would be about 43 feet instead of the initially proposed 46.6 feet.

Later, Zachrison high-

lighted how this project aligns with zoning. It was mentioned at February’s meeting that the permit application for this proposal was submitted before the neighborhood’s zoning changes.

“Because this was filed under the previous zoning... it has variances, the variances are different from what it would be otherwise,” said Zachrison. “They’re a little different from what it would be now.”

Under the old zoning regulations, this project would need variances for height in feet and stories, number of units, floor area ratio, open space, front yard setback, and side yard setback.

Moreover, Zachrison indicated that if the project were filed under the new zoning, they would need variances for the rear yard setback, height in feet and stories, permeability, and side yard setback.

Following the overview of the variances needed for this project, some attendees took issue with it, citing the process the neighborhood went through with PLAN: East Boston to develop new zoning.

In response, Zachrison indicated that the owner bought the property before they knew the zoning would be changed.

He added, “Think about a year and a half ago; this would have been a very typical project that we would have been bringing to the room,” noting again that this was filed before the zoning change.

Another attendee wondered if there were any hardships that would necessitate the variances. However, Zachrison indicated he was unsure how to answer that question, and it would be one that the project attorney, Michael Welsh—who

**WINTHROP YOUTH ART SHOW AT THE EB NEWTON CULTURAL CENTER**



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTOS

Shown above, Ana Sofia Gonzalez Hellwig exploring the exhibit at the EB Newtown School and Cultural Center.

Shown to the left, Ryan Coleman and Coni Moore, Winthrop High School art teachers, and Deb Winters, Cummings School art teacher, are proud of their students’ works on display.



Third grade Cummings School student, Ana Sofia Gonzalez Hellwig, with her sister Carmen Emma Gonzalez Hellwig.

was not in attendance—or the owner would answer.

As the discussion continued, other residents commented on the variances and

other topics, and an abutter reiterated their previous concerns with the proposal related to aspects such as shadows.

Ultimately, after the presentation and discussion, eligible voters opposed the project with a vote of 10-0.

For more information about the OHNC, visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OrientHeightsNC>.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADDRESSES PROPOSED FIRE STATION COST**

WINTHROP - The Firehouse Building Committee held its second-to-last meeting before the \$38.5-million debt exclusion vote for a new fire station at the site of the old middle school on Saturday, April 5.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 for the special election. In addition to the debt exclusion vote for the new fire station, there will also be two Proposition 2-½ override questions for the schools; one seeks \$3.5 million to close the projected budget gap for Fiscal Year 2026, and the second would earmark \$1.4 million for an educational stabilization fund.

During Monday night’s meeting, Council President Jim Letterie addressed some of the financial questions he has heard regarding the \$38.5 million debt exclusion to build the new fire station.

“We’ve had a few people asking questions about the amount, the \$38.5 million, and what would happen if

it exceeds the amount,” said Letterie. “On the last (four) debt exclusions we’ve had, at the Fort Banks, the ATC, the middle/high school, and the Miller Field project, they all came in under budget. We try to be very conservative and do estimates along with our finance team.”

If for some reason the project cost went over by a small amount, Letterie said it would be absorbed into the town’s operating budget.

If there were truly unforeseen circumstances and the cost the project ballooned even more, he said, there could be a need for an additional override to cover that cost.

“We absolutely do not expect it,” said Letterie. “In this \$38.5 million, we are assuming a 16 percent escalation in cost because we know we are not going to build it April 6, we are going to build it sometime in 2026, that is when the building is going to actually take place. So we are already anticipating a 16 percent contingency for that; we also have another 10 percent contingency for any items that might be over, whatever it happens to be.”

Letterie said he has also heard questions about the future of the middle school gymnasium. He said the gym and the ice rink will remain on the property, while the middle school and the auditorium will be torn down to make way for the new middle school.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 5. Voters from Precincts 1,2,3,5, and 6 vote at the old middle school, while voters from Precinct 4 vote at O’Connell Hall on Gold- en Drive.



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**MONDAY**

- 5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*
- 6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) 2
- 6:00AM - MAT PILATES - 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
- 5:15AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - APRIL (45 MIN.) 263
- 5:45AM - POWER YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) 263
- 6:00AM - STRENGTH & CORE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2
- 8:00AM - ZUMBA - VANESSA (45 MIN.) \*
- 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
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- 5:15PM - ZUMBA - VANESSA (45 MINS.) \*
- 6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MINS.) \*
- 7:00PM - STEP - MIKEY (50 MINS.) \*

**THURSDAY**

- 5:30AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*
- 6:30AM - HIIT - MIKEY (30 MIN.) 3
- 9:00AM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2
- 12:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) \*
- 5:25PM - 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 (50MIN.) 2
- 6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKEY (50 MIN.) \*
- 6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263
- 8:00AM - ZUMBA - VANESSA (45 MIN.) \*
- 9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2
- 10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2
- 12:30PM - HIIT - MIKEY (30 MIN.) 3
- 6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - MIKE (60 MIN.) \*

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- 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
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Team bus driver Jimmy Nigro (above) thanks the Revere High hockey team for a memorable ride in 2004-05. Photos of the team's break-up dinner, **PAGE 21**.



### A NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

City Councillor George Rotondo (above) holds a fundraiser at the VFW Mottolo Post. Photos, **PAGE 17**.

### ATTENTION, YOUNG ARTISTS

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### LAW AND ORDER

## Crime patterns

By SETH DANIEL  
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Sherlock Holmes would be proud of the Revere Police.

Say what you will about technology and its potential negative effects on society, but when it comes to crime fighting, DNA and forensic technologies have been nothing but positive for local, state and national police departments.

Just about everyone has followed one or more of the popular television crime dramas - the CSIs,

Crossing Jordan or Cold Case - and many have probably seen riveting news documentaries detailing how some serious sleuthing put real bad guys away. In every situation, the key factor is always DNA - the new genetic fingerprint. Now, in Revere and throughout Massachusetts, such scenarios are playing out with more frequency. In fact, as this is written, the Revere police are closing in on arrests for two old rape cases from the 1990s.

### COLD CASES

DNA burst upon the crime-fight-

ing scene in the late 1980s, and soon after, in 1990, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) embarked on the first DNA database. In 1994, the U.S. Congress passed the DNA Identification Act, which authorized law enforcement to legally use DNA evidence and also established a national database, called the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). CODIS is divided into a national database and separate statewide databases. It now contains over two million DNA profiles - 96 percent of which come

Using a state-of-the-art DNA database, Revere authorities are close to making arrests in two rape cases from the 1990s

from convicted felons.

"For a century, they've taken fingerprints, and now they're taking swabs and blood samples [which enable a DNA profile]," said Jay White of the Boston FBI office. "It's definitely all the rage."

In Massachusetts, the CODIS system got off to a slow start as compared to other states in the country. However, in February 2004, a law was passed requiring all convicted felons to submit to a DNA test. That has resulted in several thousand DNA profiles in the

statewide system - a number that grows each month.

Likewise, the State Police have invested millions of dollars in forensic crime labs. The main lab, in Sudbury, was constructed at a former elementary school in 1994, and there are two smaller, satellite labs in Danvers and Agawam. All three labs are constantly busy analyzing crime scene evidence and searching for DNA matches in the state and nationwide CODIS data-

### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Outside track?

As slot machine legislation remains in doubt, so does the future of Wonderland

By JOSHUA RESNEK  
editor@reverejournal.com

Wonderland Racetrack's long steady decline is accelerating • More than 40 employees have been laid off in the past two weeks • More layoffs are expected • Officials have disclosed the track's restaurant has been closed and will be available only for larger private affairs in the future.

In addition, track officials verified the hours of operation for the second floor of the sprawling racetrack will be drastically curtailed and will remain open on Friday and Saturday nights only.

Wonderland President Richard Dalton attributed the closing of the restaurant and the reduction of hours on the second floor to lower revenues.

"It just wasn't profitable anymore," said Dalton.

Dalton added management was closing down Wonderland as much as it could to cut back on maintenance and labor costs.

"I remain cautiously optimistic about the legislature's effort to bring slot machines into the

state's four racetracks. If that initiative fails, then we will have to go with the private development option," he said. "In the meantime, we want to keep going as best as we can."

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino said he was saddened to hear about Wonderland's revenue difficulties and the layoffs.

He added he wasn't surprised by the news, though.

Ambrosino is a supporter of slot machine

A lone patron walks into Wonderland Greyhound Park on Monday afternoon.



A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

### SIGN OF THE TIMES



The city's street sweeping program will begin on Monday, April 18. The first month will feature the annual 'Operation Clean Sweep' program, and towing and ticketing will be in force for all cars left on the street during a scheduled street sweeping day. To find out the sweeping schedule for specific streets, visit the city's Web site at www.revere.org or call the DPW at 781-286-8145. The program will continue through the summer and end in early November.

*This year, we take a look back twenty years to the biggest headlines of 2005.*

*We hope you enjoy the reprinting of these Page 1 stories.*

Can you find all the words in this puzzle? Words are hidden ↓ → and ↘

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- BEACHMONT
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### REVERE, WINTHROP, AND EAST BOSTON CELEBRATE VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY AT BEACHMONT 6712 VFW POST IN REVERE

March 29 is observed every year as Vietnam Veterans Day, marking the final day US troops were withdrawn from Vietnam in 1975. It was official designated by in 2017 by the Vietnam Veteran' Act.

Last Saturday morning veterans from the area gathered at the Beachmont VFW Post for a brief and meaningful ceremony and a buffet luncheon, sponsored by Mayor Patrick Keefe and the Revere Veterans Service Office.



RHS JRPTC Cadet Victoria Ackles performed the National Anthem.



Members of Winthrop American Legion Post, Bob Dion, VSO Phil Ronan, Brian Rodrigues, Steve White, Rocco Falzone, Bill Brown, Al Bell, and Fiore Pagano.



State Rep. Jessica Giannino, RHS JROTC Major Deborah Bowker, Revere Veteran's Service Officer Julia Cervantes, and Ward 2 City Councillor and Co-Chairman of the Revere Veterans Committee Ira Novoselsky.



Revere veterans, Tom Sullivan, Bob Hanlon, Jerry Iannicello, Bill Reedy, Frank Sarro, Alberto Cammarano, and Leonardo Caradonna.



Revere VSO Julia Cervantes and Revere City Council President and veteran Marc Silvestri.



Remembering the Vietnam veterans at the Beachmont VFW. Revere Council President Marc Silvestri, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, EB Councillor Gigi Coletta, State Rep.s Jeff Turco and Jessica Giannino, Adrian Madaro, State Senator Lydia Edwards, and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky.



Remembering Bob Tyner, bringing recognition and awareness of veterans afflicted from Agent Orange, shown in photo QM Steve Ashman and VFW Commander Ken Holgersen.



Commander of Beachmont Post 6712 US Army Vietnam Veteran Kenneth Holgersen recalls time in country, and the troubles coming home to this country, embracing his brothers and sisters in arms as family.



Donna Dreeszen from the Revere Veterans Services Office welcomes the many veterans and elected officials to the ceremony.



Post 6712 Chaplin Danny Hernandez with his daughter Dakota, who played a rendition of TAPS on the violin.



US Navy veteran from Winthrop Albert Bell with State Senator Lydia Edwards, at the Vietnam Veterans Day last Saturday afternoon.



Massachusetts Chair of Veterans Services Rep. Joe McGonagle with his colleague Rep. Jessica Giannino. Rep. Giannino has a bill on the floor pertaining to veterans suffering from Agent Orange Bill #H3847, and it also includes post 911 toxins.



Massachusetts Vice Chair of Veterans Affairs Representative Jeff Turco addressed the veterans during the Vietnam Veterans Day services last Saturday afternoon.

April 12th  
7:00 PM

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The RHS Patriot Battalion Color Guard, led by Diago Leal at the Vietnam Veterans Day services.



**CITY PAWS**

**Responsible vs scofflaw guardians**

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As the snow and ice melted away, the evidence of the scofflaws with dogs appeared. Some dog guardians seem to think you don't have to pick up after your dog if no one is watching or the snow will cover it. Wrong! If you have a dog, you are responsible for removing all your dog's waste, regardless of the weather or how far you would have to go to find a trash barrel.

**Proper Disposal of Dog Waste**

First, you should know the legal grounds for a complaint to authorities about dog waste disposal. Check your municipality. In Boston, the webpage on the topic is ([www.cityof-boston.gov/animals/](http://www.cityof-boston.gov/animals/)) under regulations it says, "You're required by law to remove and dispose of your dog's waste. This applies to waste on sidewalks, streets and parks, and neighbors' yards.

You must be prepared to clean up after your dog when walking them, either with a bag or some other means. The law also states that you must dispose of the waste either in a toilet or trash can."

**Leash Laws**

Massachusetts has a statewide leash law prohibiting dogs from being off-leash in public areas. Additionally, Section 173 grants cities and towns the authority to establish local animal control laws. Many municipalities in Massachusetts enforce leash laws within their city limits.

There are dozens of reasons to keep your dog close to you in the city. We lead them around broken glass and keep them from rolling in goose poop or some creature's remains. Even those of us who carefully watch our canine companions have had to pull some prize out of their mouths at one time or another.

**Protect Pet-Friendly Buildings**

If you live in a multi-family, pet-friendly building, your day-to-day behavior can help keep it that way. Be the kind of neighbor you'd want to have. People who oppose pets in buildings are concerned about the annoyance of dogs barking inside homes and common areas.

Buildings that allow animals usually have rules. Ask what they are and follow them to the letter of the law. Commonly, dogs are not permitted off-leash anywhere outside your home, and you are responsible for picking up after your animal. Simple enough, but we often see these broken in our community.

If your animal ever relieves itself inside your common areas because it is ill or you were late bringing it outside, clean it up yourself. Then, self-report the incident to management so they can deep-clean the



Responsible dog guardians keep their dogs on leash and pick up after them.

area, preventing other dogs from marking over the spot.

Here's a tip that might catch a mess. Keep a waterproof puppy pad near your dog's leash. Then if you know something might happen on the way out, you can scoot that under your dog in time to save the cleanup. These pads are also an excellent way to dry any spill in your home, making it

worth keeping a small supply on hand.

**Your Dog Can't Vote**

Finally, you can be a spokesperson for responsible guardians. We need representatives who consider the needs of dog lovers. When someone asks for your vote, question their position on animal issues. For the interests of dog lovers to

become important to community leaders, they must hear both sides of the story, not just complaints from those who would ban dogs from the parks, sidewalks, and the city if they could.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your request.*

**MBTA announces spring schedules, increases subway and bus service frequency**

Special to the Journal

The MBTA announced improvements this spring to bus and subway schedules, which go into effect on April 6, 2025. Among the changes, the MBTA will improve subway frequency as well as bus frequency and schedule reliability in order to address growing traffic congestion. This includes increased frequencies for Routes 57 and 77, along with additional resources to help routes on some of the region's most congested streets meet their existing schedules. More information on upcoming spring changes is available at [mbta.com/ServiceChanges](http://mbta.com/ServiceChanges).

"The Healey-Driscoll administration is fully committed to making the MBTA safer, more reliable, and more responsive to the needs of riders," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "We're seeing the results of targeted investments in both our workforce and infrastructure—more efficient service across buses, subways, and Commuter Rail, driven by the completion of critical repairs and smarter capital planning. With more frequent service and more dependable schedules, we're building trust with riders and encouraging more people to choose the MBTA for their daily trips."

"We're pleased to roll out these upcoming schedule enhancements this spring, which include a number of improvements for riders," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "Our seasonal schedule revisions give us a regular opportunity to improve service, make upgrades, and incorporate feedback from our riders and stakeholders. The improvements to Routes 57 and 77, for example, are an important Bus Network Redesign milestone as we continue to improve service for riders who depend on it most."

**Subway frequency improvements this spring**

Beginning April 6, frequency and reliability improvements are planned on the Red, Orange, Blue, and Green lines. Shorter four-car Red Line trains will also continue to be added to the schedule this spring during weekday rush hour. More information is available at

[mbta.com/ServiceChanges](http://mbta.com/ServiceChanges).

**Bus service improvements**

Beginning April 6, many bus routes are shifting trip times to improve service frequency and reliability. Riders are encouraged to use the MBTA's Trip Planner to plan their trips and check out the full list of upcoming bus service changes at [mbta.com/ServiceChanges](http://mbta.com/ServiceChanges).

Notable frequency increases this spring include Bus Routes 57 and 77:

Increased Frequency for Route 57: Watertown Yard – Kenmore Station

Service frequency will improve from every 15-20 minutes to every 10 minutes for Route 57 riders in Newton and Watertown next month during weekday morning and evening rush hour periods. The route will also be simplified to create a more consistent service pattern and more consistent trip spacing between Oak Square and Kenmore.

This increase in service supports the MBTA's collaboration with the City of Boston on the future Route 57 Transit Priority Corridor, which will use strategies like dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority to help buses move more efficiently. Data shows these lanes and signals will improve travel times for more than 8,500 daily riders.

Increased Frequency for Route 77: Arlington Heights – Harvard Station

Route 77 will also become more frequent beginning April 6. Route 77 will operate every 10 minutes or better during rush hour periods beginning this spring, an increase from the current 15-20 minutes on weekdays. On Saturdays, frequencies will improve to every 12-14 minutes from every 20 minutes. Sunday service will be upgraded from every 20-25 minutes to every 15 minutes or better, except during early morning and late-night service hours.

"Reliable and frequent MBTA service is essential for thousands of Cambridge residents and employees who rely on public transit daily," said Cambridge City Manager Yi-An Huang. "These service enhancements will make a real difference, and we're grateful to the MBTA for their continued focus on improving transit access. This prog-

ress supports Cambridge's broader efforts to reduce congestion and encourage sustainable transportation across Greater Boston."

This investment in increased service on Route 77 aligns with the City of Cambridge's commitment to existing bus lanes on Massachusetts Avenue north of Porter Square and into Arlington, which helps to keep bus riders moving safely and reliably. These lanes have proven to save more than 4,300 daily riders three to four minutes each way, which amplifies the MBTA's investment in increased service.

These frequency improvements for Routes 57 and 77 are another step as part of Bus Network Redesign, the MBTA's strategy to better align the bus network with today's travel patterns and offer more frequent bus service in busy neighborhoods. The MBTA plans for these routes to become Frequent Bus Routes with service every 15 minutes or better all day, every day in the future.

**Accounting for Increased Travel Times**

Rising traffic congestion in the Boston area affects bus operations by increasing the travel time for each trip, which can result in buses running behind schedule. To address this challenge, the MBTA will allocate more buses and operators to several routes that have experienced rising traffic congestion: Routes 1, 22, 23, 32, 66, 111, and SL4. These additional resources aim to improve reliability and will allow these routes to meet their existing schedules amidst increased travel delays. More than half of the additional bus operators available this spring will be dedicated to addressing traffic congestion on these routes. These changes do not expand service or increase frequencies beyond the existing schedule.

More information on the updated schedules for all affected bus routes are available at [mbta.com/ServiceChanges](http://mbta.com/ServiceChanges).

**Spring 2025 Commuter Rail Schedules**

Passengers can find current spring 2025 Commuter Rail schedules, which went into effect on March 24, at [mbta.com/ServiceChanges](http://mbta.com/ServiceChanges)

and at [mbta.com/Commuter Rail](http://mbta.com/CommuterRail).

**2025 Ferry Service Schedules**

Seasonal 2025 ferry schedules are now available at [mbta.com/ServiceChanges](http://mbta.com/ServiceChanges) and [mbta.com/ferry](http://mbta.com/ferry). As previously announced:

**Winthrop and Quincy Ferry Information**  
Weekday Service:

Winthrop and Quincy Ferry weekday service will begin on Monday, April 28, 2025.

To better serve ferry passengers, weekday trips will be divided into two separate routes: the Winthrop Ferry operating directly between Winthrop and Boston and the Quincy Ferry operating directly between Quincy and Boston. With two sep-

arate ferry routes serving Winthrop and Quincy, the MBTA is more than doubling trips to these destinations on weekdays. Two separate routes also allow the MBTA to improve trip times from Winthrop to Boston by about 30 minutes (last year, a weekday trip from Winthrop to Boston or the Seaport took about 50

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minutes; this season, these trips will take about 20 minutes). Both ferry routes will continue to serve Logan Airport, the Seaport, and Central Wharf / Aquarium.

Weekend Service:

Winthrop and Quincy Ferry weekend service will begin on Saturday, May 24, 2025, to coincide with Memorial Day weekend.

On weekends, the MBTA will continue to operate a combined Winthrop and Quincy Ferry route serving all destinations.

A one-way fare on the Winthrop and Quincy Ferry is \$6.50 (or \$3.25 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board.

Lynn Ferry Information

Lynn Ferry weekday service will begin on Mon-

day, March 31, 2025. Lynn Ferry weekend service will begin on Saturday, May 24, 2025, to coincide with Memorial Day weekend.

A one-way fare on the Lynn Ferry is \$7 (or \$3.50 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board.

Hingham/Hull Ferry Information

Hingham/Hull Ferry weekday service continues to operate year-round. Hingham/Hull Ferry weekend service will begin on Saturday, May 24, 2025, to coincide with Memorial Day weekend.

A one-way fare on the Hingham/Hull Ferry is \$9.75 (or \$4.85 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board.

Commuter Boat passes or Commuter Rail Zone 6 (or higher) passes are also accepted.

East Boston Ferry Information

East Boston Ferry weekday and weekend service will begin Monday, March 31, 2025.

A one-way fare on the East Boston Ferry is \$2.40 (or \$1.10 for Reduced Fare riders), which is the

same as taking the subway. Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app. Printed LinkPasses, Commuter Rail Zone passes, and M7s are also accepted.

Charlestown Ferry Information

Charlestown Ferry weekday and weekend service continues to operate year-round.

A one-way fare on the

Charlestown Ferry is \$3.70 (or \$1.85 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash on board. Commuter Boat passes or Commuter Rail Zone 1A (or higher) passes are also accepted.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at mbta.com/

alerts. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @ MBTA for up-to-date service information.

For more information, visit mbta.com or connect with the T on X @MBTA and @MBTA\_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

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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. DelGrosso 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

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Tulum Taqueria, Inc., Daybelis Delarosa Del Carmen Paulino, President & Manager, has made application for an All Alcohol Restaurant license, said license to be exercised at 425 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere,

MA. Requested hours are Sunday - Saturday 6 a.m. - 2 a.m., requested seating is 20. A hearing on said application is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber (located on the 2nd floor) in Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere.

REVERE LICENSE COMMISSION Robert Selevitch, Chairman Daniel Occena Liliana Monroy 4/2/25 R

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU25C0155CA In the matter of: Elijah Bruce Cole Baker

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Elijah Bruce Cole Baker of Revere, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Elijah Bruce Cole Burrus IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 04/24/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/17/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.C. 190B, ss5-304 Docket No. SU25P0541GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Giancarlo Henao Cardenas Of: Revere, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Fanny Cardenas Henao of Revere, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Giancarlo Henao Cardenas is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Fanny Cardenas Henao of Revere, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety 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 A.M. on the return date of 04/17/2025. 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 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 20, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 04/02/25 R

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Public Hearing Notice City of Revere, MA Notice is hereby given that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, April 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 relative to the following proposed order: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR A VETERAN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT Be it ordained by the City of Revere, MA as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new chapter 2.92: Chapter 2.92 VETERAN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT § 2.92.010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the Revere veteran property tax work-off abatement program. § 2.92.020 Hours, rate, and abatement. Participants of this program shall be paid at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour. Participants shall work no more than 66.6 hours and shall receive a property tax abatement of up to one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), dependent on hours worked. § 2.92.030 Application process. The number of veterans, including qualifying spouses, participating in the program shall be limited each year to a maximum of five (5). Applications will be available and accepted at the Veteran Service's Office the first two weeks of April of each year. A. Required documents. All applicants must demonstrate proof of Revere residency and owner occupancy pursuant to Section 2.92.040. The following documents are also required for an application to be considered complete: 1. If applicant is a veteran: a. DD214 form. 2. If applicant is a spouse of a disabled veteran: a. DD214 form of the disabled veteran; b. Marriage license; and, c. Letter from the VA indicating disabled veteran status. 3. If applicant is a spouse of a deceased veteran: a. DD214 form of the

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deceased veteran; b. Marriage license; and, c. Death certificate of the deceased veteran. § 2.92.040 Eligibility. To be eligible for the program, an applicant must fulfill the following requirements: A. Must be a veteran, a spouse of a disabled veteran, or a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran. B. Must have a principal place of residence in the city of Revere and have ownership in that principal place of residence. The ownership interest may include a joint tenancy, tenancy in common, tenancy by the entirety, life tenancy, or beneficial interest in a trust which has an ownership interest in this principal residence. C. The tax abatement received under this program shall be in addition to any other property tax exemptions for which the participant is eligible, excluding the senior citizen property tax work-off abatement in Chapter 2.88 of this Title. An individual is not permitted to participate in more than one work-off program in the city. § 2.92.050 Accounting for abatements. The tax abatement provided to participants by this program shall be applied to the actual tax bills for the fiscal year. The full tax shall be committed and billed, with the reduction shown on the bill as an abatement or credit against the amount due. The reduction shall be processed as an abatement and charged against the overlay account. Abatements for the fiscal year shall be based upon certifications by the Veteran Services Office for work performed on or before June 30. § 2.92.060 Certification of service. The city's Veteran Services Office shall

certify to the Assessor's Office the amount of service performed by the participant as of June 30th of the fiscal year. Such certification shall be provided to the board of assessors prior to the time the actual tax for the fiscal year is committed and in sufficient time to allow for an abatement to be reflected on the actual tax bill for the fiscal year. A copy of the certification shall be provided to the veteran taxpayer, or qualifying participant, before the actual tax bill is issued. § 2.92.070 Tax treatment of abatement. The amount of the property tax abatement the veteran taxpayer, or qualifying participant, receives under this program shall not be considered income or wages for purposes of state income tax withholdings, unemployment compensation or worker's compensation. § 2.92.080 Partial completion. A participant who completes less than 66.6 hours of work shall be entitled to a pro-rata abatement based upon certified hours of work completed at the rate of pay established in Section 2.92.020. A copy of the aforementioned ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before April 22, 2025. Testimony can be submitted via email to amelnik@revere.org. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk 4/2/25 R

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU25D0247DR Manisha Shenay Ferrer Plaintiff vs. Steven Albert Ferrer Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Manisha Shenay Ferrer 63 Frankfort St. Apt. 3R Boston, MA 02128 your answer, if any, on or before 05/08/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of said Court. Date: March 11, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 04/02/25 R

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# Van Gogh: The Roulin Family Portraits exhibition opens at the MFA - A Chosen Family Affair

Special to the Journal

The new exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston is a touching collaboration between the MFA and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam. When the two respective curators, Katie Hanson, of William

and Ann Elfers Curator of Paintings, Art of Europe of the MFA and Nienke Bakker, Senior Curator at the Van Gogh Museum, realized that each museum had two of Van Gogh's portraits of the Roulin family members, it only seemed right to plan a family reunion. After several years in the making, the museums have mounted a modestly sized, but tightly woven together collection of Vincent Van Gogh's portraits of his new friends when he moved to Arles in 1888. The exhibition showcases 23 works by Van Gogh, including 14 of the Roulin portraits as well as others works of art.

As Van Gogh had come to realize that he was not likely to become the husband and father he sorely wanted to be, he became close first to Joseph Roulin, the town postmaster, and then his whole family, wife Augustine, and three children, Armand, Camille, and Marcelle. In the exhibit, the family portraits are beautifully displayed, some juxtaposed with Dutch portraits. While Van Gogh is thought of as a French painter, his Dutch roots drew him to the style of that country's classical portraiture. The exhibit also features other art connected with Van Gogh's time in Arles, including Paul Gauguin's renditions of the Roulins, as Gauguin was sharing Van Gogh's studio at that time. Japanese wood blocks are

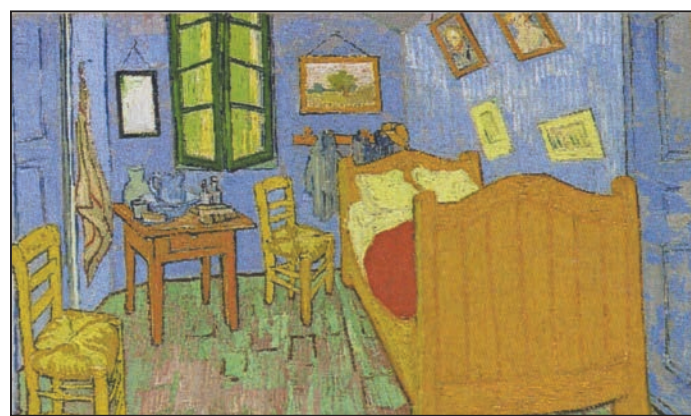
displayed both as examples of the art Van Gogh collected to decorate his yellow house and as inspiration for backgrounds in some of his works. One understands how close his chosen family had become to their friend as the exhibit displays ten letters written to Van Gogh's own family when Van Gogh became ill, updating them on his volatile health condition.

It was said that Roulin visited his friend in the hospital nearly every day. Although Van Gogh moved to Saint-Remy for permanent care and his friend Joseph Roulin transferred for work to Marseille, the friends remained in touch through letters and Van Gogh's sending landscape paintings of Saint-Remy to the Roulin family.

The final section of the exhibit shares Van Gogh's last self portrait and famous watercolor of his bedroom in the yellow house, painted in Saint-Remy, reminiscing of his time in Arles. Photographs of the Roulins later in their lives close the circle of the exhibit.

The Roulin family, after Joseph retired, sold their portraits, two landscapes and a still life in 1900 to a Paris art dealer for 450 Francs. After a 125 year journey, these family portraits have been reunited in Boston.

The exhibit, sponsored by Bank of America, taps multiple international collec-



The Bedroom, Vincent Van Gogh, 1889

## Northeast Metro Tech clears another hurdle on pathway to building new school

Special to the Journal

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech's plan to construct a new school has once again been affirmed as meeting all required wetlands protection requirements.

In 2023, the Wakefield Conservation Commission denied the District's request for an Order of Conditions to permit Northeast Metro Tech to construct parts of the project, including the much needed new driveway to Farm Street, citing state wetlands protection laws.

The school appealed that decision to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). DEP found that the project would not have a negative impact on local wetlands and is in compliance with all relevant laws and regulations. DEP then issued a Superseding Order of Conditions to permit construction of the full project scope.

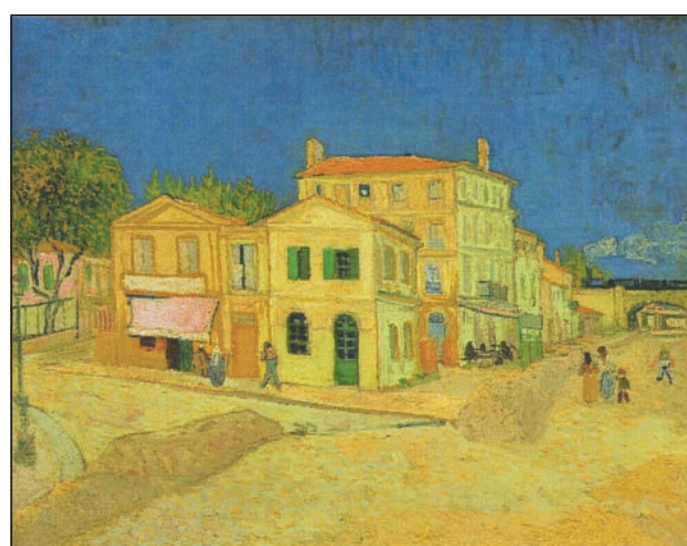
A 10 person neighborhood group of opponents appealed the DEP's decision to the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution (OADR). Over the past 15 months, OADR held hearings and gathered evidence as part of this review. Construction of areas of the project including the driveway and access road has been on hold as a result.

Earlier this month, OADR affirmed the DEP's determination in their Recommended Final Decision.

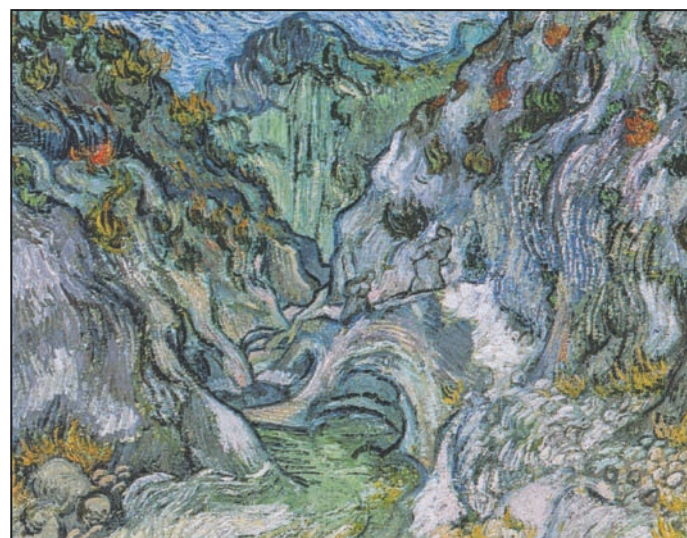
"Thank you to OADR and the Presiding Officer for their careful consideration of all the facts. This ruling has once again affirmed what we've known all along — that this is an appropriately designed project by our design professionals," said Superintendent DiBarri. "Our vision for a new school is guided in part by good stewardship of our local resources. This project will benefit students and our member communities tremendously. I hope we can proceed with construction of the driveway soon."

Despite the delay, the school building project has found ways to remain on schedule and on budget. That said, additional delays in building the access road could cause financial/scheduling issues.

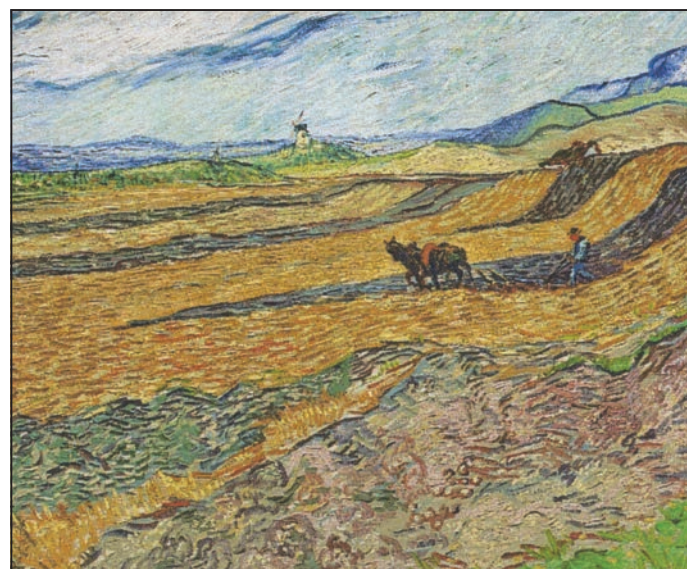
The school building project will enable NEMT to increase enrollment from 1,252 students to 1,600, answering statewide demand for more room for students in vocational and technical high schools. The project will also enable NEMT to add three new Chapter 74 programs, Marketing, Biotechnology, and Medical Assisting, increasing the number of programs offered from 17 to 20, and to improve accommodations and programming for special education students.



The Yellow House (The Street), Vincent Van Gogh, 1888



Ravine, Vincent Van Gogh, 1889



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Postman Joseph Roulin, Vincent Van Gogh, 1888

tions beyond that of the Van Gogh Museum, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, National Gallery of Art, Philadelphia Art Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, Saint Louis Art Museum, The J. Paul Getty Museum, an Asian private collector, and local philanthropists Rose-Marie and Eijk Van Otterloo, among others.

The exhibit is on view through September 7.



Portrait of Joseph Roulin, Vincent Van Gogh, 1889



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