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REVERE BEACH TO HOST 21ST **INTERNATIONAL** SAND SCULPTING **FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND**

The Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival returns for its 21st year this weekend, from Friday, July 25, through Sunday, July 27. Renowned sand sculptors from around the globe will gather to transform Revere Beach into a gallery of breathtaking sand

This year's festival theme celebrates the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. A highlight will be a grand centerpiece sand sculpture honoring Paul Revere's midnight ride. In addition, 15 master sand sculptors will compete for prize money, creating extraordinary sculptures that will line America's first public beach.

Festival attendees of all ages can expect a vibrant atmosphere along Revere Beach Boulevard, located between Shirley Avenue and Chester Street. The event will feature over 75 food trucks and vendors, amusements, and more.

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A Global Force in Dentistry Dr. Pranav Manek's journey of

excellence, innovation, and service

By Cary Shuman

In the world of dentistry, few professionals embody the spirit of excellence, innovation, and service as remarkably as Dr. Pranav V. Manek. A highly respected dental surgeon, oral medicine and oral radiologist, Dr. Manek currently resides in Revere, while leaving a profound global impact through his distinguished academic career, innovative contributions, and humanitarian efforts.

Bridging Continents with Knowledge and Care

At 40, Dr. Manek is on the cusp of completing his Master of Science in Clinical Research at Boston University. He is also set to



following the commencement ceremony at Boston University where he was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Research. Dr. Manek will be a faculty at BU's Henry **Goldman School of Dental** Medicine in September.

join the esteemed faculty at BU's Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

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ConsComm delays vote on new high school

By Journal Staff

The Revere Conservation Commission (ConsComm) held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, July 10, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Nicholas Rudolph and fellow members Brian Averback, Joseph LaValle, Bernardo Sepulveda, Amelia Viscay, and Thomas Carleton were on hand for the session.

The first matter on the agenda was a request for a Determination of Applica-

bility from Karie Gavin for the demolition of a garage and the conversion of asphalt/pavement to grass at her home at 23 Frank Ave., a small street that runs between No. Shore Rd. and section of the Point of Pines

After a brief discussion with Ms. Gavin about the work to be done, the commissioners determined that the work would not involve a conservation issue and therefore issued a negative Determination of Applicability, which means that

the ConsComm will not be overseeing the project.

"This will be a major improvement to the property," said Rudolph.

The evening's principal matter before the commis-Mills Ave. in the Riverside sion was a request for a Notice of Intent (NOI) from the City of Revere for the construction of a new Revere High School at 190 VFW Parkway. The site is the former Wonderland dog track.

Claire Hoogeboom, a Wetlands Scientist with LEC Environmental Consultants who has appeared before the ConsComm numerous times in the past year to obtain approval for the delineation of the wetlands and for the demolition of the remaining structures on the site (which is ongoing), presented the request for the NOI.

Hoogeboom was ac-

companied by a number of members of the team working on the project, including landscape architects and engineers. She presented charts that showed the many topographical challenges that will be involved with the project stemming from the site's location near land subject to coastal storm flow; its proximity to the riverfront area; the presence of the Eastern County Ditch (which runs through the site); and the existence of what has become a freshwater pond on the old dog

track. She noted that the school,

COFFEE WITH A COP AT STARBUCKS

which will house students in grades 9-12, will have atgrade parking underneath it at an elevation of four feet, with the school itself elevated well-above (19 feet) the 100-year flood plain (which is 11 feet). There will be five tennis courts, a bank of EV charging stations, and two synthetic-turf, multi-purposed playing fields, one of which will have a geothermal heating system underneath it that will provide heat to the high school.

There also will be a wildlife mitigation area with osprey nests. In addition, there will be outdoor learning areas, courtyards, and boardwalk paths.

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NeighborHealth awarded funding to increase pipeline of behavioral health professionals

Special to the Journal

NeighborHealth been awarded \$324,000 in

chusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Serhas vices (EOHHS) Behavioral Health Supervising Clinifunding through Massacians Incentive Program (SCIP) to support the health center's ongoing commitment to enhancing the capacity and quality of behavioral health services across the Commonwealth.

> According to a news release from EOHHS, the goal of the program is to help students create a stronger network of support early in their career development, increasing the pool available behavioral health professionals working in Massachusetts and addressing the behavioral health workforce shortage. Funding will offset the otherwise unreimbursed time clinicians spend providing supervision to students and clinicians in-training who are working towards certification or licensure.

With this award, NeighborHealth can significantly contribute to the program's objectives to support clinical supervision of aspiring and advancing behavioral

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ment held a Coffee with a Cop event recently at Starbucks in Target. Residents were invited to come mingle and enjoy a free cup of coffee and a treat. Shown above, RPD Officer Derek Vecchia has a discussion with a resident at the Coffee with a Cop event last week. Shown at right, RPD Officer Terence Reardon with Tony Chianca. See more photos on Page 6.

The Revere Police Depart-



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Freedom Trail adds specialty and expanded tours to experience more Boston history

Special to the Journal

The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guides are out on the Trail in full force, offering an expanded menu of fun and educational tours, including Walk Into History®, African American Patriots®, Rainbow Revolutionaries tours and more.

dation's current summer tour schedule offers Walk Into History® Tours from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center on the hour, daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as well as 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Additionally, the Foundation of-fers tours departing from the ArtsBos-

Into History® Tours daily at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., as well as North End Paul Revere Tours daily at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

For the first time in history, Foundation-led specialty tours will also step off this summer on Saturdays at 10:45 a.m., including Af-

The Freedom Trail Founton booth, including Walk rican American Patriots® Tours on July 19 and August 26, and Revolutionary Women Tours departing on July 26 and August 23 from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center. Rainbow Revolutionaries Tours will depart on August 9 behind the Robert Gould Shaw & 54th Regiment Memorial in the Boston Common.

"Boston's iconic Freedom Trail, its historic sites, and the Foundation offer an array of activities to experience more Boston history year-round," said the Foundation's Executive Director Su-zanne Segura Taylor. "The expanded tours schedule including the addition of specialty tours this summer gives residents and visitors

more opportunities to enjoy learning about 250 years of history on the Freedom Trail, as the Commonwealth, and City commemorates the sestercen-tenni-

Walk Into History® Tours are the official 90-minute

walking tour of the Freedom See FREEDOM TRAIL Page 5

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as a faculty. In parallel, he serves as an Associate Professor at Pacific Dental College and Research Center in India, where he is leading a critical research project on the prevalence of the elon-

gated styloid process. Dr. Manek's academic foundation is truly formidable: he holds a PhD and MBA in Hospital Management, an MDS in Oral Medicine and Radiology from Gujarat University, and a BDS from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, all conferred by top Indian institutions.

Honored Across the Globe

Dr. Manek's clinical career spans more than 17 years, marked by pioneering expertise in dental implantology, orofacial pain, oral radiology, and pharmacovigilance. His remarkable service has earned him global acclaim, including the prestigious UK Parliament Global Inspiration Awards (2022, 2023) and the UAE Royal Family Healthcare Innovation Award (2023).

As a registered dental therapist in the United Kingdom, Dr. Manek has also founded the Jalaram Smile Charitable Trust, a non-governmental organization providing free dental screening and medicine to more than 10,000 underserved patients annually in remote parts of Kutch, India.

A Calling Inspired by **Family and Faith**

Born in Anjar, a town in Kutch, western India, Dr. Manek grew up in a devout, service-oriented family. His mother, Mrs. Saryu Manek, was a schoolteacher, and his father, Mr. Vinod Manek, a banker. His sister, Dr. Arpita Manek Rajyagauru, is also a doctor. Guided by love, humility, and strong values, he excelled in science during his school years and found his calling in dentistry, inspired by his uncle.

He established his first hospital in 2008 at the age of just 24.

Global Recognition and Diplomatic Engagement

Dr. Manek's connection to the UK has been especially fruitful. In December 2023, he was awarded by Mayor of Ealing Hitesh Tailor at the Palace of Westminster in London for his outstanding contributions to healthcare. He also had the honor of meeting Gareth Richard Thomas, Member of Parliament, and serving Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner during her visit to India.

In April 2023, he was invited by Emirati dignitary Bu Abdullah to Dubai, where he received the Best Dentist Award from the royal family.

A Vision for Revere

Fluent in English, Hindi, and Gujarati, Dr. Manek enjoys his life in Revere and



Member of Parliament, Gareth Richard Thomas, presents an award to Dr. Pranav Manek at 2022 Humanitarians Collaborative UK Summit for advancements in dental education.

often visits Revere Beach. He expresses a strong desire to become an active member of the community and hopes to open a free dental screening clinic for youth, emphasizing preventive oral hygiene.

"I hope my wife can soon join me in this beautiful city," he says. "Together, we aim to serve the community and contribute to its health and happiness."

A Family of Healers

Dr. Manek's wife, Dr. Sneha Manek, is also a dentist and currently oversees operations at the Jalaram Their daughter, Hritvi (14), aspires to study dentistry in the United States, while their young son, Hridit, completes the loving family.

The couple also shares the spiritual guidance and support of Mr. Chirag Prajapati, a local business owner in Revere, whom Dr. Manek praises as "a noble soul."

Inventor, Scholar, and Thought Leader

Beyond clinical practice, Dr. Manek is a prolific scholar and inventor. He has authored 25 PubMed- and Scopus-indexed publications with 81 citations and Dental Hospital in Anjar. has reviewed over 115 re-



Mayor of Ealing Hitesh Taylor presents the UK Parliament Award in 2023 to Dr. Pranav Manek at the Palace of Westminster for outstanding contributions to healthcare.

search manuscripts for international journals.

His commitment to advancing dental science is evident in his five patents, including:

- T-Shape Dental Suction
- Anti-Snoring Soft Splint • Dental Operating Light Handle
- Two upcoming innovations currently under patent

He is globally recognized for placing more than 8,000 dental implants with a 98% success rate, particularly in All-on-4 and All-on-6 procedures. His diagnosadvancements-like AI-enhanced CBCT and MRI imaging and salivary biomarkers for oral cancer detection—are pushing the boundaries of what's possible in oral healthcare.

The Heart of a Humanitarian

"My journey began in the underserved clinics of rural India," says Dr. Manek. "It taught me that while technology and innovation are vital, compassion and accessibility must be at the core of healthcare."

His lifelong mission has been to bridge the gap between advanced healthcare and underserved populations, with a focus on dignity, outreach, and results.

"I believe in karma," he says. "Whatever good we do for society comes back

With humility, brilliance, and unwavering dedication, Dr. Pranav Manek continues to inspire and uplift proving that the true mark of greatness lies in service to others.

evere Your Community Source on Revere Beach! The market will continue every Friday from

11am to 3pm, except July 25th, through September. RevereTV sent a crew to opening day to survey some of this year's vendors. In this annual video package, the vendors show off what they are offering which varies from food, to wellness products, community services, and more. Watch RTV's coverage of this year's Revere Farmers' Market on all social media outlets and daily on the Community Channel.

The long anticipated opening of the Point of Pines Fire Station is now a reality! RevereTV covered the official ribbon cutting ceremony of the Alden A. Mills Point of Pines Fire Station which included a Firefighter Memorial that stands next to the station and honors those who served in the Revere Fire Department. Mayor Patrick Keefe delivered the opening address, and Captain Kevin O'Hara thanked officials who contributed to establishing

this new fire station and memorial over the past few years. O'Hara also highlighted a few firefighters whose names are being added to the memorial. Some local officials were present and spoke to the importance of this establishment, including City Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, State Representative Jeffrey Turco, State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Jessica Giannino, and former Revere City Councillor John Powers. Watch this ceremony as it airs on the RTV Community Channel over the next few weeks.

Head to the beach this weekend for the Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival! The festival theme this year is celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. Enjoy food trucks, vendors, rides, fireworks, and fun for all ages. During the festival, be sure to tune in to RevereTV for exclusive daily coverage of sculpture progress and main event ceremonies. Daily updates are already posted to YouTube this week! All coverage of the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival will play on the Community Channel and be posted to

YouTube through next week.

The Revere History Museum is developing a new Strategic Plan and your input is needed! The museum is inviting the public to complete a short. 5-minute survey to share ideas for future exhibits, programs, events, and community engagement. Whether someone has visited the museum before or is just discovering it, all voices are welcome. Watch RevereTV's "In the Loop" series in between programming on television or any time on RevereTV's social media accounts. You can simply scan the QR code on the flver in the videos to take the survey. These videos are recorded in many languages and include the same information.

July is a slower month for the usual local government meetings, but RevereTV is always livestreaming and recording them all. Tune in to RTV GOV and RevereTV's YouTube page to watch all meetings. The current rotation of replays from this month include the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Cultural Council, Conservation Commission, License Commission, and Zonina Board of Appeals. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN. All meetings are streamed live on YouTube and remain posted there.

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The festival kicks off on Friday, July 25, with gates open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and sand sculpting competition taking place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, July 26, festival hours are also 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with competition sculpting from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. People's Choice Voting begins at 10 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m., followed by the Awards Ceremony at 6 p.m. The evening will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9 p.m. The festival wraps up on Sunday, July 27, with hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The event is proudly hosted by the Revere Beach Partnership, with all sand art creations led by Broken Glass Sand Sculptures and individual master sculptors.

HEALEY-DRISCOLL ADMIN. OFFERING \$180,000 IN **GRANTS TO SUPPORT HIGHER** ED. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced today it is opening applications for public colleges and universities to apply for \$180,000 in grant funding to support students with disabilities participating in Massachusetts Inclusive Postsecondary Education (MAIPSE) programs. MAIPSE enables certain students with severe disabilities to take part in undergraduate academic courses, extracurricular activities, internships, work experiences, and on campus student life activities.

Higher education institutions can apply for MAIPSE planning or implementation grants and can use the funding for a variety of program supports, including student transportation costs, technology costs to ensure students have full access to curriculum, textbooks and coursework materials, consultants like employment specialists and peer mentors, training supplies, and staff salaries.

"These grants will lift barriers for students with disabilities, enabling learners to experience college, whether it's in a classroom, through an internship or as part of a campus club," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "Through MAIPSE, we are committed to supporting the development of more high-quality, inclusive programs so students of all abilities have access to the transformational opportunities of going to college."

"Students, campuses, and communities alike benefit when as many learners as possible can experience the tremendous personal and professional growth that higher education brings," said Commissioner of Higher Education Noe Ortega. "I'm proud that Massachusetts and its campuses are dedicated to growing inclusive post-secondary opportunities, and these grants play a crucial role in delivering high-quality learning experiences."

In April, the Board of Higher Education unanimously approved the administration's proposed state regulations that established MAIPSE. MAIPSE aims to improve inclusive access to post-secondary educational opportunities for students ages 18 and over with severe disabilities who are otherwise not able to achieve the underlying competency determinations needed to secure a high school diploma, including students with intellectual disabilities, severe autism spectrum disorder, and severe developmental disabil-

All Massachusetts public community colleges, universities, and members of the University of Massachusetts system that have previously been awarded planning grant funding for an inclusive postsecondary program may apply for an implementation grant. Applications must be submitted online by July 31, 2025. Institutions can also apply for planning grants.



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KATY SCHULTE GRAHAME KICKS OFF SCHOOL COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN WITH SIGN HOLDING AT BEACHMONT



Candidate for Ward 1 School Committee Kathyrn Schulte-Grahame kicked off her campaign with her first sign holding event in Beachmont on Saturday, July 19.

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will be outdoor learning areas, courtyards, and boardwalk paths.

David Conway, who has been a Senior Project Manager at Nitsch Engineering for more than 30 years, discussed the stormwater report that consists of more than 400 pages. He noted that the biggest improvement to be made to the site will be the removal of the more than six acres of the present asphalt and concrete surfaces that will be replaced with permeable material.

Conway explained that this work will greatly assist in handling stormwater runalso improving overall resil-

ience. "I've done more than 200 schools since I began my career in 1992 and this will be one of the greenest schools I've ever worked with," said Conway. "This is a project that we're thrilled to be a part of."

Conway also noted that the federal EPA will be monitoring the construction work. All of the treated water, which will undergo two filtration processes, will be discharged into the county ditch. "This project will provide a higher degree of treatment than most similar projects," added Conway, who noted that the project is being required to meet higher standards than usual.

"The Eastern County Ditch may not look like a pristine area such as a Rumney Marsh, but we are treating it as if it were," Conway added.

LaValle raised the issue of ensuring that the county ditch will be maintained and cleaned-out regularly to avoid back-ups from sediment -- which historically has been a problem -- to which Hoogeboom replied that the ditch will be monitored by federal, state, and local agencies in the future.

The commissioners briefly weighed the pros and cons of either delaying a vote to review the voluminous project or hiring an independent firm to perform a separate peer-review study.

"This is a lot of material to wrap our brains around," said Rudolph. "I think more time is necessary to consider it."

"I think this is overkill," said Averbach. "I feel at this point that they already

prey nests. In addition, there have undergone numerous reviews to this point. My personal opinion is that we should be good to go forward."

> Hoogeboom noted that the construction process is "tight" and that the city is looking to have approval from the ConsComm by August in order to begin the construction process this

Former ConsComm Chairman John Shue then spoke to the commissioners about the lengthy process of obtaining an independent peer review which inevitably would push the approval by the ConsComm into September if not later. off and its treatment, while In addition, Shue noted that the ConsComm already had voted for a peer review -which was paid for by the city (which is the applicant) -- for the delineation of the wetlands.

The members then agreed to continue the matter to its August meeting, though Brian Dakin, the project manager, noted that any delay beyond August could have a significant impact on the construction schedule and ultimately the opening of the school.

Next up was a request for a Determination of Applicability for the removal of a billboard at 907 North Shore Road. Greg Ziomex from Ultra Lum-Services presented the request on behalf of the City of Revere, which owns the property.

Rudolph said he was concerned about the potential impact on the wetlands in which the billboard sits. Ziomex explained that no trucks or cranes will traverse onto the wetlands and that the removal will be conducted by hand by cutting the structure into small pieces with a torch. He said the project will take about a day and the Fire Dept. will be on-site to monitor the project.

"The removal of this billboard structure will beautify this area," noted Averbach, with Rudolph adding that he would like to ensure that each piece of the billboard structure will be removed as it is cut, rather than allowing the pieces to pile up in the wetlands.

The ConsComm then voted unanimously to approve a negative Determination of Applicability.

The next matter was a request for an NOI from Samuel Teka to add an addition to his single-family home at 74 Dunn Road. The contractor pointed out that the one-story addition will consist of 657 sq.ft. and will be constructed on pilings 11 feet above grade.

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

"This is definitely going to be a great addition to your living space," said Rudolph.

The next item was a request for a Certificate of Compliance (COC) for the work done at 26 Curtis Road by Adeel F. Assad. Atty. Anthony Guardia represented Mr. Assad. Guardia said there is an outstanding Order of Conditions (OOC) that had been issued by the ConsComm for an addition that was going to be built 20 years ago by Mr. Asad's father, but the work never was done. The son, Adeel Assad, now is seeking to sell the property, but needs a COC in order to clear the title so that the sale can go through.

The commissioners unanimously approved issuing the COC.

The commission approved another request for a COC from Stephen Lakis for work done at his home at 102 Summer Street in which Lakis filled-in an existing pool (which now is a lawn area), removed a detached garage, and constructed a new retaining wall.

"The site is completely stabilized and the retaining wall has been installed," said Rudolph, who performed a site visit at the property last week. "I do have some concerns about the spacing between the blocks on the retaining wall. but the entire project is a vast improvement over what had been there and Mr. Lakis has met the Order of Conditions."

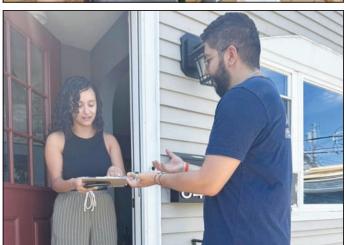
The commissioners unanimously approved issuing the COC.

The commission next took up another request for a COC for an "after the fact" patio in the backyard at 55 Sagamore St. The commissioners unanimously approved issuing the COC.

The next item was an application for an NOI from Maaza Showangizow for the demolition and construction of a new apartment space on the same footprint in the rear of his home at 660 Revere Beach Boulevard. Mr. Showangizow's contractor

COUNCILLOR JARAMILLO HOLDS COFFEE HOUR





On Saturday, July 19, Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo held a coffee hour at Manne's Bakery where he got to meet and talk to constituents about what matters to them. Following the coffee hour he canvassed the adjacent neighborhood to speak about housing and childcare with residents.

to be constructed on pilings at a higher elevation than the present apartment. It will be separated from the main home, though connected by a rear porchway.

presented the application. The site lies within a barrier

The rear apartment space

presently sits on the same

foundation as the main

home, but the proposal calls

for the new apartment space

There were no opponents

The commissioners brief-

and the commissioners

unanimously approved issu-

ing the NOI.

beach and a flood zone.

ditions." The homeowner did not appear and Rudolph said that the commission will need to follow-up with the homeowner.

ly discussed an enforcement action at 33 Maggi Road pertaining to "the construction of a fence and encroachment into resource areas without an Order of Con-





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THE REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL IS SET FOR THIS WEEKEND

The Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival is set for this weekend: Friday, July 25, from 10-10; Saturday, July 26, from 10-10: and Sunday, July 27, from 10-8.

Now in its 21st year, the Revere Beach Sand Sculpting Festival is the premier event of the summer season in the Greater Boston area, transforming America's first and oldest public beach into a fantasy-land of dream-like sculptures.

This year's festival once again will sport an international flavor with sand sculptors coming from the Netherlands, Poland, and Canada, and from across the U.S., including Hawaii, who will be competing for cash prizes, as well as an award for People's Choice.

The theme of this year's festival is, "Revolutions Start Here!" in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution, which included the first naval engagement of the war on nearby Chelsea Creek on May 27-28, 1775.

In addition to the sand sculptures, the festival will feature over 75 food vendors, food trucks and exhibitors, interactive activities, and amusement rides. There also will be a spectacular fireworks show, which is scheduled for Saturday evening at 9:00 (weather permitting).

With perfect weather in the forecast (including both Saturday and Sunday), the expected attendance certainly will reach more than 500,000 people and even up to one million. Obviously, automobile traffic will be congested and parking extremely limited (basically only at the Wonderland garage), so it is highly-recommended that anyone planning to attend the festival should take public transportation. The MBTA's Blue Line, with two two convenient stops (Wonderland and Revere Beach stations), both of which are a short stroll to Revere Beach, is by far the best choice for festival-goers from the Boston area.

The Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, which is organized under the auspices of the wonderful folks with the non-profit Revere Beach Partnership, with financial assistance from the City of Revere's City Council and Mayor Patrick Keefe, truly is an event for the entire family.

We guarantee that the amazing creations of these incredibly-talented artists will create memories for everyone, young and old, that will last a lifetime.

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LETTER to the Editor

DISAPPOINTED WITH YOUR **NEGOTIATIONS**

Dear Editor,

The following letter was originally sent to the CEO of Republic Services from the Revere City Council addressing their concerns with the treatment of their employees within the City of Revere.

"Dear Mr. Vander Ark,

We are writing to you as the elected representatives of the City of Revere, Massachusetts where Republic Services houses one of its facilities. Our city of over 60,000, sits just outside of our state's capital and has historically been a working class city. Home to the country's first public beach, we pride ourselves on the

public services and spaces and the private partnerships that exist here. However, of late, we are wholefully disappointed that a company, your company, which functions within our jurisdiction has turned its back on the blue collar values that make our city great.

This august body has been paying close attention to the contract negotiations between your company and your workers, represented by Teamster's Local 25. Many of us have walked the strike line with them in the past few weeks and heard loud and clear some of their concerns, which we share, and what you are offering at the table: health insurance, some of the lowest wages in the waste management industry.

The inequitable conditions that your negotiation team has forced on workers through these contract negotiations has now led to an increasingly alarming public health concern as hospital and restaurant dumpsters overflow, rodents over take streets across Eastern, Massachusetts, and homes in the region go days, even weeks with-out waste pick up.

Now, these issues may not mean much to you, but for us here in the City of Revere and to the members of Teamsters Local 25, resolving these issues is about dignity in the workplace and for our community.

We urge you to respect the work and the dignity of your workers and return to the table prepared to do right by the hardworking

members of Local 25 and the communities they serve and settle this contract immediately by addressing these issues.

Sincerely,

Council President, Marc Silvestri Ward 4 Councilor, Paul Argenzio Ward 3 Councilor, **Anthony Cogliandro** Ward 6 Councilor, Chris Giannino Ward 5 Councilor. Angela Guarino-Sawaya Councillor At-Large, Robert Haas III Councilor At-Large, Juan Pablo Jaramillo Councilor At-Large, **Michelle Kelley** Ward 1 Councilor, Joanne McKenna Ward 2 Councilor, Ira Novoselsky Councilor At-Large, **Anthony Zambuto**

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME AND WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY IT'S MUCH BETTER



With the world changing by the minute, people coming and going dealing with what life sends you, getting a reset is a welcomed change. Recently Len and Freida DeMaino (owners of DeMaino's Italian Restaurant) hosted a group of family and friends at their place of business on Malden Street, but also a longtime Revere favorite. DeMaino's has become a meet and greet for friends to celebrate goods news, and at times share life's losses with family and friends

This night was for fun and friends, coming from near and far, to talk about old times. In the photo host Lenny DeMaino joins his wife Freida and their guests before returning to the kitchen to put the final touches on a great Italian meal for all to enjoy.

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health professionals.

"Supervising clinicians are the backbone of our behavioral health workforce, shaping future professionals while upholding the highest standards of care. Yet, they're often stretched thin-facing heavy caseloads, limited development opportunities, and financial strain" said Tracey Weeden, Vice President and Chief Behavioral Health Officer at NeighborHealth. "This incentive program is our commitment to reversing that trend. By investing in their growth and well-being, we're strengthening the entire system—making behavioral health care at NeighborHealth more resilient, effective, and accessible for all."

Funding will benefit NeighborHealth's behavioral health program by supporting the expansion of a diverse and qualified behavioral health workforce and expanding supervising clinicians' capacity to devote

more hours to mentorship. "We need more qualified behavioral health providers to deliver needed care in our communities," said Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey. "The Behavioral Health Trust Fund improves recruitment and retention of providers by providing them with an experienced, trusted supervisor while in training. At the same time, it provides additional financial support to our hardworking licensed clinicians. We're proud to deliver this funding which will improve behavioral health care across the state."

"These awards prioritize funding clinical supervisors who provide behavioral health services in underserved areas, giving these communities more professionals who are trained to support mental health care," said Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Investing in this way will reduce barriers for those seeking to become new clinicians or advance in their chosen field and support current clinicians who dedicate their time and expertise to mentoring and training a diverse, qualified

and well supported behavioral health workforce."

NeighborHealth was selected as one of 71 recipients out of 519 applicants. The award supports the health centers' work to address health disparities in a community-based setting and commitment to building a linguistically diverse and culturally attuned clinical team.

NeighborHealth is dedicated to continuing its leadership in behavioral health care in collaboration with EOHHS and other program participants to create a more resilient and accessible behavioral health system in Massachusetts.

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Insurance Commissioner's actions save \$4.5 million for state residents, businesses

Commissioner also disapproves rate increases from WellSense and BCBS

Special to the Journal

Governor Maura Healey has announced that the Division of Insurance has negotiated down proposed rate increases from six health insurers, saving Massachusetts residents and businesses a projected \$4.5 million in health care premiums for

The Division of Insurance re-negotiated lower rates with Fallon Community Health Plan, Health New England, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Mass General Brigham Health Plan, Tufts Health Public Plans and United Healthcare. These efforts will result in savings for the approximately 421,252 Massachusetts residents and businesses who are enrolled in these plans in the Massachusetts merged market.

Commissioner Michael Caljouw also disapproved rate increases for two health plans - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts HMO Blue, Inc. and Well-Sense Health Plan - for being excessive and inconsistent with his responsibility to Massachusetts consumers and businesses. These disapprovals are now subject to an administrative appeal process should the insurance companies choose to pursue appeals.

"Health care costs are too high, and today's actions will save families and businesses \$4.5 million from what the insurers attempted to charge," said Governor Healey. "Massachusetts is a health care leader in this country - and we need everyone to do their part to lower costs. While there is more work to be done, this is another important step that will better control costs for thousands of people and businesses. I want to thank the Legislature for passing new legislation that gave the Commissioner more tools to negotiate these proposals and save millions of dollars."

Earlier this year, Governor Healey signed legislation that increased the Division of Insurance's consideration of affordability during his review of the merged market rate filings. The administration issued regulatory guidance in March that requires insurance companies to limit the growth of deductibles and co-pays for patients at the rate of medical inflation, which was the first time that Massachusetts has taken action to limit deductibles in this way.

THE DECADES OF ROCK READY TO PERFORM IN THEIR REVERE BASED HOMETOWN ON SUNDAY AT MCMACKIN VETERANS

MEMORIAL PARK ON BROADWAY

The Decades of Rock fresh off their performance at Patton Park in Hamilton will be the featured band in the City of Revere's Summer Concert Series. The De-

cades of Rock plays a wide variety of Classic Rock music, covering bands from the 60's 70's and 80's. The band has been performing around the local area for 14

years, bringing the best of classic rock n roll to rockers of all ages. From CCR to ZZ Tops, come on down on Sunday, July 27, 6-8pm. Location is 249 Broadway, just

follow the music and bring your best dancing shoes, PS air guitars are requested by the band.

Hope to see you all there.



Rode a tank, with a general's rank. (Rolling Stones-Sympathy for the Devil). The Decades of Rock didn't drive this, but it was part of General George Patton's regiment. From left: Lead Guitar -Bob Capoccia, Drums-Tony Aloisi, Lead Vocals- Gardner Trask, Bassist- Al Terminiello Jr., Keyboard and Sound- Kerry Leppo, and Lead Guitar- Chaz Mackin.

Freedom Trail // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

treason, mob agitations, revolutionary actions, and partisan fights, walking to 11 of Boston's historic Freedom Trail sites to and from Boston Common and Faneuil Hall. The North End Paul Revere Tour features stops along the Trail including historic places in Boston's Women

Trail featuring tales of high oldest neigh-borhood. The African American Patriots® Tours invite visitors to view history through the eyes of African American revolutionaries such as Crispus Attucks, Phillis Wheatley, Prince Hall, Peter Salem, and more to discover the immense contributions of the Paul Revere House, Old Black Bostonians during North Church, Copp's Hill the Ameri-can Revolution

Tours allow tour goers to discover the women who took part in the American Revolution, and the generations of women that followed, inaugurating their own struggles for freedom and equality. Boston Freedom Trail's newly launched Rainbow Revolutionaries

queer indi-viduals have been making history for centuries.

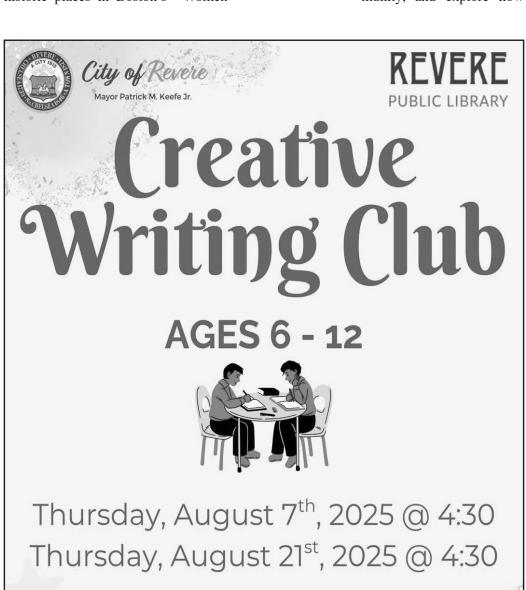
Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children, and include a \$1 donation to the Freedom Tours illuminate the lives, Trail Foundation's Preserloves, and fights for liberty vation Fund. Tickets may

tion Center and The BOS Traveling Mobile Visitor Center (various locations), the Arts-Boston Booth, Samuel Adams Downton Boston Taproom next to historic Faneuil Hall, Old Town Trolley locations and ticket booths, and online at TheFreedomTrail.org.

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COFFEE WITH A COP EVENT HELD AT STARBUCKS IN TARGET



Charlie the RPD Community Policing Canine with his friends at Starbucks last Wednesday morning. Carla DaSilva, Jennifer Gil Naranjo, PO Derek Vecchia, Capt. Thomas Malone, PO Bryan Brenes, PO Orion Kong, PO Terance Reardon, RFD Captain Steve Parsons, Tony Chianca, and Kevin Ramirez.



Pasquale D'Amore is all smiles with his new RPD Coffee Cup, cups were given to all that stopped by to say hello to members of the Revere Police Department.





Charlie was on hand passing out police decals to his friends, one being Rafael Villada.

The Revere Police Department invited the public to join them at Starbucks located in Target Department Store of Revere to enjoy a free cup of coffee and a treat. This program is set to give anyone an opportunity to talk one on one with member of the RPD, about any topic, no agenda, no holds barred.

RPD Captain Thomas Malone offers any business in Revere the opportunity to host a "coffee with a cop"

event. Captaain Malone and Revere Police Chief LaVita hope to build trust in the community one cup at a time. Community policing is good for all, ensuring trust in our police officers, and the officers recognizing members of the community as friends.

To host a coffee with a cop, please call Captain Thomas Malone at 781-656-1155, a call to help build a better community for everyone.



Frankie Piccinni received a "Back the Blue" rubber duck for her toy collection, shown with her mom Lisa and Officer Vecchia.



Ptl. Bryan Brenes has a conversation with Julie Villada.

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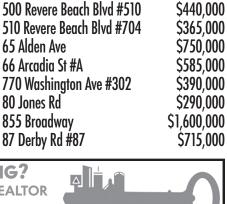
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PROSPECT HOUSE HOLDS ITS 24TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Mayor Patrick Keefe joins "The Pink Ladies," Christine Bussone, Janice O'Brien, and Marie Doucette, for a photo at the Prospect House 24th Anniversary "Shake, Rattle, and Roll" Party.



Community Relations Director Kristi Yentile, Admissions Director Jannitsia Jones, and Executive Director Nicole Levesque, pictured at the Prospect House Anniversary Party.



The Prospect House held its 24th Anniversary Party July 17 at the assisted living community located at 420 Reservoir Ave.

Residents and guests enjoyed hors d'ouevres, a buffet meal consisting of hot dogs, cheeseburgers, chicken, French fries, and other delicious foods. There was soft serve ice cream and milk shakes and plenty of desserts including cookies, cupcakes, and pies.

Mayor Patrick Keefe greeted residents at the various tables in the function room. Keefe presented a

special Certificate of Commendation to Executive Director Nicole Levesque commemorating July 17 as "Prospect House Day" in the City of Revere.

Levesque and Community Relations Director Kristi Yentile were two of the key organizers of the festive and fun-filled event that had a "Shake, Rattle, and Roll" theme.

Alvis, an excellent vocalist, provided the musical entertainment, with some of the residents and staff getting out on the dance floor.

It truly was a great celebration enjoyed by all.



Mayor Patrick Keefe and Prospect House staff stand adjacent to a 1955 Chevrolet Belair owned by Jimmy Anastasiades that was on display outside the front entrance of the facility.



Prospect House Community Relations Director Kristi Yentile



Community Relations Director Kristi Yentile and Prospect House food service personnel (from left), Abdi, Jose, and Rosa.



Guests from the Highland Park Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Chelsea, Sheila Vasquez, Greg Sutton, and Barbara Gal-





adja, enjoying the Prospect House Anniversary Party.

Alvis performed a selection of hit songs to the delight of the residents and guests at the **Prospect House Anniversary**



Margaret Landry and her daughters, Linda Landry and Christine Landry, enjoy the 24th Anniversary Party at the Prospect



Party.



Prospect House resident Mary Cappuccio, guests Gina and Michael Cappuccio, and resident Evie.



Community Relations Director Kristi Yentile made sure that everyone had a wonderful time at

Director Kristi Yentile and Assistant Activities Director Diana Grill join residents for a photo.

Shown left, Theresa Wilett, Barbara Stathos, and Robert Wright having a great time at the Anniversary Party.



Mayor Patrick Keefe presents a special Certificate of Commendation to Prospect House Executive Director Nicole Levesque proclaiming July 21 as "Prospect House Day." Also pictured are Community Relations Director Kristi Yentile (far left) and Resident Care Director Sheryl Dornfeld (second from left).

OBITUARIES

Carol Ann Smaldone

Her heart always remained with her hometown of Beachmont

through her amazing dish-

es. Family was paramount

to her, and she kept close

contact with her children,

grandchildren and brothers

Carol loved spending

time at the beach and she

and her husband loved to

travel together. For several

years they enjoyed spending

the winter months together

in Florida. Carol and her

husband relocated to New

Hampshire five years ago.

and although they enjoyed

the quieter and serene atmo-

sphere, Carol's heart always

remained with her home-

The beloved wife of

48 ½ years to Arthur H.

Smaldone, Jr. of Belmont,

NH, she was the devot-

ed mother of Lauren Rose

Smaldone and her wife,

Courtney of Rochester,

NH and Carla Ann DiPesa

and her husband, Christo-

pher of Danvers; cherished

grandmother of Jax Arthur

DiPesa and Olivia Jean Di-

Pesa; dear sister of Amelia

"Molly" Feeley, John Fee-

ley, Thomas Feeley, Eleanor

Thomas and the late Cath-

erine Rose Campbell. She

is also lovingly survived by

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Your husband, Giovanni, daughters Lisa & Grace,

grandchildren & great-

grandchildren & many

extended family & friends.

for Funerals.

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and sisters.

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours today, Wednesday, July 23rd from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Carol Ann (Feeley) Smaldone, who passed away on July 17th at 69 years of age. Her Funeral will begin from the Funeral Home on Thursday, July 24th at 12 noon followed a Funeral Mass in St. Michael the Archangel Parish – St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 1 p.m.

Carol was born and raised in the Beachmont section of Revere and was the daughter of John and Rose (DiMartino) Feeley. She attended local schools and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1974. After marrying Arthur H. Smaldone, Jr. in 1976, they remained in Beachmont, where they raised their family.

Carol was a devoted wife and mother, and she also held a career with Eagle Freight in Chelsea, where she worked as an import officer for over 18 years. She retired in 2017.

Carol's nurturing nature inspired her to be the epitome of being a mother and a hostess. She loved to be surrounded by her family and friends. The door to her home was always open and everyone was always welcome to come to enjoy a good meal and conversation. Carol loved to cook and she expressed her love

In Loving Memory Of

NANCY M. **MAFFEO**

17th Anniversary July 24, 2025



The heart is never ready for life without your presence. We realize that you (& Dad) built our family with strength, respect, laughter & love which has helped us through our good times & bad times.

After all of these years, we still depend on your guidance & have never stopped missing you.

Love Always Michael Angelo III & Lori Renee & Ray and grandchildren Makayla & Michael IV



Avetis (John) Nakashian

He leaves a legacy of kindness and integrity

Avetis (John) Nakashian passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 14, at the young age of 55. An immeasurable loss for his family, he will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Lucy; their beloved children, Anna, Jack and Angelina; his parents, Hakop and Mari; his brothers. Serop (wife Nona, children Robert and Lianna) and Michael; and by all other family and friends who had the privilege of knowing him.

Avetis was born in Yerevan, Armenia and grew up in the United States surrounded by family who nurtured in him a deep sense of responsibility and hard work - qualities that became the foundation of the strong man he was. Together with his family, Avo built European Collision Works and ARM Construction two respected businesses that became pillars of the North Shore community.

He was the anchor of the Nakashian family and to many who were blessed to call him a friend.

As a husband, he provided lovingly and boundlessly for his wife. As a father, he gave his children the kind of love that doesn't need words - patient, unwavering, and full of pride. As a



son, he honored his parents with deep respect and gratitude. As a brother, he was a constant, loyal presence. As an uncle, he was the one who led by example.

He leaves a legacy of kindness and integrity that will live on in the many lives he touched.

Funeral Services were held at Holy Archangels Armenian Church, 1280 Boston Road, Haverhill on Saturday, July 19th. Interment followed at Forest Hills Cemetery in Lynnfield. Following interment services, a memorial luncheon (hokejash) was held at Spinelli's Function Facility,10 Newbury Street (Route 1 South) in Peabody.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to

Holy Archangels Armenian **Boston Harbor Now announces** first-ever overnight camping

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For the first time ever, campers can sleep under the stars on Spectacle Island. Boston Harbor Now invites you to Camp Spectacle—a one-of-a-kind overnight adventure packed with s'mores, stargazing, ranger-led walks, and breathtaking views of the Boston skyline. With round-trip ferry service from Downtown Boston included, this is your chance to experience the Harbor Islands like never before.

Whether you're a seasoned outdoor explorer or just looking for a unique summer escape, Camp Spectacle is your ticket to unplug, unwind, and enjoy nature without ever leaving the city.

Camp Spectacle is an overnight group camping experience on Spectacle Island, complete with fun programming and classic camp vibes.

Camping is set for Saturday, August 2 – Sunday, August 3, 2025. The ferries depart Long Wharf at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., or 4:30 p.m.

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Learn More & Register: Tickets and full details available online by scanning the OR code.



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State retailers set for sales tax-free weekend on Aug. 9, 10

Special to the Journal

Saturday, August 9, 2025, and Sunday, August 10, 2025, are the official dates of Massachusetts' annual sales tax holiday thanks to actions taken by the Massachusetts Legislature today. During the holiday, the state's 6.25 per cent sales tax is suspended for most retail items priced under \$2,500.

A 2018 state law, which made the sales tax holiday permanent, requires the Legislature to vote to set the dates of the holiday each year. Both branches adopted resolutions setting this year's dates (S.2530 / H.4220), sponsored by Senator Adam Gómez (D-Springfield) and Representative Carole A. Fiola (D-Fall River).

"Lowering costs for Massachusetts residents and supporting local businesses is critical for our communities in this time of economic uncertainty," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "I'd like to thank Senator Gómez, my colleagues in the Senate and our partners in the House for their work to set this year's sales tax holiday."

"This year's temporary suspension of the sales tax will bring consumers needed economic relief while boosting revenue for small businesses and retailers," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Chair Fiola and my colleagues in the House, along with our partners in the Senate, for their annual support for this economic development initiative."

"The sales tax holiday is a wonderful opportunity for our residents to get out into their communities, support local businesses, get their kids ready for school in fall or make a purchase that they've been putting off," said Senator Gómez, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses. "I am glad that our leaders here in the Legislature have been able to work and get this done again for our residents this year, and I look forward to hearing how residents are able to make the most of the tax reprieve."

"I was proud to sponsor the legislation establishing this year's sales tax holiday that helps boost our economy and provides support and relief for our residents small businesses," said Representative Fiola, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. "This is an important weekend that helps bolster our economy and I applaud my colleagues in passing this legislation to provide individuals, families and businesses across the Commonwealth with some relief."

"The sales tax holiday benefits consumers and businesses alike. I am pleased to support the tax free holiday and look forward to working with my clients to continue to build upon the one billion dollar tax cut the Massachusetts legislature enacted into law just a couple of years ago. Tax relief benefits all residents of the Commonwealth and is one of my continued priorities as we work to make Massachusetts affordable again," said State Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D-Revere).

A spike in consumer activity routinely boosts indirect tax revenues. According to the Department of Revenue, the 2024 sales tax holiday generated \$3.54 million in indirect tax revenues due to increased economic activity.

At a time when consumers are seeing prices on store shelves spike, driven in part by federally imposed tariffs, this year's Massachusetts sales tax holiday will give shoppers a much-needed break. The holiday also encourages families looking to shop for back-to-school season to support local small businesses and retailers.

Information about eligible purchases is available on the Department of Revenue

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Malden Catholic welcomes Michael Cantalupa and Amy Lonergan to Board leadership roles

Malden Catholic is proud to announce the appointment of Michael Cantalupa '79 as Chair and Amy Lonergan, Esq. as Vice Chair of the school's Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2025.

A dedicated alumnus and longtime supporter of Malden Catholic, Michael Cantalupa brings decades of experience and leadership to his new role as Chair. He previously served on the Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2008 and again from 2010 to 2018. After rejoining the Board in 2023 as Vice Chair, he now steps into the role of Chair, providing strategic vision and direction as the school enters an exciting new phase.

"We are at a pivotal moment in MC's journey toward academic excellence," said Cantalupa. "With the addition of the new 7th and 8th grade division and the expansion of our high school facilities, we are enhancing the educational experience for all students. I am honored to work alongside Amy and John to help guide the school's contin-

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ship is Amy Lonergan, an accomplished attorney and committed member of the Malden Catholic community. She becomes the first woman to serve as Vice Chair at the formerly allboys institution. A Trustee since 2018, Amy has been actively involved in the school's Advancement and Audit Committees. As the parent of two current students and the spouse of an alumnus, she brings both

personal passion to her role. "I'm truly honored to serve as the first woman Vice Chair of the Malden Catholic Board," said Lonergan. "Supporting a mission I care deeply about is a privilege, and I hope this milestone inspires future generations of Malden Catholic women to lead with confidence and purpose."

professional expertise and

Malden Catholic President John Thornburg expressed his appreciation for outgoing Chair Mason Tenaglia '74, stating, "We are deeply grateful to Mason for his more than 25 years of outstanding service as both an advisor and Trustee. His steady leadership, especially in recent years as Chair, has helped steer the school through a transformative period."

Looking ahead, Thornburg added, "We are equally excited about the new leadership taking the helm of our Board. Michael Cantalupa brings a wealth of experience and a strong track record of commitment to Malden Catholic. He is exceptionally well-positioned to help lead the school into its next chapter. Amy Lonergan has been an outstanding Trustee whose insights as a parent and leader have enriched our community. Together, they represent a dynamic leadership team poised to shape a bright future for Malden Catholic."

As a seasoned commercial real estate developer, Michael brings a wealth of experience creating hightech, biotech, office, residential, and hotel buildings. He has also held leadership roles on several nonprofit and civic boards, demonstrating a strong commitment to community engage-

Michael's leadership has been instrumental in the planning and development of 50 Crystal Street, a transformative project that includes state-of-the-art academic and athletic facilities, as well as the launch of the school's new 7th and 8th Grade Division. Under his guidance, the project was completed on time and on budget, marking a pivotal milestone in Malden Catholic's campus expansion and long-term vision.

Amy is a distinguished attorney and the Business Unit Leader of the Private Client Department at Day Pitney LLP. She provides comprehensive counsel to individuals and families on estate and transfer tax planning. Drawing on deep experience with business owners, entrepreneurs, real estate developers, and principals of private equity and hedge funds, Amy designs customized estate planning and wealth transfer strategies to meet their complex financial goals. In addition, she advises tax-exempt and charitable organizations on entity formation, obtaining tax-exempt status, regulatory compliance, and operational matters.

Amy is actively involved in the community and the legal industry. She has held several leadership positions with the Boston Estate



Michae Cantalupa and Amy Lonergan pictured outside of Malden Catholic School.

Planning Council and the Trusts & Estates Section of the Boston Bar Association. Additionally, she serves on Day Pitney's Executive Board.

Amy remains actively engaged with the school community. Amy is a proud parent of both a current high school student and a member of the incoming 7thgrade class this fall.

Malden Catholic is a codivisional, college preparatory school for grades 7–12, sponsored by the Xaverian Brothers. Guided by the values of simplicity, humility, compassion, trust, and zeal, the school inspires all students to lead lives of service, leadership, and excellence within a faith-based,

inclusive community.

Since its founding, Malden Catholic has developed generations of leaders, including a Nobel Laureate, a U.S. Senator, and two ambassadors. Graduates attend top universities such as Harvard, Princeton, Notre Dame, and Boston College. The school's unique codivisional model combines single-gender academics with coed extracurriculars, supporting both academic excellence and personal growth. Malden Catholic is recognized for its rigorous curriculum, SFX Scholars Program, and award-winning STEM offerings-all rooted in Xaverian values. Learn more at www.maldencatholic.org.

CITY PAWS

Bred for the Job

Complex Genetics By Penny & Ed Cherubino Canines are adaptable, It is estimated that there and many dogs who trot are around 400 dog breeds down city sidewalks and recognized by the AKC and live in small city apartments other registration groups. are well-suited for their cur-We have no idea how many rent role in life. mixes have resulted from

Most of us are aware that intermingling the genes of our dogs' ancestors were these 400 breeds. Many herders, hunters, guardians, breeds were developed inior royal lapdogs. It follows tially for a specific purpose, that even after breeders have selectively changed namely to perform a particsome characteristics, other Some dogs are surreninstincts remain. Having an dered to rescue groups beoutlet for those drives will cause they exhibit behaviors make for a happier relationtypical of their breed. The ship. Border Collies you might

What's Your Dog's Job?

Do you provide play or exercise that allows your pal to express their inner dog? Watching a retriever relentlessly dive into the water to fetch a ball, bring

it back, drop it at their person's feet, and then pleadingly dance about, hoping for another round, is the image of a happy pup.

When we see a Cairn Terrier walking along, nose to the ground, sniffing every inch of pavement, we know that this working dog is searching for signs of the vermin their great-great-grandfather was sent to find and dispatch in

the cairns of Scotland. Sturdy little Cairns still have the keen minds and problem-solving ability of great hunters. They also have strong necks, a drive to chase, capture, and give prey a vigorous, fatal shake. Today, they can enjoy this behavior with a stuffed toy. Or, if you are a very indulgent person, by taking part in ground competitions that allow terriers to hunt in underground tunnels.

Troublesome Traits

diggers and might escape

under a fence—something to keep in mind. The second advantage of knowing your breed's traits is that it helps you understand the problems common to that type of dog and how to deal with those issues.

Basset Hounds and Beagles have loud voices designed to call the rest of the pack of hunters to them. Aside from singing along with a siren from an emergency vehicle, there are few appropriate opportunities for howling in the city. A howling dog needs early and lifelong training to control this instinct, which is the responsibility of any good neighbor. But, when that siren sound brings on a howl in the park, why not play pack mate to your pup and join in. A good howl might brighten your day,

Serious Toys

Even toy breeds that Cairns are also relentless seem suited only for life as companion animals have secret skills from ancient ancestors. The tiny Papillon is said to be a good little ratter. The Miniature Pinscher is an excellent watchdog and can be pretty vocal when strangers approach.

Large or small, purebred or a mix with a generous gene pool, learning more about your dog and letting that is part of their heritage can be fun. Knowing that they are only doing their job can help you deal with some of their ingrained habits.

them do a bit of the work

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High-energy herding dogs, with their strong herding instincts, can be unmanageable without a task to perform and plenty of exercise.

RHS CLASSES OF

The High School Class Reunion for the classes from Revere High School and Immaculate Conception High School 1965 and 1966 are in the works. They are joining together to celebrate their Class Reunions.

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We want to catch up on your lives and keep in touch with you. Hope you can make it.

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LAS PARCERITAS HOLDS ANNUAL COLOMBIA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Leila Portillo and Eva Cortave hold the flag of the Republic of Colombia at the Independence Day celebration on the American Legion Lawn.

Cary Shuman Photos

Las Parceritas, in coor-

dination with the City of

Revere, hosted their annual Colombian Independence

Day celebration July 17 at

McMackin Veterans Memo-

rial Park (American Legion

of Chocalafee coffee shop

in Revere, and William

Pena Lopera led the speak-

comed the many residents to

the event commemorating the nation of Colombian's

declaration of independence

from Spanish rule on July

Claudia Correa, who is orig-

inally from Colombia, also

delivered remarks and had

a key role in the successful

event. Director of DEI, Ste-

ven Morabito also attended

Carolina Mejia, Consul

General of Colombia in

Boston, delivered the key-

"It is an honor and a priv-

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this meaningful commem-

oration of Colombia's In-

Mayor's Chief of Staff,

Mayor Patrick Keefe wel-

Diana Cardona, co-owner

Lawn).

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dependence Day, which marked, 215 year ago, the birth of a free and democrat-

ic Republic," said Mejia.

"Colombia and its government reaffirm their commitment to a diplomacy centered on the community, recognizing the contributions of Colombians abroad, especially in the vibrant City of Revere," continued Mejia. "From this perspective, we must strengthen our community, ensure effective access to rights for our undocumented compatriots,



Consul General of Colombia in Boston, Carolina Mejia, thanked Mayor Patrick Keefe and city officials for their ongoing support of the Colombian community in Revere.



Mayor's Office Chief of Staff, Claudia Correa (right), welcomes Gina Jaramillo, Marino Velasquez, and Wilmar Jaramillo to the Colombia Independence Day celebration in Revere.



Magda Pena, enjoying the event with her sons, Anthony Gaviria and Andrew Gaviria.

and continue creating opportunities for Colombians living outside the country."

In concluding her speech, Mejia said, "Finally, I deeply thank the political and administrative authorities present here for their ongoing support during their arrival and adaptation process in this new country. I also want to highlight the warmth, talent, and determination of this wonderful Colombian community, which through effort, a spirit of service, and commitment, has become a true engine of prosperity."



Diana Cardona and William Pena Lopero begin the festivities.



The flag of Colombia is proudly displayed as the National Anthem of Colombia is sung following the singing of the U.S. national anthem, "Star Spangled Banner," to commence the Independence Day celebration.



Mayor Patrick Keefe and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky (right) join Enelcy Scott, Rosa Otero, Fatou Drammeh and Liana Jorge Matute for a photo at the Colombia Independence Day celebration.



Ania Farley, Maria Camila Hernandez, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Consul General of Colombia in Boston, Carolina Mejia, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Assistant Director of DEI Asmaa Abou-Fouda, Human Resources Director Lina Trimelli, and Director of DEI Steven Morabito.



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Mia Waldren inspects the bats, to be official USA Baseball regulation.



At bat, Zack Babo.

Steven "the Dude" Capano

was playing great tunes at

Griswold Complex.

Alby Giorgio at bat.



James Oliveira watches a long ball to the outfield.



Angel Rodriguez sizes up his target.



Great wind-up by Christopher Lucia.



for 100 points with a pitch.



Marina Beaudoin scored great to take a championship in her division.



Marina Beaudoin leaves the pitching event, and head to

batting competition.

What ball player ever thought of playing at Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox, all of them. Last Saturday afternoon local boys and girls were giv-

The annual pitch, hit and

run competition was held at Griswold Complex in Revere. Based on age brackets, and baseball or softball each athlete had a chance to hit for distance, run for speed, and pitch for accuracy.



Jonathan McGowan and Tyler Woods were at the pitch, hit and run event.



President of the Revere Baseball and Softball League, Shawn Vetere is shown with the winners of the day's events. Front row: Tyler Woods, and James Oliveira. Back row: KJ Guilherme, Rocco Paulino, Jason Lepore, and Marina Beaudoin.



Vinny Carrabino keeps his eye on the ball.







MBTA announces August Service Changes

Special to the Journal

The MBTA has nounced service changes in August on the Blue, Orange, Lowell, and Fitchburg lines.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at mbta.com/PlannedWork. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alertsor to follow the MBTA on X @ MBTA, @MBTA_CR, and @MBTA_CR_Alerts for up-to-date service information.

On the Blue Line:

The MBTA will perform continued work on the Blue Line in August to continue to rebuild the Line and ensure that additional sections of track are improved to the same state of good repair standards that support reliable and robust service. Crews will accomplish essential infrastructure upgrades, heavy track renewal, and other critical revitalization work. Building on the success of the Track Improvement Program, this regular, planned renewal and revitalization work is ongoing and continuous, ensuring the long-term stability of our infrastructure and preserving the system for future generations of riders.

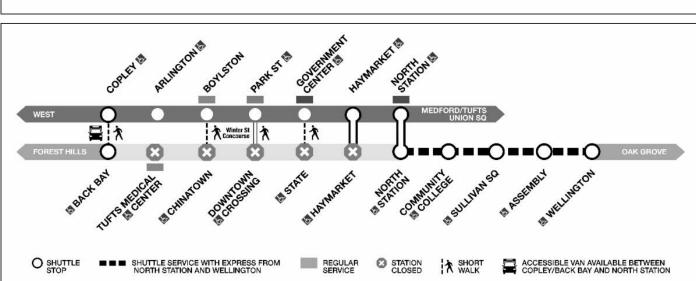
To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place:

Blue Line service will be suspended between Airport and Wonderland for nine days, August 9 - 17.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops at all stations during this service change.

Riders using shuttle buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Government Center from Wonderland should budget at least an additional 20 -30 minutes of travel time

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in addition to their regular commute.

Riders using regular Blue Line train service between Bowdoin and Airport should also budget extra travel time. The time between each weekday train will be approximately 10 minutes, which is about double what it is typically.

On the Orange Line: The MBTA will ac-

complish signal upgrade work on the Orange Line in August. By upgrading its signals, the MBTA will significantly increase operational efficiency and improve scheduling reliability for riders.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place:

Orange Line service will be suspended between Wellington and Back Bay during the weekends of August 2-3, August 9-10, and August 23 - 24.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will operate during this service change.

Local shuttle buses will make all stops between Wellington and North Sta-

Express shuttle buses will operate directly between Wellington and North Sta-

For service through the downtown area near Back Bay, riders are encouraged to utilize parallel Green Line service between North Station and Copley (which is less than a quarter-mile or about a four-minute walk from Back Bay). The MBTA will increase Green Line service during this time to accommodate Orange Line riders.

There will be free fares with the fare gates open at Back Bay, Copley, Wellington, and North Station.

Riders are encouraged to consider fare-free Commuter Rail service between Oak Grove and North Station as well as between Forest Hills and South Station.

Accessible vans will be available at downtown Orange Line stations between

Back Bay and North Station as well as Copley on the Green Line.

On the Lowell Commuter Rail Line:

The MBTA will perform work on the High Line Bridge Replacement Project in Somerville in August. The High Line Bridge carries the Lowell Line over the High Line access road as well as a railroad yard in Somerville between North Station and West Medford. When complete, the project will provide safer, more resilient, more reliable service on the Lowell Line; bring the bridge into a state of good repair; reduce future maintenance costs; and reduce unplanned service impacts and delays.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place:

Lowell Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between North Station and Lowell during the following dates:

Beginning at approxi-

mately 10 PM on Friday, August 15, and continuing through the entire weekend, August 16 – 17.

Beginning at approximately 10 PM on Friday, August 22, and continuing through the entire weekend, August 23 - 24.

A dedicated diversion schedule will be available on mbta.com.

Free and accessible shuttle bus service will replace train service between North Station and Lowell.

There will be no shuttle bus service at Winchester Center. Passengers should instead use Wedgemere Station as an alternative shuttle bus location.

On the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line:

The MBTA will perform work in August as part of the North Station Terminal Area Signal System Improvement Project. This project is replacing the obsolete signal system that controls the movement of MBTA Commuter Rail and

Amtrak trains in and out of North Station with a new, state-of-the-art microprocessor system that requires less maintenance and reduces failures and train delays. The area where work is taking place is a complex network of tracks and switches that connect the station tracks at North Station, five major Commuter Rail lines, and the Boston Engine Terminal where trains are stored and maintained.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place:

Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between North Station and Porter Squareduring the weekends of August 16 - 17 and August 23 - 24.

Passengers can instead utilize existing subway service on the Red and Green Lines.

To travel from Porter Square to North Station, passengers can take Ashmont-/Braintree-bound Red Line service to Park Street, connect to Union Square-/ Medford/Tufts-bound Green Line service, and disembark at North Station.

To travel from North Station to Porter Square, passengers can take Riverside-/ Heath Street-bound Green Line service to Park Street, connect to Alewife-bound Red Line service, and disembark at Porter Square.

The MBTA previously announced service changes in July. More information is available here.

The MBTA understands how these service changes affect riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.

For more information, mbta.com/Planned-Work or connect with the T on X @MBTA and @ MBTA_CR, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @ theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.





NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ZBA APPROVES PARK STREET PROJECT

CHELSEA - The zoning board of appeals approved the variances for a mixed-use development with 100 residential units and seven commercial spaces on Park Street at its regular meeting last week.

The developers presented a scaled back version of the plan to the planning board last month, which earned a positive recommendation from that body.

Initially, the proposal for 105-115 Park St. included 120 residential units.

But project attorney Anthony Rossi said that after hearing from residents and neighbors about the size and unit mix of the project, it was cut back to 100 units to include more two- and three-bedroom units. There are 50 proposed parking spaces for the project, with 10 of them which will be set aside for the commercial properties in the development.

Because the project does not meet the city's zoning requirements for parking, residents will not be able to apply for the resident on-street sticker parking program.

"As far as the area (of the project), it didn't change, it is more the layout inside, we reduced the amount (of units) to accommodate the multiple bedroom units (the abutters, the neighbors, and the planning board) said they wanted to see," said Rossi.

Rossi also stated that the current laundry business and convenience store on the site have expressed an interest in returning to the new building.

Traffic engineer Scott Thornton of Vannase and Associates presented a brief overview of the traffic study for the project.

"We did a standard traffic assessment where we look at crash data, we look at site distances, we look at the traffic volumes, we look at transit systems in the area," he said. "We project seven years in the future, we add the project traffic estimating those trips based on standard industry data. What we found when we added the project traffic ... it winds up giving us about 20 trips in the morning and 30 trips in the evening."

Thornton also noted that the developer will likely go before the traffic and parking commission at some point to request that Ellsworth Street behind the building be converted to a one-way road because of its narrow width.

Some ZBA members did say that they still had some concerns about the size of the project and associated traffic.

"I live in the district, and I know how bad traffic is there in the morning; I have been affected by the construction on Broadway and I see it every day," said ZBA member Marilyn Vega Torres. "When the school is open, there is a lot of traffic in all the different directions."

Vega Torres said she understands that the property is currently an eyesore and that something needs to be done there, but that she wished the proposal was smaller.

"This is unique, because it is not really one parcel, it is really three parcels," said Rossi.

Rossi also noted that 15 of the 100 units will be inclusionary zoning affordable units, making it harder for the developer to be able to afford the project if the unit count faced any additional cuts.

DEMARIA EXPANDS ACCESS TO HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

EVERETT - More families and individuals will now have the opportunity to achieve the dream of homeownership in Everett. Mayor Carlo DeMaria is proud to announce significant updates to the city's First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program, which now offers expanded eligibility and increased income limits, helping more people than ever qualify for up to \$20,000 toward the purchase of their first home.

The program, which provides forgivable loans to eligible applicants, has been expanded to include non-Everett residents and households earning up to 150% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Previously, only Everett residents with incomes between 60% and 100% of the AMI were eligible.

"This expansion reflects our commitment to making Everett a place where more people can put down roots," said Mayor DeMaria. "A \$20,000 down payment can be life-changing, especially for working families and young professionals. We're excited to open the door to more first-time buyers, including those who are looking to join our growing and vibrant community."

Qualified applicants can receive a forgivable loan of up to \$20,000, with 20% of the loan forgiven each year over a five-year period—as long as the home remains their primary residence and program requirements are met. The funds can be used to purchase a condo, single-family home, or multi-family home within Everett. The program should not slow down someone's buying timeline.

Additional updates to the program include:

• Increased income eligibility: Households can now earn up to 150% of the 2025 AMI. For example, a family of six may have a gross household income of up to \$287,800 and still qualify

• Higher liquid asset limit: Applicants can now hold up to \$100,000 in assets, including bank accounts, stocks, bonds, and gifted funds (up from the previous \$75,000 cap).

Funding for this initiative is provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants must submit all required documentation to be considered.

The application is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole and can be found in-person at Everett City Hall (484 Broadway), Office of Planning and Development, Room 25 or on the City of Everett website at cityofeverett.com/city-hall/departments/planning-development/city-of-everett-housing-division/#ResourcesForHomebuyers.

COLETTA ZAPATA LEADS HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO

REFORM THE ZBA

EAST BOSTON - Boston City Councilor Gabriela
Coletta Zapata (District 1)
chaired a hearing to review
a Home Rule Petition she
has proposed modernizing
and reforming the Zoning
Board of Appeals (ZBA)
in Boston. Earlier this year,
Coletta Zapata proposed
this legislation to improve

transparency, representation, and accountability within the board, ensuring a fairer and more accessible zoning appeals process for all residents.

"This petition brings long-overdue reforms to one of the most consequential yet historically opaque bodies in the City of Boston. It adds additional seats to best reflect the community, establishes necessary Council oversight, and ensures that zoning decisions are both legally sound and grounded in the voices of community members," said Councilor Coletta Zapata. "I'm grateful to the residents, colleagues, and the administration for their thoughtful conversations and feedback. I look forward to continuing the discussions."

Coletta Zapata's Home Rule Petition addresses concerns about the lack of oversight in the zoning variance and discretionary approval process with no formal mechanism to assess compliance with hardship standards. There have been numerous approval of variances for projects that disregard PLAN: East Boston, a community-driven zoning plan developed over five years to guide sustainable, predictable development in the neighborhood.

A key provision of the proposal requires Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) members to justify variances that deviate from state law which sets a high threshold for demonstrating substantial hardship. To enhance Council oversight, the legislation mandates regular reporting on variances by neighborhood and zoning district and establishes a variance review panel to evaluate compliance with zoning laws and assess equity in approvals across neighborhoods.

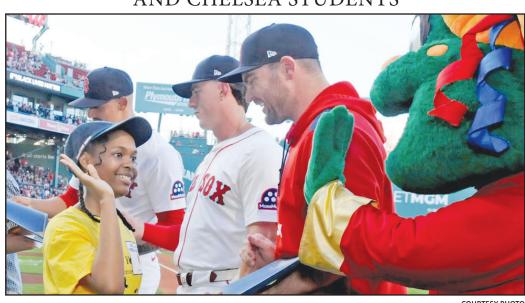
The legislation includes reforms enacting changes to the current board composition, expanding the ZBA to nine members and nine alternates, all of which must be Boston residents, diversifying the expertise of board members, and limiting them to two terms of three years each. The appointments will come from nominations by various organizations with expertise in environmental protection, urban planning, real estate, architecture, construction, and labor unions. Additionally, two members and two alternates will be chosen by the mayor from residential neighborhood organizations, ensuring representation from different city council districts and including both a homeowner and a renter.

During the hearing, Councilors were joined by members of the administration including Tania Del Rio, Commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department, and Kathleen Onufer, Deputy Director of Zoning in the Planning Department. The administration provided an overview of the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) process and governance structure, emphasizing that it operates as an independent board free from City administration control or influence over its decisions.

The presentation also addressed the frequent need for zoning relief, citing a longstanding mismatch between Boston's existing building stock and the current zoning code. Additionally, the administration highlighted ongoing efforts to increase transparency, noting that detailed decisions and recommendations are publicly available on the City's website.

Boston residents provid-

RED SOX HOST LATINO YOUTH RECOGNITION DAY HONORING EAST BOSTON AND CHELSEA STUDENTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Latino Youth Recognition Day honoree Laila Rojas, from the Umana Middle School in East Boston, high-fives Red Sox mascot Tessie during the celebration.

ed public testimony in support of the proposed zoning reforms, emphasizing the need for greater transparency and fairness—especially in areas like East Boston and urging that variances be granted only in cases of clear zoning errors.

A recording of the hearing can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRUk-m4CLOFQ. This docket will remain in the Government Operations Committee and future conversations will be held.

DCR OFFICIALS ADDRESS STATUS OF WINTHROP BEACH

WINTHROP - Representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) appeared at the most recent town council meeting to discuss the condition of Winthrop Beach.

Several councilors noted the issues there have been with rocks and seaweed on the beach and the perception that the DCR does not maintain Winthrop Beach to the level that it does nearby Revere Beach and other DCR properties.

"In general, we should know about the way the DCR manages our beaches," said Eric Seaborn, Director of the Office of Natural Resources for the DCR. "Our intent is to manage the beaches as natural environments, dynamic systems, wetland resource areas, the dunes ... everything is under the purview of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Our philosophy is to manage the beach as a natural system and recognizing that the wrack, the seaweed, that comes in from the ocean is a part of that natural cycle."

Seaborn said that seaweed has ecological benefits including beach maintenance benefits.

"It helps trap sand, secure the sand on the beach, so it's a stabilizing force on the beach," said Seaborn. "We try, in terms of managing the wrack, the seaweed on the beach, we try to remove it as little as possible from the system."

The raking that people might see on the beach is mostly with the intent of removing human debris and trash, Seaborn said.

"It's interesting to note that under the Wetlands Protection Act, Winthrop Beach is technically a rocky, intertidal coast, and I'm sure that you have all experienced that there is a lot of cobble on that beach, a lot of rocks of all kinds," said Seaborn. "There is regulatory aspect of trying to manage the beach, there's also the operational difficulties."

Because of the amount of cobble and rock on the beach, raking can be difficult because it could alter a wetlands protection area.

"It becomes a difficult area in a lot of ways to rake extensively," Seaborn said. "You have probably seen the raking that occurs on the beach occurs in the middle beach ... that's really the extent of where we feel it is appropriate for this particular situation."

He also noted that raking below the high water line on the beach would also violate the wetlands act.

"It's a balancing act trying to maintain recreational opportunities and trying to protect the natural resources," said Seaborn.

Several councilors noted that the seaweed and wrack on the beach creates an environment for a large quantity of insects.

Public Health Director

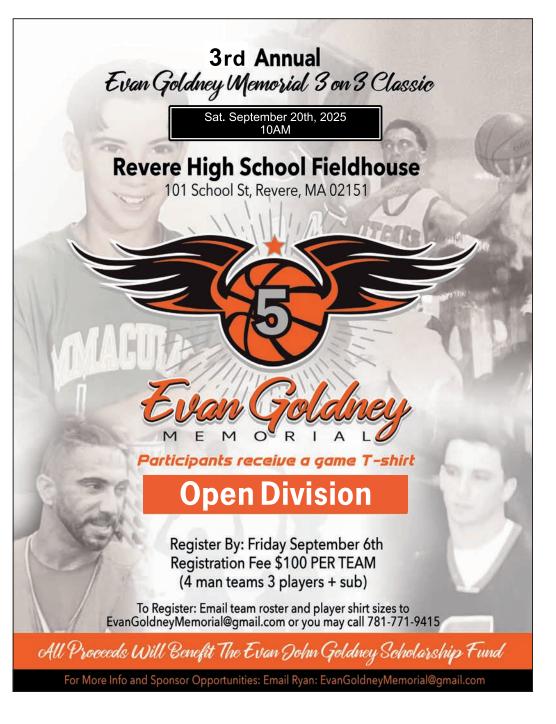
Meredith Hurley noted that the species seen in the seaweed likely do not cause human diseases. "Also, it is important to do the surveillance and see

if there are any shifts in that, but for all intents and purposes, they are low to no risk," said Hurley.

Councilor Suzanne Swope also raised con-

Swope also raised concerns about the access to the beach and asked if the DCR could assist with, as well as the trash on the beach.

"There are a lot of pictures that suggest it is not just seaweed, it's trash," said Swope. "And when you start running on the beach with that seaweed... the flies and the insects that are coming out of that seaweed, and the smell, it ruins for us, I am not a happy camper about it. I appreciate the environmental issues, but I think some of what has been created down there is the lack of care.



REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago July 23, 2015

A request for year-end transfers in the city budget almost didn't pass with councillors because it was handed in with just two days to go before the deadline.Director of Finance George Anzuoni presented the council with over nine pages of requests for transfers, ranging in everything from police and fire overtime, workmen's compensation to water and sewer work, and more. A majority of councillors initially said they would vote against the proposal, but after Anzuoni noted that rejecting it would affect the city's bond rating, they voted 6-2 to approve it.

As state and local officials and organizations work to find solutions to preventing opiate overdoses, incidents of such occurrences have spiked in recent weeks and over this year. Last week, Revere Fire reported there were 12 overdoses and eight were given the reversal drug Narcan and were saved. Another six were reported this week, including in public places like Louis Pasteur Park and a local laundro-

20 years ago July 27, 2015

The U.S. Navy Department brought tragic news to the home of Angelo and Margo Salamone, informing the Revere couple that their son, Lawrence, had died in an accident aboard the amphibious assault ship Bataan on July 23. The Bataan was conducting training exercises 12 miles off Key West and Salamone was involved in an accident with a forklift aboard the ship. Salamone was a 2003 graduate of Revere High where he was a standout athlete.

Revere Beach was closed for three days this past week when a sewer line collapsed in Lynn, dumping raw sewage into the Saugus River that ultimately ended up on Revere Beach.

Florence and Lawrence Edwards, a Revere couple in their mid-70s, have lost nearly everything after a state court ruling has held them liable for the tragic murder in 1992 of five year old Anmorian Or by Vao Sok, who admitted he was high on crack and alcohol, in the Shirley Ave. apartment building owned by the Edwardses. Sok worked for Edwards as a handyman in the building. Lawrence Edwards has had numerous heart attacks since the jury verdict was announced a short time ago.

Two East Boston men were arrested by State, Revere, and Boston police after an undercover operation netted 250 grams of cocaine that were being sold by the

30 years ago July 26, 1995

Despite an outcry from residents who live along Revere Beach, MDC Commissioner David Balfour said the MDC will continue to enforce the no-parking ban on the boulevard to prevent commuters from taking parking spaces intended for beach-goers.

Former Revere sanitation foreman Anthony Spagnola, 63, has pleaded guilty to federal income tax evasion charges in connection with his acceptance of more than \$20,000 in payoffs from a rubbish collection company that had a contract with the city. Atlantic Waste Systems East all-stars in district play. paid Spagnola \$200 weekly from 1989 to 1991 in order to submit phony bills to the city. Atlantic's President, Frederick J. Lecesse, previously had been convicted of making bribes to a sanitation foreman in Chelsea.

Adele Toro has taken out nomination papers for Ward Six City Councillor and will oppose incumbent Steven Colarossi.

40 years ago July 24, 1985

The Special School Committee has given preliminary approval to a new contract for teachers that will provide pay raises of five, three, and four percent over the next three years. Mayor George V. Colella was the lone dissenting vote.

The City Council unanimously has agreed to make a land swap with Immaculate Conception parish that will allow the parish to build a new church on the site of the former Revere High School. The city originally had intended to give the school to the Revere Recreational Associates, who had intended to construct a multi-purpose, indoor recreational facility. However, the group was unable to secure funding for the project.

Mayor George V. Colella has announced the formation of a Human Rights Commission in the wake of a fire of suspicious origin last week in a Walnut Place triple-decker that left 36 Cambodian refugees homeless and which had been the scene of a stoning the previous month.

John Campbell pitched a no-hitter to lead the Revere West Division all-stars to an 8-0 win over the Revere 50 years ago

July 23, 1975

It was rough going for Mayor William G. Reinstein Monday night as the City Council approved only a portion of Reinstein's requests for departmental transfers for the use of more than \$1 million of federal revenue sharing funds. Reinstein's chief foes on the council, former Mayor George V. Colella, Edward O'Hara, and Arthur Nigro, said that each department must justify its request for funding.

Monsignor Guido L. Pallota, 73, who has served as pastor of St. Anthony's Church since 1943, has announced he will be retiring

A film crew from WNAC-TV was in the city this week at the birthplace of Horatio Alger at 88 Beach St.. to film a 30-second spot for its 26-part series, "The New England Experience," of which Alger's story will be

Building Inspector Stanley Ferragamo has issued a building permit for construction of a nine-story, specialized apartment facility on Revere Beach Blvd. near Oak St. that will consist of 204, one-bedroom units and 17, two-bedroom units for the elderly. The Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged is expected to break ground on the project immediately.

Guy Mucci of 37 Howard St. has been elected the State Commander of the Italian-American War Veterans. He is a past Commander of Revere ITAM Post 17.

The 27th Lancers have returned from a 25-day trip through the Midwest, covering some 10,000 miles, in which the group competed in 10 competitions, earning first-place in three of them.

Revere Memorial Hospital has upgraded its emergency room to provide 24hour, seven-day coverage by a physician.

Chris Spinazzola of 311 Proctor Ave., a B.C. High grad, has been elected President of the Suffolk Univ. Student Government Union.

60 years ago July 29, 1965

The School Committee has named Rocco Malfitano as the new Principal of the Shurtleff School to succeed Miss Alice G. Clarke, who

has retired. Malfitano has been with the school system since 1959. The committee also has named John A. Connors as the new head of physical education for the school system.

The trial of former City Manager Edward P. O'Toole on charges that he embezzled \$44,482 in city funds over a two-year period continued in Suffolk Superior Court this week.

The Kadimah Hebrew School has been renamed the Nathan Samuels Hebrew School in honor of the long-time leader in local Jewish religious circles.

Chelsea District Court Clerk Magistrate Stephen White reports that the court set a new record in 1964 with 6806 criminal cases, 1286 more than the previous year. White said that although drunkenness and juvenile delinquency matters have declined, other types of crime have increased.

Robert Ash, Chairman of the Board of Management of the YMCA, said that a Y program will get underway in this city in September that will include after-school programs in the city's schools.

70 years ago July 28, 1955

City officials, stirred by complaints from residents in the area of Mill Creek and the Revere Beach Parkway about unbearable odors, discoloration of their homes, and possible sickness, have called upon the state to take immediate action to halt the dumping of 500,000 gallons of raw sewage daily into Chelsea Creek. The MDC said that a break in the sewage line in Chelsea has forced the dumping of raw sewage into the waterway until repairs can be made.

The body of Everett Jenkins, the 17 year-old Revere High athlete who was lost and presumed drowned with his friend, 17 year-old Richard D'Eramo, when they did not return from a fishing trip in their small boat on May 17, has been recovered. D'Eramo's body has yet to be found.

Six new cases of polio have been reported in the city this summer, three of them in the same family. Five of the six are boys between the ages of 2-9. None of the six had received the Salk polio vaccine that was administered to local school children over the past year. Two new cases of polio

were reported in Chelsea in youths who had been swimming in the polluted Chelsea Creek, prompting Chelsea's Board of Health to impose a ban on bathing in the creek.

William Portalla, nine years-old, is in critical condition after he fell 90 feet from a ledge at the old Rowe's quarries in No. Revere. It is only thanks to a tree that broke his fall that his life was saved.

The Board of Assessors has announced a new tax rate of \$68.30, a hike of \$4.00, citing increases in municipal expenses and an appropriation of \$247,447 to pay past deficits.

Two Revere servicemen were killed in accidents over the weekend. Cpl. Anthony Peter Mayo, 23, of 14 Allston St., died when his jet plane exploded and crashed in Havelock, N.C. Seaman William Edward Byrd, 25, of 172 Pomona St., died in a car crash in Bainbridge,

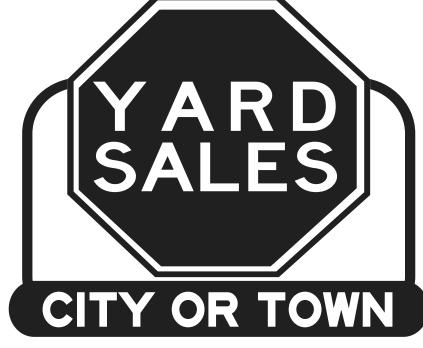
The parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes of Beachmont will celebrate their parish's golden anniversary with a moonlight dance cruise aboard the luxury liner Boston Belle August 8.

80 years ago July 26, 1945

Thomas U. Kelley handily carried every precinct in the city to top the balloting for City Treasurer in Tuesday's city primary. Kelley defeated former Mayor Laurence J. Gillis by a 4-1 margin and Arthur J. Corbett by a 7-1 margin. Kelley and Gillis now will face off in the November final election.

Robert Melvin Amereau, 17, a Seaman First Class, of 8 Warren St., has succumbed to meningitis in a U.S. Naval Hospital in Memphis. Amereau had been a well-known member of the senior class of Revere High when he entered the service last October. He was awarded his diploma in graduation exercises in June.

A Massachusetts House committee that is taking up the issue of whether to establish a Department of Commerce was told by a speaker this week that Massachusetts is seen as a desirable location by many industries because of its trained labor supply, railroad transportation, and airport facilities.



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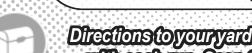
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ONE DOWN

Reggie Royster (above) and the Revere Patriots were defeated by the Gloucester Fishermen in Friday's season opener. Coverage, PAGE 19.



TEEING IT UP

Tony Catino and Fred Sannella were among the participants in the Mulligan Memorial Golf Tourney. Coverage, **PAGE 10**.

A QUARTER CENTURY LATER

Revere High School Class of 1980 celebrates its 25th class reunion. Color photos **PAGE 18.**

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AT MONDAY'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Blue light?

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

The proposed Revere police station has had more versions than Microsoft Windows, but it appears that the current rendering is solidifying and, after a test run with city councillors Monday night, it appears the project will probably get the go-ahead this fall.

Police Chief Terence Reardon,

Council gives its tentative blessing to plans for a new police station

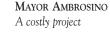
Capt. James Guido, Mayor Tom Ambrosino and several other city officials appeared before Councillor Tony Zambuto's Public Safety Committee on Monday for what appeared to be a testing of the waters.

seemed supportive, but wanted definite answers about the city's financial ability to carry the \$18.5 million project slated to be built on the Parkway before they convene for any vote.

Most city councillors present

police station

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CAPT. GUIDO In charge of planning

BEACON HILL

Delegation split on same-sex marriage

By SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

The future of same-sex marriage in Massachusetts is up for debate today, Sept. 14, and the results of that debate could finally bring the question to the voters of the commonwealth in 2006.

The delegation from Revere is at a 50-50 split, two who approve and two who oppose it.

The Legislature convened for a Constitutional Convention in the chambers of the House of Representatives on Beacon Hill in Boston this morning, to discuss how the state will handle the question of same-sex marriage.

The compromise, worked out and approved in the first Constitutional Convention last summer, bears the name of Revere's senior state senator, senate President Robert Travaglini (D-East Boston). The Travaglini Amendment proposes marriage continue to be defined as only between a man and a woman. However, it also calls for civil unions that would afford same-sex couples all the legal rights and privileges of a traditional marriage. Basically, it would be similar to marriage in all respects other than in name.

If the amendment is passed, which would require a simply majority of the 200 members of the House and Senate, then the measure would go to the voters in a statewide ballot initiative in 2006.

That scenario would give the general public its first crack at weighing in on one of the most contested and passionate issues of the last few years. Many have argued that the state Supreme Judicial Court bypassed the public when it ruled 1 1/2 years ago that same-sex marriage should be allowed in the commonwealth as a constitutional requirement. The

ELECTION '05

Rizzo on the rise

Councillor has covered a lot of ground in six years

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

ix years in Revere politics can be a lifetime. Just ask some of the many former politicians who have come and gone in only a few years.

However, in the case of At-Large Councillor Dan Rizzo, who is up for re-election this November, his sixth year in office has brought about a political zenith, or a ripening of sorts.

Six years ago, Rizzo was a political novice. His strong suit was having a dedicated election committee and having become a very successful businessman - owning a Broadway insurance agency with his brother, Paul.

He asked questions; he served tirelessly on the Zoning

Now six years later, he probably knows just as much about zoning and city finances than he does about his field of expertise, insurance.

Rizzo has come into his own on the council, and this term, he



A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

City Councillor Dan Rizzo, shown during Monday's meeting, has become well-versed in the city's complicated zoning laws.

has evolved into a careful and critical voice, one that even dares to question the policies of Mayor Tom Ambrosino.

Rizzo said he does it for city residents. He said he feels like many in the community, including himself, are a little disenchanted with the city's path, especially when it comes to spending and over-development.

"Property taxes, rising water

9/11

Members of the Revere Fire Dept. solemnly stand in front of the Central Fire Station during a brief remembrance on Sunday morning, marking the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Editorial, Page 16.

SUSAN OTOLO PHOTO



INDEPENDENT



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

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

SCENES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JULY SENIORS

Courtesy Photos

Last week, the City of Revere Elder Services threw a seasonally-themed 'Rockin in the USA' birthday party for seniors with July birthdays at the facility. Mayor Patrick Keefe and other

City officials were in attendance to wish the seniors a happy birthday and a good rest of the summer.

Seniors with July birthdays included: Ann Eagan, Marian Maffeo, Michael Prizio, Nina DeFreitas and Elena Fournier.







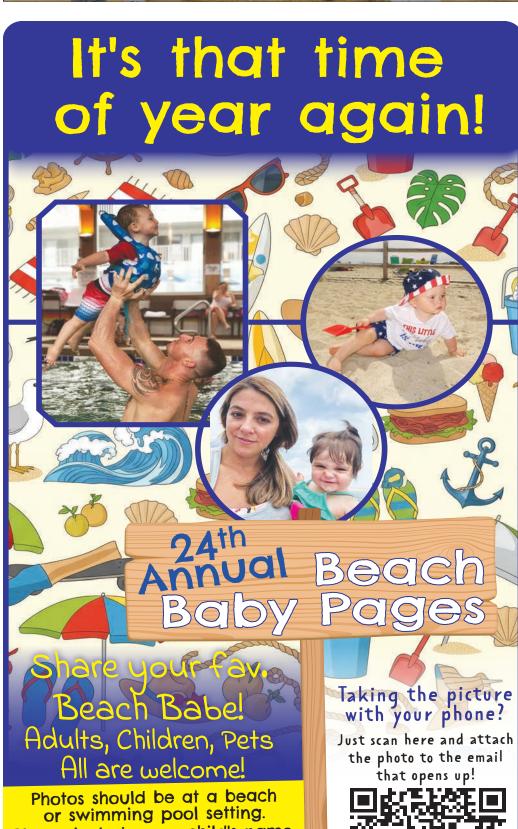












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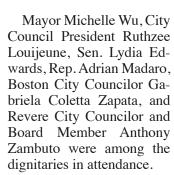
SALESIAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB HOLDS 80TH ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION

Courtesy Photos

A capacity crowd of 275 guests attended the Salesian Boys & Girls Club's 80th Anniversary Gala June 26 at the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor.

The event was a significant milestone for the popular club that is known for nurturing and supporting youth in the community. The Club has more than 1,000 members and the average daily attendance is 180 youths per day.

Former Gov. Charlie Baker, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, served as the distinguished chairperson for the evening.



During the program, the Club recognized award recipients Joseph Ruggiero (Don Bosco Award), David Modica (Community Award) Jill Shah (Champion for Kids) and David Arinella (Champion for Kids).

Former state representative Carlo Basile, an alumnus of the Club, received the inaugural Alumnus Hall of Fame Award. The Stanley J. DeMartinis Sr. Scholarships were presented to Teagan Scarpa, Robin Cartagena, and Juliana Conte. Scarpa was also honored as the Salesian Boys & Girls Club's Youth of the Year.

Mike Triant, who has been the executive director since January, 2018, said the Club's growth and ongoing success has been the result of a team effort.

"Since I started, my administrative team of James Geraci (Director of Operations) and Anita Belmonte (Director of Development) has been tremendous," lauded Triant. "Also, my board of directors have helped

guide the ship very well."

Triant said the Club prides itself on having programming staff who are former Salesian members themselves. "Elizabeth Yepes and Justin Baldassari came to the Club as kids, as did other staff who work with our youths every day," said Triant.

Triant said he is proud of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club's outstanding reputation and its 80-year history of providing youths with productive, after-school programming that helps build lives in a positive way.

"We're proud to be a resource for the community," Triant said humbly.



Executive Director Mike Triant, Hall of Fame inductee Carlo Basile, Rep. Adrian Madaro, and NCAA President Charlie Baker, honorary chairperson of the gala.



Salesian Executive Director, Mike and Melissa Triant.



Revere Councilman Anthony Zambuto, presenter for the evening and longtime Salesian Board member.



Emcee for the event, Joe Ruggiero, who also received the Don Bosco award.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.



Shown to the right, MaryLou Sudders raises her auction pad-



Salesian Staff volunteers, Courtney Solis, Robin Cartagena and Gianna Troville.



Staff volunteers, Julianna Troville, Theresa Barbiero and Gianna Troville.



Shown left to right, Salesian Executive Director Mike Triant, Community Award recipient, David Modica, Salesian Board Member Anthony Zambuto and State Rep. Adrian Madaro.



State Sen. Lydia Edwards with Carlo Basile.





Former State Rep., Carlo Basile, former Secretary for HHS, MaryLou Sudders, Jen Crawford and Jessica Trenouth.



Ashley Stolba, John Cooke and Lauren Baker.



Shown left to right, Lindsay Smith, former State Rep. Carlo Basile, former Gov. Charlie Baker and



Peter Bocchino, Salesian Club alumnus, and wife, Susan.



Salesian Executive Director, Mike Triant, Don Bosco award recipient Joe Ruggiero and State Rep. Adrian Madaro.



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WNV detected in mosquito test samples in West Roxbury, Hyde Park

Special to the Journal

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) has announced that two mosquito test samples obtained from Hyde Park and West Roxbury tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). The virus is carried by mosquitoes and can be spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. These are the first samples to test positive for the virus in Boston this summer. While there are currently no confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus among Boston residents and the risk of

transmission is low, BPHC encourages all residents to take steps to protect themselves and their families.

The best way to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus is by avoiding mosquito bites. BPHC recommends the following strategies:

• Regularly empty out and clean bird baths, unused flowerpots, and other vessels containing standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Flip over unused kiddie pools and dispose of old tires, which are also known to collect rainwater that attracts mosquitoes for breeding.

• Regularly clean out gutters and remove any debris or blockages.

• Avoid spending extended periods of time outdoors from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.

• Wear long clothing and high socks to keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

• Use EPA-approved in-

sect repellents like DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus, picaridin, or IR3535. • Make sure screens in windows and doors fit prop-

holes. "This time of year, I encourage everyone to take

erly and do not have any

steps to protect themselves against West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. "It is important to drain standing water where mosquitoes thrive, and wear insect repellent and long sleeves during outdoor activities between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. BPHC will continue to work with our partners at the State to monitor this situation and keep residents informed and prepared."

Most people who are in-

fected with West Nile Virus do not experience any signs or symptoms of illness. In some cases, however, people will experience a headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, and body aches which can last for a few days or several weeks. In most cases, individuals with mild symptoms recover on their own without needing medical assistance.

People who are older than 50 years of age are at higher risk of developing serious symptoms, including high fever, severe headache, confusion, lack of coordination, and muscle paralysis or weakness. If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms, contact a health care provider immediately. More information on WNV and other mosquito-borne illnesses is available on BPHC's website by scanning the QR code.



LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS City of Revere, Massachusetts The below sealed bids for construction of McMackin Field Improvements -Phase 3: Prefabricated Buildings, No. MUN-2025-1021, for the City of Revere, Massachusetts, will be received at the office of the City of Revere Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts: Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until 12:00 pm

prevailing time, on August 07, 2025, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any request for interpretation of plans and specifications for filed sub-bids may be submitted in writing by 4:00 pm on July 30, 2025. General Bids will be received until 12:00 pm prevailing time, on August

21, 2025, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any request for interpretation of plans and specifications may be submitted in writing by 4:00 pm on August 08, 2025.

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TION: GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION The scope of work includes the furnishing and installation of a pre-fabricated, manufacturer supplied, engineered precast concrete restroom and press box building located at a McMackin Field, in Revere, MA. The installation includes crane operation to offload the buildings and safely set the buildings in place. The buildings shall be installed and secured on a cast-in-placed concrete foundation system, in accordance with the manufacturer's technical guidance and installation instructions. The scope of work also includes exterior metal staircase at the press box building, construction zone safety and traffic management and coordination of work. Foundations and necessary site work as described in the **Construction Documents** and Specifications for the building project shall be performed by November 14, 2025, with substantial

completion of the building

project by May 1, 2026,

and final completion by June 1, 2026. The Contractor shall own coordination with the awarded contractor of the McMackin Field Improvements: Phase 2 - Site Construction Bid Invitation No. MUN-2025-1020 and shall allow for all necessary work to be accommodated on site for the duration of construction. Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the bid, in accordance with Section 00 21 13, INSTRUCTIONS TO **BIDDERS**. PROJECT SUB-BID CATE-

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July 23, 2025. All bids must be in a sealed envelope plainly Prefabricated Buildings, MUN-2025-1021" and returned to the Purchasing Department prior to the opening date and time. The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00 72 **00 GENERAL CONDITIONS** of these specifications. All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A to 44J inclusive, as

amended. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the

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Specification Section

chusetts General Laws to this project. It is the contract.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract that the contractor must ensure the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin under Executive Order 11246, as amended. The successful bidder shall be required to comply with Section 3 of **HUD** regulations relative to the project area and local concern when applicable and all pertinent Federal and State Laws. 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 Minority Business Enterprises. The City has established a goal of ten percent (10%) participation of Minority **Businesses Enterprises in** all construction projects. By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids. CITY OF REVERE. MASSA-CHUSETTS BY ITS PURCHASING AGENT

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Revere, Massachusetts tion of McMackin Field Site Construction will be received at the AM prevailing time on and read aloud. Any may be submitted in writing by 4:00 pm on

August 8, 2025. but not limited to addiearthwork, grading, paving, block retaining wall systems, synthetic

nation of work. tion by July 1, 2026. The Contractor shall Prefabricated Building

Michael Piccardi **Purchasing Agent** City of Revere, Massachusetts Weston & Sampson

Engineers, Inc. 55 Walkers Brook Drive, Bid Security in the form of Reading, Massachusetts check, treasurer's or 7/23/25 in the amount of five percent of the bid, in

FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for construc-Improvements - Phase 2: Bid Invitation No. MUN-2025-1020, for the City of Revere, Massachusetts, office of the City of Revere Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts until 11:00 August 21, 2025 at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened request for interpretation of plans and specifications The scope of work includes construction of McMackin Field, as indicated on the Bid documents, including

tional removal & disposal of material, demolition, turf field, athletic field and site lighting, subsurface drainage with connections to existing subsurface stormwater infiltration

system. The scope of work

also includes construction

zone safety and traffic

Project Bid Invitation No.

MUN-2025-1021 and shall

allow for all necessary

management and coordi-The work included in the **Construction Documents** and Specifications must be brought to substantial completion by June 1, 2026, with final compleown coordination with the awarded contractor of the McMackin Field Improvements - Phase 3:

work to be accommodated on site for the duration of construction. Foundation and necessary site work for the building project shall be performed by November 14, 2025, with substantial completion of the building project by May 1, 2026

> a bid bond, cash, certified cashier's check payable to the Owner, is required accordance with Section 00 21 13, INSTRUCTIONS TO

> BIDDERS. Contract documents may be examined and/or obtained by contacting the City of Revere

Purchasing Department, Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi at purchasing@ revere.org or at 781-286-8157 at Revere City Hall, Office of the Purchasina Agent, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Revere City Hall office hours are 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Thursday, and 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM Fridays. Revere City Hall is closed Saturday through Sunday. Contract documents will be available beginning on July 23, 2025. All bids must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked "McMackin Field Improvements - Phase 2: Site Construction Bid Invitation No. MUN-2025-1020" and returned to the **Purchasing Department**

prior to the opening date and time. The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00 72 **00 GENERAL CONDITIONS** of these specifications. All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section

39M as amended and all applicable Federal law. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on **Prevailing Wage Rates for** those trades people who

may be employed for the

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Attention of bidders is

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particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract that the contractor must ensure the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin under Executive Order 11246, as amended. The successful bidder shall be required to comply with Section 3 of **HUD** regulations relative to the project area and local concern when

applicable and all perti-

nent Federal and State Laws. 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 Minority Business Enterprises. The City has established a goal of ten percent (10%) participation of Minority **Businesses Enterprises in** all construction projects. By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any

informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids. CITY OF REVERE, MASSA-CHUSETTS BY ITS PURCHASING AGENT Michael Piccardi Purchasing Agent City of Revere, Massachusetts Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. 55 Walkers Brook Drive.

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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. SU25D1003DR

> Maria Jaquelina Martinez Plaintiff Sergio Carlos

Ganoza Navarro Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable 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: Maria Jacqueline Martinez 29 Harrington St. Apt. 2 Revere, MA, your answer on or before 08/21/2025. 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 26, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett **Register of Probate Court**

7/23/25

all contracts as shall be considered in the best interest of the City of Revere. The City of Revere reserves the right to negotiate and amend the scope of services. It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of minority business enterprises in all activities administered by this agency. No candidate may withdraw their proposal within thirty (30) business days after the actual date of the opening thereof. This request for proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

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LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF REVERE **REQUEST FOR** PROPOSALS INJURED ON **DUTY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION** (Police and Fire Personnel Only) PROPOSAL NO:

MUN-2025-1025 Proposals will be received electronically by the Purchasing Agent at purchasing@revere.org prior to 1:00 PM. on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

This proposal is for furnishing, to the City of Revere, Injured on Duty Claims Administration (Police and Fire Personnel Only), according to specifications. The City of Revere seeks qualified parties to perform services relative to Chapter 41, Section 100 and 41, 111f, Injured on Duty Claims Administration. Specifications may be obtained electronically be-

ginning Wednesday, July 23, 2025 from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151 at purchasing@revere.org. Revere City Hall's office hours are Monday thru Thursday 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday's, 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM. The City of Revere, as the awarding authority, reserves the right to accept

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Michael A. Piccardi

Purchasing Agent

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OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL ADJUDICATION** Docket No.

09/24/2023 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Anthony M. DeFeo of Peabody, MA, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

SU25P1464EA

Estate of:

Brian Rebholz

Date of Death:

The Petitioner requests that: Anthony M. DeFeo of Peabody, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to

obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this

proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/14/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you

fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMIN-ISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised

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**

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in any matter relating to

the estate, including the

distribution of assets and

expenses of administra-

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.

Date: June 27, 2025

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Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

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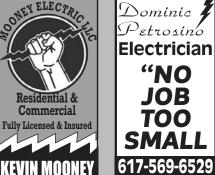
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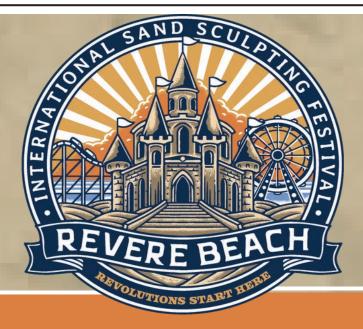


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