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## NEWS BRIEFS

### CALL FOR WALKERS: REGISTER FOR THE 37TH ANNUAL JIMMY FUND WALK PRESENTED BY HYUNDAI

Registration is open for the 2025 Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk will aim to raise \$9.5 million this year in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer.

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted to use the famed Boston Marathon® course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options:

- 5K walk: Starting at Dana-Farber's Longwood Medical Campus
- 10K walk: Starting in Newton
- Half Marathon walk: Starting in Wellesley
- Marathon walk: Starting in Hopkinton

All along the route, walkers will be motivated by poster-sized photographs of patients—Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes—that are the heart of the event and appear along the course as inspiration. Walkers will also be treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course.

The event will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line at Boston

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## Council asked to consider tax break for portion of Suffolk Downs project

By Adam Swift

City leaders are negotiating a tax break for the developer of the Suffolk Downs development that they say could kickstart construction on the site.

The mayor and the director of planning and community development brought the potential deal for a Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) before the city council Monday night. The proposed 15-year agreement would mean a total tax break of about \$15 million for HYM Development for its Portico high-rise residential development. However, Planning and Community Development Director Tom Skwierawski said the city is also negotiating a separate agreement that could see the developer returning up to \$4 million or more to the city once it meets certain site-wide development goals, as well as ensuring increased union jobs for Revere residents.

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo introduced a successful voice motion requesting the mayor continue negotiations with HYM to potentially double the \$4 million coming back to the city from the developer.

The council tabled the communication on the TIE

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### HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup>, JOYCE MITCHELL



COURTESY PHOTO

The Residence at Riverbend in Ipswich, MA, recently celebrated a significant milestone: resident Joyce Mitchell's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. State Senator Bruce Tarr joined the celebration and presented Ms. Mitchell with birthday cards from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The community extends its warmest wishes to Ms. Mitchell on this special occasion, recognizing her remarkable century of life and looking forward to many more moments.



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTO

Revere residents gathered at Revere's City Hall Plaza on April 26 to kick off the city's annual spring cleaning event – Beautify Revere — organized by the DPW and the Mayor's Office. See more photos on Page 10.

## Satter House residents appear on The Kelly Clarkson Show

By Cary Shuman

Three residents of the Jack Satter House, Phyllis Snyder, Loretta Paquet, and Roxanne Aiello, appeared on The Kelly Clarkson Show last Thursday to talk about "The Spectacular Seniors 2025" calendar in which they and other residents posed in partially clothed fashion.

The entire group of senior calendar models, along with Rabbi Lior Nevo and Hebrew Life and Satter House officials, traveled by bus from the Revere residential building to New York City for the show.

"Being on The Kelly Clarkson Show was amazing - the whole response to

our calendar has been crazy, interesting and exciting," said the 91-year-old Snyder about the wave of popularity that the Satter House's

calendar fundraising project has generated locally and nationally.

Snyder's comments on the show about her grand-



Satter House residents Loretta Paquet, Phyllis Snyder, and Roxanne Aiello, pictured on set with Kelly Clarkson, host of The Kelly Clarkson Show.

daughter's reaction to her pinup debut drew a seismic response from the audience.

"When my granddaughter found out that I was going to be on the calendar and coming out to see you [Clarkson], she said, 'Grandma, you're a hot b--h,'" related Snyder, as the studio audience cheered wildly.

Paquet said the entire TV experience was "something I'll remember the rest of my days."

"When I saw the studio audience and got to meet Kelly Clarkson, I got so nervous and excited," said Paquet.

Paquet, 90, described to Clarkson "a thrill of a lifetime" when she met movie

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## Traffic Comm. to consider making changes along bus routes permanent

By Journal Staff

The Revere Traffic Commission held a regular monthly meeting on

April 17 in the City Councillor Joseph A. Del Grosso Council Chambers. On hand for the session were Chair and DPW Director Christopher Ciarabella and fellow members City Planner Frank Stringi, City Engineer Nick Rystrom, and Acting Fire Chief James Cullen.

The commission held one public hearing regarding a request to Amend Schedule VIII of Title 10 (Parking Restrictions Generally) by removing Wilson Street Easterly from "No Parking Anytime" and by adding Wilson Street Westerly as "No Parking Anytime."

A resident told the commissioners that the present situation prevents buses from making the turn off

Beach St. onto Wilson St., forcing residents to the top of Wilson St. to catch the bus.

Acting Fire Chief Cullen also said he is in favor of the changes.

After a brief discussion, the commissioners unanimously approved the measure.

The commissioners then took up a number of new items. The first was a request from the city for the metering of 17 public parking spaces designated for public use in the area at the new Gibson Point apartments.

After Stringi explained the purpose of placing meters in the area, the commission unanimously approved moving the matter to a pub-

lic hearing at its next meeting, at which time they will take a vote on the measure.

The next item was a request to Amend Schedule IX, Section 10.99.090 (Resident Parking Twenty-Four Hour Enforcement) to include Prince St. Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro (who was not present for the meeting) had filed the request at the behest of the residents.

Zach Babo, the city's Parking Director, told the commission that a nearby construction project on Broadway had created the problem because the construction workers are parking on Prince St.

After both Ciarabella

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RHS MODEL UN COMPETES AT WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Courtesy Photo

The Model UN Club at Revere High School participated in its fifth conference of the school year this Saturday at Westwood High School. A dozen other schools sent delegates to the conference as well, including Boston Latin, Lexington, Sharon and Xaverian Brothers HS. RHS students presented speeches and engaged in negotiations in crisis committees addressing the issues from the Screen Actors Guild strikes, electing a Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, responding to the use of drones in warfare, and rules governing potential mining



RHS Model UN students @ Westwood MUN Conference included Gabriel Campos, Dina Oufessa, Sarah Naz, Vitoria Ferreira, Zoha Hassan, Salsabil Mendoza, Leah Zuniga, Edwin Alarcon, Erta Ismahili, and Isha Hassan

for minerals on the moon. Seniors Isha Hassan, Erta Ismahili and Salsabil Mendoza received special recognition from the chairs and their fellow delegates at the awards ceremony. The club will now prepare for their

next challenge - attending the Nobles and Greenough MUN conference in early May.

Council approves special permit for Broadway business

By Adam Swift

The city council approved a special permit allowing for a contractor’s yard at Master Spray Foam at 870 Broadway at its meeting on Monday night. The approval to change from one nonconforming use (a commercial garage) to another (the contractor’s yard) came with a long list of conditions to address concerns raised by residents at previous meetings. The special permit allows

for the storage of six vehicles, three box trucks and three vans, for the use of the business on the property. At previous public hearings, neighbors raised concerns about the state of the existing building at 870 Broadway, as well as unregistered cars on the property and noise at the site early in the morning. “We put many conditions in there,” said Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, who chairs the zoning subcommittee. “We had many calls on this, and I think this addresses every item every resident had, and I think it puts enough safeguards in.” The special conditions include making sure the exterior of the building is repaired, including the replacement of missing stucco and boarded up windows, as well as the fire department approval of fire suppression and ventilation systems in the building. The building must also be brought into compliance

with all city codes. The owner must also cease operation of the commercial garage and used car sales on the property. In addition, all employees must park off street, and the hours of operation for the business will be from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Monday through Saturday. Finally, only materials related to the spray foam business will be allowed to be stored on the property.

Leonard Florence Center residents and Staff Join Lizzo on the set of Saturday Night Live

Special to the Journal

Steve Saling and Patrick O’Brien had one of their lifelong dreams come to fruition on Saturday, April 14. As part of the Leonard Florence Center for Living’s Outward Bound program, the two ALS residents traveled to New York City with staff and Chelsea Jewish Lifecare CEO Barry Berman to attend the taping of Saturday Night Live (SNL), the iconic late-night live sketch comedy variety

show on NBC that is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary. Both Steve and Patrick are huge fans of SNL. Although tickets are almost impossible to get, Barry Berman arranged for Steve and Patrick, both of whom are on ventilators, to attend the April 14th episode. Nighttime Emmy Award winner Jon Hamm was the guest host, and the incredibly talented Lizzo served as the musical guest. Crit- See LEONARD FLORENCE Page 9



Steve Saling and Lizzo.

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and Rystrom suggested that the problem will go away once the project is completed (which is imminent) and that placing a “Residents Only” parking restriction on Prince St. only will move the problem to another street, the commission voted to table the matter until a future meeting. Next up was a request to remove the residential building at 41 Revere St. (which consists of 12 units with 12 parking spaces) from Title 10, Section 10.34.020; Subsection G (Multi-Family residential properties having more than six units shall not be eligible for Resident Parking Stickers). “This would open up a very large issue with park-

ing in the entirety of our city because there are so many of these properties that are not eligible for on-street parking,” said Ciaramella. “This would open up a can of worms and would become a larger issue if we approve this.” “This would cause further problems,” agreed Rystrom. The commission then unanimously voted to deny the request. The commission voted to refer to the city’s Traffic Working Group item #4, which was as follows: “A request to place appropriate signage and/or blinking lights ahead of all speed bumps to provide sufficient warning to drivers and improve roadway safety. Fur-

thermore, that the Traffic Commission and Department of Public Works conduct a review of all existing speed bump locations to ensure proper signage and report back with recommendations.” The commission also voted to postpone taking up item #5, which was a request to install two speed bumps along Mills Avenue and two on Rice Avenue. The next item was a request to reduce the speed limit on Campbell Ave. between Centennial Ave. and the Revere Beach Parkway from 25 to 20 miles per hour. Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke in favor of the request. “There are other streets

in the city that are commercial streets that have a speed limit of 20 miles per hour, but this is a residential street with 25 miles per hour,” said Novoselsky. The commissioners unanimously voted to move the matter to a public hearing at its next meeting. The commission then heard a report presented by Olivia Mobayad, a :Project Manager with the MBTA’s Better Bus Transformation Project, regarding the Bus Stop Pilot program that was launched this past December. Mobayad first reviewed the pilot program’s main goals, which are as follows: -- Relocation of bus stops for Routes 116, 119, and 110 along Broadway and Park Avenue to improve transfers for riders; and -- Installation of new Transit Signal Technology to allow buses to safely serve the new bus stops without adverse impacts to intersection operations. Mobayad said that bus routes 116 (which absorbed former bus route 117) and 110 are now Frequent Bus Routes, which has increased service to every 15 minutes or better during service hours every day. In addition, she said that consolidating the bus stop at Park and Broadway for both of those routes has made transfers between the two routes easier and more accessible for riders. Mobayad also noted that the project has eliminated the use of the so-called “driveway” behind the fire station that previously had been used by buses to get from Broadway onto Park Ave.

Mobayad said that there are 5,100 total daily bus riders (compared to 30,000 automobiles), who traverse Broadway and that there are 255 average weekday transfers and 580 daily boardings at the new bus stops. “Things are working well and we are benefiting a lot of riders every day,” said Mobayad. Mobayad noted that large vehicles have difficulty making the right turns from Broadway onto Central Ave. and Broadway onto Park Ave. She said the T is proposing to move the stop bars in the roadways on Park and

Central 10 feet further back from the intersections. The commissioners suggested that the area right after the current stop bars could be “X’d” out with “Don’t Block the Box” signage,” rather than moving back the stop bars, to which Mobeid suggested a compromise of moving the stop bars back five feet, along with installing the “X” striping. Mobayad also said that the T is recommending placing new bus stops on Mountain Ave. that would avoid 170 pedestrian crossings on Central Ave. and 400 additional “ons and offs” at the new stops between Park and Central Aves. Mobayad said the T’s present timeline calls for the six-month pilot program to end in June. She said that if the commission agrees to make the changes permanent, the construction work to be undertaken by the T for ADA-compliant sidewalk improvements along the bus routes will begin in the fall. Mobayad said the proposed changes include the following: -- Permanently remove the bus stop located at Walgreens (Broadway southbound) and relocate the stop to Mountain Ave. and Broadway (south side) to improve bus stop access for riders of the 116, 119, and 411; -- Permanently remove the bus stop located at TD Bank (Broadway northbound) and relocate the stop to Mountain Ave. and Broadway (south side) to improve bus stop access for riders of the 116, 119, and 411; -- Move the left-turn lane stop bar on Central Avenue at Broadway up to 15’ back from the intersection to allow safe turning for large vehicles and improve intersection operations; and -- Move the left-turn lane stop bar on Park Avenue at Broadway up to 15’ back from the intersection to allow safe turning for large vehicles and improve intersection operations. After Julie DeMauro from the city’s Office of Planning and Development suggested that the commissioners take up the matter again in May in order to

take a formal vote on the T’s permanent proposals, the commissioners unanimously did so. The next matter was a request from Babo to add 44 parking meters in the Shirley Ave. business district (for a total of 110) which he said will benefit the new businesses, especially those in Sandler Sq., that have come to the area since 2019. Babo said that the new parking meters will have sensors that will allow for 15 minutes of free parking for customers who are making quick pick-ups at the businesses. He also asked that the meter rates be increased from \$1.00 per hour to \$1.50 per hour after the 15-minutes of free parking. John Festa, the economic liaison for the city with the Dept. of Community Development, spoke in favor of the proposal, as did Ward 2 Councillor Novoselsky, who suggested that there be different configurations for the new meters that will take into consideration the needs of both businesses and residents. Richard Viscay, the city’s CFO, Auditor, and Budget Director, also spoke in favor of the proposal. “Parking meters will help the businesses by creating turnover in parking in that district,” Viscay said. The commissioners unanimously voted to move the matter to a public hearing next month. The meeting concluded with DeMauro updating the commission about two items that have come within the purview of the Traffic Working Group regarding measures that have been undertaken to reduce speeding on Walnut and Crescent Aves. She suggested that speed pillows be installed on Crescent Ave. and a pedestrian beacon be placed on Walnut Ave. Novoselsky however, noting that two pedestrians were struck by automobiles recently, strongly advocated for the installation of a speed bump on Walnut Ave. as being the “only way that we can reduce the speeding on that street.” The matters will be placed on the agenda to be taken up at the commission’s next meeting.

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### THE TRAGIC WAR IN VIETNAM ENDED 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

It was 50 years ago this week on April 30, 1975, that the U.S. involvement in the War in Vietnam officially came to an end when the last U.S. military helicopter flew ignominiously from the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon (as the capital of South Vietnam was known at that time, but which is now Ho Chi Minh City, named after the No. Vietnamese leader who once worked as a pastry chef in Boston’s Parker House from 1911-13).

For the generations of Americans over the past 50 years who know about the Vietnam War only from their U.S. history classes, the few pages in their textbooks devoted to the war cannot even remotely describe both the upheaval that the war caused in American society at that time and the lasting impacts upon our nation that reverberate today.

More than nine million brave young Americans served during the war, of whom more than 58,000 gave their lives, while another 300,000 were wounded. In addition, there were hundreds of thousands more who suffered the psychological effects from PTSD, as well as the latent toll from Agent Orange (the powerful chemical herbicide that took its name from the orange striping on the barrels in which it was stored) and other weapons used by the U.S. military that resulted in later-life cancers and birth defects that affected tens of thousands of our soldiers and Vietnamese civilians.

For those of us who came of age during that era from 1965-75, we recall watching the war brought into our living rooms every night on the national TV news shows with reports from correspondents who were embedded with our military as they went on their infamous search and destroy missions that transformed the beautiful and placid Vietnamese countryside into a living hell for the Vietnamese people.

We recall reading with stunned disbelief in Time Magazine (Time was delivered to our home every week) about the massacre by U.S. Army American soldiers, led by Lieutenant William Calley, at the Vietnamese village of My Lai, in which hundreds of civilians, almost all of them women, children, and elderly men, were raped and murdered.

We remember the “body count” of “enemy soldiers” that was issued daily by U.S. military officials, under the direction of General William Westmoreland, which was so huge that it seemed that it would be only a matter of time before the small country of No. Vietnam would run out of soldiers.

Only later did we learn that these so-called body counts included hundreds of thousands of So. Vietnamese civilians who were killed by our bombs and assaults on their villages.

Then in 1971 came the publication of the Pentagon Papers, which had been leaked by Daniel Ellsberg to the New York Times, which detailed the secret history of the war (compiled by the Pentagon itself). The Pentagon Papers spelled out how President Lyndon Johnson and previous administrations had systematically lied both to the American people and Congress about what was going on in Vietnam.

The Pentagon Papers detailed the covert actions by the U.S. military that involved us ever-deeper into the process of escalation that culminated with the Tonkin Gulf Resolution passed by Congress in August, 1964, that basically gave Johnson carte blanche to send millions of soldiers to Vietnam without Congress ever having issued a Declaration of War.

Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska was one of only two senators to oppose the resolution with words that would become prophetic, saying he was voting against the resolution because “...we are sending our American boys into combat in a war in which we have no business, which is not our war, into which we have been misguidedly drawn, and which is steadily being escalated.”

Only years later was it revealed that the basis of the Tonkin Gulf Resolution -- the supposed attack on U.S. naval vessels by No. Vietnam in the Tonkin Gulf off the coast of No Vietnam -- was a complete fiction.

Moreover, the overall justification for the war was the oft-stated Domino Theory, by which American policy-makers suggested that if one country in Southeast Asia were to fall to the Communists, the others would fall like dominoes and would become vassal states of China and the Soviet / union.

But that analysis completely ignored the simple fact that the Vietnam War was a civil war in which the Vietnamese were seeking to throw off their colonial rulers -- the country had been invaded and governed first by the Chinese, then the Japanese, then the French, and then the Americans.

Robert McNamara, who served as Secretary of Defense under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Johnson from 1961-68, and who was one of the chief architects of the American strategy, admitted 40 years later that American involvement in the war in Vietnam was “wrong.”

In the aftermath of the war, trust in our government reached an all-time low and has continued to plummet ever since, even among those of us who generally believe in the values of our democracy and the need for a strong national government.

The War in Vietnam was a tragedy for everyone who even remotely was touched by it. It was a war built on lies on top of lies -- and its legacy is a large part of the reason why Americans have such distrust of our government and institutions today.

### WHAT WAS THE POINT?

**Dear Editor,**  
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scientists and researchers who are working on the problem. We can all do our part to reduce carbon emissions and encourage other people and countries to do the same. We can hope and

we can act.  
Editorial writers should identify problems, but they should also point to solutions; no matter how dire the situation.

**Tom Wilson**

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### FREEDOM TRAIL FOUNDATION EXPANDS TOURS IN MAY

As the weather warms, the Freedom Trail Foundation’s 18th-century costumed guides are out on the Trail in full force offering an expanded menu of fun and educational tours.

Starting May 3, the Freedom Trail Foundation’s current spring tour schedule offers Walk Into History Tours from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center on the hour every hour, daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as well as 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Additionally, the Foundation offers tours departing from the ArtsBoston booth including Walk Into History Tours on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m., as well as North End Tours on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

“Boston’s iconic Freedom Trail, its historic sites, and the Foundation offer an array of activities to experience this spring and year-round,” said the Foundation’s Executive Director Suzanne Segura Taylor. “The expanded tours schedule gives residents and visitors more opportunities to enjoy learning about 250 years of history on the Free-

dom Trail for Preservation Month and as the Commonwealth and City commemorates the sestercentennial.”

Walk Into History Tours are the official 90-minute walking tour of the Freedom Trail featuring tales of high treason, mob agitations, revolutionary actions, and partisan fights, walking to 11 of Boston’s historic Freedom Trail sites to and from Boston Common and Faneuil Hall. The North End Tour features stops along the Trail including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, Copp’s Hill Burying Ground, and other historic places in Boston’s oldest neighborhood.

Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children, and include a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation’s Preservation Fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center and The BOS Traveling Mobile Visitor Center (various locations), Artists for Humanity and Crabby Jack’s shops inside historic Faneuil Hall, Samuel Adams Downton Boston Taproom next to historic Faneuil Hall, Old Town Trolley locations and ticket booths, and online at [TheFreedomTrail.org](http://TheFreedomTrail.org).

All walking tours are available for group tours year-round by appointment and are perfect for tourist groups, family outings,

### GRADUATES OF THE CITY-OFFERED VETERANS’ CHROMEBOOK CLASS



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birthday parties, company parties, corporate activities, team building, and more, and may be booked via phone reservation at (617) 357-8300.

The Foundation and City of Boston also celebrates Preservation Month in May with an array of tours, events, exhibits, and activities along the Freedom Trail for adults and children, history buffs and curious visitors. For more Preservation Month information, please visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/landmarks-commission/boston-preservation-month>

For more information about the Freedom Trail and Freedom Trail sites, please visit [TheFreedomTrail.org](http://TheFreedomTrail.org) or call (617) 357-8300.

### FBI MARKS 45 YEARS OF JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCES; BOSTON’S EARLY ROLE AND KEY CASES NOTED

The FBI is commemorating the 45th anniversary of its Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs), the first of which was formed in 1980 as a model for law enforce-

ment collaboration. The Boston Division of the FBI was an early adopter, establishing its first JTTF in April 1986. Over the years, FBI Boston has expanded its efforts, eventually sponsoring five JTTFs in its area of responsibility, including the nation’s first airport-based JTTF at Logan Airport, a recognition of the region’s significance in national security.

JTTFs unite investigators, analysts, linguists, and tactical experts from federal, state, and local agencies to share intelligence and respond to threats. Acting Special Agent in Charge James Crowley emphasized their crucial role in disrupting extremist plots. The FBI Boston Division has a history of significant involvement in counterterrorism, including the investigation of the 9/11 attacks, given that two of the hijacked flights originated from Logan Airport. Boston’s JTTF also played a vital role in the investigation following the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013.

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REVERE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOLD DISTRICT-WIDE STUDENT SHOWCASE



Families check out the art of their students at the showcase.



The halls of the West Revere Complex were filled with inspiring art during the annual event.



The event was filled with music, art, and event sculptures created by RPS's talented students.



A young RPS students points out her art.



Students not only created great art for the annual event but also performed original music.



The event showcased the diverse skills of RPS's young artists and musicians.



An RPS students proudly shows off some of the art.



The variety of talent on display, from stunning visual art to captivating musical performances, showcased RPS student body's depth of skill and passion.



One of several bands performs at the West Revere Complex during the event.



An example of some of the art on display during the showcase.



An RPS caregiver takes a closer look at some of the student-made sculptures.

Courtesy Photos

Revere Public Schools Annual District-Wide Student Showcase was filled with creativity and inspiration. The young artists and performers who worked hard to bring their visions to life impressed the hundreds of attendees. The variety of talent on display, from stunning visual art to captivating musical performances, showcased our student body's depth of skill and passion. Many caregivers and community members expressed their excitement at being part of such a memorable event.

Students from all grade levels had the opportunity to display their creative talents, and the event showcased the diverse skills of our young artists and musicians, highlighting their

dedication and hard work throughout the year. Caregivers, teachers, and friends alike were inspired by the passion and enthusiasm radiating from the stage and gallery, making it an unforgettable experience for everyone who attended.

The event allowed the district and city to support our students and enjoy a vibrant showcase of their talents! Together, students, staff, and caregivers celebrated the arts, and the atmosphere was electric, filled with laughter and applause as each performance and artwork captivated the audience. This celebration not only emphasized the creativity of our students but also reinforced the vital role that the arts play in fostering a well-rounded education.



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The showcase highlighted RPS students' dedication and hard work throughout the year.



School Committee member John Kingston and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lourenço Garcia.

Revere City Council  
Upcoming Meeting  
Schedule May 2025

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Monday, May 12, 2025  
5:00PM | Legislative Affairs

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Monday, May 12, 2025  
5:15PM | Appointments

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Monday, May 12, 2025  
6:00PM | City Council Meeting

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Monday, May 19, 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).

Attest: Ashley E. Melnik, City Clerk



# First Congregational Church of Revere Food Pantry hits the pavement for Project Bread’s 57<sup>th</sup> Walk for Hunger

Special to the Journal

On May 4, First Congregational Church of Revere will step up for Project Bread’s 57th Walk for Hunger. For the 7th consecutive year, the Revere-based nonprofit will raise money to support statewide food security through the Commonwealth Program. The Commonwealth gives organizations addressing food insecurity 60% of all funds they raise to support their own hunger relief programs, with the remaining 40% applied to Project Bread’s statewide food security efforts.

The Walk for Hunger, Project Bread’s flagship community fundraiser, brings together a diverse community dedicated to ensuring food security across the state. The celebration is set for Sunday, May 4 at 9 a.m. and will feature family-friendly activities, food and entertainment. This year’s Walk will remain an accessible route on the fully paved sidewalks, allowing people with mobility devices, young children, and other needs to participate. ASL interpreters and multilingual staff will be present throughout the event.

“It is becoming more and more difficult for people to afford enough to eat,” says Erin McAleer, President & CEO of Project Bread. “One in 5 families with kids are worried about where their next meal will come from. The Walk for Hunger is our opportunity to make

an immediate difference in the lives of thousands of our neighbors. Organizations like First Congregational Church of Revere Food Pantry are what make The Walk for Hunger such a powerful event. Together, as a community, we’re making sure people can access food with dignity and choice each day.”

The First Congregational Church of Revere Food Pantry works to provide emergency food to food insecure families in their community, providing two bags of non-perishable and perishable food per month to each family. In the city of Revere, 40% of households reported that they were facing food insecurity to the Greater Boston Food Bank. In 2024, the First Congregational Church of Revere Food Pantry served more than 3,000 unique families and had nearly 14,500 visits. The organization currently serves up to 350 families each week during the two hours the pantry is open on Wednesdays. Funds raised from the 57th annual Walk for Hunger will go toward the pantry’s purchasing of food from the Greater Boston Food Bank and other sources, specifically focusing on the culturally preferred food items for residents of the city of Revere. This year, the team has a goal to raise \$2,500 for the cause

“The First Congregational Church opened in 1983 with \$500 from Project Bread,” says Nicoletta



Members of Revere’s First Congregational Church shown during the 2024 Walk for Hunger.

Giardina, Operations Manager for the First Congregational Church of Revere Food Pantry. “In 1989, we applied for the first grant to request funding from the Walk for Hunger, receiving \$1,000. We continued to receive funds from the Walk for Hunger grant program until 2019. That same year, we participated in the pilot Commonwealth Program and have participated in this program ever since. This funding helps us to purchase much needed supplies for the many food insufficient families in our community. As federal programs are reduced or eliminated, the need is greater than ever.”

Beginning in 1969 as the first pledge walk in the nation, money raised from The Walk for Hunger is critical

to fund systemic change for hunger relief. Project Bread launched the joint-fundraising Commonwealth Program in 2019. In 2024, 39 nonprofits raised more than \$228,000 to support their own programs for statewide food security.

Donate directly to First Congregational Church of Revere’s Commonwealth fundraiser at <https://give.projectbread.org/team/645485>. To register as a participant for Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger, or to support a walker or team with a donation, visit [give.projectbread.org/walk](https://give.projectbread.org/walk). All individual walkers are encouraged to fundraise a minimum of \$25 and teams \$250. Participants who raise \$500 or more are recognized as Heart & Sole

walkers and receive access to personalized fundraising support, exclusive event gear, free breakfast on Walk Day, and invitations to exclusive events.

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at [projectbread.org/get-help](https://projectbread.org/get-help).

Project Bread is the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts. Beginning in 1969 with the first Walk for Hunger, the nonprofit fo-

cuses on driving systemic change to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. Project Bread works collaboratively across sectors to create innovative solutions to end hunger and improve lives across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit: [www.projectbread.org](https://www.projectbread.org).

The First Congregational Church of Revere Food Pantry is an emergency food provider for food insecure families in our community. Located at 230 Beach St., the pantry is open every Wednesday night from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. Clients may pick up food once a month. Only one member per household can register. For more information, visit: [www.firstcongrevere.org/food-pantry](https://www.firstcongrevere.org/food-pantry).



It’s showtime as Satter House residents Loretta Paquet, Phyllis Snyder, and Roxanne Aiello chat with host Kelly Clarkson on The Kelly Clarkson Show.

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star and director Ben Affleck backstage during the show. Affleck and Jon Bernthal, co-stars of the new movie, “The Accountant 2” were the opening guests on the show.

“I hugged [Ben] and he kissed me, and Jon kissed my hand – I’ve never going to wash these arms and I’ve never going to wash this part of my face,” Paquet jokingly told Clarkson. “He [Affleck] went right for me. Ben Affleck, can you believe it?”

Paquet, who was Miss February, posed behind some Bingo cards in her calendar photo.

“I love to play Bingo – and we always play Bingo in the building – it was a lot of fun doing the calendar – who ever thought at 90 I’d be a pinup girl?” Paquet said on the show.

Aiello, president of the Jack Satter House Tenants Association, spoke on the show about the goal of the special calendar, which was

to raise funds for bus transportation for activity trips.

Clarkson then asked Aiello, “The rabbi comes to you and says, ‘semi-nude calendar,’ what are your thoughts?”

Aiello replied, “When she said, ‘how about doing a calendar’ – it came out like doing a nude calendar, and she said, ‘you won’t be nude, we’ll just put on tank tops and look nude.’ It was exciting to do this. It was fun to see all of us, from ages that ranged from mid-70s to 92. And we did very well with the calendar.”

The Satter ladies concluded their appearance by presenting their Spectacular Seniors calendar to Clarkson as a birthday gift.

“You’re an inspiration to all of us – just to live life in a fun way,” said Clarkson.

All three ladies spoke glowingly about Clarkson, the multi-talented singer and songwriter and popular talk show who was the winner on American Idol’s first



Satter House residents enjoy a photo with Kelly Clarkson on the set of The Kelly Clarkson Show in New York City.



Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe (right) and Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya joined Rabbi Lior Nevo and the Spectacular Seniors for The Kelly Clarkson Show watch party at the Satter House for the broadcast of their appearance on the popular national weekday show.

season in 2002.

“She was so sweet and charming, she’s very pretty, and has a nice personality,” said Snyder.

“The whole trip was won-

derful,” said Paquet. “The people at the show took good care of us. Kelly is a sweetheart. She’s always been my American Idol. She was so nice and made

us feel so comfortable.”

“The trip to New York was something I will never, ever forget,” said Aiello. “The trip to New York was amazing and we stayed at

a hotel in Times Square. The [Kelly Clarkson] Show treated us like movie stars. It was the most memorable experience. It was great.”



REVERE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION AND SWEARING-IN CEREMONY



Promoted Firefighters taking their oaths.



Mayor Patrick Keefe (center) joins city officials (from left), Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Ward 4 Councilor Paul Argenzio, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Councillor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro, and School Committee member Jacqueline Monterroso in congratulating newly promoted Lt. Michael Mullen and Firefighters Garrett McMahon, Michael Banks, Anthony D'Ambrosio, Anthony Sandoval and Nicholas Hartman following the ceremony.



Lt. Michael Mullen, with his wife, Kimberly Chin, and their son, Connor Mullen.



City Clerk Ashley Melnik administers the oath of office to newly promoted Lt. Michael Mullen at the swearing-in ceremony.

Cary Shuman Photos

Michael Mullen was promoted to Revere Fire Lieutenant and Garrett McMahon, Anthony D'Ambrosio, Michael Banks, Anthony Sandoval, and Nicholas Hartman were sworn in as new firefighters during an April 23 ceremony in the City Council Chambers.

Acting Fire Chief James Cullen presided over the ceremony, welcoming the families of the firefighters to "our new extended family."

Cullen recognized Mayor Patrick Keefe, stating the mayor "was responsible for the promotion of our newest lieutenant as well as the hiring of these five firefighters, a testament to his continued support of the Fire Department and his unwavering commitment to public safety for the citizens of our great city."

Cullen noted the presence of Revere Firefighters Local 926 Union, Vice President Barry Johnson and Secretary-Treasurer Michael O'Hara. Union President Kevin O'Hara was unable to attend the ceremony.

Mayor Keefe offered his

congratulations to the newly promoted lieutenant and the five firefighters. "It is an honor to stand in front of you all today as we recognize these five new firefighters and welcome them to the department," said Keefe.

Keefe said of Lt. Mullen, "It also gives me great pleasure to promote a very significant person in our public safety component that has served on both channels of public safety – he worked as a police officer and also now as the newest lieutenant at the Revere Fire Department, Michael Mullen, serving alongside your brother who's also a lieutenant, so it's a family of public service and we thank you and your mom – we thank you for your family's service to the community."

To each of you, "You're heroes across our neighborhoods and on behalf of our grateful city, I thank you for your courage, your sacrifice, and unwavering resolve. We wish you safety, strength, and pride as you carry forth this legacy of excellence," concluded Keefe.

City Clerk Ashley Melnik administered the oaths of office.



Revere Firefighter Anthony D'Ambrosio and his mother, Concetta D'Ambrosio.



Revere Firefighter Michael Banks and his wife, Meghan Courier.



Revere Firefighter Garrett McMahon, with Ryan King, Macy Fakhoury, Lt. Nick Russo, and Retired Lt. Dennis Russo.



Revere Firefighter Nicholas Hartman, with his mother Joyce Hartman, sister, Sam Hartman, and father, Jon Hartman.



Revere Firefighter Anthony Sandoval, with his father, Victor Sandoval, sister, Katherine Sandoval, mother, Miriam Sandoval, and girlfriend, Olivia Thornlow.

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William James Cunningham, Jr.  
Held key positions on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC prior to becoming Senior VP of Corporate Government Relations for Ameresco

William James “Billy” Cunningham Jr., known to his loved ones as Billy, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 26.

Billy served as the Senior Vice President of Corporate Government Relations for Ameresco for many years. He made countless introductions to key politicians on both sides of the aisle and was a driver for some of the most critically needed legislative changes at the federal and state level.

Whenever no one else knew what to do, Billy would find someone to help - a true changemaker for Ameresco and the industry.

Prior to Ameresco, Billy served in key positions on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, notably Chief of Staff to Joseph P. Kennedy II where he managed all legislative and constituent activity in both the Washington and Boston office. He continued to maintain a close network of key political figures throughout the years.

Passionate about his work, Billy always had a burst of energy and true enjoyment in his career. He was known for being charismatic, kind, relentless, innovative, and supportive. Billy was a friend to many, always reaching out to lend a hand or offer support.

Billy’s greatest pride was in his family. He was a loving father to his children, Madeline Cunningham and Mitchell W. Cunningham and his wife, Kelly, and a proud grandfather to his grandson, Charlie. His legacy will continue to live on




through his children and grandchild. He is the son of the late William J. Cunningham, Sr. and Rita (Smith) Cunningham; dear brother of Mary Alice Murdoch and her husband, Robert, III. He is also lovingly survived by several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate Billy in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere on Thursday, May 1st from 4 to 8 p.m. His Funeral will be conducted from the Funeral Home on Friday, May 2nd at 10 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Billy’s honor to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

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, Revere.

William F. Cody, Jr.  
Retired parking attendant

 William F. Cody, Jr., of Revere, died unexpectedly April 10, 2025, at the age of 78.

He was born in Chelsea to the late Bernice (Porter) and William F. Cody. Bill graduated from St. Mary’s High School in Lynn and was a great hockey player. After high school, he went on to attend Umass Amherst before enlisting in the U.S. Army.

Bill served honorably for two years during the Vietnam War. He was a quiet man who kept to himself, but he always enjoyed the company of other veterans. Bill was the proud recipient of the Army Commendation

Medal, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, two Marksman badges, a 1st Class Gunner Badge, and several other badges and medals recognizing his honorable and dedicated service. After the war, Bill spent many years as a parking attendant in Boston where he had many friends and customers.

William is survived by his brother, Kenneth Cody and his wife, Joanne of Malden. He was laid to rest with military honors on Wednesday, April 23 at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. To leave a message of condolence, please visit [gatelyfh.com](http://gatelyfh.com).

Irene A. Schifano

Celebrating the Life of Irene (Nuzzo) Schifano

On Saturday, April 26th, 2025, Irene (Nuzzo) Schifano, affectionately known as “Grammy” and “Ma”, peacefully left this world at the age of 97.

A lifelong Massachusetts native, Irene grew up in East Boston and later made her home in Revere.

Born to Virginia Williams and Americo Nuzzo, and raised alongside her sister, Marie Ventura, with the loving guidance of her stepfather Frank Williams, Irene learned early the values of hardwork, resilience, and compassion. She carried those lessons into every chapter of her life.

Irene found the utmost joy in her family and friends – whether it was in the sound of cards shuffling and laughter echoing during their regular games of poker or gifting her famous homemade mushroom pizza to those that she loved. She believed that good food, a shared joke, or a simple act of kindness could make any day better — and she lived that belief every single day.

She was not one to sit still for long. Irene’s determination and work ethic shone through in everything she did, from running her own Avon business to working with the American Heart Association, to caring for her elderly clients with unmatched tenderness as a home aide. Even into her later years, Irene took pride in her independence — there was always a list to complete, a job to finish, or most importantly, someone to help.

She is survived by her daughters, Gail and Donna Schifano, and her sons, Charles Schifano and his wife, Marilyn, and Robert Schifano, and her many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Nothing brought her



more pride than watching her family grow and thrive, each new generation carrying forward her legacy of strength and love.

Though our hearts ache at her passing, we find comfort in knowing that Irene’s spirit lives on — in every homemade meal we share, and every Christmas Eve filled with laughter. She showed us how to live with humor, grit, and boundless love, and for that, we will always be grateful.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Irene’s life on Wednesday, April 30th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere. A Funeral Service will be held in the funeral home at 1 p.m. followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Irene’s memory to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (<https://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org>).

We will miss her more than words can say, but her light and lessons will never leave us.

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John F. “Jack” Dowd, III  
Retired Boston University Computer Programmer

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours on Sunday, April 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St. Revere, for John F. “Jack” Dowd, III, who died at the Exeter Medical Center in Exeter, NH on Tuesday April 22, following a long illness. He was 72 years old. Funeral Services will be conducted from the funeral home on Monday, April 28th beginning at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Interment will immediately follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

Jack was born in Chelsea on December 27th, 1952 to his late parents, John F. Dowd, Jr. and Alice R. (Haas) Dowd. He, along with his three siblings, were raised in Beachmont section of Revere. Jack was educated in Revere Public Schools and was a graduate of Revere High School Class of 1970. He also received an associate’s degree in computer science from North Shore Community College in 1973. Jack was a computer programmer for Boston University, which his career spanned 40 years.

He married his wife, Mary (Gray) on April 27, 1985. The couple remained in the family home in Beachmont, where they remain today. Both Jack and Mary welcomed their only child, John F. IV, and raised him in Revere as well. He was a caring and loving husband, father and grandfather.

Jack enjoyed reading very much, especially David Baldacci novels. He was



a football superfan, and of course the New England Patriots were his all-time favorite watch. Jack also would be thrilled watching the NFL Draft and would have his own notes on who was going where. He loved all of the Boston teams, but the Celtics was his number two after the Patriots. His love for his family was paramount, and he demonstrated it regularly.

He was the beloved husband of 40 years to Mary G. Dowd of Revere; the loving father of John F. Dowd, IV and his wife, Elizabeth of Kingston, NH and the proud grandfather of Ophelia Josephine; the treasured brother of Edmund J. Dowd of Saugus, Nancy E. Dowd of Revere, and Jeanne F. Cotter of Colorado Springs, CO.

He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

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Gina M. Anastos-Noftle  
Graduate of RHS, Class of 1986

Gina Anastos-Noftle of Revere passed away on Thursday, April 24 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston surrounded by her loving family and friends. In July of 2024 she was diagnosed with Dedifferentiated Liposarcoma (a rare form of cancer). Through it all she remained tough through strength and support and her will to live. Gina was 57 years old, and the oldest of three daughters born to William P. Anastos and Carol (McCorry) Anastos of Revere.

Gina graduated from Revere High School, Class of 1986. She was an athlete and a member of the girls softball and basketball teams. Gina had a passion for art, cooking, and traveling. Her love for art started at a young age waking up early on the weekends to draw with Captain Bob. After graduating high school, she went on to earn a degree in art from The Butera School of Art.

Gina’s desire to travel led her to pursue a career at Virgin Atlantic where she worked for over thirty years. Gina enjoyed cooking and gardening with her forever love and best friend Robert (Bob). They were known for their family and friend’s barbecues. They loved to explore new recipes using fresh ingredients and taking over old family favorite recipes to continue their legacy.

Gina was the beloved wife of 30 years to Robert J Noftle, and loving mother to Jacob, Kyle and Nicole Noftle-Minichello and her husband, Michael; the treasured daughter of William P.



Anastos and Carol A. (McCorry) Anastos, the dear sister of Tania L Anastos-Case and her husband, Alex and her late sister, Alisha Anastos; the aring aunt of Matthew and Tiah Case and the cherished grandmother of Brayden and Julian Minichello. She is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and extended family.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a memorial visitation on Monday, May 5th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith and Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere. A Funeral Service will follow the visitation in the funeral home at 2:15 pm. Interment will be held privately.


In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Liposarcoma Cancer foundation, ([www.sarcomaalliance.org](http://www.sarcomaalliance.org)) , The united cerebral palsy foundation ([www.ucp.org](http://www.ucp.org)) or to a charity of your choice.

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# License Comm. approves license for cornhole tourney; revokes Antonia's license

By Journal Staff

The Revere License Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 16, in the City Council Chamber. Daniel Occena, who chaired the meeting in the absence of chair Robert Selevitich, and Liliana Minroy were on hand for the session.

The first item on the agenda was a request by Rice Passions World Corp. d/b/a Rice Passions, 163 Squire Road (Guillermo Rodriguez, manager), for the transfer of an All Alcohol Restaurant License from Rice Passions, Inc.

A consultant representing the applicant told the commissioners that the restaurant next door, Que Arepa!, is purchasing the present Rice Passions restaurant, which serves Thai food, and that all operations under the new owner will remain the same, including the operating hours of Sunday 12 p.m.–9:30 p.m. and Tuesday–Saturday 11:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m., seating for 50, and entertainment of wide-screen cable TV and radio.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the transfer.

Next up was an applica-

tion from 388 Broadway, LLC, d/b/a Volare, 388 Broadway (Cecilia Maya, manager) for a 1-day change of opening hours to open at 5 a.m. for an Easter breakfast for a church group.

Ms. Maya explained that this was a one-time request to open early on Easter Sunday morning in order to host an Easter Brunch for a church group of about 40 adults and children with no alcohol to be served.

Ward 5 City Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya spoke in favor of the application. "I am very happy with the way this establishment has presented itself and am in favor of anything we can do to help them," Guarino-Sawaya said.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the request.

The third item was a request from Colwen Management, Inc., Staybridge Suites/Holiday Inn Express-Revere, 245 Revere Beach Parkway (Cynthia Baysic, manager) for a change of manager from Catherine Cucchiello.

Ms. Baysic appeared along with attorney Jon D. Aieta of the Boston law firm McDermott, Miller,

Quilty, and Hanley. Aieta told the commissioners that Ms. Baysic has 25 years of experience in the hospitality business, including extensive experience in the service of alcohol, for which she is TIPS-certified. He said all present staff will remain in place and there will be no changes in the operation of the business.

There were no opponents and the commission approved the application.

Item four was a request from the Revere Chamber of Commerce, Alex Pomponio, event manager, for a 1-day Malt/Wine, Common Victualler, and Entertainment License for a Cornhole Tournament to be held at the field of the Susan B. Anthony School on Saturday, June 21, from 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m. (with a rain date of Sunday, June 22) with an expected attendance of 50–100 persons.

Ms. Pomponio and Erica Porzio, the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, presented the application to the commission.

"This will be our second annual Cornhole Tournament with the support and partnership of the city's Parks and Rec. Dept," said Ms. Porzio, who informed the commission that Murray's Tavern will be managing the beer and wine garden and will be issuing bracelets and checking IDs.

"John Murray is very well-aware of the rules for these events," noted Occena. "You guys ran a good event last year and I'm confident you will do so again."

There were no opponents and the commission unanimously approved the application.

The commission con-

ducted two hearings. The first was a continuation of the hearing from March pertaining to MFRP Corp., d/b/a The Squire, 604 Squire Road (Peter DePesa, manager) "into the failure to provide adequate security, resulting in multiple violent attacks on patrons."

The incidents in question had occurred in January and involved stabbings in the Squire's parking lot which had required emergency intervention by Revere's first responders.

Mr. DePesa had told the commission in March that the Squire would be undertaking its own security measures, rather than using police details, and he explained to the commissioners what the new security measures would entail.

"We've updated our security systems through the recommendations of a security company we've hired," said DePesa. "We've added AI technology with thermal cameras in the parking lot which nightclubs are using across America that have reduced crime by 60 percent. The technology picks up people who are moving and makes them aware they are being video recorded."

"We've also added security personnel both inside and outside the building and added four more cameras by the front door to monitor the parking lot," DePesa added. "In addition, all of the staff has been retrained in crowd control."

However, Occena said the commission wanted more details about the security plan. "We were looking for a plan, such as the closing hours and the number of security personnel you've added," said Occena. "We want to see an actual plan."

Everything you're doing is great, but I would ask that we continue this hearing to May in order for you to spell out exactly what your security plan will be."

"I understand what you're looking for and that will not be a problem," DePesa responded.

The commission then voted to continue the hearing until the May meeting, with Occena adding that DePesa also must present a payment plan for the large outstanding balance that the Squire owes to the city for past police details.

The next hearing pertained to Four Partners, Inc., d/b/a Antonia's at the Beach, 492 Revere Beach Boulevard, "into the unauthorized transfer of control of the license; no approved license manager; resident noise complaints; and unpaid license fees."

"You've been in front of this commission repeatedly since 2019," Occena told Fernando Loiaiza, the owner of Antonia's. "There have been a host of issues surrounding the restaurant and the commission has given you a significant amount of grace about these issues."

Loiaiza said he has hired a lawyer to try to resolve those issues, which also has involved the ABCC and the State Department of Revenue because of outstanding taxes, which has prevented Antonia's from receiving a Certificate of Good Standing.

However, Wayne Cintolo, the landlord of the building in which Antonia's is located, told the commissioners that Antonia's is being evicted by the end of the month and that the new tenant will be Floramo's, thereby essentially rendering the hear-

ing as a moot issue.

Occena then recited the litany of the violations since 2019, noting that Antonia's still does not have an approved manager. "Given the chronic and noncompliant statutory violations, as well as the significant history of non-cooperation, the revocation of the license in its entirety is justified and necessary to maintain compliance with the state laws and regulations and to uphold the integrity and proper management of the licensed establishments in the City of Revere."

Occena then made a motion to revoke the license in its entirety to be effective immediately, with Monroy voting in favor.

The commission next noted that it had received a communication from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) regarding changes to the forms of identification which licensees may reasonably rely on. They now include: 1) a valid driver's license issued by another state; and 2) a global entry card issued by United States Customs and Border Protection.

The commission concluded the meeting by renewing the following licenses for the coming year:

Common Victualler: Speedway, LLC d/b/a Speedway (#2409), 630 Squire Rd.

7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a A Plus #40292H, 1781 North Shore Rd.

7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a A Plus #40076H, 1030 Broadway

The Good Diner, LLC, 361 Broadway

Entertainment: The Good Diner, LLC, 361 Broadway

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show of the season.

Patrick, who himself is an award-winning filmmaker and DJ, concurred that being at SNL, and especially meeting Lizzo, was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "Hearing Lizzo say 'I love you, Patrick' was totally amazing," said Patrick. He added, "Lizzo is a truly beautiful person."

The SNL team was so welcoming and gracious," said Barry Berman. "To see the looks on Steve and Patrick's faces brought us so much joy. It truly was a memorable night for all."

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Steve Saling concurred that it was a night to remember. "Wow, SNL was an experience of a lifetime. We were treated like VIPs and got a meet and greet with Lizzo before the show," said Steve. "It was super cool to see how they put together the show. Good times."

Many Leonard Florence Center staff members made it possible for Steve and Patrick to attend the show. Recreational Programming Director Jimmy Honohan drove the organization's van, accompanied by staff members Shelly Scarpa, Amalia Almeida, Paula McKay, Darly Charles, and Ruth Gonzales. This incredible effort simply wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our donors. Their contributions make these meaningful experiences a reality.

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Photos by Marianne Salza

The City of Revere gathered at City Hall Plaza on April 26 for its Beautify Revere annual spring clean-up, organized by members of the Department of Public Works and Mayor Patrick Keefe's office. Participants, equipped with trash bags, buckets, and picker tools, collected debris from their neighborhoods, gathering later for a complimentary celebration barbecue.



Volunteers picking up supplies and t-shirts at Revere City Hall.



Julie, Lucas, and Rafael Villada, of Ward 3.



Councilor Angela Guardino-Sawaya, Hind Quicheddane, Mary Callahan, Toni DePaolis, and Laurie Nalesnik, from the Point of Pines.



Mayor Patrick Keefe with city councilors and volunteers.



Beachmont residents, James, Rhys, and Elliot Gibson, with David Wei, picking up debris from Short Beach.



Mayor Patrick Keefe expressing his appreciation for members of his staff and the Department of Public Works for their efforts in organizing the clean up.



Emily Soto and Jose Portillo.

## RHS SPORTS *Through the Years*

**10 years ago  
April 23, 2015**  
The RHS softball team earned a 12-0 victory over Northeastern Conference

rival Lynn English. Captain Kristina Stella turned in an NEC MVP-type of performance with a three-run homer and two triples for five RBI. Fellow captain Sabrina Palermo fanned eight opponents in her four innings of work on the mound and freshman Gia Santaniello made an impressive varsity debut with two scoreless innings. The Lady Patriots' next victory was an impressive 8-3 triumph over Peabody, which traditionally is one of the top softball teams in the NEC. Palermo got off to a shaky start, walking the first two batters she faced in each of the first and second innings. However, Sabrina escaped both close calls without yielding a run and then settled down thereafter, allowing just one Peabody run in her five innings of work. Captain Victoria Russo gave Revere a 1-0 in the first inning when she

singled, stole second, and then made it to home on her ensuing steal of third when the Peabody catcher's throw went awry. Freshman center fielder Victoria Correia wielded the hot bat, figuring prominently in both Revere rallies to account for four RBI. Correia also made an outstanding catch in center when she snared a hard-hit line drive.

The Revere High girls track team came up just short in its season-opening meet against Lynn Classical last week by a score of 71-65 in which the outcome of the meet came down to the last event, the 4 x 400 relay. First place finishers for coach Antonio LaBruna's Lady Patriots were: Hannah Fitzpatrick in the two-mile run in 14:07; Luana Santos in the 400M hurdles in 1:18.1; Janine So with a jav-

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# Sports

## Revere's Joe Singer wins unanimous decision punching out Parkinson's Disease

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Revere's Joe Singer represented Revere Boxing, the Revere Police Department and the City of Revere at the Battle of the Badge fight held last week. Singer helped to raise \$16,000 for the Punch 4 Parkinson's which raises funds for those battling Parkinson's disease. He delivered an unforgettable performance electrifying a packed Royale Night Club and getting the unanimous decision win.

Singer's participation hit close to home for him and the City of Revere. "When Revere Boxing learned of Revere's Brian Worcesters' ongoing battle with Parkinson's, we had no choice but to join the fight. With the help of our unions, our sponsors, and our Revere Boxing



Revere's Joe Singer landing a "punch" for Parkinson's.

family, DPW's Chris Fabiano and I raised over \$16,000 in support of Punch 4 Par-

kinson's. Revere Boxing only moves in one direction and that is forward. In this community, you will never walk alone. Last year, Brian's condition got to the point where he could no longer perform his duties as master carpenter and tradesman due to his ongoing battle with Parkinson's. When I say this man is one of the best humans on this planet, I do not think anyone would disagree with me. Brian has gone above and beyond for our boxing community, and for countless years as the lead carpenter for Revere Public Schools.

Brian Worcester attended the fight and was Singer's number one supporter that night. "The venue was set up fantastic. Joe, who was sick for five days, still managed to pull it off. He brought his boxing talent which led to a victory for the club. He was amazing. No one has ever stood up for me and this incurable sickness that I carry with me everyday." According to their website, "Established in 2015, Punch 4 Parkinson is a charitable organization focused on developing, implementing and funding non-combat boxing programs for those suffering with Parkinson's disease. Research has shown that high-intensity exercise like boxing slows and oftentimes reverses the progression of Parkinson's symptoms, and we have seen first-hand the remarkable physical and cognitive benefits. P4P has raised over \$1.5 million and supported over 500 warriors in combating Parkinson's each day."



Joe Singer, Brian Worcester and Carl Svendsen at Battle of the Badge.



Students from Revere Boxing cheering on Joe Singer during Battle of the Badge.



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## RHS ROUNDUP

### SEKKAT, STAMATOPOULOS WIN MEDALS AT MSTCA INVACATIONAL MEET

Senior Nisrin Sekkat and junior Gemma Stamatopoulos brought home medals at this past Friday's MSTCA InVacational track and field meet that was held in No. Andover. Nisrin was the top Lady Patriot finisher with a third-place performance in the javelin with a throw of 80'-9". "This was a huge toss for Nisrin," said RHS head coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli. "It was only seven feet off the first-place finisher. Nisrin has been a javelin standout since joining the team her sophomore year, but this throw shows she has the potential to make it to the D-1 States this year." Junior teammate Gemma

Stamatopoulos reached the medal podium in two events with sixth-place finishes in the 400m hurdles, tying her personal record (PR) with a clocking of 1:14.33, a state qualifying time. Gemma then came back to place sixth in the 800m with a clocking of 2:32.16. "Watching Gemma's 400m hurdle race you can see she has so much room to grow in this event," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Once she nails down the hurdle form and steps in between the hurdles, she will break 70." Senior captains Ashley Cabrera Rodriguez and Liv Yuong both just missed reaching the awards podium, securing ninth-place finishes, just one place off a medal. Liv ran a PR in the 100m hurdles with a time of 17.65, while Ashley placed ninth in the triple jump with a leap of 30'-10." A number of other Lady

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Revere High senior Nisrin Sekkat displays the medal she won for her third-place performance in the javelin with a throw of 80'-9".at Friday's MSTCA InVacational Meet in No. Andover.

MAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY

5:15AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*  
6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKIE (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.) \*  
7:30PM - STRENGTH - APRIL (50 MIN.) 2

TUESDAY

5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKIE (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 - MIKIE (50 MIN.) \*  
6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263  
9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2  
10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (50 MIN.) 2  
5:00PM - ZUMBA - VANESSA (50 MIN.) \*  
5:15PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MINS.) \*  
6:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MINS.) \*

THURSDAY

5:30AM - STRENGTH - ANGELA - (45 MIN.) \*  
6:30AM - HIIT - MIKIE (50 MIN.) 3  
9:00AM - BARRE - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2  
12:00PM - GENTLE YOGA - HALEY (45 MIN.) \*  
5:25PM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263  
5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*  
6:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263  
6:30PM - STRENGTH - ANGELA (45 MIN.) \*  
7:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - MIKE (60 MIN.) \*

FRIDAY

5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKIE (50MIN.) 2  
6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKIE (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  
7:30PM - RESTORATIVE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) \*

SATURDAY

6:30AM - FITCLUB - MIKIE - (50 MIN.) \*  
8:00AM - BRAZILIAN STEP - MARCELO (55 MIN.) \*  
9:00AM - VINYASA FLOW - HALEY (45 MIN.) 2  
10:00AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2

SUNDAY

6:30AM - CARDIO BOOTCAMP - MIKIE - (50 MIN.) \*  
8:00AM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) \*  
9:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263  
10:00AM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 263  
11:00AM - SPIN - APRIL (45 MIN.) 263

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elin toss of 74'-0"; Rachel Shanbar with a spin of the discus of 26'-9"; Catherine Elam with a triple jump of 30'-8"; Suellen Guerreiro in the mile with a clocking of 6:26; and the 4 X 100 relay quartet of Jessica Cambraia, Angelina Nguyen, Catherine Elam, and Angelisa Nguyen in 56.0.

Although the Revere High baseball team dropped a 5-2 decision to Peabody, senior Max Anderson turned in a complete game on the mound that should bode well for the rest of the season for the Patriots. Although his teammates

played a generally-solid game on defense behind Anderson, their two errors proved costly, accounting for three unearned runs. Sophomore catcher Hector Zavala (who was 3-for-3 on the day) delivered an RBI single, as did sophomore Nick Castellarian.

### 20 years ago May 4, 2005

The Revere High baseball team stands at 3-6 and will need to generate more offense if it hopes to make a run for the state tournament in the second half of the season. Coach Al Blasi's squad has scored only 25 runs in

its nine games thus far. In an 8-0 loss to Arlington, 11 Patriot hitters fanned and managed only three hits. In a 2-1 win over Medford, sophomore Mark Addesa tossed a five-hitter and drove in the game-winning run with a sacrifice fly. Brian Hartman had two doubles for Revere.

The RHS softball team came through with a three run rally in the last inning to defeat Arlington, 6-5. Jenna Forgione smacked a two-run homer to tie the game and freshman Lisa Polsonetti scored the winning run when she doubled and came around on a Medford

throwing error.

### 30 years ago May 3, 1995

Mike Spinelli tossed a masterful shutout for the Revere High baseball team, fanning 17 Arlington opponents, in an 8-0 victory. Spinelli also smacked a three-run homer into the wind in the first inning. Frank Candela cracked a 410 foot solo homer in the fourth. In a 10-5 triumph over Waltham, the Patriot winning hurler was Tom Levett. Candela led the offense with a 3-for-4 effort, including a double, a triple, and two stolen bases. Chris Cifuni had three

hits and David Lightbody had two hits for coach Al Blasi's squad.

Leanne DeMarco tossed a two-hitter for the RHS softball team in a 2-1 win over Arlington. Freshman Michelle DeCur punched the game-winning, two-run single.

### 40 years ago April 30, 1985

The Revere High baseball team defeated Arlington, 6-3, but then was walked by Medford, 11-1. Vinnie Clucas tossed all nine innings in the Arling-

ton win, scattering seven hits, walking four, and striking out eight. Phil DiLiegro had three hits, stole a base, and scored two runs.

### 70 years ago May 5, 1955

More than 2000 fans jammed McMackin Field for the season-opening ceremonies of Revere Little League Sunday. The league's eight teams, four in the East Division and four in the West, played their annual Jamboree to kick off the season. City Manager Edward P.O'Toole threw out the first pitch.

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Patriots also turned in fine efforts. In the javelin, Jocelyn Lazo placed 14th overall with a season-best throw of 66'-1" and Haley Peralta placed 15th overall with a throw of 66'. Jocelyn also placed 28th overall in the discus with a season-best throw of 58'.

Three Revere girls competed in the 100m dash. Cabrera-Rodriguez placed 30th among the large field of 113 competitors with a sprint of 14.03. Victoria Osias placed 35th with a dash of 14.10 and Lesly Mendoza placed 74th with a time of 15.02.

In the 100m hurdles, Dayana Ortega placed 27th with a time of 19.84 and Salma Zahraoui placed 37th in 20.85.

In the 200m dash, freshman Izzy Marin Isaza placed 37th out of 70 competitors with a sprint of 29.55. Senior Mayaah Ndi was close behind in 45th place with a time of 29.96.

Junior Olivia Rupp ran an outdoor PR in the mile with a clocking of 5:53.45, good for 23rd place. Junior Aidah

Louaddi placed 27th in the shot-put with a throw of 23'-3.75".

"We had some great performances at our first invitational of the 2025 outdoor season," noted MacDonald-Ciambelli.

The Lady Patriots were scheduled to host Malden and Everett this past Monday in a tri-meet that will be highlighted by Senior Day festivities at Harry Della Russo Stadium. They will wrap up their dual meet season next Monday at Medford with a tri-meet vs. the host Lady Mustangs and the Lynn English Lady Bulldogs.

### RHS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM FINDS SUCCESS IN ITS FIRST SEASON

The first-ever Revere High girls flag football team has been finding success in its historic first season.

Through the first two weeks of their inaugural campaign, the Lady Patriots have compiled a record of

2-3-1. They kicked off the program with an exciting shutout win over Arlington Catholic, 22-0. After dropping a 19-0 decision to Cambridge in their second contest, coach Becky Coots and her crew battled to a 7-7 tie with Woburn before falling to Peabody, 35-0.

The improving Lady Patriots turned in what coach Becky Coots termed "our best performance yet" the following week, though coming up short, 19-6, in a hard-fought battle with Bishop Fenwick in which a few mistakes proved costly, but then rebounding for another shutout win over against Arlington Catholic, 19-0.

"Senior captains Reem Alhyari and Amy Cantarero Juarez have been holding down the defensive side of the ball with multiple flag pulls each game," said Coots. "Sophomore Malak Kardady and junior Sara Sbai have stood out on the defensive side of the ball, with Sbai holding the team record with 12 flag pulls so far.

"On the offensive side of the ball, sophomore captain Sarah Lechheb has been a standout with multiple catches and one touchdown," Coots continued. "Seniors Nisrin Sekkat and Marwa Riad lead the team each with three touchdowns and multiple carries. Junior captain Olivia Rupp stands strong as the team's center protecting the ball.

"As our first season continues, I tell the girls that they are part of history," Coots added. "Within our school and the state, girls flag football is such a fast-growing sport, and getting to be a part of the movement is something they should be very proud of and cherish. It is my honor to coach these girls and I am very excited to see where we go this season and every season in the future."

Coots and her crew will

travel to Essex Tech in Danvers tomorrow (Thursday) evening where they will play Somerville and Bishop Fenwick (each team plays two games of 45 minutes on each night of competition). Next Tuesday they will make the shorter trip down Route 16 to Somerville to meet Chelsea and Essex Tech.

### PATRIOT TRACKSTERS SHINE AT INVACATIONAL MEET

A number of members of the Revere High boys outdoor track and field team brought medals at this past Friday's MSTCA InVacational Meet that was held in No. Andover.

Senior Isaiah DeCrosta was the top-finishing Patriot for the meet. Isaiah brought home a third-place medal in the 110 hurdles in a time of 16.06 and grabbed a fifth-place medal in the 400 hurdles with a clocking of 1:00.62

Senior Erick Mayorga was the next-highest-placing Patriot with a fourth-place medal in the javelin with a throw of 154'-9".

Senior Youness Chahid enjoyed a superb meet, earning a sixth-place medal in the mile with a time of 4:37.73. In addition Youness ran a strong two-mile race with a clocking of 10:51.90, which was good for 10th place.

The Patriot 4 x 100 relay quartet of Oliver Escobar, Kepler Celamy, Anthony Pelatere, and Jeremy X reached the medal podium with a sixth-place finish in a time of 45.16.

Escobar, a junior, also earned a seventh-place medal in the 100 dash among the large field of 115 competitors with a sprint of 11.52 seconds. Oliver just missed winning a third medal on the day with his ninth-place effort in the high jump with a leap of 5'-8".

Jeremy X also brought home a seventh-place medal (in a field of 75) in the 200 dash with his sprint of 23.41. In addition, Jeremy cracked the top 20 in the 100 with a time of 11.72, good for 16th place.

In the 400 dash, the top Patriot was Amari Miller-Tobey with a 23rd place effort in a time of 56.72.

In the 800, Adam Ourazouk finished in 28th place with a time of 2:16.88.

In the shot-put, Patriot Bryan Maia's toss of 39'-9" landed him in 20th place. Teammate Silvio Neto was close behind in 23rd spot with his throw of 39'-2.5". Maia also was Revere's top discus-man with a 24th place ranking with a toss of 104'-7".

Coach David Fleming and his crew, who celebrated Senior Day this past Monday, will wrap up their dual-meet season next Monday at Medford.

### REVERE BOYS VOLLEYBALL EDGES SOMERVILLE, 3-2

The Revere High boys volleyball team earned a victory over Somerville in a hard-fought battle last Wednesday. Chris Choc Chavez (20 assists), Larry Claudio (15 assists), Kawan Dias (16 kills), and Juan Perez (12 kills) led the way for the Patriots.

This past Friday coach Lianne Mimmo's Patriots hosted non-league foe Lawrence and claimed a 3-0 victory. Claudio set 15 assists for his teammates and Chavez accounted for 10 assists. Juan Perez led the Pats' offense with 12 kills, while Kawan Dias posted 10 kills and served six aces.

Isaac Portillo turned in a big match on defense with 12 digs.

Mimmo and her squad, who stand at 8-3 on the season, host Lynn English today (Wednesday) and non-league opponent Excel on Friday. They will entertain Medford next Monday and make the short trip west-bound on Wednesday to meet Chelsea.

### RHS SOFTBALL TEAM WINS THREE OF FOUR

The Revere High softball team enjoyed a successful latter part of the vacation week, winning three contests in three days against Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Somerville and Lynn English and non-league foe Northeast Regional.

In last Wednesday's match with Somerville, a 17-0 Revere victory that was halted after five innings because of the mercy rule, RHS pitcher Danni Hope Randall spun five shutout innings in which she yielded just one hit and fanned 11 Lady Highlanders.

The Lady Patriots' offense struck for a number of big hits on the day, while also benefiting from 13 bases on balls issued by Somerville pitching.

Anna Doucette accounted for two hits and four RBI, including a two-run double. Other key hits included a bases-loaded triple by Jordan Martelli and a two-run triple by Lea Doucette;

The Revere defense was solid, committing no errors, and the Lady Patriots were aggressive on the basepaths, stealing nine bases.

The Lady Patriots continued their big bats the following day with a 14-1 win over Lynn English in a contest that was a make-up from an earlier postponement. Caleigh Joyce got Revere rolling in the opening frame with a two-run, inside-the-park homer and the Lady Patriots blew the game open with nine runs in the fourth that was highlighted by an inside-the-park grand slam

by Lea Doucette.

Other RBI-producers in the big inning (in which Revere batted around its lineup) included Frankie Reed, who delivered a pair of doubles for three RBI; Anna Doucette, who drew a bases-loaded walk; and Martelli, who came through with an RBI base hit.

Altogether, Revere accumulated 15 hits on the day, with Smith, Joyce, Martelli, and Reed all accounting for three hits apiece,

Randall once again was a force in the pitcher's circle, spinning a no-hitter over the five-inning route (the English run was unearned) and fanning seven Lady Bulldog opponents.

This past Friday, coach Megan O'Donnell's crew dispatched Northeast Regional, 17-1.

The Lady Patriots put this one away with a 12-run rally in the third. A three-run homer by Martelli and a two-run roundtripper by Reed did most of the damage

Smith had two RBI-hits in the inning, including a double. Lea Doucette struck for a two-RBI base hit and Zizi Kalliavas and Randall contributed RBI base hits.

Randall was untouchable for the third day in a row. Danni struck out nine Lady Golden Knights, while yielding just one hit and an unearned run in the five-inning contest. The win marked a remarkable three-game stretch for Danni in which she tossed 15 innings, striking out 27 opponents (out of a total of 45 outs) allowing no earned runs and only two base hits,

This past Monday saw the Lady Patriots' three-game winning streak come to an end with an 11-7 loss to GBL foe Lynn Classical.

After the visiting Lady Rams grabbed an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first, Revere struck back to tie the score in the home half of the frame, the key hits coming on a solo homer by Lea Doucette and a double by Reed.

Classical scored two in the second, but the Lady Patriots responded in kind to leave matters at 5-5 after two. Classical regained the advantage with two markers in the fourth, a lead they never relinquished.

Kalliavas and Reed both had three hits to pace the 11-hit Revere attack. Zizi K. also stole three bases on the day.

O'Donnell and her squad, who now stand at 6-3 on the season, will travel to Lynn English today (Wednesday). They will play three home games in three days next week starting Monday against Medford (which is in first place in the GBL), Tuesday vs. non-league foe East Boston, and Wednesday vs. Chelsea. The opening pitch for all three contests on the Ardagna Field at Griswold Park/St. Mary's will be at 4:15.



Revere High junior track and field standout Gemma Stam-atopoulos proudly wears the two medals she won at Friday's MSTCA InVacational meet. Gemma took sixth place in both the 400m hurdles, tying her personal record (PR) with a time of 1:14.33, a state qualifier, and the 800m with a time of 2:32.16.

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RHS PATRIOT SOFTBALL DEFEATED THE GOLDEN TORNADOES OF MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL AT HOME

The Revere High girls softball team could not be stopped in their recent game against the Golden Tornadoes of Malden recently. The Patriots shut them out, 16-0.



Anna Doucette scores for the Lady patriots beating a throw to home.



RHS Lady Patriot Softball: Front row: Jordan Martelli, Zuhey Pastrana, Michelle Pineda, Zacharania Kallias, Marisella D’Amelio. Back row: Head Coach Megan O’Donnell, Shayna Smith, Brianna Miranda, Lea Doucette, Caleigh Joyce, Anna Doucette, Frankie Reed, Dani Hope Randall, Asst. Coaches Victoria Correia, and Halley Powers.



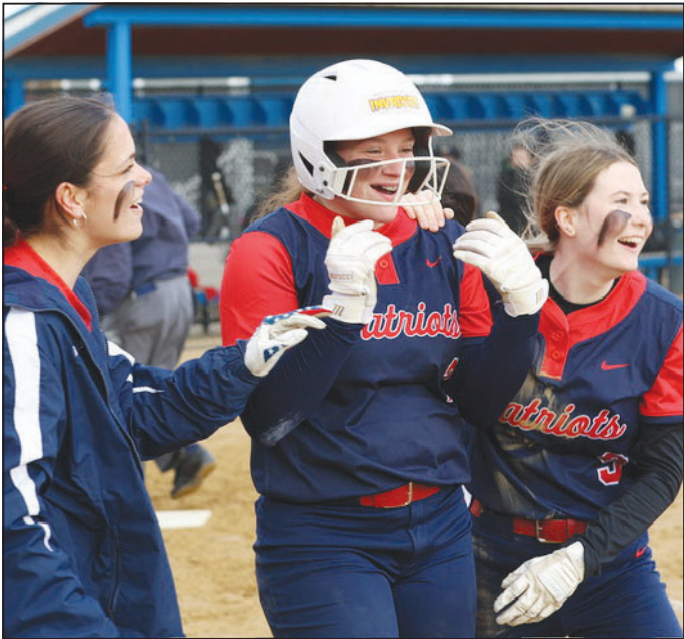
At bat, Senior Captain Lea Doucette.



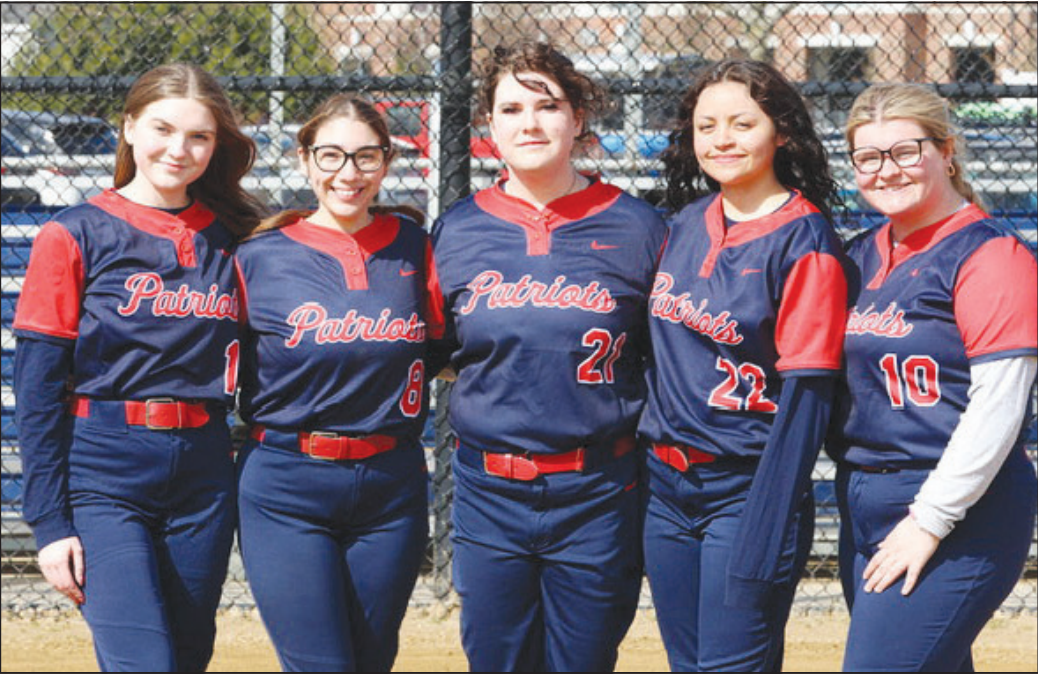
On the mound for the Lady Patriots Dani Hope Randall.



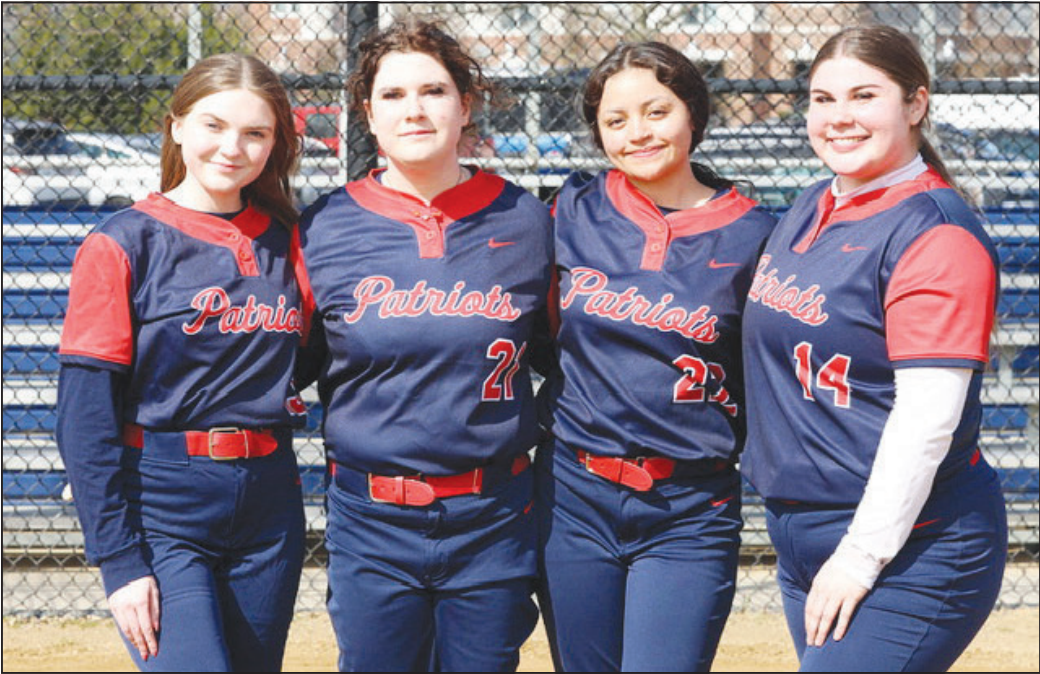
Junior Captain Frankie Reed poised at bat, getting a double for the RHS Lady Patriots.



Shayna Smith is greeted at home plate after she sent the ball over the fence for a home run, shown is Dani Hope Randall and Anna Doucette.



Lady Patriot Seniors, Captain Jordan Martelli, Zuhey Pastrana, Captain Lea Doucette, Captain Brianna Miranda, and Marisella D’Amelio.



The RHS Lady Patriot Captains, Senior Captain Jordan Martelli, Senior Captain Lea Doucette, Senior Captain Brianna Miranda, and Junior Captain Frankie Reed.

ETHAN DAY RECEIVES BASKETBALL CERTIFICATE



Ethan Day, Revere High School Basketball Captain, center, with members of the Revere City Council: Chris Giannino, Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Bob Haas, Paul Argenzio, Basketball Coach David Leary, Anthony Cogliandro, Marc Silvestri, Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Michelle Kelley, Joanne McKenna, Ira Novoselsky, and Anthony Zambuto.



Revere High School Basketball Coach David Leary, and Basketball Captain Ethan Day, with his parents, Danielle and Billy Day.

By Marianne Salza

The Revere City Council presented Ethan Day, Captain of the Revere High School (RHS) Basketball Team, a Certificate of Commendation on April 28 at Revere City Hall in recognition of the senior’s outstanding leadership, athleticism, and commitment to excellence, both on and off the court.

Eighteen-year-old Day achieved the title of Greater Boston League Go-MVP for the 2024-2025 season while becoming the third boy in RHS history to earn 1,000 points.

“To do so, on February 18 of this year, at our last game against Northeast Voke, he needed to score 65 points to get to 1,000 points. With the help of his teammates – and himself putting in the work – he scored 65 points in the game,” acknowledged Coach David Leary. “That is a Revere High School Record.”



Revere High School Basketball Captain Ethan Day receiving a Certificate of Commendation from Councilor Paul Argenzio during the April 28 Revere City Council Meeting.







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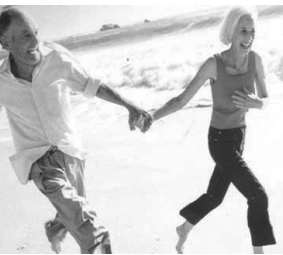


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Nolan Dow and Anthony Selvitella were honored by the Revere Youth Hockey Assoc. at its traveling team banquet. **PAGES 21 AND 24**

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The developers of Atlantica, an 82-unit residential complex, and the Revere Beach Partnership are forging a mutually beneficial relationship. **PAGE 3**



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## CITY HALL

# Uncharted territory

### Ambrosino proposes an unprecedented \$105 million budget

By SETH DANIEL  
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Increasing by \$5 million over last year, this year's proposed city budget topped the \$100 million mark for the first time in the city's history, resting at \$105,210,192.

Mayor Tom Ambrosino released his budget proposal on Friday from

the office of City Auditor Laurie Giardella. City government increased by \$4.3 million and the schools - which are funded in partnership with the state - increased by \$1.2 million. All combined, the budget increased by \$5,648,203.

"It's probably a greater percentage increase from what it has been in the past, but I don't know how

you can argue against that when certain non-discretionary costs like group health insurance and rubbish are increasing so much," said Ambrosino. "This year was a good year for those; next year may not be. You're always holding your breath on those costs."

For those outside of government circles, namely the residential and

commercial taxpayers of the city, the question is just how much the proposed budget will cost - funding comes from their pockets in the form of taxes. More than likely, there will be another property tax increase next year, and water and sewer rates are slated for a 14 per-

## AT THE TRACK

# Wondy's struggles continue

### Illness claims the lives of several greyhounds; more employees laid off

By SETH DANIEL  
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A mysterious illness has gripped the dogs at the Wonderland Greyhound Track over the past week and thrust the raceway into the national spotlight for all the wrong reasons.

Over the past week several greyhounds have died of an unknown bacterial or viral infection that has spread throughout the track's 1,200 racing dogs. Since May 4, some 16 greyhounds have died at Wonderland from the disease.

Live racing has been suspended indefinitely, although simulcasting continues.

More layoffs were allegedly issued recently to workers.

The so-called saving grace, slot machines, no longer seem to be on anyone's political radar.

It leaves many locals quietly and nervously wondering how much Wonderland can endure before having to make some permanent changes to its race card.

Wonderland officials did not return calls to the Journal, and their Web site only gave limited details.

But for now, veterinarians and animal specialists are working overtime to find the cause and to develop a vaccine for the illness.

Kent Loge, chief of staff at the state Department of Agriculture, said that there still hasn't been a definite diagnosis, but that everyone is waiting for lab results to return from the Tufts Veterinary Medicine Lab in Grafton.

"The situation seems to be getting better this week," said Loge on

## SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION



SETH DANIEL PHOTOS

# RHS<sup>1</sup>

### Newly formed relationship with Biogen/Idec is latest in a string of impressive accomplishments by Revere science students

By SETH DANIEL  
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Some school districts boast powerhouse football teams, and others have award-winning marching bands. In Revere, the high school Science Department has quietly become one of the powerhouse programs in the district, developing a reputation from Lexington to Hamilton for having scientifically literate students.

That reputation was bolstered this month when the program came off another great showing in the State Science Fair at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and, looking to the future, has cemented a private sector relationship with the Cambridge biotech giant,



Above, left: Teacher Susan Meier, Anthony Rindone, Denise Butler, Travis Perullo, Sarah Pedicini, Ada Pema and Teacher David Eatough pose in front of the plaque on the third floor of RHS that commemorates past science fair successes. Their names will soon be added, and the way things are going, perhaps the school should invest in a bigger plaque. Above, Denise Butler in front of her project, which dealt with a toxicity analysis of the chemical d-Limonene.

*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.*

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RHS PATRIOT BASEBALL VS NORTHEAST METRO TECH GOLDEN KNIGHTS

Last Friday morning the Patriots of Revere High School convened at Conigliaro Field behind RHS to battle against the visiting Golden Knights of Northeast Metro Tech. The Patriots lost 4-10, bringing their record to 2-4 overall, and a 2-3 league ranking them in 5th place.



Head Coach Sebastian Salvo, and Asst. Coaches Rich DiMarzo and Scott Sack with the RHS Varsity Patriot Baseball Team.



Head Coach Salvo with the Patriot Captains, Ismeal El Gharbi, Brendan Sack and Joseph Angulio.



Head Coach Sebastian Salvo with the REHS Seniors, Christian Flores, Ismeal El Gharbi, Danny Hou, Brendan Sack, Ivan Garcia and Seth Sullivan.



Captain Brendan Sack keeping focused on the ball while at bat.



Domenic Bellia ends the inning with a great catch in the outfield.



Relief pitcher Captain Ismael El Gharbi.



Off the bench, Frank Annunziata takes over behind the plate.

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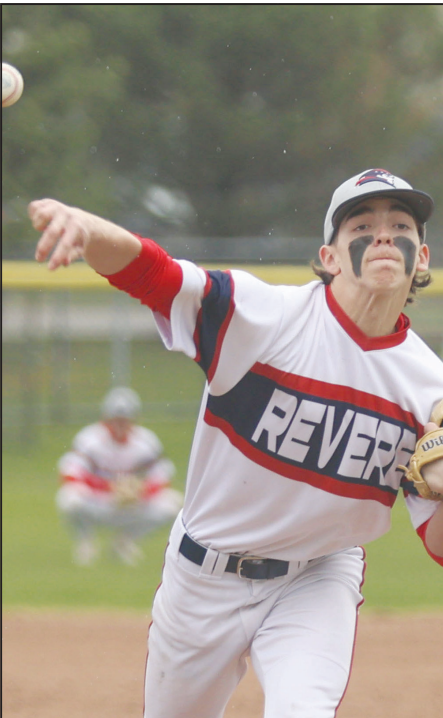
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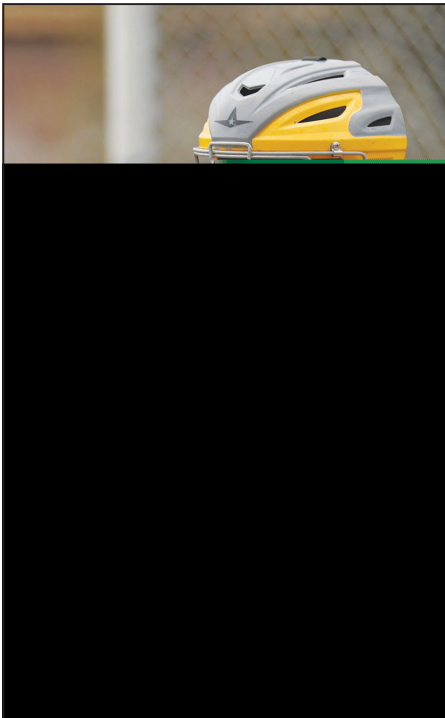
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Captain Brendan Sack makes a play from Third Base.



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

"LET'S GET TO THE B.A.S.I.C.S!"

EXPLORE THE ONE-OF-A-KIND STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE CREATED BY RHS SENATORS

The RHS Student Senate led the first-ever B.A.S.I.C.s conference on Monday, March 24th, with resounding success. Short for the "Boston Area Student Innovation Conference", they welcomed Somerville High School, Cathedral High School, and CityLab into their space. The day consisted of conferences, a councilor, and collaboration – by its end, it was clear the basic driving force of success is community.

The day began by randomly splitting students into two groups, both of which were given the same question: "What events have worked for your school to build and organize community?". Students from all schools were listening attentively and actively participating. Despite differences in location and in private/public education, student leaders didn't hesitate to collaborate on their shared goal – making their communities brighter places.

Somerville High School's Multicultural Fair was a fan favorite among activities mentioned, as their students led us through the steps, including the fundraising and participation needed to make such an event happen. The way Cathedral leaders run their Student Council served as an inspiration for possible restructuring of all separate grade councils under one group. RHS' own Student Senate was an idea not many had heard of but many wanted to recreate.

When talking about community, and all needed to support it, there is nowhere better to look than those in charge of your community. The B.A.S.I.C.s conference welcomed guest speaker and RHS alumna State Representative Jessica Giannino, who gave an inside look into the responsibilities and rewards of getting to lead the community



Student Senators joined student leaders from Cathedral High School, Somerville High School, and CityLab during a roundtable discussion in the RHS Learning Commons at B.A.S.I.C.s

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and grow as one.

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bend against my husk,  
asking, begging, pleading  
to be free,  
they will – at once –  
unfurl with an unwavering heat  
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ricocheting into my ribcage

thorns and seeds at once.

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like a hydra, one fell swoop.

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await for them to regrow  
as weeds.

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A-25-10  
Public Hearing  
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, May 28, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Councilor Joseph A. DeGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Edward Davis, 225 Endicott Avenue #1, Revere, MA 02151 requesting the following variances to enable the appellant to construct a 3-car garage at 225 Endicott Avenue, Revere, MA 02151:  
1. RRO Section 17.24.070 (A)(4) with respect to the requirement that 40% of the front yard shall be landscaped within the RB District;  
2. RRO Section 17.24.070 (A)(1) with respect to the requirement that no part of the front yard located in

the front of the principal structure shall be utilized for parking within the RB District;  
3. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to a 15' front yard setback requirement within the RB District;  
4. RRO Section 17.28.050 (F) with respect to the requirement that no driveway within the RB District shall exceed 20' in width.  
A copy of the aforementioned application (A-25-10) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. If unable to attend the public hearing, proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing via email to [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org) on or before May 20, 2025.  
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Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Revere Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 7, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., in the City of Revere Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Notice of Intent by the City of Revere for activities at 1012 North Shore Road in Revere, MA. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in the Conservation Commission Office at 249R Broadway, Revere, MA on Monday through Thursday from 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Application and meeting information may also be obtained by contacting the Conservation Commission by calling 781-286-8185 or by emailing [concom@revere.org](mailto:concom@revere.org).  
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THOMAS L. HILL POLE DEDICATION ON BROADWAY



On hand at the dedication were from left Michael Zaccaria, Rep. Giannino, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino, Jason Hill, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Thomas Hill IV, Mayor Keefe and Councillor at large Anthony Zambuto.

A Veterans Memorial Pole Dedication was held last Friday on Broadway near the site of the Hill Insurance Agency on Broadway honoring the U.S. Army service of Thomas L. Hill in World War II. A large group of family, friends, and elected officials were on hand at the unveiling of the pole. During the dedication, Revere firefighter and grandson Jason Hill delivered a short history of the Hill family's extensive roots in the

fabric of the City of Revere and involvement in the business sector and public service. Mentioned during the ceremony was that Thomas Hill lost two brothers, Herbert and James, who died in combat in World War II.



Rep. Jessica Giannino offers remarks at the ceremony.



Mayor Patrick Keefe offers a brief history of the Hill family's deep roots and civic involvement in Revere.



Members of the Hill family and friends at the dedication.



Jason Hill unveils the memorial sign honoring Thomas Hill who served in the US Army in World War II.

HENRY 'RICO' MEOLI POLE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Friends, family and elected officials were on hand last Friday, for a Veterans Memorial Pole Dedication that was held on Oakwood Ave. honoring the service of Henry "Rico" Meoli in the armed forces. Mayor Keefe noted that the house on Oakwood Ave. has been in the Meoli family for almost 100 years.



Shown in the photograph above are members of the Meoli family with elected officials Councillor Anthony Zambuto, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Rep. Jessica Giannino and Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna. Shown in the photograph to the right are friends and members of the Meoli family.

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