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Revere teen charged in hit and run of state trooper

By Journal Staff

A Revere teen is accused of hitting a Massachusetts State Police officer with a stolen motorcycle on Revere Beach Boulevard on Monday afternoon.

Akram Elmoukhtari, 18, of Revere, was scheduled to be arraigned in Chelsea District Court on charges stem-

IN HONOR OF PAUL BAGI

The Revere Police Department and Boston Children's Hospital and held a blood drive in honor of 7-year-old Paul Baglio at the station. Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya oversaw registration and welcomed Volare's, who donated breakfast and lunch to all the blood donors.

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Shown above, adjacent to the Boston Children's Hospital Bloodmobile are, from left, rising basketball star Riahna Rosario of Volare's, blood donor technician Hassun Mohammed, Bloodmobile operator Dan Silva, Police Lt. Chucky

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Callahan, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Teresa LaVita, Silas LaVita, Interim Police Chief Maria LaVita, Sawyer LaVita, Denise Papasadora, and blood donor technician Cheryl Riley. Shown right are Interim Police Chief Maria LaVita, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Cecilia Maya of Volare's, and Denise Papasodora.

City leaders, family remember former police officer who died in fire

By Adam Swift

Tributes have been pouring in over the past week

following the death of former Revere Police Officer Richard T. Serino Sr. Serino, 77, died in a



fire at his long-time family home at 661 Washington St. last Tuesday, June 17.

"I was saddened to learn of the fatal fire at 661 Washington Street, and of the loss of retired Revere Police Officer, Richie Serino," said Mayor Patrick Keefe. "On behalf of the City of Revere,

Search comm. interviews police chief candidates

By Adam Swift

The city's police chief search committee interviewed four internal candidates for the Revere Police Department's top job on Monday.

The city is looking to replace recently retired Chief David Callahan, who served on the department for more than 34 years.

The four candidates included the current Interim Chief, Maria LaVita, Capt. Tom Malone, Lt. Brian Chapman, and Lt. Robert Impemba. The city ordinance requires that the city hire an internal candidate with at least five years rank as a lieutenant or captain.

"We were really pleased with what we pulled out from everyone," said Mayor Patrick Keefe. "Everyone did a really nice job of interviewing and it was, if anything, we were able to get so much good information from sitting down with each of these individuals that we know that we will be able to use everything they gave us for the best of the department. Each one of them stated their interest in making the department better and being in a supporting role whether they get the

position or not."

Also serving with Keefe on the search committee are city finance director Richard Viscay, city solicitor Paul Capizzi, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, mayoral chief of staff Claudia Correa, outside labour counsel Nicholas Anastasopoulos, and Col. Oscar Perez, the chief of the Providence Police Department. Keefe said Perez serves as the outside police colonel/ chief who will help support the search committee.

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The committee came up with a questionnaire of about 45 questions for the candidates that allow for follow up and further discussion, the mayor said.

Keefe said he hopes that the process is wrapped up within the next two weeks.

The interviews on Monday were the most formal setting for the process so far, but Keefe said each of the candidates have submitted bios, resumes, and cover letters and the committee has been able to review the experience and track record of all the candidates.

ming from the accident, including assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (motorcycle) and receiving stolen property, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

According to the state police, the state police officer was hit by the motorcycle when he was outside his vehicle on Revere Beach Boulevard near the state police barracks around 5 p.m. on Monday. The trooper was propelled 45 feet by the impact, according to state police, and taken to Massachusetts General Hospital.

Elmoukhtari allegedly fled the scene on foot, but was later arrested and charged in relation to the incident.

"I am deeply saddened to learn that a Massachusetts State Trooper was critically injured this evening after being struck in a hit-and-run incident on Revere Beach Boulevard," said Governor Maura Healey. "This marks

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A memorial erected in memory of the late Richard Serino on the corner of his home on Washington Street.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Dr. Kathryn Schulte-Grahame officially announces for Ward 1 School Committee seat

Special to the Journal

Dr. Kathryn (Katy) Schulte-Grahame, a resident of Revere's Beachmont neighborhood and mother of two children enrolled in the Revere Public Schools, has officially declared her candi-



Dr. Katy Schulte-Grahame

dacy for the Ward 1 seat on the Revere School Committee. Under the new wardbased system implemented through recent legislation (H.2058), Grahame secured her place on the ballot after gathering the required signatures over a single weekend, with certification completed by the Election Department on Wednesday, June 10th. Ward 1 residents will now have the opportunity to elect their dedicated representative to the School Committee for the first time.

Dr. Schulte-Grahame brings both academic management expertise and hands-on educational experience as a University Professor and Administrator

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I extend my sincere condolences to the Serino family and loved ones during this unimaginable time of loss."

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Each member of the search committee will rank the candidates they would like to see as the next chief,

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JAWS. CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HAUNTING A BEACH NEAR YOU



It was 50 Years ago, when a quiet little beach in Massachusetts turned the world upside down, a lonely swimmer was attacked by a huge shark, and add to that, a little dramatic music, and you have a legend on the silver screen. JAWS, which has now become the world's villain for any unsuspecting victim, that dares to enter the water. Happy 50th JAWS, you never get old.





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Wednesday, June 25, 2025

License Comm. approves one-day licenses for American Legion, Suffolk Downs

The Revere License Commission held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, June 18, in the City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chair Robert Selevitch and fellow members Dan Occena and Liliana Monroy.

The first item on the agenda was a request from American Legion Post #61, 249 Broadway, for seven, 1-day Malt/Wine and Common Victualler Licenses to be exercised on the post's lawn at 249 Broadway from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. on the following Sundays: June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, with a rain date of August 17. The events are a BBQ and beer garden during the city's summer Sunday concert series. The expected attendance per event is 100.

Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Treasurer Gerry Amore, members of the post, presented the application. They explained that the event has been held for the past five years and there never has been a problem.

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

Amore also presented an application for a change of officers and a change of manager, with Amore himself as the new manager. There were no opponents and the commissioners unanimously approved the application.

The third item on the agenda was a request from the McClellan Highway Development Corp., 10 Suffolk Downs Boulevard, Rachel Ottley, Event Manager, for 12, 1-day Malt Licenses to be exercised at 10 Suffolk Downs Boulevard from 5 p.m.–9 p.m. on the following Thursdays: July, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 4, 11, 18, 25. The events are beer popups held in conjunction with

Revere Your Community Source

El Concilio Latino is back with another exciting episode, this time celebrating Panamanian African-Latin culturel Join them first for a table conversation as they highlight the rich traditions, vibrant cuisine, and cultural heritage of Panama with a special guest who shares stories, flavors, and insights from the Afro-Panamanian community. Then watch as they infuse this culture into the food they make in the kitchen. Follow along at your own pace on Youtube or tune in as it plays on the Community Channel for the next few weeks.

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The annual tradition of the Our Lady of Lourdes Mass in Beachmont took place last weekend at its usual location. RevereTV recorded this Mass and it is now playing on the Community Channel and is posted to the RTV YouTube page. It will be scheduled at various times this week, but specifically on Sundays at noon for the next month.

RevereTV is now playing coverage of this year's annual Eid ul-Adha Festival from a few weekends ago. This family-friendly event included performances, food, petting zoo, bounce houses, games, prizes, and vendors. Graduates of Makarim Al Alaq School were honored at the event. Watch the video coverage of the Eid ul-Adha Festival on YouTube or now playing on the RevereTV Community Channel throughout the month.

As the summer begins, the Revere High School and CityLab Class

Thursday night activities. The expected attendance per event is 200.

Ms. Ottley presented the application. She explained that this is part of Thursday Nights at the Yard at Suffolk Downs, featuring dance lessons, bingo, and live music. She said the evenings also will feature beer pours from Twisted Fate Brewery, the development's first tenant. The beer will be dispersed within a confined space under the auspices of the Twisted Fate owners.

The members unanimously approved the application.

Next up was an application from GA Restaurant II, Inc., d/b/a Santorini Restaurant, 376 Revere Beach Boulevard, Stavroula Fotopoulos, Manager, to amend its Entertainment License to add: TV/Radio outside from 12 p.m.–10 p.m., Vocal/Instrumental Music consisting of 1-3 people outside once or twice a week from 6 p.m.–10 p.m., and Greek cafe music during the breakfast hours.

Ms. Fotopoulos presented the application. There were no opponents and the commissioners unanimously approved the application.

The next item was a request from Lin & Ben, Inc. d/b/a Jade Asian Restaurant, 339 Squire Road, Unit 120, Xiu Yue Lam, Manager, for the transfer of a Malt/ Wine Restaurant License and Change of License Category to All Alcohol, from Yutaka, Inc. with requested hours of Sunday–Saturday 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., requested seating of 99, and requested entertainment of background music and TV.

Attorney Russell Chin represented the applicant, which is purchasing the assets of the present occupant, Yukata. Chin explained that Ms. Lam has three years of experience in the business and is TIPS-certified. He said there will be no live music. He also said the operation of the business essentially will be staying the same as under the previous management.

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

The commission then conducted a hearing pertaining to Argueta & Piche Corp., d/b/a Carnaval Latino Restaurant, 7B Everett Street, into allegations of "violating closing procedures, overservice, and service past 2 a.m."

Selevitch noted that a police officer filed an incident report alleging that patrons were being served beyond the 2 a.m. closing hour. "What do you think about that report? What have you done to correct it? And what would be a fair resolution to this hearing?" Selevitch asked the owner of the establishment.

The owner replied that there had been a problem with the credit card device involving the processing of payments with credit cards on the night in question. He said his establishment turns on the lights at 1:10 a.m and stops serving at 1:30 a.m., but that a patron that night had two beers in his hand when he was observed by the officer.

"The allegation is that there were many intoxicated people and you were overserving people," responded Selevitch, to which the owner replied that the person who was causing a problem no longer is welcome.

Selevitch also noted that the officer observed patrons coming into the business as late as 1:40 and were being served. The owner replied

that a new security company has been hired to enforce the closing hours.

Lieut. Sean Randall noted that though this is the first written report, the officer who wrote the report has observed similar violations on other occasions.

"It's very important for you to stay on top of this if you want to keep your license," said Selevitch.

Occena made a motion to continue the matter for 60 days and to place the establishment on formal notice about the violations. He also requested that the officer who wrote the report appear at that time to explain whether there have been any new issues.

"If there are further violations, we will take immediate action," Selevitch warned.

The commission received an advisory communication from the ABCC regarding the obligations of caterers licensed pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 138, §12C. The full text of the advisory is as follows:

"The Commission would like to remind caterers licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12C of their obligations when selling and serving alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises of a private event that is not open to the public as well as what is prohibited by state law.

"Licensed caterers pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12C must:

1. Purchase their inventory of alcoholic beverages from licensed wholesalers;

2. Transport alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle covered by a M.G.L. c. 138, § 22

transportation permit; 3. Store alcoholic beverages only on the premises approved by the ABCC that is either owned by the licensee or that the licensee has the exclusive right to occupy;

4. Maintain liquor liability insurance providing security for the liability of the licensee in a minimum amount of \$250,000 on account of injury to or death of 1 person and \$500,000

on account of any 1 accident resulting in injury to or death of more than 1 person;

5. Only permit individuals who have been certified by a nationally recognized alcoholic

beverages server training program to serve alcoholic beverages; and

6. Prior to 48 hours before any private event:

(a) notify the police chief and the local licensing authority of the private event in the city/town;

(b) provide a copy of the caterer's license to the police chief and the local licensing authority;

(c) provide proof of liquor liability insurance to the police chief and the local licensing authority; and

(d) provide an emergency contact number for the license manager to the police chief and the local licensing authority.

"Licensed caterers pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12C may not sell or serve alcoholic beverages:

1. In a city or town where the granting of on-premises licenses pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 is not allowed by that municipality;

2. At the caterer's principal place of business;

3. At a private event not open to the public for greater than five hours; and

4. At events which occur in a licensed premises, i.e. a restaurant, hotel, club, etc."

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



of 2025 is still being recognized by RevereTV with replays of the graduation ceremony almost daily. You can watch the ceremony in its entirety on the Community Channel or at your convenience on YouTube. The ceremony is often preceded in the program schedule with the RHS Senior Prom Red Carpet Arrivals. This video can also be found on YouTube.

Don't forget to look for videos from "In the Loop" posted to RevereTV's Instagram page, on Facebook, and in between programming on all channels. The latest videos include information about the upcoming Revere Farmer's Market and how you can get relief from mosquitoes on your property this summer. "In the Loop" is a public service announcement series that is produced in partnership with City Hall. All announcements are recorded in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, and Italian.

The city is wrapping up on the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget hearings. RevereTV streamed and recorded all of the hearings this month which ended this past Monday with a Committee of the Whole and then Revere City Council Meeting. You can find these meetings replaying on RTV GOV and posted to YouTube. Other meetings from the past few weeks include Commission on Disabilities, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Traffic Commission, Legislative Affairs, License Commission, and the RHS Building Committee. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN.

Members of the police chief search committee, from left to right: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dianne Kelley, City Finance Director Richard Viscay, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Providence Police Colonel Oscar Perez, Mayor Chief of Staff Claudia Correa, and Outside Labour Counsel, Nicholas Anastasopoulos. Not pictured is City Solicitor Paul Capizzi.

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Police Chief // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and then Keefe said there will hopefully be a consensus on selecting a single candidate.

"I think it is important for the department to have assurances on what the future holds and what the

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The free Consumer Action Handbook. It's in print and online at ConsumerAction.gov. Order your free copy online at ConsumerAction.gov or write to Handbook, Pueblo, CO 81009. leadership looks like," said Keefe. "Anytime you have a loss in leadership and you have 100-plus members in the police department, they are looking for their leaders and they want to know what to expect, so it is really important to establish that leadership. We are coming up on a new fiscal year, so I think it all aligns properly to have a new police chief and

tion with Revere policing." Keefe said he applauded Callahan and what he was

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able to accomplish in his more than three decades with the department.

"We don't have a broken system, but like anything, you bring in some fresh new eyes that can bring in a different approach and it will be helpful," Keefe said. "Any large institution, it is helpful to bring in a slightly different change of mindset every once in awhile to come up with some new ideas and new strategies when it comes to modern-day policing."



By Journal Staff

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ANTHONY PARZIALE HITS THE STREETS TO CONNECT WITH RESIDENTS



Over the weekend, candidate for Councillor-at-Large Anthony Parziale went door-to-door to connect with residents and learn what matters to them. Shown above candidate Anthony Parziale with a group of Revere seniors.

RFD CAPT. KEVIN O'HARA IS NEXT TRUSTEE OF THE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF MASS.



COUNCILLOR JARAMILLO HOSTS COFFEE HOUR



JIM MERCURIO HOLDS FIRST STAND-OUT



Kevin O'Hara (center) pictured with members of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts following his election to the role of trustee.

Candidate for Ward 1 City Councillor Jim Mercurio pictured above with supporters holding signs in Beachmont this past Saturday.

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who manages programming sible to Revere's residents. for more than 1,200 students annually while teaching first-year engineering and civil engineering courses. Her campaign focuses on forward-thinking priorities: advancing technology integration in schools; preparing high school students for careers in today's rapidly evolving workforce; prioritizing student mental and physical health; and ensuring educational success while being fiscally respon-

She has demonstrated her commitment to Revere's educational community through her role as a Revere Public Library Trustee, serving on the Beachmont elementary school's Parent Teacher Organization, and in founding and running the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) club at Elementary Beachmont since 2016. This year, she worked with teachers and

administration to expand her STEAM program to Garfield Middle School, using the innovative outreach partnership to connect her college students with local elementary and middle schoolers, seeing to it that Revere's community benefits from the area's wealth of higher education resources.

Dr. Katy Schulte-Grahame's dual perspective as both a parent with children at Beachmont Elementary and Garfield Middle School, and as a professor who balances budgets and manages large-scale academic programming gives her unique insight into the challenges facing students, families, and school administrators in today's educational landscape.

Hit and Run // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the second incident this month involving a trooper struck while in the roadway. My thoughts are with the injured trooper, his family and the entire Department during this difficult time.

"I wish him strength and healing in the days ahead," the governor continued. "This incident is another stark reminder of the dangers our law enforcement officers face every day. I am grateful for their continued bravery and service."

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARC SILVESTRI HOSTS CAMPAIGN RECEPTION AT FINE LINE

CARY SHUMAN PHOTO Colleagues in city government and supporters citywide attended a campaign reception for City Council **President Marc Silvestri at** Fine Line, 500 Ocean Ave. Pictured at the event with President Silvestri is Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya. See more coverage from the event in next week's issue.

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IRAN FINALLY REAPS WHAT IT IS HAS SOWN

The decision by President Donald Trump to assist the Israeli effort in setting back Iran's nuclear weapons program should be applauded by every person who realizes that Iran's attainment of nuclear weaponry would be disastrous for the world.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has demonstrated how a nuclear-armed dictatorship can wreak death and destruction upon another country with impunity because the rest of the world is afraid to join the fight thanks to the threats by Vladimir Putin that he will use his nuclear arsenal if provoked.

But whereas Putin is semi-rational, can one even begin to imagine how a fanatical Iranian regime that has been calling for the elimination of the State of Israel (and the United States) for 45 years would use nuclear weapons to blackmail every nation in the Mideast in order to achieve that goal, including ultimately dropping an atomic bomb on Tel Aviv?

The Iranian government has been a force of evil since its inception in 1979. For fans of the Netflix series Stranger Things, the Iranian regime is like that monster that spreads its tentacles to terrorize and control the town of Hawkins.

Similarly, Iran has provided arms and training to terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah on Israel's doorstep with the specific aim of wiping Israel off the face of the map. The vicious attack by Hamas on 10/7 demonstrated unequivocally that Iran's proxies are capable of achieving the goal of killing every Jew they can lay their hands on.

Only time -- and Israeli and American intelligence assessments -- will be able to determine to what extent the Israeli and U.S. military actions of the past 12 days have degraded the ability of the Iranians to make a nuclear bomb.

But if nothing else, the Iranians have been put on notice that their dastardly behavior finally will be met with more force than they ever could have anticipated.

THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT BEGAN 56 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Although Gay Pride Month is observed for the entire month of June, we wish to make note of the specific date and events of June 28, 1969, when a series of riots and demonstrations against a police raid at the Stonewall Inn tavern in the Greenwich Village section of New York City launched the modern-day gay rights movement.

This was not the first time that the gay community had fought back against repression and persecution, but the Stonewall riots marked a turning point for the gay rights movement both in the United States and around the world. The riot was precipitated when New York City police officers with the NYPD's Public Morals Division (yes, that actually was its name) sought to conduct a typical raid at the Stonewall Tavern, a gay bar. At that time, men even seen holding hands with each other could be arrested on charges of violating public morality.

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GUEST OP-ED

Want your voice heard? Start with the Sub-Committee meetings

By Anthony Parziale

If you've ever been to a City Council meeting and wondered why something was already decided, you're not alone. The truth is, by the time an issue reaches the full Council for a vote, it's probably already been worked out in a sub-committee meeting.

Sub-committees are where most of the real discussion happens. Where Councillors take a deeper look at proposals, ask questions, raise concerns, and start shaping the final decision. These meetings are open to the public, and they're also live-streamed by Revere TV for everyone to see. But unfortunately, a lot of people just don't realize how important they are.

That's why I'm writing this. Because if you care about a particular issue whether it's about traffic, development, city spending, schools, or any other concern the best time to show up, speak out, or ask questions is during the sub-committee meetings.

The Council still votes on the final decision during a regular meeting, but by then, the direction has usually already been set. Attending sub-committees gives you the best chance to be part of the process while it's still being shaped.

I'm not writing this to criticize anyone or point fingers. I just want the people of Revere to understand how our local government works and how they can be more involved. These meetings are for you, the people. Your voice matters, and the earlier you get involved in the process, the stronger your impact can be.

When elected to the City Council, I'll do everything I can to help more residents stay informed and feel empowered to participate. But you don't need to wait for that. The next time you see an issue that affects you or your neighborhood, find out if there's a sub-committee meeting about it and make it a point to tune in or show up.

Because when the people are part of the conversation early, our city makes better decisions together.

Anthony Parziale is a candidate for Revere City Councillor At-Large in the upcoming election.

Council approves FY26 budget

By Adam Swift

Monday night, the city council unanimously approved a Fiscal Year 2026 budget of just under \$286.8 million.

Following a number of ways and means subcommittee meetings to discuss the budget with various city department heads, the council approved the figure as submitted by Mayor Patrick Keefe earlier this spring.

"I want to thank the council, I want to thank all the department heads, we tried something new this year, and I'm looking forward to feedback on ways that we can improve it," said Ward 3 Councilor and ways and less, and kudos to you for running a seamless budget process," said Council President Marc Silvestri.

"This represents to the council that you have a balanced, responsible budget for FY26," city finance director Richard Viscay said on presenting the budget earlier in June. "No onetime revenues are used for general fund operations and they are very reasonable revenue estimates and a spending plan we are proposing here on behalf of Mayor (Patrick) Keefe. I think these are responsible but realistic revenue requests and I encourage you to vote on the budget as submitted."

in new growth from new construction in the city, according to Viscay.

Just over three-quarters of the property tax revenue is from residential property, and the remainder is from commercial and industrial property.

Local receipts such as motor vehicle excise, hotel room, and meals taxes account for just over \$20 million of the estimated revenue.

Viscay said the city has not contemplated any revenue increases for FY26, but that it does plan to do a survey of fees over the summer.

"This budget is balanced with no one-time revenues

There are also two enterprise funds, for water and sewer as well as solid waste, that total just over \$35 million for FY26, Viscay said.

The education budget is the largest slice of the overall FY26 spending, coming in at \$126,284,616 for the Revere public schools. In addition, the regional vocational school district budget in Revere is \$3.28 million.

The proposed public safety budget, which includes the police, fire, 911, and parking departments, has a budget of \$32.8 million.

Viscay said this includes two new police officers and two new firefighters.

Monday night, the coun-

Almost all of the gay bars in New York City in that era were operated by organized crime. The police typically would give the owners a heads-up about impending raids, which usually took place on quiet weeknights and resulted in the arrests of a few of their customers.

However, on the night of June 27-28, the police uncharacteristically conducted a raid on a weekend night when there were more than 200 patrons in the Stonewall.

As the police began to make arrests, crowds from the surrounding community gathered outside in support of those being arrested. The ensuing pitched battle between the outnumbered police and the hundreds of area residents carried on for the next two nights.

For the first time, persons who did not conform to society's sexual norms had made it clear that they no longer would be treated like second-class citizens.

Although the Stonewall Tavern itself was set on fire during the riots and never reopened, President Barack Obama designated the area as a national monument on June 24, 2016, thus ensuring its legacy as the spot that marked the beginning of a new day of freedom for Americans of the LGBTQIA+ community.

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This year, the council agreed to hold the ways and means budget hearings with department heads earlier in the day as a way to encourage more participation from the departments.

"It seemed to go seam-

The biggest source of revenue for the budget comes in through property taxes.

For FY26, Viscay said Revere will have an estimated tax levy of just over \$120 million. This includes \$2.8 million in natural Proposition 2-1/2 growth, as well as an estimated \$3.5 million for the general fund operating budget and very reasonable revenue estimates on local receipts," said Viscay.

The city is slated to receive about \$117.5 million in state aid, with the majority of that, just over \$102 million, going toward the education budget. cil also approved the new water and sewer rates for FY26 that will represent an increase of 9.7 percent over the FY25 rates.

Councilors Anthony Zambuto, Chris Giannino, and Ira Novoselsky voted against the water and sewer rate hikes.

Councillor McKenna calls for robocall on fireworks

By Adam Swift

The Fourth of July is just around the corner, and Ward 1 City Councillor Joanne McKenna is once again asking that the city send out a robocall to all city residents about fireworks.

McKenna said she wants the city to remind residents that fireworks are illegal, a fire hazard due to the close proximity of homes in the city, and negatively impact individuals with certain medical conditions as well as pets.

"Veterans are vulnerable from the noise of fireworks, and an old neighborhood like Beachmont is also vulnerable if a rocket firework lands on a rooftop," said McKenna. "I witnessed not too long ago six houses going up on fire when a woman threw a cigarette near a wooden porch. Fireworks are just as dangerous and deadly.

"I would like the city to do their part and try to curb fireworks in the city; I am asking for a robocall to all residents in Revere on July 1."

Resident Jan Dumas asked that the police department step up enforcement of fireworks violations in the city, noting that she has called the police numerous times per day for fireworks complaints around the Fourth of July, and that it is often the same small group of people continuously setting off fireworks.

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Dr. Julio Mazul, new Chief Medical Officer for NeighborHealth.

NeighborHealth appoints Dr. Julio Mazul as Chief **Medical Officer**

Special to the Journal

NeighborHealth has announced the appointment of Julio Mazul, MD, as the organization's first-ever Latino Vice President and Chief Medical Officer (CMO). A practicing OB/ GYN and longtime provider, Dr. Mazul has served the Greater Boston community at NeighborHealth for over 18 years, most recently holding the position of Vice President and Interim CMO at NeighborHealth.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. Mazul has played a critical role in advancing clinical operations, patient safety, and reducing barriers to quality care for the 130,000 people served annually by NeighborHealth as the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts.

In his interim leadership role, Dr. Mazul has helped the health system achieve new milestones in healthcare delivery and, under his direction, the organization earned national recognition from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a 2024 National Quality Leader.

"Dr. Mazul's medical expertise and thoughtful leadership over his near two-decade tenure at Neightowards new standards in patient-centered, culturally responsive care," said Jamie Hazard, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of NeighborHealth. "His ability to lead with compassion and deliver results has helped our team meet patients where they are. We are excited to continue building on this momentum with Dr. Mazul in his role as Chief Medical Officer." Dr. Mazul's efforts have included enhancing patient safety by expanding the focus on high-risk patients, implementing actionable safety reporting tools for staff, and broadening quality and population health initiatives across departments. His leadership has also directed innovative solutions to mitigate provider burnout, advance AI tools, and improve MyChart functionalities to better support patient self-service and reduce administrative burdens. Before stepping into the interim role, Dr. Mazul held the positions of Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director of the Obstetrics & Gynecology Department. His work was pivotal in delivering culturally attuned care to a predom-

inantly immigrant patient population. As a practicing OB/GYN, Dr. Mazul has directed numerous organizational-wide clinical quality and population health initiatives, including reducing barriers to care for underserved women and families, and advancing health equity for the LGBTQIA+ community through staff education and training.

"My mission has always been to ensure that every patient receives high-quality care that reflects and respects their unique needs, background, and identity," said Dr. Mazul. "As I step into this permanent role, I look forward to deepening NeighborHealth's investment in inclusive care models and ensuring our exceptional team of providers has the support they need to build a healthier, more equitable community."

Dr. Mazul was born and raised in Los Angeles, California to Guatemalan immigrants. He received his Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in history from the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Mazul obtained his medical degree from the Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed his residency in OB/GYN at the Beth Israel Deaconess/ borHealth has guided us Harvard Medical School program. NeighborHealth, formerly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 130,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, NeighborHealth has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods. NeighborHealth champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other healthcare providers in our state. For more information, visit www.neighborhealth.com.

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The mayor said Serino was a community staple who took pride in his home and his family.

"He comes from a lineage of Reverians with a rich history in public service, and we are grateful for his, and his family's, contributions to the betterment of our city," said Keefe. "We will all miss driving by his legendary holiday decorations, of which he dedicated so much time and care."

The Revere Fire Department responded to a 911 call from a passerby shortly after 4:30 p.m. on June 17. On arrival, firefighters encountered heavy smoke and fire at the right rear of the 2-1/2 story multi-family home.

Serino was located in the house when firefighters entered to search for occupants. He was taken to CHA-Everett Hospital, where he later died.

"Richie served as a proud member of the Revere Police Department for 34 years, from 1979 to 2013," said interim Police Chief Maria LaVita. "He was quick-witted and always smiling. We will miss him immensely."

Acting Fire Chief James Cullen said it was a sad day for the department and the city.

"Mr. Serino was beloved in our community," Cullen said. "He served as a US Marine and a Revere Police Officer for many years, and his son is a Revere firefighter. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and many loved ones."

Councilor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto knew Serino for many years.

"He was a salt-of-theearth, wonderful guy," said Zambuto. "He was an institution - everybody knew Richie Serino - everyone knew his house, and everyone knew his yard always had a Marine flag

and decorations for every

hope the neighborhood can do what it can to keep up the tradition to make that corner a nice area just as he did for all the holidays," Metcalf said. "He was a wonderful person, and he will be sorely missed."

In fact, the city did take quick action to memorialize Serino and the corner near his family home on Washington Avenue.

On Monday night, the council unanimously approved a motion submitted by all the councilors that the Mayor and City Council collaborate on a memorial to be placed at the corner of Washington Avenue and Malden Street in honor of Serino, naming the corner "Serino's Corner." The council also held a moment of silence in honor of Serino at the beginning of the meeting.

"Easiest motion I have ever written on behalf of all of us; I think there is an island right in the middle that would be beautiful," said Ward 3 Councilor Anthony Cogliandro. "I'll approve anything for that man, even though he wrote me my first traffic ticket for not yielding to a pedestrian on a crosswalk in front of Revere House of Pizza in my 1988 Plymouth Grand Fury. He is a legend, and he deserves so much more than this."

Serino's grandson, former Ward 6 City Councilor Richard Serino J. Serino, spoke on behalf of the family at the council meeting, thanking the council and the community for its support over the past week, and thanking the council for the motion in honor of his grandfather.

"The overwhelming love and support we have received over this last week is a testament to the man my grandfather was," Serino said. "From the texts, calls, voicemails and social media comments to the messages to the flowers and American flags placed along the fence of his Washington Avenue home to the stories about he impacted the lives of others in ways we never knew to the amazing outpouring in support in helping my grandmother face this next chapter after losing her husband and her home through the generosity of donations to the GoFundMe in her honor, - all of these have helped to give us strength and some comfort in the face of an unthinkable, unfathomable tragedy."



Former Revere Police Officer Richard T. Serino Sr.

Revere Police Department, particularly Officer Anthony Matos for his kindness and compassion in accompanying us to the hospital, the Red Cross, Mayor Keefe, Adrienne McGuire and members of the Administration's Emergency Response Team who have provided valuable support to those displaced, the Boston Sparks Association who provided support for our first responders on-scene, Mike Zaccaria and the team at Action for their efforts in securing the property, and the Washington Ave/Malden Street neighbors for their concern and prayers as the fire was raging," Serino said.

Serino said his grandfather would have been blown away by the outpouring of care, concern, and sadness that his passing has brought about.

"He would be honored, humbled and touched by these tributes," Serino said. "As his family, he made us proud in life, and has continued to make us proud now. For a man who grew up in Revere, who served in the Marines during the Vietnam era, and who had an over 30-year career in law enforcement, we cannot make sense that a house fire in his beloved house is what would lead to an untimely passing.

"For nearly 70 years, the Serino family has called 661 Washington Avenue home," Serino continued. hard to imagine that corner without his presence."

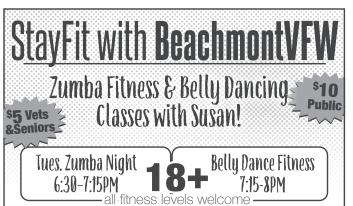
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In more recent years, the corner lot and the house has become recognizable around Greater Boston as the house with all the inflatables, Serino added.

"Papa began the inflatables tradition as a seasonal way to make his young grandchildren smile, but he ended up finding more joy in them than we did as us kids got older - he loved seeing the smiles and joy that the whacky holiday displays brought to people members of the public and his family alike," Serino said. "From the lilac bush that was planted by my great-grandmother Louise Serino, to the ever present flagpole that displayed the American flag and Marine Corps flag proudly, the Serino family, and Richie Serino in particular, relished in their family's corner lot. My grandfather was a good man – he was the best Papa a grandson or granddaughter could ask for.

"He was hardworking family man, a Patriot, a public servant, and an allaround kind guy," Serino continued. "He is already missed by so many of us, but this proposal by your honorable body tonight to name the intersection 'Serino's Corner,' is an amazing tribute and testament to retired Officer Richard T. Serino, Sr - Richie, Dad, and Papa."

The fire is still under thor-



occasion. He was all Revere.

"He was truly a great representative of this city, a dedicated police officer, and of course, as a U.S. Marine, a dedicated patriot," Zambuto continued. "We're saddened by this tragic loss, and we'll miss him."

Joseph Metcalf, a longtime neighbor of the Serino family on Washington Avenue, said Serino was "an awesome guy. He and his wife used to walk to Stop & Shop, and I would say hi to them all the time when I was sitting on the stairs."

Metcalf's sister-in-law, Irene Metcalf, said Serino was well-known for his extravagant holiday displays.

"Out of respect for him and the Serino family, I

Serino also expressed his family's thankfulness and appreciation to the first responders who were onscene.

"The Revere Fire Department and members of the Chelsea, Winthrop, Malden, and MassPort Fire Departments, the members of the

'My grandfather took great pride in his home, as it was the house in which his parents and siblings created many happy memories. It's

ough investigation by the Revere Fire Department, with more details to follow, according to the mayor.



COURTESY PHOTOS BY PAUL KOOLLOIAN The fire at 661 Washington Ave. on Tuesday, June 17.

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Longtime Revere educator, Kim Doherty, retiring after 30 years

By Melissa Moore-Randall

As many veteran teachers are beginning the next chapter of their lives, Kim Doherty will be joining them as the newest member of the "Retiree Club."

Kim began her teaching career in 1994 as a paraprofessional in the Early Learning Program at the Garfield School. The following year she became a Lead Teacher in the same classroom she was a paraprofessional in. Kim remained at Garfield for seven years. Where she enjoyed her time working with the youngest students in our district.

Doherty, who holds a

Childhood Education, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in administration, came to the "original" Whelan School in 2002 as a second grade educator, and never left marking the beginning of her 30 year career. "I have a wonderful and

supportive husband, two beautiful children, who are also public service providers. My son is a firefighter and my daughter is a BCBA in Framingham. They have both blessed me with grandchildren."

"I have enjoyed starting



Longtime Revere educator Kim Doherty being honored by A.C. Whelan administrative team Danny Gallucci, Nicole Cascetta, and Rachel Shanley.

Bachelor of Science in every year with a group of Elementary Education, a Masters Degree in Early

new students who bring so much enthusiasm, wonder, and experience to learning. At the end of every school year, it's rewarding to look back and see how far we have come in just a year. I have probably learned as much from my students and families as they have from me. Working with dedicated colleagues brings such pride knowing that we are all in it for our "kids". The Whelan is my family!"

In addition to all of the wonderful memories she has, she also faced challenges throughout her 30 year tenure. "My biggest challenge came during Covid, when we were working remotely at home on Zoom. as well as from our empty classrooms. Walking into a building that usually houses over 700 students, and having only a handful of staff present was something that I would never want to get used to. Easing back into a routine of students coming back into the building was welcoming, and yet uncertain under the circumstances."

As she begins the next phase in her life she is looking for some much needed relaxation. "My plans for retirement are to spend more time reading, traveling, and spending time with family. I look forward to the next chapter!"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL **#179 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**



Luca Figarola (fourth from left) and family - from Immaculate Conception Parish.

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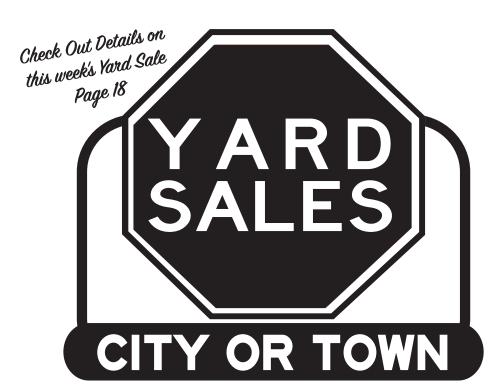
On June 19, 2025, Council#179 of the Knights of Columbus presented their annual scholarship awards to students from the three Revere parishes. These students have worked diligently and selflessly not only for their own betterment but also for the betterment of our community and particularly for their parish. They have completed the Confirmation program at their parish and have volunteered in many ways. The Faith Formation staff at their parish have spoken highly about their dedication to their

families, their community, and their faith. The Knights of Columbus are honored to

offer scholarships to these students!



Andrew D'Amelio (third from left) and family - from St. Anthony of Padua Parish.





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Salvatore Bonasera (third from left) and family -from Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish





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FKO celebrates first-ever graduation of OST Apprenticeship Program in state

Special to the Journal

For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) proudly celebrated a historic milestone on June 5, 2025, with the graduation of the first cohort of its registered apprenticeship program for the Out-of-School Time (OST) workforce- Massachusetts and the country's first and only full-time apprenticeship of its kind.

Held at Spinelli's in Lynnfield, the graduation honored the dedicated apprentices who completed a rigorous, full-time program designed to elevate and professionalize the OST field. The event brought together state leaders, funders, family members, and fellow educators to recognize the graduates' commitment and accomplishments. Special guests included Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) Commissioner Amy Kershaw, Director of the Division of Apprentice Standards at the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EO-LWD) Lara Thomas, and longtime champions of equitable access to youth development and workforce initiatives.

just about graduation, it's about transformation," said Deborah Kneeland Keegan, Co-Founder and Executive

Director of FKO. "These remarkable educators have completed a groundbreaking journey of professional growth, and they represent the future of a stronger, more sustainable OST workforce."

FKO's registered apprenticeship, launched in 2024, supports educators with full-time employment, livable wages, benefits, and a clear pathway to long-term careers in youth development. Over the course of the program, apprentices completed 2,000 hours of onthe-job learning, 150 hours of coursework through the Institute for Education and Professional Development (IEPD) and received consistent one-on-one mentorship and competency-based evaluations.

Commissioner Amy Kershaw praised the graduates and FKO's initiative during her remarks: "You're part of something bigger in the work that you've chosen to do every day ... You've demonstrated exactly how we can support the workforce so they can gain additional skills, bring them back to the classroom, and increase their compensation as they go."

The program builds on "This celebration isn't FKO's earlier Full-Time OST Educator Initiative, which demonstrated a 89% retention rate, significantly higher than part-time roles



Shown above, Massachusetts Commissioner of the Department of Early Education and Care (center, front) with graduates of the state's first Out-of-School Time apprenticeship program.

in the field. With the support of EEC's Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) grant, EOLWD's Expanded Apprenticeship funding, and private funders like the Amelia Peabody Foundation, Liberty Mutual Foundation, and United Way of Massachusetts Bay, FKO has turned a bold idea into a scalable solution.

As the graduates received their certificates to cheers and standing ovations, the moment underscored what's possible when public and private sectors unite to invest in people and potential.

"This is just the beginning," said Keegan. "We believe this model can and should be replicated across Massachusetts and beyond to ensure that all children have access to high-quality, consistent, and passionate educators in their out-ofschool hours."

To learn more about FKO's registered apprenticeship program and how it is shaping the future of the OST workforce, visit: https://fkoafterschool.org/ ost-apprenticeship-pro-

gram/.

For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) is a leading provider of high-quality afterschool north of Boston. With nearly forty years of experience, FKO programs offer safe and nurturing environments where children can learn, grow, and thrive beyond regular school hours.

10 years ago June 25, 2015

The local real estate market is going full speed ahead, exemplified by the emergence of high-end properties. Gary Ferragamo of Celata Real Estate is primed to sell the city's first \$1 million home, an Italian villa on Rice Avenue that faces the Atlantic Ocean and has a master bedroom with large glass windows





priate ceremonies under the direction of Principal Nick Quarantiello.

A dynamite blast by construction workers at Roseland's Quarry Ridge luxury apartment site errantly caused rocks to go hurtling into 22 nearby parked cars and damaged a structure that still is under construction.

has been found guilty of ber of priests and parishfirst-degree murder for the shooting death of a 29 yearold East Boston man after an argument outside the Lion's Den on Revere Beach on April 3, 2004.

season with a free concert at Harry Della Russo Stadium Sunday.

City Councilor George V. Colella made 13 motions to cut a total of \$1 million from the \$64 million budget for FY 1996 proposed by Mayor Robert Haas. The council approved three of the motions, totaling \$371,544.

Revere's Catholic parish-Ludner Imbert, 25, es, facing a declining num-

that provide unfettered sunrise views to name just a few stunning attributes.

With only two dissenters and a few cuts, the city council approved the Fiscal Year 2016 operating budget for the city. The council approved a \$169,081,832 budget after making a couple of additions and a few cuts from the originally-submitted budget of \$168,473,027 by Mayor Dan Rizzo.

In 1997, when Kitty Bowman came to Revere to lead a fledgling community benefits organization sponsored by Mass General, she never thought the community would rub off on her in the way it has.

lou at Summerfest.

The long-time director of RevereCARES has retired from her post and said that even though she is leaving

Pictured during the summer of 1990, Yogie Bear says hello to James Vest and his mother, Mary-

Revere for retirement in her home neighborhood of Allston, she'll always carry Revere with her.

JODY SCIOLETTI PHOTO

Minions and Jurassic World are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago June 29, 2005

The City Council and Mayor Thomas Ambrosino set the city's water and sewer rates this week and announced a rate increase of 13 percent, which comes on top of last year's 15 percent hike. The new rates reflect an increase charged to the city by the MWRA.

The Paul Revere School observed its 100th anniversary this week with appro-

The MBTA has announced an increase of 50 cents in the fee for its parking lots.

A 32 year-old former wrestling coach at Savio Prep has been indicted on six counts of sexually assaulting former students.

Madagascar, The Longest Yard, and The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago June 28, 1995

Police Lieut. James Guido, speaking on the issue before lawmakers on Beacon Hill as to whether police officers should be required for traffic details at construction and road repair sites, said that the use of police officers enhances public safety and is the main reason why officers are preferable to trained flagmen.

The group Street Magic will kick off the summer ioners, have consolidated their daily Mass schedules.

School Committeeman Thomas Ambrosino has announced his candidacy for City Councilorl At-Large.

Apollo 13, Pocahontas, and Casper are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago June 26, 1985

Kathleen Callahan, a 22 year old local resident, recently was chosen the second runner-up at the recent Miss Massachusetts pageant.

The City Council unanimously has rejected a request for a zoning change that would have permitted the construction of a Best Western Hotel on American Legion Highway.

Stephen DeSisto was the winner in the ninth annual Revere 10K Road Race held Sunday in a time of 32:43 among a field of 99 runners. Patricia Burke won the women's race in 42:09. The event was sponsored by

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Alfred Tranfaglia

A kind and generous soul, he devoted his life to his family, his community, and his home

Alfred Tranfaglia, affectionately known as Al, passed away on June 21, 2025.

Born on September 4, 1927 in Revere, Al was a lifelong resident of the city he cherished. A kind and generous soul, he devoted his life to his family, his community, and his home.

After graduating from high school, Al answered the call of duty by serving in the Navy Reserve before being drafted into active duty by the Army during the Korean War. Upon completing his service, he returned to Revere and began a long and steady career as a truck driver. He belonged to Teamsters Local 25. Though he spent many days on the road, Al found his greatest joy in the simple pleasures of homemeticulously caring for his yard and house, always with love and pride. Every flower planted and every blade of grass trimmed was a quiet expression of his deep devotion to his family.

Al's warmth and humor extended beyond his home and into the community. He was a familiar face at the Rossetti Senior Center, where he shared countless hours of laughter, stories and camaraderie with friends old and new.

Al was predeceased by his beloved wife of 51 years, page at buonfiglio.com.



Libby Tranfaglia; his father, Arthur Tranfaglia; his mother, Carmella Tranfaglia; and his brothers: Carl, Edward, Arthur and Eugene. He was the devoted father of Francis A. Tranfaglia of Revere and Rosemarie Waller and her husband, Michael of Haverhill; the cherished grandfather of Kristie Scafidi, and proud great-grandfather of Dominic, Logan and Mackenzie.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Revere. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

We invite all who knew Al to share their memories and photos on his memorial

Healey-Driscoll Admin. adds more Listening Sessions to gather public feedback for statewide K-12 graduation requirements

Richard Serino, Sr.

Retired Revere Police Officer who left a lasting impression on all who had the honor of knowing him

Thomas Richard Serino, Sr., April 5, 1948 - June 17, 2025, affectionately known as Richie and a lifelong resi-

dent of Revere, passed away tragically in his beloved Washington Avenue home on June 17 at the age of 77.

Richie was a humble family man - a proud husband, father and grandfather - and an equally proud veteran of the US Marine Corps.

Born and raised in his beloved Revere community, Richie proudly served his country as a United States Marine before dedicating 34 years to the Revere Police Department, where he served with pride and distinction from 1979 until his retirement in 2013. Known for his quick wit, generous heart and iconic presence as a motorcycle officer in the Department's traffic division, Richie left a lasting impression on all who had the honor of knowing him.

Richie's dedication to public service was only matched by his love for his family. He shared a loving marriage with his wife of nearly 55 years, Jean "Trudy" Serino, who survives him. He was the proud father of four children: Richard Serino, Jr. and his wife, Gina, John Serino and his wife, Andrea, Anthony Serino and Katie Serino and her former husband, Paul Paradis. He was also the doting grandfather of seven grandchildren: Richard J. Serino, Desiree and Brianna Paradis, John and Nick Serino, and Lily and AJ Serino, who brought him endless joy and pride.

Richie was preceded in death by his parents, John and Louise Serino, as well as his siblings: Concetta Budetti, Rachel Gates, Ralph Serino and John Serino, and he also leaves behind a wide



ties included processing the belongings of the fallen Marines of Vietnam to be sent back to their families in the United States.

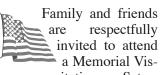
Upon completion of his military service, Richie returned to Revere, where he continued the path of public service. For over 30 years, he was a patrolman on the Revere Police Department, known around the city as being the motorcycle traffic officer. During his tenure as a police officer, he dedicated himself to protecting and serving the community he has called home for his entire life.

Richie was a patriotic American, and was known around the city and area for making people smile with festive seasonal lawn displays on his recognizable home. Whether it was decorating his home for every holiday-complete with giant turkeys, Easter bunnies, and Santas-or sharing stories with neighbors on Washington Avenue, Richie's presence lit up the block and brightened the lives of many. He was a man of tradition, loyalty, and heart-a true embodiment of what it means to serve and to love.

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Tuesday, June 24 at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno

Frederick M. "Freddie" Verdi

He will be forever remembered as a loving, witty, devoted man who loved his family and friends

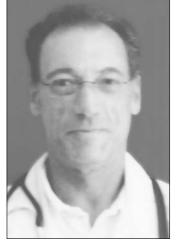


itation on Saturday, June 28th from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Frederick M. "Freddie" Verdi, who died at his home in Revere surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, June 21st following a valiant fouryear battle with colon cancer. He was 66 years old. A Funeral Service will follow the visitation in the funeral home at 3 p.m. Interment will be held privately.

Freddie, as he was affectionately known to all of his family and friends, was born on February 18,1959 in Malden. He was one of three children raised and educated in Malden and was a graduate of Malden High School, Class of 1977. He spent two years at Bunker Hill Community College furthering his education.

He enlisted in the United States Army, and then transferred to the United States Marine Corps. He earned many citations as a United States Marine and was A listed as an Assault Man Scout Sniper and Marksmanship Instructor. Freddie was honorably discharged and began a career in nursing. He worked for many area hospitals. He also taught at the Salter School in Malden.

Freddie had many passions in life and cooking was his biggest passion. His BBQs were legendary, and you can guarantee when you arrived at his home you would be greeted with "Did you eat?" He loved bringing people together and being Italian, food was always involved. He was a diehard Boston Bruins fan and never missed a game. Freddie always would be wearing something that represented the Boston Bruins. On June 13, 2024, Freddie made it official and married his best friend and soulmate, John Turano, after being together since 1989. Their love for one another was strong, immeasurable and constant.



good fight, with John and his sisters by his side, he gave it his all. He will be forever remembered as a loving, witty, devoted man who loved his family and friends.

The beloved husband of John L. Turano of Revere, he was the devoted son of the late Anthony and Mary (Kelly) Verdi, the loving brother of Catherine "Cathy" Schwabe and her husband, Rick of Methuen and Lisa Verdi of Revere; the cherished son-in-law of the late Anne M. Davis and Joseph B. Turano; the treasured uncle of Erica Schwabe of Methuen and Stephen Verdi and his wife, Ashley of Peabody and grand uncle of Jalen. He is also lovingly survived by his two canine companions, J.J. and Charlie and many cousins, friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Chelsea Soldier's Home Activities Fund, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150.

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

91st Birthday

Special to the Journal

After receiving overwhelming participation from a series of statewide listening sessions and online survey this Spring, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced it is offering two additional virtual listening sessions, including one specifically for students, to inform Governor Maura Healey's K-12 Statewide Graduation Council.

The listening sessions on June 25 and June 30, 2025 are a chance for students, educators, parents and caregivers and a broad range of stakeholders to offer feedback on a new statewide graduation requirement, including the role of assessment, the potential for differentiated pathways to earning the competency determination, and the completion of additional experiences that demonstrate civic, college, and career readiness.

"The Graduation Council received so much insightful, constructive feedback from students, families, educators and stakeholders who attended the first six listening sessions. We thought it was important to offer more opportunities for the public to weigh in," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "I encourage everyone to participate and offer their perspectives as we work to bring the definition of what it means to graduate high school to new heights."

Register for listening sessions:

• Wednesday, June 25th: Virtual, 5-7p.m.

• Monday, June 30th:

Virtual Student Listening Session, 5-6p.m. (Note: this listening session is for students only)

Further, the Healey-Administration Driscoll launched an online survey to expand opportunities for public input. Students, parents and caregivers, educators, school counselors, businesses and community residents can complete the survey at Mass.gov/ K12GradCouncil by June 30, 2025. The survey is available in six languages and takes 7-10 minutes to complete.

Governor Healey established the Massachusetts K-12 Statewide Graduation Council through Executive Order, and the Council is led by the Secretary of Education and Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Council includes a broad range of stakeholders, including students, parents/caregivers, educators, school counselors, labor, education advocacy organizations, higher education representatives, legislators, and the business community.

For more information on the council, listening sessions, and public survey, visit Mass.gov/K12Grad-Council.

circle of friends, former colleagues, neighbors and extended family.

As the saying goes, "Once a Marine, always a Marine," Richie took to heart his values, love for his country, good character, and the camaraderie of the Marine Corps that were instilled in him during his service. Richie enlisted in the Marines in the Spring of 1967 and served for three years during the Vietnam era, being honorably discharged as a Sgt. E-5 in 1970. He left for training at Parris Island on the eve of his 19th birthday on April 4, 1967, and from March, 1968 to April, 1969 was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. There, he was in the **3rd Force Service Regiment** Camp at Camp Courtney, and part of his responsibili-

Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Wednesday, June 25, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, 670 Washington Avenue, Revere. Please meet directly at the church. Interment will be private.

Richie's legacy of service, kindness, and devotion will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

We invite family, friends, and members of the community to share photos and stories on Richie's memorial page. Your memories will help celebrate his remarkable life and the impact he made on everyone around him. Please visit Buonfiglio.com.

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REVERE'S TRACY VECCHIA RECEIVES 'THE GOLDEN APPLE' AWARDS AT PVMHS



Revere's Tracy Vecchia receives The Golden Apple' awards at Peabody Veteran's Memorial High

Tracy Vecchia started her career in Revere Public Schools in 1997 (after several years of volunteering at the Whelan Elementary School). Was an Administrative Assistant for several Directors and became the HR Coordinator before moving on to Peabody Public Schools in 2019, her former hometown.

Now working as Administrative Assistant to the Deans at Peabody High School, she describes it as feeling very nostalgic walking the halls again in Peabody. Tracy loves collaborating and working the Staff and Students who grace their building everyday.

The year started with Tracy being chosen for the HOPE Award for the Month of October. The HOPE Award is given to one exemplary individual in recognition for demonstrating High Expectations, Optimism, Personalized Learning, Equity and Access. Tracy ended the school year by being awarded with The Golden Apple Award. The Golden Apple Award recipient demonstrates a dedication to the whole school community, has a great rapport with students and peers, demonstrates excellence in their profession, is a role model for both students and staff, collaborates with fellow teachers and staff, and inspires and students and staff.

She is pictured above practicing her favorite hobby – being a Nonna to Owen and Lorenzo with her husband, Papa Gene.

This Golden Apple recipient is smart, organized, friendly, helpful and kind. They model professionalism in every sense of the word. This individual juggles many responsibilities and is the very definition of a team player. This person can handle any challenge with grace and has stepped up on numerous occasions to fill in many roles throughout the building, always giving 100% to every task at hand.

In addition to their professional duties, this person has that special ability to make every student feel heard and ensures that all students feel safe and valued in their presence. She is always the first to say good morning and her positivity radiates throughout the hallways like sunshine. This person's energy is contagious and instantly makes your day better. You never know what someone might be going through in their life, but this person knows the value of a warm smile and greeting which could make a difference for someone going through a difficult time.



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Reardon's Restaurant.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's office is seeking to have six Revere police officers stand in a line-up before a witness, known only as The Source, who reportedly observed the six officers loot the CVS store at Northgate when they responded to an early-morning burglar alarm last February.

St. Elmo's Fire, Cocoon, and Fletch are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago June 25, 1975

The License Commission will vote tonight on a measure that would ban nude dancing in the city's clubs. A dozen speakers spoke up in favor of the proposal at a recent public hearing. The measure initially was proposed by City Council member Edward O'Hara with his infamous, so-called "cover-up" ordinance.

Mayor Wiliam Reinstein has called upon the MDC this week to clean-up the filthy conditions at Revere Beach, which the mayor said is in "appalling and disgraceful" condition as the summer season is set to get into full swing.

A City Council subcommittee has proposed a twophase plan to remedy the sewage problems at Pt. of Pines.

The City Council has authorized a \$6.1 million bond for the construction of a new elementary school in Beachmont at Frederick Park to replace the Julia Ward Howe, Mary T. Ronan, and Louis Pasteur schools that have been closed. The city will qualify for 65 percent reimbursement from the state for the cost of the new school.

Judy Murphy and Pat Lavargna defeated Karen Zaccaria and Louise Lochiatto to win the first annual Women's Doubles Tennis Tourney held last week at the Gibson Park tennis courts. City residents and members of the police department are mourning the passing of Lieut. James Porter, a 25 year veteran of the local force, who passed away Monday after a long illness at the age of 58.

The Godfather, Part II, is playing at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

60 years ago July 1, 1965

City officials are promising a big celebration for the city's annual Fourth of July event that is expected to attract 20,000 children and adults on Monday, July 5. There will be races and contests in 18 of the city's parks and playgrounds and fireworks at night at Paul Revere Stadium.

Alfred Cook is the new President of the Revere Rotary Club.

Dr. Ralph Levine is the new President of the Jewish Community Center.

Mrs. Frannie Dietch is the new President of the Golden Age Group of the JCC.

Mrs. Gloria McLellan is the new Senior Regent of the Revere Women of the Moose.

Clarence the Cross-Eyed Lion is playing at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago June 30, 1955

One of the wildest City Council sessions in a few years took place Monday night before a full house of spectators when three Council members, Harry Della Russo, Carmine DiPietro, and Louis M. Kirstein, were ruled "out of order" and threatened with ejection by Council President and Mayor Edward R. White Jr. The bombastic behavior took place during a discussion by City Planner Warren Campbell about city-owned land in Ward 4. DiPietro labeled the presentation by

Campbell as " a poor job by the City Planner" and the argumentation took off from there.

City Councillor Frederick H. Reinstein has announced that his annual Fourth of July party for the children and residents of Beachmont will start with a "night before" party on the Julia Ward Howe school grounds, featuring block dancing, an orchestra, and refreshments.

James Stewart and June Allyson star in Strategic Air Command at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago June 28, 1945

State Rep. Peter Jordan recently received high praise in an article in the Boston Sunday Advertiser in which the Revere solon was described as an "efficient and effective leader." Jordan has filed his nomination papers for mayor and will oppose incumbent Ray Carey.

Army Pfc. George Stone, who was liberated recently from a German prisoner of war camp, has told of the cruelty of the Nazis while he was held prisoner. Stone said he was forced to work long hours with little food and said that even prisoners who were ill had to work 16-18 hour days.

A tragic plane crash over England has claimed the life of Army Capt. Frederick Ernest Deacon, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Deacon of 356 Orchard St. Capt. Deacon was being transferred to a hospital in England after he had been injured in an accident in Germany in a Jeep in which a shoulder and both arms had been crushed.

Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, and Lucille Ball star in Without Love at the Winthrop and State Theatres.



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Shown in the summer of 1990, Revere children and their parents celebrate the Fourth of July at Gibson Park.





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Sports

REVERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Cary Shuman Photos

The Revere Chamber of Commerce hosted its Second Annual Cornhole Tour- President Niles Welch wel-

nament Saturday, June 21, at the AC Whelan School. RCC Executive Direc-

tor Erica Porzio and Board

comed the 20 teams from Revere and beyond to the well-organized, competitive event that featured a cash prize for the winning team.

The weather cooperated grandly with a bright and sunny Saturday to usher in the first full day of summer.



RCC Executive Board Secretary Don Martelli welcomes Revere Housing Dean Harris to the Second Annual Cornhole Tournament.



RCC Treasurer James Gibson and his wife, Amanda Gibson.



Taking some practice throws are **Cornhole Tournament competitors and** brothers, Danny Spagnuolo and Matt Spagnuolo.



Team Argenzio, from left, Debbie West, Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio, Colleen Argenzio, Vincent Argenzio, and Ploy





Don Martelli, councillor-at-large candidate Anthony Parziale, Erica Porzio, and Attorney Niles Welch.



ETHAN DAY AT AGGANIS BOYS BASKETBALL ALL-STAR GAME



Revere High Boy's Basketball Senior Tri-Captain Ethan Day played Monday night in the Agganis Boys Basketball All-Star game at Lynn Classical High School.



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Arctic Shavings was a popular stop for players and spectators with its unique, multi-flavor shaved ices. Pictured at the stand are Anthony DellaPorta, Arctic King, Ken Gould, Mark Fagerberg, and Mackenzie Beard, artist.

Pictured at the Eli's Bracelet Boutique table are parents Marilyn and Elfego Sanchez, with their three children, Eliza Sanchez, Eliany Sanchez, and Elias Sanchez.



Officers and board members, President Niles Welch, Executive Board Secretary Don Martelli, Nonprofit Liaison Judie Vankooiman, Events Committee Co-Chair Alexandra Pomponio, **Treasurer James Gibson, and Executive Director** Erica Porzio.



Welcoming Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio to the tournament are Alexandra Pomponio and Erica Porzio.



RCC Executive Director Erica Porzio welcomes new Chamber member Erica Tritta, owner of Twisted Fate Brewing, who will be opening a location late summer in Revere at Amaya Apartments.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA SEEKS ALL-AMERICA **CITY AWARD AT** NATIONAL CIVIC **LEAGUE PROGRAM IN DENVER**

CHELSEA - A 35-member contingent consisting of city officials, community leaders, and residents will head to Denver next week for the National Civic League's All-America City Award program.

Denver is known as the Mile High City and City Manager Fidel Maltez and the group will be seeking one of the nation's highest awards. Chelsea has twice previously achieved All-America City status in 2014 and 1998 and it is one of 20 finalists, including Denver, competing for the award,

Maltez has been meeting regularly with the group in preparation for the event.

"Being named a finalist and heading to Denver is a huge honor for Chelsea,' said Maltez. "We're ready to show the nation what community power, equity, and resilience really look like-and hopefully bring home the win!"

Director of Housing and Community Development Ben Cares is a team captain for the Chelsea group. City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, City Councilor Lisa Santagate and State Rep. Judith Garcia will be traveling to Denver as members of the group. Kelly Elementary School Principal Lisa Lineweaver will be one of the school community's representatives.

This year's National Civic League theme is environmental sustainability through inclusive community engagement.

Chelsea has been deemed a leader in environmental issues in the region. Maltez was a guest panelist at a May 12 Metro Mayors Coalition forum at the Museum Science and was called "a rising star' by MAPC Executive Director Marc Draisen in his introductory remarks.

"We are always attending regional forums that are working toward climate action, and one of those was the Metro Mayors Climate Coalition," said Cares.

The city's Department of Housing and Community Development, under Cares's leadership, GreenRoots, (Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, the Mystic River Watershed Association (Executive Director Patrick Herron), the Chelsea Department of Public Works (Commissioner Cate Fox-Lent), and the Chelsea Public Schools, led by Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, have collaborated well with Maltez throughout the successful nomination process.

Cares said there is excitement and enthusiasm about the trip to Denver and the quest for national recognition.

"Garnering national recognition for local climate resiliency efforts and environmental sustainability initiatives is really important for the city," said Cares. "The award is celebrating Chelsea's ability to rise

from adversity, whether that be major fires, the COVID-19 pandemic, or the constant environmental justice issues that we face. I think we emerge stronger every time, and we rebuild with equity and purpose in everything that we do."

Cares believes the All-America City Award could set the foundation for the future funding of Chelsea projects.

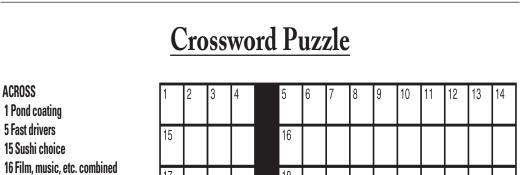
"I think attracting national recognition and potential funding for projects that are facing a dearth of funding in the face of this current federal climate and those impacts to the state's budget is a solid move, and I commend the city manager for bringing us around this effort and this potential award," concluded Cares.

VAN CAMPEN LAUNCHES **CAMPAIGN FOR** MAYOR OF EVERETT

EVERETT - "The city is hungry for change." That was the message from Everett City Councilor Robert Van Campen, who officially launched his campaign for Mayor of Everett today.

Van Campen pulled nomination papers today to officially launch his campaign, which will focus on restoring public trust, improving public education, ensuring responsible development, and building a city government that works for all Everett residents.

"This is about change. Change in leadership,



change in direction, and change in how we oper-1 ate as a government," Van Campen said. "Everett residents deserve honest, transparent leadership that works 2 for them and solves real problems like school overcrowding, housing affordability, and neighborhood quality of life. It is time to 3 move Everett forward."

Van Campen moved to Everett at 17 and has spent his adult life in the city. He has raised a family here, served his neighbors, and fought for good government. The son of a military veteran and a working-class family, he watched his parents achieve their American Dream when they bought their first home here in Everett. Today, that dream is out of reach for too many families. As mayor, he said, he will work to make that dream more possible again for working families across the city.

Van Campen has served on Everett's Common Council, Board of Aldermen, and currently represents Ward 5 on the City Council. A municipal and labor attorney, he recently led the City Council's call for state action to recoup \$180,000 in improper longevity payments made to the current mayor.

"That scandal did not just expose one incident. It brought to the surface deeper problems in our government," Van Campen said. "A lack of transparency, a lack of accountability, and too often a lack of honesty in how our city operates. It is time for Everett to turn the page and bring the focus back to the people."

Van Campen said his campaign will prioritize community engagement and ensure that Everett residents have a voice in shaping the city's future.

"Ultimately, the people of Everett are the ones whose voices should take priority," he said. "We need leadership that will listen, act with integrity, and move this city forward." Following is the list of candidates who have pulled nomination papers for the 2025 election: MAYOR Carlo DeMaria, Jr. Peter Pietrantonio Robert J. VanCampen

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GREENWAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FANUELE PROVIDES RENOVATION UPDATE

EAST BOSTON - Keeley Fanuele, the executive director of the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, joined the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association's (JPNA) monthly meeting last week to provide information on renovations that are slated to leave parts of the Greenway closed for what could be an extended period.

The renovations, which according to Fanuele are being conducted by the city and aim to reduce stormwater and coastal flooding, provide cool spots to help mitigate urban heat islands, and promote tree health, are set to take place on the city-owned portion of the Greenway, from Porter to Marginal Street, or more specifically, from "the blue caboose to the dog park."

"I'm sure many of you know - who use the Greenway — that flooding is a huge issue and has been huge issue, so that is really the main focus of the project," said Fanuele. "They're going to raise paths in certain areas, they're going to kind of build boardwalks in other areas with rain gardens underneath...so we're hoping that it will make a huge improvement." Construction, which was initially scheduled to begin in the spring, has been postponed until this fall, potentially around October, according to Fanuele, to allow the area to be used during the summer. When construction begins, Fanuele said that the entire section, which includes Gove Street Crossing, will be closed for the duration of the project. "A lot of people have asked, you know, can they close it in sections. They've told me they cannot close it in sections, they cannot have the Gove Street Crossing open during the entirety of the construction project," she said. Additionally, a detour is being planned, and signage is slated to be provided by the city. Fanuele also noted that City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata is organizing a community meeting to gather feedback regarding the detour. As for the duration of the closure, Fanuele said, "It would be October of 2025 until December of 2026. So, apparently, that is a hard stop date that they must be finished for the grant that they received — the city." "It could potentially get pushed back, but my understanding is that it must be finished by December 31st of 2026. So, basically,

SCHOOL COM. WARD we're looking at a year and a half."

> JPNA Board Members Andrew Pike and Tyler Lane commented that the aforementioned duration seemed long, to which Fanuele agreed and later indicated she would follow up with the project team to get more information that could be shared at a future JPNA meeting.

> It should be noted that the project webpage on the city's website (https://www. boston.gov/departments/ parks-and-recreation/project/improvements-mary-ellen-welch-greenway#whos-involved) does not provide a specific projected completion date; instead, it states that the project is expected to be completed in 2026.

> However, a presentation slideshow from a meeting in October, found at the link above, contains a timeline that indicates it would open in "late-2026."

> The East Boston Times inquired about the projected completion date with the project manager, Amy Linné. Grace Burke, a marketing and communications specialist with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, responded via email noting that schedules can change due to unforeseen circumstances but wrote, "we are targeting a construction start in mid-October and completion in late 2026," adding, "while we were originally planning to start in summer 2025, we received community requests to wait until after this summer to start construction to ensure that the Greenway would only be closed for one summer season."

In the meantime, Fanuele noted that she is excited about many things happening at the Greenway this summer.

Specifically, plans are in place for events such

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as concerts and other programming throughout the summer. For more information, visit https://maryellenwelchgreenway.org/.

To stay up to date with everything going on with the Greenway, visit the aforementioned link or follow its social media accounts on Instagram at https:// www.instagram.com/maryellenwelchgreenway, and Facebook at https://www. facebook.com/people/ Friends-of-the-Mary-Ellen-Welch-Greenway.

COUNCIL, PLANNING BOARD HOLD 3A HEARING

WINTHROP - The town council and planning board held a joint public hearing on the planning board's proposed MBTA Communities Act 3A compliance plan last week at the Deleo Senior Center.

Last year, the town council voted not to submit an MBTA 3 compliance plan recommended by the planning board.

Thanks to a State Supreme Judicial Court ruling earlier this year, the town council had additional time to reconsider a compliance plan, with the town being in compliance until the middle of July. The 3A act requires communities to establish zones for multi-family housing in communities with or adjacent to MBTA transportation.

In January the state court ruled that communities act is constitutional, but that the current housing guidelines are unenforceable. The new state ruling establishes that

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3A is now a state regulation, rather than guidelines.

At last week's public hearing, Town Manager Tony Marino and the planning board said that other than the change from guidelines to regulations from the state, little in 3A has changed.

The plan submitted by the planning board is essentially the same as the one the town council voted not to accept last year. The planning board will hold a vote to officially recommend the plan to the city council, which will then have another opportunity to vote on whether to accept it or not.

At last week's public hearing, there was discussion among those in favor of passing the compliance plan stating that a failure to pass it would result in a possible lawsuit for the town and the loss of potential grants that could assist Winthrop with its much-needed flood mitigation efforts.

Those against approval of the compliance plan noted that the 3A law is a major overstep by the state forcing the hands of the town, and added that the Winthrop Says No to 3A group has several active court suits for both exemptions and in opposition to 3A.

"The courts ruled that the guidelines weren't legal, so they had to make regulations," said Marino. "The state then went through the process and promulgated new regulations with a public comment period. Essentially, other than a few minor changes, it didn't impact us, it put out the same regulations that mirrored the guidelines."

Marino said the town contacted its consultant on 3A, RKG, and asked if the old plan recommended by the planning board worked under the new regulations without allowing for any new units and that non-compliance can and would lead to a loss of grant funding, especially for infrastructure, as well as forced compliance from the state.

During the public hearing, Cassie Witthaus said that the discussion over 3A has gone in circles for too long, with some of the council members refusing to acknowledge facts and the consequences for their actions.

"You are all elected to lead and make decisions for our community that are fiscally responsible," Witthaus said. "Members of this community just came together and made extensive efforts to pass an override for our schools and a bond to fund the new fire station. There is a belief around town that the council manufactures crises and then asks the community to bail the community out."

Witthaus said the town has already done the work to provide multi-family housing in the town, and that it just needs the zoning to reflect that work.

"Our community could benefit from the grant programs that Winthrop will now be ineligible for if leadership continues to disregard compliance requirements," she said.

Diana Viens of Winthrop Says No to 3A said she felt bad for people that believe that voting in a compliance plan for 3A will do anything to bring grant funding into the town for flooding or other infrastructure projects.

"In terms of the grants, we don't get any money from the four grants stated in the law, we have said that multiple times, we get zero dollars," said Viens. "With respect to the 13 grants that 3A compliance has taken into consideration for which are in the regulations, which are about to get tossed, by the way ... we get approximately, and we have done the math, \$2.18 per person per year. So if you value your freedom, perhaps everyone will talk up \$2.18 per year to deal with that."

is a lot harder to take it off the books once we comply; just say no, make it easy, we move on."

Ward 6 Councilor John DaRos made several comments on the 3A compliance plan as the chair of the finance subcommittee and a member of the town's climate commission.

"I've heard a lot of people talk about, where are the grants? What grants have we received in the past and why is it a big deal?" he said. "We've received over \$1 million in municipal vulnerable communities, MVP, grants over the past decade to help us with various projects around climate resiliency. We have met as a climate commission every month since last August; we have eight defined hotspots in the town, including some that have been mentioned here tonight."

DaRos said that addressing the climate issues in those areas around the town could cost at least \$50 million. He added that the town currently has \$5.5 million in reserve funds.

"You do the math," DaRos said. "I totally appreciate people's sentiments around development; when you look at Revere Beach, you see how it has been developed; when you look at the Seaport and you see how it has been developed ... is there a reason sometimes to mistrust, particularly for-profit developers? Yes.

"The reason I am voting yes for this plan is because of the great work of the planning board, because their task was to thread the needle, comply with a state law that we must comply with or face the consequences ... but do it in a way that results in zero impact to the town," DaRos continued. "If you don't agree with absolute zero, hopefully you intent of the law," said Letterie. "I look at the grants, and although we are not reliant on every grant out there, and we have asked for grants in the past and we have received some, and haven't received most. There is a cost to every grant we do. "We would all love to get

\$75 million in grants and fix every issue we have; that's not going to happen," he continued.

Letterie said that on one side of the coin, the town is

expecting that if it complies with 3A, it is going to get state money, but he said it is not guaranteed. He added that there can also be no guarantee that there will be zero new units as a result of the law.

"I think most, pro and con, would agree that it is not a great law," he said. "There's a lot of bad laws ... but I think most would agree that this is not a very good law. It's been incredibly divisive to many communities." The council president noted that Winthrop has been ahead of the curve in the state when it comes to zoning for and building multi-family housing.

"We did a lot of zoning over the last 20 years between the CBD and the waterfront district and such that have created a tremendous amount of potential units," said Letterie. "Not all of them are built yet, but it looks like many will be built."

111TH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AT THE DEANE WINTHROP HOUSE





Shown above, Jacob Lloyd, Kathy Mercurio, Debbie Powell, Maria McCue, Jenna Kossivas, Samara Powell, and Bryan Gomez enjoying the annual Strawbery Festival. Shown left, Dawn and Jim Letterie, **Council President.** Shown right, Carole Brown, second Vice President, and Stephanie Honan.



and they stated that it did.

"The 3A Communities law requires all communities with access to the T, rail, and bus to add zoning to allow for increased density beyond single-family dwellings," said Marino. "Winthrop already meets these density requirements in many areas, and has multi-family buildings, but is not zoned for what exists today."

"3A in Winthrop requires adding overlay districts to allow for the 882 units," said Marino. "We did get 221 credits, off-site units, for the (Central Business District), it didn't change any of the zoning down there, but because of the work we already did, we get to back 221 off of the 882, which brings us back down to zoning for 661."

The planning board proposal that was brought forward last year contains two overlay districts that are not currently zoned for the existing density, Marino said.

"No new units can be built under this proposal," he said. "The units already exist at Seal Harbor and Governor's Park."

The zoning overlay districts would actually allow for fewer units than already exist on the sites, Marino said.

"Seal Harbor Road parcels, there are 394 existing units, if this goes through, then the 3A zoning would only be zoned for 333 units," said Marino. "Governor's Park, again, 393 existing units, would be zoned for 336."

Marino said the proposal complies with the state law

Viens said Winthrop Says No to 3A has two active exemption cases in Superior Court, as well as a challenge to the emergency and now permanent regulations.

"In our unfunded mandate exemption, we've detected \$1.2 million in direct costs associated with compliance with 3A," she said.

Michael Herbert also spoke in opposition to the 3A compliance, noting that of the people he talks to who know about the regulations in town, the vast majority do not want them. He noted that there are already numerous multi-family housing projects going up around the town.

"We're taking care of it ourselves already, so why do we need people from outside telling us what to do?" he said.

Vasili Mallios noted that the town cannot guarantee that the 3A compliance plan will result in no new housing.

"This law states, in the letters that other communities have received, that if the guidelines were to change, you must comply," Mallios said. "So if they change the district, they change the number of units per acre, we're going to have to comply, and I believe we had a previous councilor who said ... let's just comply now and if they change it again, then we won't back off. Well, it will agree that it is a minimal impact."

Council President Jim Letterie noted that the intent of the law was for the state to address the housing crisis and needed MBTA communities to address that crisis.

"The goal of the state is to not have zero units built in the town; that's just not the



Families enjoying lunch and drinks on the Deane Winthrop House grounds during the June 14th Strawberry Festival.



Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Fire officials urge residents to leave fireworks to the professionals!

Illegal fireworks have caused more than 500 fires, 200 serious injuries since 2020

Special to the Journal

Fires, explosions, and serious injuries related to illegal fireworks spike each summer in Massachusetts, and fire service leaders are asking residents and visitors to leave those dangerous devices to the professionals.

"Here in Massachusetts, fireworks have caused over 500 fires and explosions, more than 200 emergency department visits, and nearly \$1 million in damages over the past five years," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "They are illegal without licensing and certification because they are so dangerous. Please don't risk a fire, an injury, or a day in court - leave fireworks to the professionals." The weeks around July

4th are extremely busy for

your local fire department," said Westborough Fire Chief Patrick J. Purcell, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "Fires and injuries spike as people put themselves, their families, and their neighbors in harm's way with illegal fireworks. These incidents can draw firefighters and EMTs away from other emergencies in your city or town. If you want to watch a great fireworks show this summer, please check out one of the many safe, permitted displays scheduled in communities across Massachusetts."

Of the 220 fireworks-related visits to Massachusetts emergency departments from 2020 to 2024, 111 took place during June and July. These months also accounted for 366 of the 559 fires and explosions caused by fireworks during the same five-year period. Both injuries and fires held relatively steady last year and reflect a decline from the historically high numbers in 2020, when 75 ER visits and 187 fires or explosions were reported statewide.

Massachusetts law requires police to seize any illegal fireworks they encounter in the course of their duties. This includes fireworks that were purchased lawfully in another state and transported to Massachusetts. People who use or possess them illegally are also subject to a fine, while the unlawful sale of fireworks is an arrestable offense that carries potential

jail time. The law is effective: the Massachusetts fireworks injury rate is about .5 per 100,000 residents compared with a national rate of 2.89 per 100,000 residents.

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list – and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks - visit the DFS website.

Registry of Motor Vehicle's Low Plate Lottery returns for 2025

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing applications for the 2025 Low Number Plate Lottery will be available online at mvR-MV Online Service Center beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025. To be eligible, applicants must apply for this year's lottery by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025. Winners will be notified by mail if selected for a low number plate.

This year, there are 283 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of the available low plates include 42, 108, 1997, 12K, X8 and A78.

Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply

for the lottery. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a special plate fee that will be required, as well as a standard registration fee.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV's website or follow @Mass-RMV on X (formerly Twitter) for details about the lottery plate drawing to be announced later this summer, including the date, time, livestream link, and location of the event.

In addition, lottery plate applicants will be sent a notification from the RMV to the email address they provided with lottery event details.

The lottery results will be posted after the drawing on the RMV website.



Scan this Or code to see the full list of available plates in this year's Low Plate Lottery.

Lottery Rules and **Eligibility Requirements**

Only one entry per applicant will be accepted, regardless of the number of active registrations the applicant has.

An applicant must be a Massachusetts resident with a Massachusetts driver's license or ID card in good

standing and a currently active, registered, and insured passenger vehicle.

Companies/corporations may not apply.

MassDOT (Registry of Motor Vehicles, Highway, Mass Transit, and Aeronautics) employees, including contract employees, and their immediate family members are not eligible. "Immediate family member" refers to one's parents, spouse, children, and brothers and sisters. Individuals involved in the management of MassDOT divisions are also ineligible.

Requests for specific plate numbers will not be honored. Eligible applicants will be considered for all plates listed. Plates will be awarded in the order

in which they are listed on Mass.Gov/lowplatelottery

An applicant's registration, Massachusetts driver's license, or ID card cannot be in a non-renewal, suspended, or revoked status at the time of entry, the time of the drawing, or the time of the plate swap. As such, an applicant must not have any outstanding excise taxes, parking tickets, child support, warrants, or unpaid E-Z Pass/Pay by Plate violations.

Online entries must be completed by August 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

By law, lottery winners must be announced by September 15, 2025. Lottery results will be available on the RMV website: Mass.Gov/ lowplatelottery

All winners will be notified by the RMV in writing with instructions on how to transfer their current registration to their new lottery plate. Winners will have until December 31, 2025 to swap their plates. Plates will be registered to the winning applicant only. Unclaimed plates will be forfeited after December 31 and awarded to the alternate winners.

All plates remain the property of the RMV even after registration.

All information received, including names of all applicants and the list of winners, is subject to release in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records law.

Explore the outdoors this summer with the 2025 Park Passport Challenge for children and families at parks across state

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced the launch of the 2025 Park Passport Challenge, an initiative aimed at bringing a new generation of outdoor explorers into the state park

to collect unique stamps at 12 participating DCR parks and watersheds across the state. The challenge kicks off on Saturday, June 21, and individuals who collect all 12 stamps by the program's Sunday, November 30 end date, will receive a Park Passport water bottle sticker and will be entered

"Our DCR parklands are more than just beautiful landscapes – they enrich the lives of residents and families all across our state, providing them with spaces to explore, reflect and recreate," said DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo. "We hope our new Park Passport Challenge serves as a fun

itors from all backgrounds and of all ages - especially children – to experience and learn about the natural world around them and our incredible state park system."

The initiative is focused on bringing more families and children, especially those from environmental the outdoors to experience Massachusetts's natural and recreational resources.

Park passports are available at each participating location that has a visitor center and can also be printed out from DCR's Park Passport webpage along with coloring pages for participating parks. Passport stamps are held in yellow stamp boxes for increased visibility and are installed in ways that make them easy to reach for visitors of all abilities. Combinations to each stamp box can be found on each Park Passport stamp sheet. The exact location and code for each stamp box and additional information on the challenge are listed on DCR's Park Passport Challenge webpage. All written materials for the initiative are available in the 10 most common spoken languages in Massachusetts. Participants looking to delve a deeper into the park experience are invited to take part in optional location-specific bonus activities available in a worksheet on the webpage. Activities include an observant hike, nature scavenger and history hunts, and more. After stamping their passport, participants should close and relock the stamp boxes. Once you collect all 12 stamps, fill out the redemption form on the Park Passport Challenge webpage by November 30, 2025, to redeem a water bottle sticker and be entered to win a grand prize. Grand prizes include free Boston Harbor Island ferry tickets, a complimentary DCR ParksPass, and a reservation for DCR's annual Learn to Camp program. Participants are also encouraged to share your adventure by tagging us on social media @MassDCR. Stamps are located at the following participating state parks:

North Region

• Walden Pond State Reservation, Concord • Halibut Point State

Park, Rockport

South Region

• Waquoit Bay Natural Estuarine Research Reserve, East Falmouth

system by inviting visitors to win a grand prize.

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• Wachusett Mountain State Reservation. Princeton

West Region

• Mount Greylock State Reservation, Lanesboro

• Great Falls Discovery Center, Montague

Water Supply

• Quabbin Reservoir, Belchertown

• Wachusett Reservoir, Clinton

DCR also launched the MA250 Challenge to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and the role DCR parks and properties played in the Revolution. The MA250 Challenge will run through 2025 and 2026, and participants can earn a sticker and be entered to win prizes by completing any two of the following activities:

• visiting two DCR properties

• taking five pictures at DCR properties and tagging @MassDCR on social media

• completing five miles of hiking, walking, swimming, running, or biking at DCR properties

• or leaving zero trace of activity at any visited DCR property.

For more information or questions regarding the Park Passport Challenge, email dcrpassport@mass. gov or visit: www.mass. gov/info-details/dcr-parkpassport-challenge.

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THIS KID'S ON THE BALL

Domenic Garofalo enjoys the new facility on Squire Road recently opened by Broadway Physical Therapy, PAGE 6.



Former standout athlete at Revere High dies in an accident aboard the Bataan

LAWRENCE SALAMONE 1985-2005



Lawrence Salamone graduated from Revere High School in 2003, where...

19-year-old remembered for his team-oriented approach to life

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

Last Saturday, around 9:30 p.m., two Navy officers in full uniform came to Festa Road.

Their destination was the home of Angelo and Margo Salamone.

Their news was tragic.

The Salamones son, Lawrence, 19, had died in a training accident involving a forklift aboard the amphibious assault ship Bataan on the afternoon of July 23. At the time, the ship was 120 miles off Key West, Fla., and was taking part in an annual exercise in which the U.S. and Latin American navies respond to a mock security threat to the Panama Canal.

the message was brief, and they explained there is an ongoing investigation into the mishap. Then they left, leaving family and friends in a state of grief that still envelops them and probably always will.

"All his friends from high school and the football team have come to Though he was a standout and firstthe house," said Angelo Salamone, Lawrence's father. "There's so many people, we can't even move. Everyone is sitting around in silence accomplishments. looking at one another. You can hear a pin drop."

Lawrence Salamone was a 2003 Revere High graduate and a standout athlete on the gridiron and on the pitching mound. He pitched no-hitters when he was 9 in the St. Mary's

The family told the Journal that Little League, and he was an all-star quarterback for Revere High when he was older.

"He had so many little accomplishments and lots of goals ahead of him," said his father.

But what most remember is his team-oriented approach to life. teamer in baseball and football, he was quick to put the whole team ahead of any of his individual

"He was a great athlete, but more than anything, he was just a great person," said RHS head football coach Lou Cicatelli, who was the assistant coach when Salamone



... he was a standout member of the Patriots football and baseball teams.

ON THE BEACH Lost weekend



BUILDING A FUTURE Whelan School Principal

Joanna McInnis is excited about the changes taking place at her elementary school. Feature, PAGE 6.

A BORN LEADER

Shirley Gilgulin receives 19th Annual Leadership Award from the Revere-Winthrop Chapter of Hadassah. PAGE 10.

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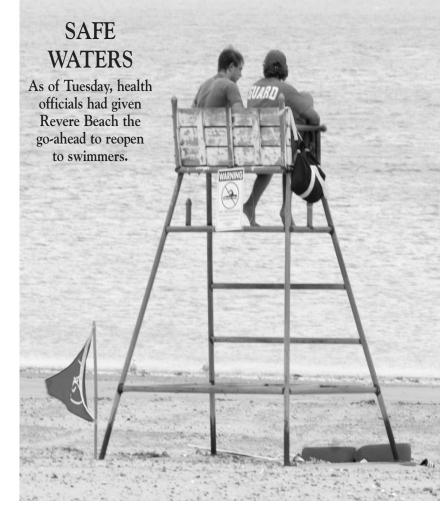
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A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

Lifeguards didn't have anything to guard on Monday morning, at which time Revere Beach was still closed due to a busted sewer line.



Revere Beach closed for three days due to broken sewer line

By Josh Resnek AND SETH DANIEL

A 100-year-old sewer line resting comfortably under Western Avenue in Lynn burst last Friday.

It was damaged on July 17, when a 6-inch in diameter Massachusetts Water Resources water feed running above it along the length of Western Avenue suffered a blowout and a 20foot deep crater.

The MWRA repaired the initial damage to its water feed - dug a great hole, repaired the feed and then backfilled the hole and paved the road.

Last Friday, the 100-year-old sewer line collapsed, causing millions of gallons of raw sewage to flow into the Saugus River at the end of Western Avenue, and then taken out by the tide and returned by the waves to Revere Beach and surrounding waters.

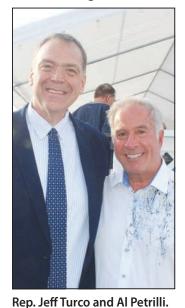
Revere Beach was closed to swimmers as officials read extraordinarily high bacteria counts in the water, causing the city to sink into disappointment and disbelief.

At Lynn and Nahant beaches, officials reacted hastily, but with the public's well being in mind, by temporarily closing those beaches. The closures were disappointing again to

STATE REP. JEFF TURCO HOSTS CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER IN WINTHROP

Photos by Cary Shuman

A tremendous crowd of supporters from the communities of Winthrop and Revere, along with several



city officials and state legislators, attended a campaign fundraiser for Rep. Jeff Turco on June 12 at the home of Chucky Famolare, Rep. Turco's friend and neighbor.

Former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo former state representatives Al Saggese, Gus Serra, and RoseLee Vincent, Clerk Magistrate Joseph Faretra, current Council President Jim Letterie, former Council President Phil Boncore, and retired Police Chief Terence Delehanty were among the dignitaries supporting Turco, who is considered a rising star on Beacon Hill. Turco was recently promoted to Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Veteran and Federal Affairs.

State Rep. Jessica Gi-



Rep. Jessica Giannino, Rep. Jeff Turco, and Rep. Thomas Walsh.

annino and State Sen. Lydia

Edwards attended the event,

with Giannino handling the

Known for his splendid

introductory honors.

oratorical skills, the 6-foot-6-inch Turco spoke of the tremendous daily support and encouragement he receives from his wife, Me-



Mayor Patrick Keefe and First Lady Jennifer Keefe (left) pictured with Young Adult Librarian Krystee Maniscalco.

Mary, Sonny, Joseph, Dominic, Grace, and Matteo. Turco then humbly cred-

ited his fellow legislators,

lissa, and their six children, including Rep. Giannino and Sen. Lydia Edwards for joining him in helping people throughout the district.



Rep. Jeff Turco and his wife, Melissa Turco, with their children, Sonny Turco, Joseph Turco, Dominic Turco, Grace Turco, and Matteo, along with Melissa's father, Joseph Carbone, and Sonny's friend, Mariajose Flores. Not pictured: daughter, Mary Turco.



Part of the large delegation from Revere who attended the fundraiser, this group of city officials and guests are pictured at the outdoor reception.



Revere Business Liaison John Festa, Rep. Jeff Turco, and Rick Dowd.

City Council President Marc Silvestri, Rep. Jeff Turco, and Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio.

Sibby Birritteri, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, Rep. Jeff Turco, and Revere Police Lt. Robert Impemba.



Jamie Russo, Rep. Jeff Turco, Jimmy Nigro, and Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and Rep. Jeff Turco.



Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro, Joseph Quigley, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Rep. Jeff Turco.



Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, Jamie Russo, Rep. Jeff Turco, Melissa Turco, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and First Lady Jennifer Keefe.



School Committee member Anthony Caggiano, First Lady of Revere, Jennifer Keefe, Mayor Patrick Keefe, School Committee member John Kingston, Rep. Jeff Turco, School Committee candidate Ralph DeCicco, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Councillor-at-Large Bob Haas III, and former Rep. RoseLee Vincent.

MassBay Automotive Tech grad was driven to succeed, blazing a path to McLaren Boston

Special to the Journal

Growing up in the vibrant landscapes of El Salvador, Jeremy Castillo Vides never imagined his future would be filled with carbon fiber, twin-turbo engines, and the roar of a McLaren supercar. But through grit, faith, and relentless determination, the MassBay automotive technology student has turned childhood dreams into reality—landing a coveted job at McLaren Boston, the state's only dealership for the ultra-luxury automotive brand.

Jeremy moved to Revere, at age 10, leaving behind his homeland but never his identity. "The connection to nature and community in El Salvador shaped who I am," he says. "Even today, I carry that with me in everything I do."

Now a soon-to-be graduate of MassBay's All-Brand Automotive Technology program, Jeremy has spent the past few years immersed in the engineering that powers the automotive world—across every make and model, not just one. "This program gave me something bigger than certifications. It gave me perspective," he says. "We weren't just fixing cars. We were telling stories through our work."

That shift in mindset came thanks to auto technology instructors like Michael Amos and Alexander Hartwell, who, Jeremy says, "saw us not just as students, but as people with stories, struggles, and dreams. That meant everything." Jeremy still remembers Amos telling the class, "These vehicles aren't just old pieces of metal; they represent someone's story." That lesson hit home.

What didn't come easily was the journey itself. With no access to the Massachusetts free community college programs at the time he enrolled, Jeremy worked three jobs—often without a single day off—to cover tuition and living expenses. He relied on FAFSA and his own endurance to push through. "One word to describe my journey? Persistence," he says. "I

See CASTILLO VIDES Page 20



Jeremy Castillo Vides.



Members of the Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities pictured with some attendees and speakers pictured at the State House for the Strength in Support networking event.

Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities hosts Strength in Support employment event

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities hosted a hybrid event at the Massachusetts State House on June 23, 2025, titled Strength in Support: A networking and resource-sharing event with employed youth and young adults with disabilities, personal care assistants, job coaches, and inclusive workplaces.

Hosted by the Commission's Disability Employment and Workforce Supports subcommittees, the event brought together employed youth and young adults with disabilities, direct support professionals, and job coaches to highlight stories, share resources, and identify promising practices to advance employment equity across Massachusetts.

Commissioner Gyasi Burks-Abbott opened the event by welcoming attendees and outlining available accessibility services for both in-person and virtual participants. As moderator, he guided the discussion and emphasized the importance of shifting attitudes toward disability in the workplace.

"When it comes to the phrase 'Presume Competence,' I think it's important to note that being competent doesn't mean I'll never mess up; it means I'll always be teachable," said Commissioner Gyasi Burks-Abbott. "Don't throw your hands up at the first sign of trou-

ble. If I'm doing something wrong, tell me how to do it right. When I look back on the missteps I've made in my life, I can contrast the people who were willing to offer me some grace and give me another chance with those who seemed to immediately write me off as a lost cause. I hope this event today demonstrates that people with disabilities are employable. We might need accommodations and supports, but we are perfectly capable of getting the job done."

Speakers included:

Matty Tricca, Podcast Host and State House Summer Intern

Liam Glavin, Busser, Le-

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the student senate star

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

CONGRALULATIONS RHS CLASS OF 2025!

Erta Ismahili (Chair), Endurance Nkeh (Clerk), Enzo Garza Alex Gracias, Isha Hassan, Kessily Jacome, Ana Kalliavas, Ayah Khamis, Nicole Lei, Salsabil Mendoza, Ivana Nguyen On behalf of the RHS Student Senate we are so proud of you and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

Meet Your 2026 Senior Class Officers

President, Kepler Celamy Vice President, Emily Ardon Secretary, Aidah Louaddi Treasurer, Samantha Indorato Media Director, Jade Dang Let the final chapter begin!

MASterpieces in the MAKING: AP ARt AND CERAMICS SHINE At RHS



Self Portrait - AP Art and Design; Victoria Lima, Grade 12



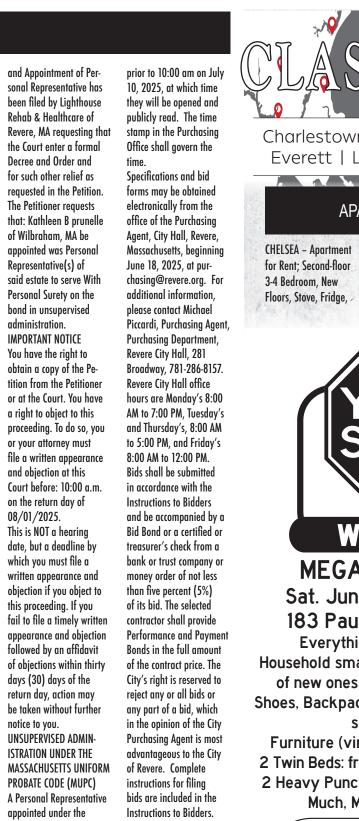
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Artwork by Shanna Sea, Revere High School



Artwork by Alexander Solis Ochoa, Revere High School





LEGAL NOTICES

9/154B/1, 9/174A/1A, administration from the **Personal Representative** and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including

Massachusetts. A copy of the Applicant's Notice of Intent Application will be available at the Building Department in the basement of the American Legion Building, 249R Broadway, Revere, MA Monday through Thursday 8:15AM to 5:00PM. **Revere Conservation** Commission 6/25/2025 can be obtained from the Petitioner. R

9/174D/1A, and

LEGAL NOTICE

6/25/25, 6/26/35 R,W,C **LEGAL NOTICE** PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 Chapter 131 of the Massachusetts General Jackson Laws (Wetlands Protection Act) that the City of Revere **Conservation Commission** will hold a Public Hearing, Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the City of Natick, MA **Council Chamber of Revere** City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 upon the application of the City of Revere for proposed work activities including removal of vegetation and pavement, and construction of Revere High School; internal paved driveways, paved parking lots; synthetic turf athletic fields and tennis courts; stormwater management infrastructure; outdoor classrooms; grading; and landscape plantings at 190 Veterans of Foreian Wars Parkway (Parcels:

9/174B/1A, 9/174C/1A, 9/175/1A) and portions of Dunn Road in Revere, distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any,

06/25/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF

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SUFFOLK. SS. Docket No.

SU25E0096

To Angela M. Barrasso of

Boston, Hanscom Federal

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A Petition has been

presented to said Court

by Michael O. Digregorio

of Boston in the County of

Suffolk representing that

he holds as 70% share as

tenant in common undivid-

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land lying in Boston, MA

in said County, and briefly

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The land together with the

buildings thereon formerly

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Street, and now presently

known as and numbered

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COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU25P1334EA Estate of: Norman Courtnaye

Date of Death: 1/24/2009 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Richard M. Jackson Richard M. Jackson of Natick, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform **Probate Code without** supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the

NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION FORMER GLOBAL REVERE TANK FARM NEAR 71 LEE BURBANK HIGHWAY REVERE, MA **RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-50329** A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as TIER II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On June 19, 2025, Revere MA Owner LLC filed a TIER II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Kevin D Trainer, P.G., L.S.P. of Verdantas LLC, 30 Shrewsbury Street, Holden, Massachusetts telephone number 508-829-6000. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at the MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-50329 at: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal/dep/ wastesite/results?queryString=rtn:3-0050329

to Angelo Demattia dated Deeds at Book 6117, Page

362. Also, another parcel with the building thereon, if any, described in a Deed from the City of Revere to the said Anaela Demattia dated August 27, 1943 and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at Book 6055, Page 309. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions and rights of way of record insofar as they are in force and

September 15, 1944 and

recorded with Suffolk

applicable. For current title see deed recorded with the Suffolk **County Registry of Deeds** in Book 57138, Page 153. See attached description: Setting forth that he desires the that all the following described part of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than 1,100,000.00 dollars. And praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said and which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon-on the 16th day of July 2025, the return day of this citation. Witness, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said

Court, this 4th day of June 2025. Stephanie L. Everett Register

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LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

MUPC in an unsupervised ad ministration is not

required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the **Personal Representative** and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administra-WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Date: June 20, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. **Register of Probate** 06/25/25 R **LEGAL NOTICE** INVITATION FOR BIDS FITZHENRY SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS MUN-2025-1019 This bid is for the construction of Fitzhenry Square Improvements, Revere, Massachusetts as per plans and specifications. Separate sealed bids will be received by the City of Revere Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, at his office, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts,

Minimum wage rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, (26 to (27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on minimum wage rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. The City of Revere is an equal opportunity employer. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). The City of Revere has established a goal of five percent (5%) participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in all construction projects. The bidding and award of this contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30 (39M. No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Michael Piccardi Purchasing Agent 6/25/25

LEGAL NOTICE

Regarding

Destruction of Special Education

Records

Notice is hereby given that

Regional Vocational School

intends to destroy the Spe-

cial Education records for

students who exited form

program during the 2017-

student wishing to receive

these records should con

tact the Special Education

1655 prior to 8/8/25. If

the office is not contacted

guardian by this date, the

school district will assume

Special Education records.

consent to destroy the

by a student, parent or

office at 781-246-0810 ext.

any Special education

2018 school year. Any

Northeast Metropolitan

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MassDFP. Northeast Regional Office, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, Massachusetts, 01801, telephone number 978-694-3200.



Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404

THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 **CITATION ON** PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU25P1389EA Estate of: Pedro Agostini-Rodriguez Also known as: Pedro Agostini, Pedro Agostini, Jr. Date of Death: 06/02/2025 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy

LEGAL NOTICES

Defendant

To the Defendant: LEGAL NOTICE The Plaintiff has filed a ACTION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE, INC. 1087 Broadway Revere, MA 02151 P: 781-286-3900 F: 781-286-3924 Call #: 34804 2010 Toyota Corolla Blue VIN #: 1NXBU4EEX-AZ372797 Call #: 34775 2011 Ford Fiesta Red VIN #: 13FADP4B-J2BM170294 PLATE #: 3HWA98 Call #: 34717 VIN #: JN8AS5M-V7BW690559 PLATE #: 4BLT67 (MA) 6/11/25, 6/18/25,

trievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Mery Quintana 5 Garofalo St. Apt. 2 Revere, MA 02151, your answer on or before 07/30/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of this Court. Date: June 11, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett **Register of Probate Court** 6/25/25

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by

G/J Towing Inc of 655

North Shore Rd, Revere,

MA; pursuant to the provi-

sions of Mass G.L c. 255,

Section 39A, that they will

sell the following vehicles

by private or public sale

keepers' lien for towing,

to satisfy their garage

storage and notices of

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LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Docket No. SU25D1055DR Mery Quintana Plaintiff vs. Luis Adolfo Meiía Gomez

1. 2020 Hyundai Elantra VIN 5NPD84LF5LH525905 **Complaint for Divorce** requesting that the Court 2. 2015 Subaru XV grant a divorce for Irre-CrossTrek VIN JF2GPAC-C3FH293149 Signed, Frank Russo G/J TOWING INC. 06/18/25, 06/25/25, **LEGAL NOTICE** City of Revere MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION Notice of **Public Hearing Pursuant to Mass General** Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40. Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Revere Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., in the City of Revere

sale. Vehicles are being

stored at G/J Towing Inc.

07/02/25

Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Notice of Intent by Maaza Showangizow of 660 Revere Beach Blvd on the demolition and construction of a new 2 family home. 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 A.M. to 4:30 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.

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Revere's Professional Service Directory



CITY PAWS **Surgical Caregiving**

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When your dog or cat faces a surgical procedure, you must prepare to follow both pre-surgical and post-surgical instructions to ensure a safe and speedy recovery. Our dog Poppy recently had dental surgery with some teeth removed.

Instructions from her veterinary hospital includcalming medication ed and feeding instructions before surgery, as well as pain and anti-inflammatory medication and feeding instructions after we took her home. Since Poppy has a heart murmur, we also followed the advice to have an echocardiogram performed before surgery to enable them to make the safest decisions.

Understand and Follow Instructions

Most veterinary practices will give you written instructions in person or via

email. Read those carefully and ask as many questions as you have beforehand. There are no "dumb questions" when it comes to taking care of your best buddy.

You may find differences from what you have done in the past. Different veterinarians may have varying guidelines, or research has revealed a more effective approach. For example, this was the first time a surgical procedure did not require us to withhold water.

"Let her drink," seemed to be new guidance, as the team members explained that it was easier for them to perform procedures like drawing blood or inserting a catheter in a well-hydrated animal.

Ask What's Normal

After a procedure, you should know what's normal and what symptoms mean you should check in with the professionals. Poppy's procedure ran long, and we

were alerted that she would be very sleepy for a day or so. She could only eat soft food, nothing that would require her to chew.

Urinary leakage, which can occur due to the amount fluids administered of during the procedure, may be normal after surgery. You may not see a bowel movement for up to 48 hours, considering the fasting period before and the medications administered or the type of procedure performed.

Also normal are being excessively sleepy or reluctant to move, and Poppy developed a post-surgical cough. We were sure we knew the reason; however, we did report it when the team checked in the next day. They assured us it was normal and caused by the tube placed in her airway to help her breathe the anesthesia gas. Poppy's cough went away just as they said it would.

Ask about milestones in



Our dog Poppy was having a healing snooze after her dental procedure. Puppy pads are great to have on hand when you have a furry patient.

• Transfer the pet med-

• Set reminders on your

ication into seven-day pill

containers to make it easy to

phone or other virtual assis-

• Be prepared with a sup-

• Create a warm, com-

• Soothing music can

• Dry food soaked in wa-

ter or baby food is a good,

soft meal when required.

help your pet relax and get

deeper, more restful sleep.

fortable, quiet atmosphere for your little patient.

ply of puppy pads ready to

protect surfaces from blood

tant to stay on schedule.

need to do each day.

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or urine.

healing that you should see. Those might be signals that you can allow more exercise, allow jumping up and down, give more freedom in the home, and go back to regular food.

Some Tips from Us

• Turn instruction sheets into a checklist of what you

Castillo Vides // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 17

stopped waiting for the light er stop learning," he says. at the end of the tunnel. I created a light from within."

That inner fire led him through sleepless nights and shop-floor challenges, and every moment he felt the odds were stacked against him. But Jeremy never stopped learning, not just about cars, but about life. He dabbled in music production (even coordinating a concert for his band, Divine by Faith), mentored peers, explored public speaking, and took on roles in sales, detailing, and auto repair. "I believe you should nev"Every skill adds something to who you are."

Financial aid, scholarship support, and MassEducate, the free community college program for eligible Massachusetts residents passed by the legislature in 2024 eventually helped ease Jeremy's burden. "Receiving the transportation scholarship lifted a huge weight off my shoulders. It wasn't just money-it was a message that someone believed in me. I was also able to use MassEducate funds in my second year at MassBay."

That belief paid off. Jeremy was recently hired fulltime by McLaren Boston, a dream opportunity that still doesn't feel real. "I've loved these cars since I was a kid, racing them in video games. Now I get to work on them, drive them, be around them—it's unreal."

And while the insignia on the hood now reads Mc-Laren, Jeremy's success represents so much more. "Coming from an underrepresented background, the world didn't always feel like it had space for me," he reflects. "But at Mass-

Bay, I found a community. I found people who saw me. And now I get to live my dream—not just for me, but for everyone who's ever felt unseen."

As he looks ahead to the future in the prestigious world of elite performance vehicles, Jeremy remains grounded in gratitude. "MassBay helped me grow-not just as a technician, but as a person. This isn't the end of my journey. It's just the start of something powerful."

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Taking the picture with your phone?

Just scan here and attach

the photo to the email

that opens up!

Sophie Korpics, Commu-

Sarah Malone, Communication and Social Media

Jack Tzianobo. Barista, BosseCafe, Options Clubhouse

Lynn Fanale, Director of Employment, Options

Vanessa Stewart, Fam-

• Take photos of the incision daily to compare or send to the Vet if you are concerned.

• While watching for problems, also look for improvements that can make you feel better.

Finally, the more relaxed you are, the more your companion animal will relax. They say stress comes down the leash, and we have found that Poppy always reacts to stress in our home.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Penny@BostonZest. com with your request.

Disabilities // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 17

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Ewidji Vincent, Young Adult Leaders Fellow, Massachusetts Advocates for Children

nity Advocate, Northeast Independent Living Program

Intern, MassAbility

disabilities."

derful opportunity to share the story of my path to full-time employment at Northeast Independent Living Program," said Sophie Korpics. "My hope was that job seekers learned the importance of putting yourself out there professionally throughout the employment process, and that employers learned the importance of being open-minded when it comes to hiring people with

"Today we hope to motivate people with disabilities, job coaches, education coaches, and everyone else who works to support us. We want to celebrate and hear the stories of youth who are working to get a job, get their accommodations, and live a good life. We are strong together, let's help people get what they need to succeed," said Ewidii Vincent. The event also featured employment resource tables from state agencies and partner organizations committed to disability inclusion. Attendees left with practical tools and new connections to support their employment journeys. A recording of the discussion will be made available to watch online at https:// malegislature.gov/Events/ Hearings/Detail/5245.

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ily Support Coordinator,

Clubhouse

Each speaker reflected on their employment journey and the supports that made a difference, while also identifying remaining challenges and calling for more inclusive hiring practices.

"Success isn't succeeding, it's knowing that you will succeed," said Matty Tricca.

"Supporting disabled job seekers doesn't exist in a silo; those positive effects ripple through the community. Putting time and resources into us helps so many more people!" said Sarah Malone. "And it is never too late to work towards your ideal future; you can always ask for support and advocate for your needs, your voice, your life."

"This event was a won-

For more information and to access event materials, visit: https://tinyurl.com/ RJ-strength-in-support

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- Applicants must income-qualify. (Maximum gross income limits for a 1-person household is \$68,520 and for a 2-person household is \$78,360 as of 2024, subject to change).

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Photos should be at a beach or swimming pool setting. Please include your child's name.

Adults, Children, Pets

All are welcome

