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With the holiday gift-giving season in full swing, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents to use caution when choosing and using devices powered by lithium-ion batteries.

"Many of this year's Christmas and Hanukkah presents will be use lithium-ion batteries," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "These devices pack a lot of power into a small device, so it's important to choose and use them safely."

•Buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a certification mark from an independent testing lab such as UL or Intertek/ ETL. This means the device

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Holiday, Thursday **January 1, 2026** 

Mon., Tues., Weds. on chedule, Thursday & Friday pickups delayed by one day Capitol Waste Services, Inc.



Shown above, Frank Alfano, Ann Mini, Maureen and Dale Willett, Ernie Brown, Councilor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, Cheryl Rivers, and Lucretia Deeran enjoying the holiday party hosted by the Revere Office of Elder Affairs on Dec. 17.



Shown above, DJ Alan LaBella singing along with Linda Pani, as she singings, "Five golden rings," in the group performance of "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Shown to the left, Lt. **Richard Saint Germain** and Deputy Aramis Rivera aughing with Representa tive Jeff Turco as they serve lunch to seniors. See more photos on Page 20.

## Next phase of **Suffolk Downs** begins with Portico groundbreaking

Special to the Journal

Last week, The HYM Investment Group ("HYM"), Cathexis Holdings, LP ("Cathexis"), the City of Revere, Related Fund Management, and Suffolk celebrated the official groundbreaking of Portico, the second multifamily building at Suffolk Downs. The 473-unit project marks continued momentum for the transformative 161-acre Suffolk Downs redevelopment, which is expected to deliver 10,000 homes across Revere and East Boston. Portico will join Amaya the first residential building at Suffolk Downs – as part of the growing mixed-use development in Beachmont Square.

Upon completion, Portico will deliver a mix of studio, one-bedroom, one-bedroom + den, and two-bedroom floorplans, alongside more than 33,000 square feet of ground-level retail space. Portico will offer a collection of distinctive indoor and outdoor

amenities, including a 15thfloor sky deck with sweeping ocean views, a lounge with a kitchen and terrace overlooking Beachmont Plaza, and an expansive courtyard with flexible lawn areas, fire pits, grills, and serene landscaped seating. Residents will also enjoy innovative creative studios with recording pods, a stateof-the-art fitness center, and a bright veranda featuring a coffee bar and private work

pods.

Located just steps from the Beachmont MBTA Blue Line Station, Portico will be ideal for working professionals and residents looking for a connected, amenity-rich home base with ease of access to Downtown Boston and the coast. The new construction will bring dynamic and needed additional retail to Beachmont Square and along Salt Street, joining the recently opened Twisted Fate Brewery and The Point Barre and Yoga Studio at Amaya.

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## ZBA rejects variances for 29-unit apartment building that included affordable housing units

By Journal Staff

Zoning The Revere Board of Appeals (ZBA) held its regular monthly meeting last

Wednesday, December 17, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso

City Council Chamber.

On hand for the session were chair Michael Tucker and fellow members Aklog Limeneh, Arthur Pelton, James O'Brien, and John Lopes.

major residential development projects: A 112-unit building at 500 Revere Street; a 62-unit apartment building at 329-331 Revere Street; and a 310-unit multifamily residential building on Lot 15 in the Overlook Ridge Overlay District. (See accompanying story.)

However, the board rejected, by a 3-2 vote (the law requires that a super-majority of ZBA members must approve a variance), a pro-

The board approved three posed 29-unit residential apartment building at 18-22 Green Street that included a provision that 10 percent of its units be set aside for affordable housing.

The application by Trichilo Development, LLC, 13 Victoria Street, Revere, requested variances to enable Trichilo "to file a Planned Unit Development (PUD) application for the construction of a 29-unit residential

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## RHS Welcome Club highlighted by WCVB Channel 5 as part of its weekly 'High Five' series

Special to the Journal

Last week, Revere High School Welcome Club's work was highlighted by WCVB Channel 5 as part of its weekly "High Five" series, which recognizes individuals making a positive impact in their communi-

ties. The spotlight showcased not only the club's mission but also the empathy and leadership driving its members.

During the segment, WCVB's Antoinette Antonio interviewed several Welcome members, including founder Jose Marin. Marin explained that after

at Revere High School two years ago, the hallways felt overwhelming.

New to the school and newly arrived from Colombia, Marin remembers feeling lost—unsure where to go, who to ask for help, or how to navigate a school system far different from

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## WALK AROUND WHOVILLE AT



Assistant to the Director Kayla Quevillon and young Jackson Quevillon, of the famed athletic Quevillon family of Chelsea, pictured during the Revere Public Library's 'Walk Around Whoville' holiday celebration held on December 17. Children got to enjoy various holiday-centric activities throughout the event. See more photos on Page 10.

**OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON** THURSDAY, DEC. 25 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** WE WILL REOPEN ON . FRIDAY, DEC. 26



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meets important safety standards.

•Charge devices safely. Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

•Keep doorways, stairways, and windows clear. A fire involving a large device such as an e-bike can trap residents if left in an escape route like a doorway, stairwell, or window. Store e-bikes and electric scooters outdoors if possible.

•Recycle batteries responsibly. When it's time to dispose of the device or replace the battery, don't throw it in the trash or regular recycling bins. Physical damage in a

compactor truck or transfer station is a common cause of lithium-ion battery fires. Instead, bring them to a safe battery recycling location. Visit www.call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

In 2023, the Department of Fire Services launched a data collection tool to help officials track the extent of fires, explosions, and other lithium-ion battery incidents. This investigative checklist is used by the State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit, and local fire investigators are encouraged to use it as well. While previous reporting suggested about 20 lithium-ion battery fires per year, the new tool has identified about 90 so far this

Visit the Department of Fire Services' website for more lithium-ion battery safety resources.

#### REVERE HIGH SPEECH AND DEBATE AT THE HOLLY FESTIVAL



Students competed across a wide range of events at the Holly Festival on Saturday, with several earning top placements. Dina placed third in Dramatic Audition and also competed in Original Oratory; Samyak placed sixth in Radio Broadcasting; and Gianna earned Pentathlete honors. Additional competitors included Sala in Congress; Leah and Afomiya in Declamation; Zoha in Poetry; Lyna in Radio Broadcasting and Broadcast Editorial; Noor in Children's Literature; and Diane in Group Discussion. Shown from back from Left to Right: Isha Hassan, Erta Ismahili. Fatima Baoussouh, Alexandra Gracias, Salsabil Mendoza, Adam Ouldzenagui, Dianne Brito, Coach James Conway, Noor Ashour, Samyak Maharjan, Afomiya Wondemagegnhu, Aadrita Rahman, Endurance Nkeh. In the front: Sala Hoxha, Dina Oufessa, Co-Captain Leah Zuniga, Lyna Baoussouh, Gianna Cuzzi, and Co-Captain Isha Hassan.

## REVERE'S JAMES O'DONNELL SPEAKS AT VETERANS PANEL



James O'Donnell, of Revere who is 91 years old and a USCG veteran, was recently asked to participate in a veterans panel event at the Marblehead Village School. His great- grandson, Jack DeSoto is a 4th-Grade student at the school. James is a long time Revere resident and former Revere School Committee member.

Jack was one of the students who asked the panelists questions! The students were fabulous and thanked all of the panelists for their service! Shown above, James O'Donnel, Meaghan DeSoto (Jack's mother and James' granddaughter) Jack's grandmother, Kathleen Callahan .



Add to your holiday celebrations this week by tuning in to replays of this year's Annual Robert A. Marra Memorial Sounds of Christmas Concert! This event featured the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra performing classic holiday songs. Attendees were asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to The Revere Food Pantry. Replays of this year's concert will be scheduled on the Community Channel through the New Year along with a full marathon of past Sounds of Christmas concerts on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Watch the RTV Community Channel to have this orchestral performance playing holiday music in the background of your event! This channel is 8 and 1072 for Comcast subscribers and 3 and 613 on RCN.

Please enjoy RevereTV's coverage of the City of Revere's Menorah Lighting Ceremony from last week which will be playing on the Community Channel through the New Year. Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Mayor Patrick Keefe led the annual ceremony that included words from a local Rabbi and other community members. The recording is also posted in full to YouTube to view at your convenience.

Feliz Navidad and happy holidays from El Concilio Latino!
Members of El Concilio Latino recorded a special episode of their
program where they share how they come together to celebrate
their diverse Peruvian, Salvadoran, and Guatemalan roots.
This includes the traditions they grew up with, and the beloved
foods that fill their holiday tables. Watch the newest episode
now airing on the Community Channel and follow along as they
blend flavors, stories, and customs, and show how they celebrate
community as they eat, laugh, and enjoy the season.

In Season 3, Episode 3 of "Northeast Cooks," join the talented Culinary Arts students from Northeast Metro Tech as they show you how to create flavorful teriyaki turkey rice bowls from scratch. The recipe and demonstration is quick and easy to follow. Watch this program on YouTube to cook along with the students in your own kitchen, or enjoy the show on the Community Channel over the next few weeks.

Northeast Metro Tech Health Assistant Program students also recently visited the studio to demonstrate and share essential wellness skills. This short program shows the students sharing techniques such as performing the Heimlich maneuver, understanding the benefits of healthy eating through different cultures, and practicing basic first aid. Follow along with these Health Assistant students to learn and become a healthier, more informed community.

RTV GOV remains scheduled with all city meetings from December. Watch replays of these meetings until councillors and sub-committee members are back in session in the new year. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN. All meetings are posted to YouTube in chronological order in the "Live" tab or in playlists by meeting type.

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apartment building at 18-22 Green Street."

According to the city's zoning ordinance that created the PUD district, "The purpose of the PUD district is to provide for a mixture of land usage within the city at greater density and intensity than would normally be allowed, provided that the land usage can be shown to be in the public good and:

"A. Will improve and/or reinforce the livability and aesthetic qualities of the surrounding neighborhood and/or environment;

"B. Is consistent with the objectives of this title;

"C. Promotes the development of housing in Revere:

"D. Preserve, promote and encourage use of public and private open space."

The two properties at 18 and 22 Green St. presently are the site of two small, older, single-family homes. Green St., a small side street off the Revere Beach Parkway just north of the Revere public safety facility, parallels Lee Burbank Highway and is adjacent to the former Lee's Trailer Park, where a major residential development is being planned.

Approximately a year ago, the ZBA approved --by a 5-0 vote -- a similar proposal for a 29-unit apartment building on the lot of a former single-family home at 21 Green St. Unlike the 18-22 Green St. project, the 21 Green St. property has direct access to the Lee Burbank Highway at the rear of the lot.

However, ZBA members Lopes and O'Brien, both of whom voted in favor of the 21 Green St. proposal, as well as all of the larger developments earlier in the evening, voted to turn down the requests for the variances for the 18-22 Green St. project.

Attorney Joseph Catoggio presented the application. Catoggio noted that the requested variances pertain to a lack of parking, insufficient lot size, and the total square footage of the lot. He said that the project still will be subject to approval by the Site Plan Review board and will need a Special Permit from the City Council.

"We meet the criteria of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) in which the application will improve the livability and aesthetic qualities of the neighbrohood," Catoggio told the board. "It is consistent with the direction both of the city and the state in promoting the development of housing.

"We met extensively with the present Ward Councillor and the Ward Councilor-elect and we agreed to a number of concessions, reducing our proposal from 39 units to 29 units, all of which will be one-bedroom units," Catoggio continued. "The reduction creates a better ratio of parking-to-unit. In addition, the building will be a staggered-type of design, so that the floors above the second and third floors will be set back 10 feet on all sides so the building will not look like a 'box.'

"In addition," Catoggio added, "we will be making improvements to the water and sewer lines, installing a new fire hydrant, and the ward councillor will have at his discretion the planting of trees in the ward."

Ward 1 Councilor-elect James Mercurio spoke in favor of the proposal.

"I am a proponent for several reasons," Mercurio began. "We have met with the developer to address neighborhood concerns and negotiated meaningful concessions to reduce the impact of this project. The number of units has been reduced from 39 to 29 and the top floor of the building will be recessed by 10 feet on all four sides, reducing the visual mass and better fitting in with the surrounding neighborhood. percent of the units (three) will be affordable to address Revere's ongoing need for housing that is accessible

for working families.

"This project delivers substantial infrastructure improvements for Ward 1," Mercurio continued. "The developer will install a new water main and a new sewer line from the Revere Beach Parkway for the full length of Green St., including the connections for properties on the street. There also will be 25 new trees planted in Ward 1.

"This agreement reflects responsible development, one that balances growth with neighborhood protections. infrastructure investment, affordability, and environmental improvements," Mercurio concluded. "We pushed for changes, the developer delivered, and

Ward 1 will benefit."

Mercurio later re-emphasized the developer's agreement to set aside 10 percent of the units for affordable housing, which he noted was in contrast to the projects put forward by other developers earlier in the evening.

Unlike many other communities, Revere does not have a so-called inclusionary zoning ordinance, which requires that all new residential projects set aside a certain percentage of units for affordable housing. The agreement by the developer, not only was unique, but it also could have set a precedent for other developers in the city.

In contrast to the hearing on the 21 Green St. property a year ago, when residents expressed their opposition to a large-scale apartment building coming to their neighborhood (and the ZBA voted 5-0 to approve the variances over their objections), there was no opposition from residents, nor were there any public safety officials who raised any concerns about the project.

However, after Mercurio spoke, Lopes expressed his reservations. "My concern with this building is that we already have one big building on this street and one being constructed. The means of egress is through Green St. only, both in and out," said Lopes. "I like the affordability and the infrastructure upgrade, but Green St. concerns me because Green St. is such a narrow street and hardly a car can barely get through there. I was there the other day with the new construction going on the right side and it was tight. With two buildings there and now a third coming up, that really concerns me. I'm pro development, but in this instance, I don't like it."

"The construction of our building will not affect the width of the street," said Catoggio. "It's going to be the same width, with the building or not. It will be the same access and egress and there are improvements that we are participating in, involving sidewalks, that will improve the street. There's nothing we can do to make the street wider and it will be the same for any building."

Lopes then voiced another objection to the proposal. "The removal of single family homes on that street for such a big building, that bothers me also," Lopes said. "I have concerns there. It's not like it's an empty lot there. These are lots with single-family homes being demolished to put up a big structure and that concerns me."

However, at the hearing last year regarding the 21 Green St. project, which also was a 29-unit building, the residents' objections that the building was too large for their neighborhood fell on deaf ears.

O'Brien then added that he too, was concerned about the narrowness of the street. "It is so narrow that it's very hard to get traffic to go two-ways on Green St.," said O'Brien, who noted that when he recently drove down the street, he observed two vehicles cut into the parking lot of a business in order to get to the new apartment building at 21 Green St. "On the end of Green St., the majority of people cut through the auto body shop. I see kind of a problem if they should put up some kind of fence."

"The building is similar in size and ratios to the other buildings on the street and our parking spaces are a better ratio," said Catoggio. "We are below what has been approved for others. We did address what we can control. When we go before the City Council, we can address these and other issues, including any with the Fire Department."

Upon a roll call vote, Lopes and O'Brien voted in the negative, thereby denying the application.



2026 Oath of Office Ceremony for the City Government of Revere, Massachusetts



## Monday evening, January 5, 2026 | 7:00PM City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber Revere City Hall

281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts

In accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1986, at the hour of 7 o'clock, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to the City Councillors-Elect and the School Committee Members-Elect.

City Councillors

Anthony Saverio Cogliandro

Angela Guarino-Sawaya

Michelle Kelley

Alexander Rhalimi

Joanne McKenna Jim Mercurio Ira Novoselsky Marc Silvestri Anthony T. Zambuto

Paul Argenzio

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Jacqueline G. Monterroso

Vanessa J. Biasella
Anthony Caggiano
John Kingston

School Committee

Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo
Stephen Damiano, Jr.
Aisha Milbury-Ellis

Attest: Ashley E. Melnik, City Clerk

#### CITY OF REVERE HOLDS MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY IN CELEBRATION OF HANUKKAH

Photos by Cary Shuman

The City of Revere held a Menorah lighting ceremony in celebration of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, on City Hall Plaza.

Mayor Patrick Keefe, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Rabbi Sruli Baron of Tobin Bridge Chabad, Rabbi Benjamin Flax of Temple Tifereth Israel, Winthrop, and Rabbi Lior Nevo of the Jack Satter House, led the Dec. 17 ceremony.

Mayor Keefe, Rep. Jessica Giannino and Rep. Jeff



Attorney Brian McGrail and prominent property developer Jamie Russo.

Turco, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and the spiritual leaders, Rabbis Baron, Flax, and Nevo, delivered remarks.



DEI Director Steven Morabito, School Committeeman-Elect Stephen Damiano Jr., and City Clerk Ashley Melnik.



Shown above, pictured at Revere's Hanukkah Menorah Lighting Ceremony (from left) are: Ward 1 Councillor-Elect James Mercurio, School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano, School Committeeman John Kingston, Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, School Committeeman-Elect Stephen Damiano Jr., Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Rep. Jeff Turco, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Rabbi Sruli Baron, Rabbi Lior Nevo, Rabbi Benjamin Flax, Satter House Executive Director Caren Silverlieb, Rep. Jessica Giannino, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Councillor-at-Large Bob Haas III. Shown right, Bruce Singer (second from left), father of Revere Police Sgt. Joseph Singer, joins the professional law enforcement delegation of Chief Maria Lavita, Officer Stephen Pizzi Jr., and Officer Jose Osorio, who were all part of the RFD's outstanding effort providing security at the ceremony.



#### Portico // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Connected to a lively hub of civic spaces, open space, and retail, the 1.7 million square foot, mixed-use Beachmont Square serves as a gateway to the larger Suffolk Downs site. Suffolk Downs residents have access to a diverse array of fitness, shopping, food, and beverage options. This includes The Yard @ Beachmont Square, The Track at Suffolk Downs, The Dog Park, community events, and concerts hosted at The Stage at Suffolk Downs.

Portico was, in part, made possible through a public-private partnership between HYM, Cathexis, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the city of Revere. Governor Maura Healey and Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus helped advance the development of Portico through the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP), while Mayor Patrick Keefe and the Revere City Council were key in taking the local action needed to unlock Commonwealth tax incentives.

"The Suffolk Downs redevelopment is a transformative project for Revere and Greater Boston, and the Healey-Driscoll Administration was proud to award \$5 million to help make this project possible," said Ed Augustus, Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities. "Portico and the Suffolk Downs redevelopment will help us get to the 222,000 homes Massachusetts needs to keep up with housing demand, give buyers and renters more choices, and bring down costs."

"Today's groundbreaking at Portico reminds us of why both families and



City officials join developers for the ceremonial groundbreaking for Portico, the next residential development planned at the Suffolk Downs site.

businesses invest in Revere. With our scenic coastal geography, convenient access to public transit, and competitive market value, there is clear incentive to plant roots and grow in Revere. Portico will deliver the needed housing, economic activity, and renewed energy to a neighborhood that is central to Revere's progress," said Patrick Keefe, Mayor of Revere.

"We couldn't be happier to celebrate the groundbreaking of Portico today," said Thomas N. O'Brien, Founding Partner and Managing Director of The HYM Investment Group. "Our focus at Suffolk Downs has always been to deliver thousands of new homes and create a truly mixed-use neighborhood and destination to meet the moment for Greater Boston. Breaking ground on Portico represents that vision in action. We are grateful to Governor Healey, Secretary Augustus, Related Fund Management, and all our project partners who have made this groundbreaking possible, and we're certain Portico will be a welcome addition to the Beachmont Square community."

"We are pleased to see Portico advancing as a key component of the Suffolk Downs redevelopment," said William Harrison, CEO of Cathexis. "HYM continues to demonstrate exceptional vision and execution, and their leadership has been instrumental in progressing a project that will bring much-needed housing and lasting community benefits to the region. Portico represents an important milestone in realizing the long-term potential of the site, and we remain committed to supporting the creation of a vibrant, mixeduse community that will serve the region for decades to come."

"Today's groundbreaking of Portico represents another step forward for Revere and for the future of Suffolk Downs," said Senator Lydia Edwards, State Senator for the Third Suffolk District. "This project reflects what is possible when the Commonwealth, the City of Revere, and private partners work together to deliver much-needed housing, create jobs, and build neighborhoods accessible to transportation. I want to thank the Healey-Driscoll Administration, the City of Revere and Mayor Keefe, HYM, Cathexis, and all of the public and private partners whose collaboration made this milestone possible. Portico will not only add hundreds of new homes, but also strengthen Beachmont Square as a community that supports local businesses and expands opportunities for residents across our region."

Related Fund Management, a vertically integrated real estate private equity and credit firm, provided \$226 million in senior construction financing for Portico through its Related Real Estate Debt Fund IV. The construction loan will support the development of Portico and its robust amenities.

JLL Capital Market's Debt Advisory team representing HYM and Cathexis was led by Executive Managing Director Riaz Cassum, Managing Director Andrew Gray and Vice President Robyn King.

"Portico showcases the strength of investor appetite for building high-quality housing in the Boston area. The rental market demand has remained steady, as renters seek high-quality, yet affordable homes," said Riaz Cassum. "This project's strategic location near rapid transit and high-end amenities make it an attractive investment opportunity in today's market."

Suffolk is the general contractor for Portico, leading the ground-up construction of the multifamily building.

"We're proud to bring Portico to life and support the City of Revere as Beachmont Square continues to take shape, providing residents with a connected, amenity-rich home just steps from the Blue Line and all that Boston has to offer," said Pat Lucey, General Portico give us the chance to deliver high-quality housing and vibrant public spaces that truly serve local residents. It's exciting to see the neighborhood grow, and we're honored to help create a place that will benefit Revere for years to come."

for years, and projects like

With the official groundbreaking, construction on Portico has begun and delivery is anticipated by February 2028.

For more information on Suffolk Downs, please visit atsuffolkdowns.com.



Manager, Suffolk Northeast.

"Suffolk has been deeply

engaged in this community

## Happy Holidays



Warmest Wishes from our Family to Yours, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Jennifer, Adrianna and Patrick



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#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

This is the most wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the popular song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile to the faces of even the most-jaded among us.

Despite our hectic rushing to and fro', everybody, it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic and the long lines in stores because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their

Although all of us celebrate the holiday season in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that transcends whatever negativity may exist both in our own lives and in the world around us.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

# Forum

#### **LETTER** to the Editor

#### **CBS: A NEWSROOM** OR A PR FIRM?

Dear Editor.

I am disappointed by CBS News' spineless decision this past Sunday to pull its investigation into the "Inside CECOT" mega-prison in El Salvador. This was not a failure of journalism; it was a failure of nerve. And an irrefutable sign that "freedom of the press," as guaranteed by our First Amendment, is clearly in danger.

The report, led by correspondent Sharyn Alfonsi, documented the "brutal and torturous" conditions facing migrants deported by the Trump administration to a facility described as a living hell. According to internal reports, the story was screened five times and fully cleared by both CBS legal and standards departments. Yet, at the eleventh hour, Editor-in-Chief Bari Weiss spiked it, claiming it needed "additional reporting"-specifically, an interview with the very administration responsible for the deportations despite the fact that Alfonsi had previously requested comment from the White House and relevant agencies.

When a news organization allows a government's refusal to comment to act as a veto over the truth, they have, as Alfonsi put it, handed the state a "kill switch" for any story deemed inconvenient.

In Massachusetts, where

we pride ourselves on a history of speaking truth to power, this kind of corporate cowardice is particularly galling. CBS didn't pull the story because it was inaccurate; they pulled it because it was uncomfortable. By choosing political safety over revealing the truth about the suffering in CECOT, CBS has traded its "gold standard" reputation for political appeasement and a week of quiet. In America, every person on our soil has fundamental rights to fair legal treatment, including court hearings and processes, ensuring they aren't deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, meaning even non-citizens facing deportation have rights to fair

hearings.

We deserve better from our public airwaves.

Our neighbors to the north in Canada aired the roughly 15-minute segment, which was quickly spread online. For those who want to see the reporting CBS was too afraid to air, you can find the segment here: https://archive.org/details/60mins-cecot

**Kane DiMasso-Scott** 



#### ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY

The upcoming long holiday weekend means that most of us will be partaking in traditional gatherings with our families, friends, and co-workers to share the joy of the holiday

Unfortunately, this also means that many among us will be overindulging in holiday "spirits."

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that where alcohol is present, it is used responsibly, not only by ourselves, but by those around us at our holiday gatherings. None of us wants to wake up the next morning with the regret, "If only I had taken their car keys."

We wish all of our readers a happy, and safe, holiday week.

#### A CORRECTION FOR OUR "MAHA MOMS" EDITORIAL

Two weeks ago in an editorial under the headline, "MAHA moms are right about toxic waste," we discussed a petition that some of the members of the MAHA movement had sent to President Donald Trump urging him to fire Lee Zeldin, his EPA administrator, because of Zeldin's recent directives that will make it easier for the production and use of harmful chemicals that threaten to contaminate our air, food, and water.

In that editorial we further wrote: "Also supporting the petition is the group Moms Clean Air Force (MCAF), which seeks to protect children from the effects of air pollution and climate change," and we used a quote from MCAF founder and director Dominique Browning, which concluded, "Lee Zeldin must go."

Taken together, our editorial suggested that the MCAF had signed onto the petition from the MAHA group.

However, according to a spokesperson for the MCAF, "Moms Clean Air Force is NOT a signatory to the MAHA petition. In fact, Moms Clean Air Force has absolutely no affiliation with MAHA. Moreover, Moms Clean Air Force has its own national campaign calling for the immediate resignation or firing of Zeldin — in fact, Moms Clean Air Force was the first national organization to take such action. But, as Moms Clean Air Force is totally independent of the MAHA petition; the timing was simply coincidental."

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## City of Revere to hold 2026 Oath of Office Ceremony

Staff Report

The City of Revere announces that the 2026 Oath of Office Ceremony for the City Government will take place on Monday evening, January 5, 2026. The ceremony is scheduled to begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

The event will be held at Revere City Hall in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, located at 281

Broadway, Revere, Massa-

Purpose of the Assembly In accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws, this meeting is convened for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected City Councillors and School Committee Members.

Officials to be Sworn In

The following elected officials will take their oaths of office during the ceremony:

#### **City Councillors**

- Paul Argenzio
- Chris Giannino Anthony Saverio Cogli-
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group of volunteers collects thousands of dollars in donations and toys, and dis-

It's Christmas time and cial burden. Revere Mayor example, the Senator Di-tributes the toys around the a time for cheer and good Patrick Keefe and his staff Domenico Foundation, this Greater Boston Area, bringing Christmas cheer to other wise less fortunate families around the area.



Asmaa Abou-Fouda, and Chairman of the DiDomenico Foundation Toy Drive Michael McLaughlin with some of the many toys collected to be distributed around the City of Revere. Shown left, Chairman of the DiDomenico Foundation Toy Drive Michael McLaughlin (right) representing Mayor Patrick Keefe and Senator Sal DiDomenico, visited the Revere Veterans Services Office last week and delivered a Santa's sack full of toys for local veterans' children, accepting the generous donation is Veteran's Services Agent Al Terminiello Jr.

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## NeighborHealth appoints Veteran Healthcare Leader Jamie Hazard as President and CEO

Special to the Journal

NeighborHealth today announced the appointment of Jamie Hazard as its new President & Chief Executive Officer, following his nine months of service as Interim CEO. A longtime leader in community health system finance and strategy, Hazard has spent more than a decade at NeighborHealth guiding the organization through major growth, financial transformation, and operational innovation.

Hazard steps into the role with a deep understanding

of what makes Neighbor-Health unique - its roots in community, its people-first culture, and its belief that great care happens when patients, families, and providers are deeply connected.

"Jamie understands NeighborHealth from the inside out, not just the numbers, but the mission, the people, and the communities who count on us every day," said Rita Sorrento, Chair of NeighborHealth's Board of Directors. "At a defining moment for our organization, Jamie brought stability and a renewed sense of pur-



Jamie Hazard, new Neighbor-**Health President and CEO** 

pose. His leadership reflects our values of respect and openness, grounded in community, and a commitment to delivering care that goes beyond the clinic."

Hazard's tenure as Interim CEO came at a pivotal moment for community health centers nationwide. Amid industry-wide challenges, Hazard stabilized NeighborHealth's financial position, strengthened employee engagement, and advanced several mission-critical initiatives. By prioritizing listening, collaboration, and clear communication, his approach fostered strong connections and confidence across staff, providers, the board, and community partners.

"NeighborHealth is a part of the social fabric of Greater Boston, and serving as Interim CEO allowed me to see our organization through a different lens," said Hazard. "What struck me most was the resilience of our team and the extraordinary trust our patients place in us. Stepping into this permanent role is both a privilege and a responsibility I take to heart."

Hazard's 13-year tenure as Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer positioned NeighborHealth for success, increasing annual revenue from \$75 million to more than \$300 million, and advancing key expansions in services, facilities, and community partnerships. He also led the financial integration of the South End Community Health Center, secured complex financing for new facilities, and implemented transformative technology

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### Welcome Club // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the one he had known. There was no guided tour, no built-in support system, and no friendly face assigned to help him find his footing.

"I just got here and didn't know about anything," Marin recalled. "There wasn't anyone to tell me what to do or where to go."

That experience would ultimately inspire Marin to create something he wishes had existed when he first arrived: the Revere High School Welcome Club, a student-led group dedicated to helping new and transfer students-many of them newcomers to the United States-feel seen, supported, and included from their very first day.

Today, when a new student walks through the doors of Revere High School, the experience is very different from what Marin once faced. Instead of navigating the building alone, they are greeted by Welcome Club members who offer personal tours, introduce them to classmates, and help them adjust to daily routines that can feel intimidating to someone new.

"Please make sure you show him around," one tations, and resources that Welcome Club member is might otherwise take weeks heard saying in the WCVB segment, as students guide a newcomer through the school's learning commons and classrooms.

For freshman Cesar Marin, who now helps welcome others, the idea behind the club immediately resonated.

"I thought it was honestly a great idea," Cesar said. "I know how intimidating it is to be new. Even though I've only been new once—back in second grade—it was still terrifying.'



WCVB's Host Antoinette Antonio.



WCVB's Host Antoinette Antonio with Lino Paulo Cabral, RHS **Transfer Student Activity Advisor.** 

The Welcome Club focuses especially on students who are new to the country, pairing them with peers who speak the same native language whenever possible. Members help explain schedules, school expecor months to figure out.

But their support goes far beyond academics.



Scan this code to watch the WCVB seament online.

One of the most daunting moments for any new student, Welcome Club members say, is lunch period—a time when uncertainty can quickly turn into isolation. To ease that transition, club members walk students through the cafeteria, help them select their meals, and sit with them so no one has to eat alone.

"We'll show them where to get lunch and make sure they get what they want," Cesar explained. "Then we sit with them so they don't have to be alone. And they're always invited to sit with us—not just on the first day, but for as long as they want."

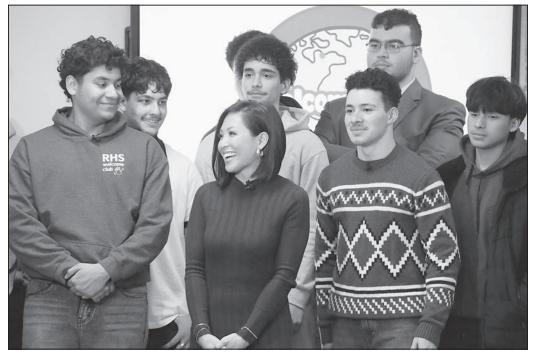
This year, the club's role expanded even further. With cuts to school bus funding, students suddenly

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WCVB's Host Antoinette Antonio interviewed various Welcome Club members for the WCVB segment.

found themselves navigating public transportation for the first time. Club members stepped in to help, showing newcomers how to read bus schedules and safely get to and from school.

In some cases, the help is even more personal.

One Welcome Club member, Maicon Ribeiro, shared the story of a student who reached out with a simple but telling question: how to get a haircut.

"He sent me a message and said, 'I don't know how to get a haircut. Can you please help me?' Ribeiro explained. "So, I took him to the barber shop."

To outside observers, it may seem like a small gesture. To school educators, it speaks volumes about the character of the students involved.

"Do they really need to do that?" said Lino Paulo Cabral, RHS Transfer Student Activity Advisor, during the WCVB segment. "But the fact that they are doing that—it's great. You have a group here with a lot of empathy and a lot of compassion."

Cabral says the Welcome Club embodies the values Revere High School strives to instill in its students: leadership, inclusivity, and community responsibility.

"I'm super proud of them," he said. "They are amazing human beings."

For Marin, seeing the club grow and make an impact has been deeply meaningful. What began as a response to his own sense of isolation has become a lifeline for dozens of students navigating new languages, cultures, and school systems.

"I didn't want anyoneespecially those new to the country-to feel alone," he said.

The Welcome Club's recognition on WCVB's "High Five" segment was a moment of pride not only for the students but also for the entire Revere community. The segment concluded by honoring Marin, Cesar, and all Welcome Club members for their compassion and dedication.

"You get this High Five," Antonio said as the segment wrapped.

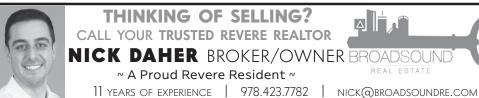


"You get this High Five," Antoinette Antonio said as the segment wrapped.

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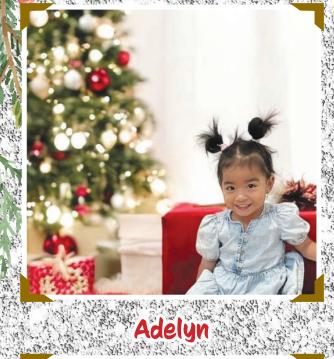






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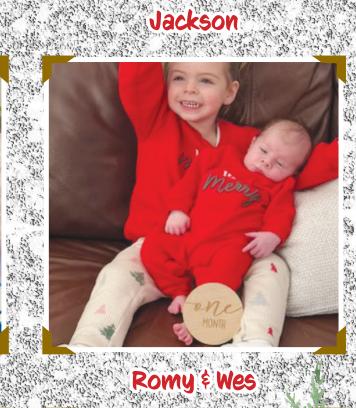
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## **OBITUARIES**

## Charles H. "Chuck" Brownell

Talented carpenter and sports fan



Family and friends

the Massachusetts General Hospital with his family by his side, following a hard fought battle from Lung cancer, he was 62 years old. A funeral service will follow the visitation at 3 p.m. Interment will be private.

Chuck was born on July 9, 1963, in Lynn to his late parents, Patricia (Walsh) Brownell and John S. Brownell, Sr., he was one of five children raised and educated in Revere. Chuck was a very proud veteran of the United States Army. He proudly served his country from 1982 to 1987 and was honorably discharged.

Chuck was a talented carpenter and worked in the construction field throughout his career. For a portion of his life, he worked alongside his father, and it was with him where he learned his trade. Chuck was an avid sports fan and was a New England Patriots super fan. He loved the Patriots and planned his day around their schedule. He also enjoyed watching the Red Sox as well as the other Boston



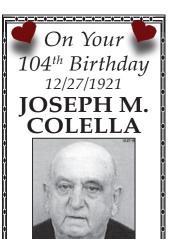
sports teams. Chuck was a friend of "Bill W." and he was proud of his association and sobriety, where he had made many friends and helped many reach their sobriety. Most of all Chuck loved his family. He cherished being together with them for the holidays and any special events.

He is the cherished brother of Cheryl Miller of Saugus, John S. Brownell, Sr. and his wife Karen of Saugus, Glenn Brownell of Franklin, and the late Ronald Brownell. He is the loving uncle to several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Chuck's name to the DAV P.O. Box 14307, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

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

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#### Rose DiStasio McCormick

She remained young at heart throughout her long life

Rose E. DiStasio McCormick passed away peacefully on Dec. 18, 2025, at the remarkable age of 104. She was born on October 31, 1921 in Revere to the late Revere City Councilor Samuel DiStasio and the civically devoted Anna Generazzo DiStasio.

Rose was raised in Revere, a city she cherished and later returned to in order to raise her own family. In her early years, she proudly recalled her time as a traveling contortionist-dancer following her education — a chapter of her life that reflected her adventurous spirit and love of performance. During this period, she endured profound loss with the tragic deaths of her brothers, Peter and Arthur, who passed away just one week apart while serving in the armed forces during World War II.

Rose lived in Charleston, South Carolina, and Washington, D.C., alongside her first husband, James H. Hitaffer, during his service in the United States Navy. Together they welcomed two sons, whom she loved deeply: her surviving son, Arthur Hitaffer, and her late son, James H. Hitaffer II. Rose later found lasting love with her second husband, Russell McCormick, with whom she shared 53 devoted years of marriage.

Throughout her life, Rose worked in several careers, including at Russo's Chocolate Shop, after retiring from American Optical in Chelsea, where she provided product quality assurance. After Russell's retirement from the Boston Police Department, the couple divided their time between Massachusetts and their second home in Naples, Florida. In her later years, Rose resided in Naples, where she remained socially active and deeply connected to her community. She organized the women's golf league, played bocce and cards with many friends, and found great joy in the friendships she cultivated there. She also served as President of a ladies' golf club and enjoyed her membership in the Red Hat Society.

Active and engaged at every stage of life, Rose traveled extensively, with

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memorable trips to Aruba, Italy, and a cruise through the Panama Canal. When closer to home, she delighted in dancing, golf, and cards with both longtime and newfound friends. Above all, Rose expressed her love through cooking - especially by sharing her cherished desserts.

Though modest by nature, Rose possessed a sharp wit and a gift for storytelling that brought warmth and laughter wherever she went. She remained young at heart throughout her long life — even attempting to ride a bicycle well into her nineties - and she maintained a true zest for life right up to the very end.

Rose was predeceased by her parents; her son, James; her husband, Russell; her sister, Mae DiStasio Masci; and her brothers, Peter, Arthur, Richard and Edward DiStasio.

She is survived by her sister, Caroline DiStasio Freeman; her brother, Robert DiStasio; her son, Arthur Hitaffer; her grandchildren: Arthur "Butch" Hitaffer, Kimberly Hitaffer Perez, Victoria Hitaffer Dimino, Sabrina Hitaffer, and James G. Hitaffer; her great-grandchildren: Michael Perez, Christopher Perez, Nicholas Perez, John "JJ" Dimino, and Gia Dimino; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Agnes Parish, 22 Boston St., Middleton on Saturday Dec. 27 at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rose's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, her favorite charity. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Mackey Funeral Home. For online condolences please visit www.mackeyfuneralhome.com.

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#### Gabriella Castellucci

Devoted wife and mother

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Monday, December 22nd in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Gabriella M. (Ciangola) Castellucci, who passed away on December 15th, in the peaceful surroundings of her home and with her family by her side. She was 82 years of age. Her Funeral began from the Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 23rd followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere Entombent follow in Woodlawn Cemetery - Versailles Mausoleum, Everett.

Born in Alatri, Italy she was the daughter of Giovanni and Marcella (Tagliaferi) Ciangola. She immigrated to the United States in 1967 via Ellis Island in New York City and immediately settled in Revere where she remained a longtime resident.

Gabriella was a devoted wife and mother and she also worked outside of the home to help support her family. She worked in the kitchen at Suffolk University for many years. She loved



to cook and shared her love through her delicious meals with her family and friends.

She is the beloved wife of Carlo Castellucci of Revere and devoted mother of Sandra Grillo of Revere. Cherished grandmother of Damiano and Nicholas. She is the dear sister of Giuseppe Ciangola of Italy and the late Nello Ciangola. She is also lovingly survived by several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza. com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere.

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systems that improved operational efficiency and patient experience.

Looking ahead, Hazard's vision builds on the belief that care in community is essential for true health. He plans to expand innovative care models, grow technological and operational capabilities, and continue strengthening the culture so every employee feels valued and every patient feels

"Our mission has always been to create a compassionate, culturally aligned environment that meets people where they are," said Hazard. "We belong to these communities, and together we can shape a healthier future, built on connection, dignity, and access for everyone."

Hazard will begin his role as President and CEO of NeighborHealth on December 19, 2025.

Hazard earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance from Boston College, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts Boston, a Master of Science in Finance from the University of Massachusetts Boston, and a Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) as a McDonough Scholar from Georgetown University. He also serves on multiple boards and committees, including Boston Medical Center's Boston HealthNet, the Community Health Center Committee, the Boston Accountable Care Organization Finance and Contracts Committee, Advocates for Community Health in Washington, D.C., and Community Health Best Practices, LLC in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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#### SANTA CLAUS VISITS COSTA PARK ON SHIRLEY AVE BEFORE HEADING BACK TO THE NORTH POLE



Representative Jeff Turco talks with Amy and Joel Woodman.



Santa gave Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Representative Jeff Turco congratulations on doing such a great job for everyone in Revere.



From Parks and Recreation, Angie Rodriguez-Guzman, Bella Stamatopoulos, Camila Marquez-Perez, Adriana Borriello, Kenny Germain, Noah Page and Kenson Germain.

Last week Santa made a final stop in Revere on his way back to the North Pole. He was making sure all the good boys and girls on his list get exactly what they want. While at Costa Park he posed for several photos, met with Ward 2 Councillor Ira Nonoselsky, State Representative Jeff Turco,

and Director Stephen Morabito, then with a snap of his fingers, the holiday light glowed brightly through the night. Hot Chocolate and cookies were served by the Parks and Recreation Department, and everyone had a great time heading into the final countdown til Christ-



Santa with Yerason, Moti, and Soreeth Lemmi.



Santa visited Costa Park on Shirley Ave and was greeted by, Jan Zunas, Travis Alpert, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, State Representative Jeff Turco, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Stephen Morabito, and Jack DeSantis.



Santa had a photo-op with residents at Coata Park.



Luzelena Landaverde tries out Santa's Jingle Bells.



Patrick Joseph enjoys fresh popcorn.



Jackie Medina gets ready to decorate her cookie.



Miguel Rojas gives Santa a thumbs up.

#### ZBA approves variances for three major apartment buildings, two on Revere Street and one at Overlook Ridge

By Journal Staff

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held its regular monthly meeting last

Wednesday, December 17, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso

City Council Chamber.

On hand for the session were chair Michael Tucker and fellow members Aklog Limeneh, Arthur Pelton, James O'Brien, and John Lopes.

The board approved three major residential development projects: A 112-unit building at 500 Revere Street; a 62-unit apartment building at 329-331 Revere Street; and a 310-unit multifamily residential building on Lot 15 in the Overlook Ridge Overlay District. The board also approved two other applications and rejected another (see accompanying story) on a busy evening.

With regards to the three hearings for large-scale projects, only the proposal for 500 Revere St. faced significant opposition. The ZBA's agenda item for 500 Revere St. stated as follows:

"Zepaj Development, LLC, 791 Broadway, requesting variances of Title 17 of the Revere Revised Ordinances (RRO) to enable the appellant to raze the existing structure and construct a 112-unit residential structure at 500 Revere Street."

Prominent Winthrop attorney James Cipoletta presented the application He informed the members that the existing structure (a former house of worship that has been the home of the Turkish Cultural Council) will be razed, to be replaced by a seven-story building with 112 apartment units, of which 30 will be studios, 58 will be one-bedrooms, and 24 will be two-bedrooms.

There will be 52 parking spaces, of which 40 will be beneath the building at grade and 12 others will be around the building. Cipoletta noted that there are six variances being sought, the most prominent being for the lack of parking and the

excessive height. The building will be 69 feet high in an area zoned for 50 feet, which Cipoletta said is necessitated by the parking at grade beneath the structure.

He noted that the principal hardship (to justify the variances under state law) pertains to the irregular shape of the lot, which consists of 20,365 sq. ft., and added that the developer will provide infrastructure improvements to the adjacent sidewalks, as well as new water and sewer lines.

Cipoletta concluded his presentation by stating that there had been a community meeting "at which we heard the good, the bad, and the ugly. We took all of those comments and put them into a revised plan."

Local realtor Lou Markakis noted that Zepaj Development has been involved with many other projects in the city "and all have been well-received despite initial opposition."

A resident of 9 Ford St. said he initially was skeptical of the proposal, but noted that the development "has more pros than cons and addressed my concerns. the project will add significant value for the residents

of the neighbourhood." Another Ford St. resident said he is not opposed to the project and that he believes that the project will not have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

A resident at 15 Bellevue Ave., a direct abutter, said, "I feel this will be a great project. I've seen the developer's other work and this will be a nice addition to the neighborhood."

A resident of 19 Cooley St. also spoke in support of the project, citing an improvement in the traffic pattern that will accrue from the project.

Ward 5 Councillor Guarino-Sawaya also voiced her support for the project. "I understand there has been some opposition, but I believe this project ultimately will be a benefit both of the surrounding area and the city of Revere, not to mention the added tax revenue for the city. I have met with the developer, Mr. Zepaj, on numerous occasions and he addressed the concerns that had been raised by residents

at the community meeting." Guarino-Sawaya specifically addressed concerns about increased traffic, noting that the traffic pattern of the new building will assist with the traffic flow along Revere St. She also noted that the seventh floor, which will be set back from the street, was necessary for

project and that a building of similar height is also located on Revere St.

"I respect the differing opinions of the neighbors, but this project will have a positive impact on our community. It represents a meaningful improvement and will support small businesses along Revere St. and the broader interests of the city,"

Guarino-Sawaya cluded.

A number of residents spoke in opposition. The first opponent, a resident of the six- unit condo building at 486 Revere St., said, "This is not a hardship. The developer paid a lot of money for the lot, but that is not a hardship." She also cited the potential traffic problems for the intersection of Ford and Revere Sts.

"The zoning codes are there for a reason, to balance the needs of the community and the developer, but in this case, the variances do not support the community," said a resident of 21 Bellevue Ave., who noted the lack of front and side setbacks and the shadows that will be created by the building's seven-stories

the financial viability of the in height. "This will be a giant, monstrous structure in a neighborhood area," he

added. Kori O'Hara of 270 Beach St., who has been highly-critical of the ZBA's granting of variances elsewhere in the city, spoke against the proposal, noting that the statutory tests of hardship are not met by the lot in question. "Variances are not supposed to be a design strategy used to squeeze a giant project into a lot that can't support it under the zoning ordinance," O'Hara said.

Another resident cited the traffic problems that she said the new building will create and that its height will block the sun for her home and others.

In addition, the ZBA received a large number of letters from area residents who opposed the project. After Rick Salvo, the project's engineer, answered some questions from the board members about the project, the board voted 4-1 in favor of the application (with the proviso that the residents will not be eligible

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#### REVERE PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS 'WALK AROUND WHOVILLE' HOLIDAY EVENT

Photos by Cary Shuman

Revere Public Library Director Diana Luongo and her staff brought fun and joy to Revere families at the 'Walk Around Whoville' holiday celebration inside the library, a true 146-yearold educational treasure in

the community.

Children enjoyed visits to the various activity stations: Storytime in Whoville, Naughty or Nice Craft, Make The Grinch Grin, Ornament Decorating, Cindy's Cookie Decorating, Hot Cocoa Bar, and Max's Book Bone-nanza.

The Grinch himself (portrayed by Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hinojosa) made a special appearance to the delight of the many young guests.

Congratulations to Director Luongo and staff on a wonderful event.



Horvath, pictured with Yesenia Calderon-Henry (right), Amir Emmakori and quest, Hauoui, at the cookie table at the Walk Around Whoville holiday event.



The Revere Public Library's "Walk Around Whoville" was a huge success, bringing fun and joy to Revere families. In the front is Kimberlee Horvath. Back, from left, are Trustee Mark Ferrante, RPL Director Diana Luongo, Young Adult Librarian Krystee Maniscalco, The Grinch (portrayed excellently by Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hinojosa), Children's Librarian Lisa Ferrara, Rhea Heaven, and Trustee Dr. Toby Pearlstein.



Youth Services Librarian Christina Puleo welcomes Juliyani Ozual and Persephone Diaz to the Naughty Craft table.



Children's Librarian Lisa Ferrara and guests, Ellie Olesky and Olvia Santos, pictured at the Revere Library's Walk Around Whoville event.



Heidi Urban and David Urban, with children, David Urban and Fiona Urban, enjoying the Library's holiday celebration.



Amanda (right), with her son, Santino, his Nonny, Kim, and Uncle, A.J.



Monica Durango and daughter, Gianna Mora, having fun at the Revere Public Library's holiday-themed event.



Morgan George and Miles George enjoy a holiday treat at the celebration.

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for the city's on-street parking program), with Tucker dissenting.

The board next took up an application from Overlook Ridge, LLC, which requested variances "to enable the construction of a 310-unit multi-family residential building on Lot 15 in the Overlook Ridge Overlay District."

Attorney Adam Weisenberg from the firm of Nixon, Peabody on 53 State St., Boston, presented the application. "This is the last residential lot at Overlook Ridge in the Revere section and consists of 146,000 sq. ft. within the larger Overlook Ridge site plan area," said Weisenberg, noting that the variances being sought pertain to the lack of setback and the maximum height.

Revere City Planner Tom Skwierawski sent in a letter in support of the project. In response to a question from Lopes, Weisenberg noted that the new building will include 15 percent affordable housing and that it is the last part of the 21-year Overlook Ridge project.

The ZBA members unanimously approved the proj-

Next on the agenda was an application from Revere 331, LLC, 1040-1048 North Shore Road, Unit B2, "requesting variances to enable the appellant to raze the existing structures and construct a 62-unit apartment building at 329-331 Revere Street."

Attorney Brian McGrail of Wakefield presented the application. He said that the lot consists of 8724 sq. ft. and is located in the General Business district. One of the structures is an older, mixed-use building dating from 1930 and the other is a three-family structure built in 1920. Both are in poor condition and the parcels have an irregular shape, multiple lot lines, significant sloping, and uneven topography.

The new six-story building will have 14 parking spaces. Variances needed pertain to floor area ratio (FAR), lack of setbacks, lack of parking, a lack of minimum lot size, maximum number of stories, and maximum building height.

"The project advances the purpose of the Revere zoning ordinances by removing unsafe and unsightly structures and providing new housing opportunities in the city that also will support local businesses in the area," said McGrail. "Public transportation is available with bus lines directly connecting to the Blue Line."

The ZBA received numerous letters in support from Revere St. residents.

Ward 5 Councillor Guarino-Saways spoke in favor of the project. "This will replace outdated buildings that detract from the area along this corridor, which is a gateway to our city, particularly during the summer months," she said. "This corridor has tremendous potential and this project represents an investment in realizing that potential. It will provide much-needed housing that will replace outdated buildings that detract from the overall character of this key commercial area and will revitalize an area of the city that has long been overlooked. The developer, Jamie Russo, has a proven track record of revitalizing areas of Revere, such as the Shirley Ave. area that has been transformed thanks to his development projects."

A resident of 33 Hawes St. spoke against the proposal, citing the potential burden on the local schools. She also noted that affordability is an issue for the typical Revere resident. "These are new people coming in who do not stay in the city and are here for only one or two years and give nothing back to the community and then move on to better things," she said.

O'Hara also spoke in opposition to this application, asserting that the "hardship narrative is unsubstantiat-

Another area resident from 65 Stower St. cited the traffic concerns and noted that the Paul Revere School already is overcrowded and the project will add to the problems that already exist.

A resident of 63 Stower St., who said she has lived there for 30 years, suggested that the project will take away from the "close-knit community and the neighborhood of Revere St, as well as adding to the traffic problem from the nearby American Legion Highway."

Lopes apoke following the public comment period.

"I know there is a lot of concern about the buildings that are going up and I understand the frustration. But we have responsible builders in this city who are in this city every day. I visit Shirley Ave. 2-3 times a week and have seen the transformations that have occurred, and I've lived here for 30 years. And to be honest, the traffic that I see the most on Revere Beach is coming from Lynn, Marblehead, Swampscott. I never see anyone coming out of the buildings on the beach

"Traffic is bad on Revere St. in the summer months and traffic is difficult during the school year at the times that school is opening or let-

or on Ocean Ave.

ting out," Lopes added

The members approved the variances by a vote of 4-1, with Tucker dissenting.

The board also took up two other matters. Julia Nogueira, 90 King Street, Hanover, requested a variance of Revere Revised Ordinances (RRO) Section 17.28.020 (minimum parking requirements) and a special permit in accordance with RRO Section 17.40.040 to enable the conversion of an existing non-conforming single-family dwelling into a two-family dwelling at 460 Revere Street.

O'Hara spoke in favor of the proposal, noting the irregular shape of the lot, which therefore created a hardship per state law.

Ward 5 Councillor Guarino-Sawaya noted that she had received two letters in opposition to the petition, but they had not been received by the ZBA. The members voted 4-1 (with Tucker opposed) to approve the application.

The final application came from SD Winthrop, LLC c/o The HYM Investment Group, LLC, One Beacon Street, 31st Floor, Boston, "requesting variances to enable the appellant to construct a plaza consisting of an ornamental tower and marketing office at 619 Winthrop Avenue, adjacent

to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Beachmont Station."

Rachel Ottley, vice-president with HYM (the developer of the former Suffolk Downs), told the board that the parcel in question is the former Beachmont Roast Beef location. She said the new plaza "will be the front door to the new Suffolk Downs."

She said the light tower will be 55 feet tall and will be an "homage to the former light-block tower at the Beachmont station."

Ward 1 City Councillor-elect James Mercurio spoke in favor of the project. "I've spoken to HYM as has the Beachmont Im-Committee, provement which also is supportive of the project. This project is a colorful and creative piece of public art in the gateway to Donnelly Square.'

However, Mercurio added that he wants to ensure that the tower is not be used for a cell-phone tower. Skwierawski sent in a letter from the city endorsing the project.

The ZBA unanimously approved the application, with the proviso that the tower shall remain strictly ornamental and may not be used for communications facilities.

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# **Sports**

#### RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL DEFEATS LYNN CLASSICAL

Photos by Bob Marra

Revere started the season on a positive note with a 49-40 win over visiting Lynn

Classical Tuesday, December 16 in the Greater Boston League opener for both



Addison Ulwick (15) drives past a pair of Classical defenders on her way to two points.



Shayna Smith (22) has her eye on the basket as she drives past Classical's Divine Egbuta (20).



Zohra Benkreira (21) and Captain Shayna Smith (22) tangle with Lynn Classical's Mia Duncan (4) and Divine Egbuta (20) in the battle for a rebound.



Freshman Addison Ulwick (15) releases a pass in front of a Classical defender.



Zohra Benkreira (21) looks for a path around Lynn Classical's Jade Tejada (12).



Sarah Lechheb (3) tries to control the ball as she squeezes past Classical's (20)



Rebecca Mercado (2) defends Lynn Classical's Mia Duncan (4).





# ROUNDUP

#### **REVERE BOYS BASKETBALL TO HOST HOLIDAY TOURNEY MONDAY** AND TUESDAY

The Revere High boys basketball team will host the Patriot Holiday Tournament next Monday and Tuesday (December 29-30) at the RHS Merullo Fieldhouse.

East Boston and Stoneham will open the tourney Monday afternoon at 3:00 followed by a match between Revere and Malden at 4:30.

The consolation and championship games will be held on Tuesday at 3::00 and 4:30.

#### RHS GIRLS **BASKETBALL OPENS** SEASON WITH TWO VICTORIES

The Revere High girls basketball team opened its season with a pair of victories over Greater Boston League rivals Lynn Classical (49-40) and Lynn English (52-31) last week.

Coach Ariana Rivera and her crew were scheduled to meet non-league opponent Marblehead this past Monday and GBL foe Medford yesterday (Tuesday)

They will be off for the next two weeks until they make the short trek to GBL foe Chelsea on Tuesday, January 6.

#### **REVERE BOYS WIN 4 X 200 RELAY AT** SPEED CLASSIC

The Revere High 4 x 200 relay quartet of Oliver Escobar, Joey Angiulo, Kepler Celamy, and Jeremy X sped to a first-place finish with a time of 1:35.12 at this past Sunday's Speed Classic that was held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury.

The Patriots' winning time was 0.93 of a second faster than the second place team from Norton. There were 27 teams competing in the event.

#### RHS GIRLS AND **BOYS TRACK TEAMS IMPROVE TO 4-0**

The Revere High girls and boys indoor track and field teams stand at 4-0 on the season after victories over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Chelsea and Lynn English in a tri-meet this past Friday evening at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Among the Patriots who shone for coach David Fleming's squad in the runaway wins over Chelsea (71-20) and English (69-20) was senior Oliver Escobar, who won the high jump with the top leap (5'-10") of the night among all GBL contestants (every GBL school competes on Friday nights at the Reggie with either dual or tri-meets against their GBL foes). Oliver also recorded the third-fastest 55 meter dash of the evening with a sprint of 6.85.

Senior Edwin Alarcon was the king of the 1000 with the fastest-time-of-all on the night of 3:04.10.

Junior teammate Joey Angiulo recorded the second-best long jump of the evening with a flight of 19'-0.50" and in the 300 dash, Joey sped to the fourth-fastest time with a clocking of 39.36.

Sophomore Thomas Waldron was third fastest in the GBL in 11:56.02; Nathan Krokos was the second fastest in the 55 hurdles with a time of 9.74; and Silvio Neto was the #3 shot-putter of the evening with a toss of 40'-0.50".

On the girls' side, senior Stamatopoulos Gemma was a stand-out once again. Gemma recorded the fastest time of the evening (by three seconds) in the 600 in 1:51.54; tied for first place in the high jump with a leap of 4'-8"; and ran the third-best time in the mile in 6:30.89.

Olivia Rupp crushed the field in the two-mile by 41 seconds with a time of 13:07.81 and recorded the third-best time among all

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#### RHS SPORTS Through the Years

#### 10 years ago December 24, 2015

The Revere High girls basketball team opened the defense of its Northeastern Conference North Division title with a pair of victories over NEC North foes this past week, defeating Danvers 50-32 and Beverly, 76-39. In the Danvers win, sophomore center Valentina Pepic was a true force for Revere with a double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Pamela Gonzalez had 10 points and eight steals. In the Beverly victory, Pepic forwarded another double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Junior center Meaghan Gotham scored 13 points and grabbed eight boards. Senior Ally Hinojosa reached double figures with 11 points to go with her four steals.

The Revere High girls indoor track team engaged in yet another close meet, of which there have been many in the past two seasons, but this time it was the Lady Patriots who emerged victorious, defeating Danvers, 45-41. Leading the way for Revere were the three Lady Patriots who took first place in their individual events: Angelina Nguyen in the 55 meter dash in a time of 7.8 seconds; Jessica Cambraia in the 300 dash in a clocking of 49.7 (which paced a Revere sweep in the 300); and Hannah Fitzpatrick in the mile in 6:07.9. Revere's superior depth allowed the Lady Patriots to take second place in eight of the nine

The Revere High hockey team opened its 2016 season last Wednesday, dueling Lynn to a 0-0 deadlock.

RHS goalie Maxx Anderson, a returning Northeastern Conference all-star, earned the shutout for Revere

Revere High indoor trackmen Dan Murphy, Edi Murjan, and Phuc Tran took first places for the Patriots in their respective events in last week's meet with Danvers. Murphy sped to victory in the 55 meter dash in a time of 6.8 seconds; Murjan grabbed first in the 300 dash in 41.0; and Tran topped the field in the shot-put with a throw of 36'-9".

#### 20 years ago December 28, 2005

The RHS hockey team defeated Lynn English, 4-1. Pat Webber (two goals), Anthony Morico, and Anthony DelloIacono scored the goals for Revere. RHS coach Jim Palumbo also

praised the all-around play of junior winger Marcus Dow.

Peniel Muteba earned victories in the high jump with a leap of 4'-4" and the 50 yard hurdles in a time of 7.9 to lead the RHS girls track team to a 44-42 win over Salem. Julie Paul led a Revere sweep in the shotput and Jamie Anderson led a sweep in the 300. In a thrilling 45-41 win over Swampscott, coach Nancy Krolewski's squad won the meet with a triumph in the final event, the 4 x 400 relay, with the Lady Patriot quartet of Muteba, Kristina Gravallese, Kendall Zullo, and Kayla Cardone defeating their Salem rivals.

Chris Stasio won the 50 dash in 5.8, Anthony Hanslin won the 300 dash in 37.4, and Brian Hartman won the shot-put with a toss

of 43'-2" for the RHS boys track team in a 58-28 loss to Salem

#### 30 years ago December 27, 1995

Former RHS star lefty pitcher Mike Spinelli is working out at Fenway Park to prepare for the coming season in the Red Sox farm system. Spinelli bypassed a four-year scholarship to the Univ. of Miami to sign with the Sox after his graduation in June.

City Councillor George V. Colella has proposed a joint public-private partnership to refurbish Revere High's athletic diamond. Colella said the new field should be named in honor of the late, former Red Sox star Tony Conigliaro, who lived in Revere for the first few years of his life.

#### 40 years ago December 25, 1985

The RHS boys track team opened the defense of its indoor GBL track title with an impressive 55-32 win over Somerville. Bob DeFlumeri won the 50 dash in 6.0; Jeff Pitzi led a Revere sweep in the 300 in 35.9; Tony Losanno won the hurdles in 7.9; Joe Galvin won the 600 in 1:23; defending GBL champ John Bruzzese won the 1000 in 2:35; Al Fiore won the mile in 5:04; Dave DiMattia won the two-mile in 10:32; and John Spinelli won the high jump with a leap of 5'-8".

#### 50 years ago December 31, 1975

Winchester defeated the RHS basketball team 88-67 in the season-opener. Jimmy Driscoll led the Patriots with 19 points.

#### **REVERE** Through the Years

10 years ago December 24, 2025

Now that the courts have decided there should be a recount of the mayoral race that was held Nov. 3, officials are preparing themselves for it to begin in two sessions next Monday, December 28 and Tuesday, December 29, according to Election Commissioner Diane Colella,

Supt. Emeritus Paul Dakin will officially retire today from the Revere Public Schools. Dakin, 64, took the reins of the Revere school system15 years ago, and oversaw the building of five new schools and the creation of the best urban school district in the state.

The Immaculate Conception meal pantry activates during the holidays each year, and residents gathered a variety of food this past Saturday, Dec. 19, at the church for distribution be-

fore Christmas Day.

Revere Councillor-at-Large Steve Morabito, who won re-election to a second term in November, is considering a run for the State Senate seat currently held by Sen. Anthony Petruccelli, who announced that he is resigning his position.

The Revenant and Ghouls are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago December 28, 2005

Hundreds of jobs at Suffolk Downs and Wonderland dog track are at stake, dependent on the outcome of whether the legislature renews the simulcasting bill that expires January 1. Simulcasting of races across the country has overtaken live racing as a revenue producer at the tracks and without a renewal of the legis-

lation, the track owners say

they will be forced to close.

City and school officials say they are pleased with the progress of the construction of the West Revere Complex, the first new school to be built in the city in 10 years, which is on schedule and on budget, with an opening planned for September.

The Zoning Board of Appeals heard nine petitions, some of which were contentious, at its last meeting of

the year this past week.

Although the Boston Archdiocese closed Our Lady of Lourdes Church two years ago, parishioners are planning to observe the 100th anniversary of the parish this year with a Mass on January 7 to be held at the Beachmont VFW Post.

Rumor Has It, The Producers, and Memoirs of a Geisha are playing at the

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GBL contestants in the 1000 in 3:45.94.

Dayana Ortega had the second-fastest clocking in the 55 hurdles in 10.61 and Rania Hamdani's time of 46.62 in the 300 dash was the third-best.

Full results of all of the RHS point-scorers will appear in next week's Journal.

#### RHS BOYS BASKETBALL DROPS CONTESTS TO LYNN CLASSICAL, ENGLISH

The Revere High boys basketball team was hoping to turn the page coming off its tough loss to Arlington Catholic in the Patriots' season-opener when the Patriots traveled to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn Classical last Tuesday, but came up short by a score of 51-31.

The first quarter was very slow-moving for both teams. Patriot junior point guard Adnane Amime made two floaters in the lane and senior tri-captain Devin Berry had a put-back on an offensive rebound, but that would be the only offense Revere could put together in the opening eight minutes.

Trailing 12-6 heading

into the second period, Revere picked up the pressure defensively to create some offense. Sophomore guard Charles Dobre had two steals and two fast-break layups and junior power forward Nico Cespedes scored twice inside to cut into the Classical lead. Senior forward Adrian Sanchez added a free-throw for the Patriots, but Revere still trailed, 20-15 at the intermission.

"Coming out of the halftime locker room, we were hoping to keep the pace slow and stay close," said RHS head coach David Leary. However, the Rams came out on fire and pushed the lead quickly to 14 points before Revere could record a basket. One positive for the Patriots was the offense provided by junior forward Lucca Albano, who had three nice drives to the basket for six points in the quarter.

With Revere trailing 37-26 heading into the final quarter, Cespedes would add two more baskets inside, as well as a free-throw, to give Nico nine points and eight rebounds for the contest.

Senior guard Joseph Cal-

9a-12p Friday

la and senior captain Nick Rupp both made some nice baskets, but it just was not enough for the Patriots to mount a comeback.

Revere head coach David Larry was disappointed after the game with his team's performance, but remains optimistic about the season. "I just thought once we got down 10-12 points, we hung our heads instead of pushing back, and the game got out of hand from there. Our first-half defense was encouraging, but our turnovers offensively led to the big scoring disparity. We have a lot of work to do to improve, but I'm confident these boys will put in the work."

Two nights later the Patriots made another trip over the bridge to Lynn to take on the Lynn English Bulldogs, who usually rank among the "big dogs" in the GBL.

Revere got off to a much better start in this encounter. Senior tri-captain Devin Berry would get the offense going with two free throws and two tough drives in the lane. Sophomore guard Charles Dobre, who recorded 12 points and two steals on the night, had three fast-break lay-ups in the first quarter.

Lynn English pushed the ball at the end of the period and hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to take a 14-13 lead after the first frame. The Revere offense began to struggle in the second quarter, as it did on Tuesday night. The Bulldogs extended their defense, creating many turnovers. However, the Patriots' defense and rebounding kept them within striking range, 27-20, at the intermission.

Offensively in the second period, Dobre hit for a bucket, junior guard lucca Albano had a nice drive to the hoop, and junior Bryan David had a nice offensive rebound and put-back.

The Patriots' opened the second half promisingly. Devin Berry (who finished with 14 points and seven rebounds) hit for three baskets and Dobre added a fast

break layup.

Junior forward Nico Cespedes had a nice put-back (plus the foul) and sank two free throws on the next possession, giving him five points for the game with five rebounds.

After senior forward Jarian Sanchez made a nice basket and junior forward Bryan David added another put-back, the Patriots trailed by one, 38-37, entering the

final period.

The defensive intensity picked up on both sides to start the quarter. Revere managed just three buckets, from Berry, Dobre, and Albano, but Lynn English was able to get to the foul line and made a huge three-pointer to push the lead to seven points with two minutes remaining.

Bryan David (who finished with a near double-double with 11 rebounds and nine points) made a nice basket on an inbounds play and then put back a follow-up rebound on Revere's next possession to cut the Bulldogs' lead to three with just 1:20 remaining.

However, Revere unfortunately needed to foul down the stretch to stop the clock and the Bulldogs made all of their free throws in the clutch to hold on for a 56-47 win.

"I was encouraged by the team's effort, especially on the offensive boards as we had 18 for the game," said Leary. "I thought we played with more spirit on both ends of the floor. We are going to have to win games this year with our defense, our rebounding, and taking care of the basketball. We had too many turnovers again, which gave English more opportunities to score and I think that was the difference in the game."

Leary and his crew were scheduled to meet GBL foe Medford this past Monday night and then will host the Patriot Holiday Tournament next Monday and Tuesday afternoon at the Merullo Fieldhouse (see story above for full schedule).



## Governor celebrates new law sponsored by Rep. Giannino

On Monday, Governor Maura Healey celebrated a new law sponsored by Revere State Representative Jessica Giannino that enhances protections for state law enforcement officers who suffer catastrophic injuries due to an act of violence while in the line of duty.

The legislation, which was included in the FY-2025 supplemental budget, ensures that injured state police officers receive the same disability and retirement benefits as other first responders, providing greater financial security for them and their families. Healey signed this provision into law on Nov. 25

"As a former Prosecutor and Attorney General, I know firsthand how Law



Courtesy photo of Governor Maura Healey signing a new law enhancing protections for law enforcement officers that was sponsored by Revere State Representative Jessica Giannino.

themselves in harm's way every single day to keep our communities safe," said

enforcement officers put Healey. "We owe it to them to make sure that they and their families are supported if they are injured in the line of duty, and that is what this legislation does. I'm grateful to both the legislature and to the dedicated men and women of the Massachusetts State Police for securing these essential protections for their brother and sister officers."

The new law ensures that members of the state police injured by violence while protecting the public are eligible to receive a disability retirement benefit equal to 100 percent of their regular compensation until reaching mandatory retirement age, with continued enhanced benefits thereafter. The legislation also expands eligibility and clarifies the definition of injuries sustained during violent acts, creating a more consistent and equitable system statewide.

"I want to thank Governor Healey for signing this important expansion into law and for her continued commitment to the men and women who serve on the front lines of public safety," said Giannino. "I am also deeply grateful to Speaker Mariano and Chair Michlewitz, for their

partnership and leadership in advancing this legislation. I am proud to have been the original sponsor of the law that created violent line-of-duty injury protections for police officers, and the amendment extending those same protections to Massachusetts State Troopers is a critical and long-overdue step.

"When an officer or trooper is permanently injured by violence while protecting others, they deserve certainty, dignity, and full support from the Commonwealth."

Earlier this year, State Trooper Donald Bossi was seriously injured by a man driving a stolen motorcycle in Revere.

"I would like to thank

**Meet our Project 351 Ambassadors** 

Representative Jessica Gianino and her co-sponsors for presenting and amending House Bill," said Bossi. "I would also like to thank Governor Maura Healey for her ongoing support of law enforcement in the Commonwealth as displayed by signing this bill. Law enforcement professionals understand and accept the risks inherent in our profes-

"This bill demonstrates the administration's commitment to us. As the victim of a violent, near fatal assault, I take great consolation in knowing that if I had succumbed to my injuries, or if I am not able to return to the career that I love, my family will be taken care of."

State Police Colonel Geoffrey Noble said the women and men of the Massachusetts State Police deeply appreciate the action of Governor Healey and the State Legislature to deliver important resources for those affected by violence in the course of their duties.

"Those who raise their hand to serve will never walk alone in their hour of need," Noble said. "These enhanced measures fulfill our collective promise to stand with public servants who suffer an enormous personal cost."

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Revere Showcase Cinemas. can people must understand

#### 30 years ago December 27, 1995

Although both the residential and commercial property tax rates will increase, homeowners should not see an increase in their property taxes because of a decrease in the value of their homes.

A large number of youngsters were on hand for the city's Christmas Festival at Harry Della Russo Stadium last week that featured a hayride drawn by Clydesdale horses and a petting

State Insurance Commissioner Linda Ruthardt has announced a decrease in auto insurance rates that will average 4.5 percent. Auto insurance rates have fallen by 10 percent in the past two years.

Balto and Toy Story are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 50 years ago **December 31, 1975**

Chelsea District Court Judge Salvatore Aloisi will swear in Mayor William G. Reinstein, 11 city councillors, and three members of the School Committee in inauguration ceremonies to be held at Revere High on the Monday after the New Year.

City Council members lambasted the poor snow removal efforts by the city's DPW workers after the 20inch snowstorm that struck the city on Sunday, December 23.

Jeff Bridges stars in Hearts of the West at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

#### 60 years ago **December 30, 1965**

A Superior Court judge, who initially had granted a temporary restraining order to prevent the swearing-in of the new City Council members, now has dismissed a lawsuit brought by unsuccessful City Council-at-Large candidate Mrs. Katherine Collins, who had alleged fraud in the tallying of ballots.

Congressman Torbert Macdonald, who recently returned from a tour of Vietnam, said, "The most important fact that the Ameriabout our fighting in Vietnam is that we are there because the government of South Vietnam has asked for our help." Bette Davis stars in The

Nanny at the Revere Drive

#### 70 years ago **December 29, 1955**

Joseph Cortazze, 46, who has served as the City Auditor for the past three years, passed away this week after a brief illness. He also had served as City Purchasing Agent and as Secretary to former Mayor Peter J. Jordan. He was a Revere native who had lived here all of his

An explosion in an oil burner in the third floor apartment of the home at 1096 North Shore Rd. iniured the tenant and caused \$4500 in damages.

Revere's very own official Santa Claus, Ray Harnev of 65 Haskell Ave., said this past season has been his busiest since he donned the Santa suit 11 years ago.

Clark Gable and Lana Turner star in Honky Tonk at the Winthrop Theatre.

#### 80 years ago **December 27, 1945**

Tragic news was received this week by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaughnessy of 33 Witherbee Ave. when they were informed a few days before Christmas by the War Dept. that their son, Sgt. Gerald Shaughnessy, a gunner on a Flying Fortress bomber, officially has been declared as killed in action in the Battle of Midway in December, 1942, after originally having been declared as missing in action. He is the second son of the Shaughnessys to have given his life for his country. His brother Thomas, a lieutenant, was killed in a plane crash near Wedowee, Alabama, last September.

City Councillor Andrew Cataldo proved a popular Santa for 2000 children on the day before Christmas at a special show at the Revere Theatre.

Edward G. Robinson and Margaret O'Brien star in Our Vines Have Tender Grapes at the Winthrop and State Theatres.



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GMS - Jameelah Figueroa





## DECEMBER SCHEDULE

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#### COMMUNITY



SETH DANIEL PHOTO

Gail Lambert-Lucey (left) and Ed Brown of North Shore Flower Exchange said that despite financial woes, the spirit of Christmas won out when it came to Christmas tree and other related purchases.

## Economy can't dim holiday lights

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

A Grinch of an economy didn't snuff out Christmas this year, at least when it came to the sale of Christmas trees and Christmas decorations.

Out, they turn to these things."

Lambert and her business properties that they brought in 700 Nova

Local Christmas tree retailers said that the season has been brisk and steady, which in these uncertain times was more than what many expected.

This week, we look back

16 years to the

news of 2009.

"It's certainly the spirit of Christmas," said Gail Lambert-Lucey of North Shore Flower Exchange on American Legion Highway. "When people are down and out, they turn to these things."

Lambert and her business partner, Ed Brown, reported that they brought in 700 Nova Scotia trees and had pretty much wrapped up sales over the weekend. Being their first

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

## Five Revere High seniors win coveted Posse scholarships

By SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

Teddy Roosevelt said, "keep your feet on the ground but your head in the clouds," and this the advice that five Revere High School seniors have followed in their college decisions.

Last year, the Revere High School (RHS) guidance office celebrated when they had one winner of the coveted Posse Scholarship; this year, though, they can celebrate five times over.

Already this month, RHS has logged five Posse Scholarship winners in the senior class, and those students will receive full-ride scholarships to schools like Bucknell University (PA), Hamilton College (NY) and Union College (NY).

The Posse Scholarship includes a demanding regimen of preparatory classes, as well as a choice of schools from a list of participating colleges and universities that includes Hamilton, Vanderbilt University, Bryn Mawr College, Union College and Bucknell University - among many others.

Guidance Director Maureen Lenihan said that they nominated 12 students for the scholarship, six were finalists, and five turned out to be winners



LUCIANA SALLES

# RHS senior will appear on the 'Today Show'

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Revere High School (RHS) senior Luciana Salles will get part of her 15 minutes of fame on January 2 when she wishes the nation a good morning on the 'Today Show'.

#### HOLIDAY SPIRIT

#### Residents rise to the challenge, replace stolen toys

BY SETH DANIEL seth@reverejournal.com

It looks like Santa Claus righted the wrong perpetrated by one thief at the First Congregation Church's Annual Christmas Toy Drive.

After having more than 70 gifts stolen from the Toy Drive last week, organizers reported this week that local

donors had come through and replaced all of the gifts that had been stolen.

"I just checked this afternoon and it looks like we have enough presents to cover everything that was stolen," said Dyane Amuzzini, an organizer of the Toy Drive, on Monday. "We will be able to hand out gifts to everyone

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

#### HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the words in this puzzle? Words are hidden ♥ ↑ → ← and ▶

WRAPPING SILVERSMITH CAROLING GINGERBREAD *MENORAH* NUTCRACKER DREIDEL **PEPPERMINT MITTENS** *MISTLETOE* CHIMNEY SNOWFLAKE GARLAND **EVERGREEN** *EGGNOG* CANDYCANE KINARA NORTHPOLE TINSEL REINDEER ICICLE STOCKING WREATH YULETIDE SOLSTICE SCARF COCOAORNAMENT SLUSH

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## Vibrant Array of talent headed to City Hall Plaza and beyond for the event's 50th New Year's Eve Celebration

Special to the Journal

First Night Boston is proud to announce its full schedule of performances for New Year's Eve, which will fill City Hall Plaza and surrounding venues in the hours leading up to 2026. Musicians, performers, and artists will perform in Boston's downtown, with the stage, lights, and ice in City Hall Plaza serving as the event's centerpiece. The latest schedule is included in this release, and all events

are free for all. Festivities for the 50th First Night Boston begin at 10:00 a.m. with performances at the Boston Public Market and exhibits opening at the First Church of Christ, Scientist. At noon, stages alight at Boston Public Library in Copley Square, the Copley Place Mall, and in newly refurbished Copley Square Park. Beginning at 2:00 p.m., outdoor performances kick-off at the main stage in City Hall Plaza with Leaving Irene, SUPER-PINK, Houston Bernard, and MAMADOU blending a variety of beats for the growing crowds. The ice sculpture gallery will sparkle for all to enjoy, celebrating major events coming to Boston in 2026 and America's 250th birthday.

The Greenway carousel offers free rides through the afternoon, and at Boston Common, archery for beginners opens for guests to take aim at 12:00 p.m. The Skating Club of Boston hosts its first of two figure skating shows in the Frog Pond at 3:00 p.m.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and others will speak from the main stage in City Hall Plaza at 5:45 p.m., before the First Night Parade brings hundreds of performers to Boston Common for the 7:00 p.m. Mugar Family Fireworks presented by The Mugar Foundation. As the countdown continues, the tempo at City Hall Plaza picks up with Sons of Levin, Veronica Robles, Hill House the Band, Kei, and the Sultans putting their local roots and vibrant sounds on display.

As the clock strikes midnight, a second fireworks display will set Boston aglow, with the best vantage points available at Christopher Columbus Park, the North End, and East Boston. The fireworks and headlining performance will cap more than 12 hours of free entertainment, light shows, ice sculptures, and other family-friendly programming ringing in 2026, and continuing the longest-running First Night celebration

For more information and to support First Night with a donation, the public is invited to visit www.firstnightboston.org.

#### **Full Performance** Schedule

(As of December 17, 2025. All times subject to minor changes.)

#### **Church of Christ Scientist**

210 Massachusetts Ave., Boston MA 02115

First Church of Christ, Scientist - The Mother Church Extension

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Enjoy free admission to the How Do You See the World? experience + Mapparium globe from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., tours of The Mother Church at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.,

5:00 p.m. First Night Organ Con-

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Soul-touching performances from organists upon one of the world's ten largest organs

## **Boston Public Market**

100 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02108

Jeff Jam Sing-a-long 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Get ready to sing-a-long and dance in the Nook at the Boston Public Market

> Fuller and Friends Trio 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Rooted in jazz, funk, and soul music, Fuller and Friends journeys across all genres of music and have you tapping your toes.

#### **Boston Public Library**

 Newsfeed Cafe 700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Boston Saxophone Quar-

12:00 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. Performing for more than 30 years, BSQ programs have been successful with developing high school saxophonists the Boston

area. ToriTori

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Boston-born singer, songwriter, bending R&B and Soul into something unique. 2023 R&B Artist of the Year by the Boston Music Awards and Act of the Year by the New England Music Awards

#### **Copley Place Mall** 100 Huntington Ave.,

Boston, MA 02116 Chu Ling Dance Acade-

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.



City Hall Plaza will host First Night Boston 2026. Shown above a scene from the 2025 celebration.

Performing at First Night since 1999, a colorful and inspiring performance that showcases the diversity. culture, and art in Boston

Puppet Showplace The-

1:30 p.m. - 2:10 p.m., 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Two shows: Party Animals follows five furry friends as they navigate the biggest social hurdle of their young lives - throwing a party! Holiday Sing-Along: A Puppet Variety Show starts at 2:45 with singalongs and festive friends.

#### **Copley Square Park**

Copley Square, Boston Performances by Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Drumming, dulcimer, guzheng, and Chinese yoyo performances for all to enjoy

A Trike Called Funk 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Participatory dance and arts experience featuring various music and dance forms, pulsing from a customized cargo tricycle and its sound system.

#### **Boston Public Library** - Raab Auditorium

700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Chester Brezniak and Yelena Beriyeva

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Beriyeva has been hailed

"the paragon of the concert pianist" and "a standout performer." Brezniak has performed extensively as an orchestral and chamber music player throughout the

Alex Minasian Trio 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

New York-based pianist, musical director, and educator known for his versatility across jazz and soul genres. Alex bridges generations of music with deep skill & soul

#### **Trinity Church**

206 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02116

Emancipation Proclamation Concert

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Handel and Haydn So-

ciety and the Museum of African American History co-present the Emancipation Proclamation Concert. a celebration of liberty and freedom

#### **Boston Common**

Archery on the Common 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On the Mark Archery is a professional traveling archery service dedicated to teaching youths and adults this unique Olympic sport

Frog Pond Skating Spectacular

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

See national and international competitive figure skaters, soloists, groups, wee skaters, and more at the two shows

Mugar Family Fireworks 7:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

A spectacular Fireworks display over the Boston Common presented by the Mugar Foundation

City Plaza Main Stage

1 City Hall Sq. Leaving Irene

2:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

A soundscape of raw emotion, layered with shimmering guitar work and heartfelt lyrics

**SUPERPINK** 

3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m. An indie disco band instrumental. sometimes sometimes lyrical, always funky

Houston Bernard

4:00 p.m. - 4:40 p.m. Drawing inspiration from Springsteen and Parton, Bernard plays with power, twang, and authenticity

**MAMADOU** 

5:00 p.m. - 5:40 p.m. Blends West African rhythms with, rumba, samba, salsa, and reggae, all rooted in rich guitar and percussion

Boston Music Project 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Creative youth development program highlighting students unleashing their musical creativity

Sons of Levin 7:20 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Boston-based rock band inspired by acts such as Led Zeppelin, The Who, Phish, Grateful Dead and other classic rock mainstays.

Veronica Robles 8:10 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Performance by the Mariachi singer, musician, and Latin American folkloric dancer and choreographer

Hill House the Band 8:50 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Performing a dynamic fusion of funk, soul, and pop

9:50 p.m. -10:10 p.m. Performance by Boston's best R&B artist, including singing, dance, and energy

The Femmes 10:30 p.m. - 11:10 p.m.

A performance by an all-woman and non-binary party band specializing in songs by female and non-binary artists

The Sultans

11:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

The Sultans, one of the area's best cover bands will keep the crowd on their feet as the countdown continues

#### **Old South Church**

645 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 Pipes and Pops Concert

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The best of Boston's brass and percussion artists join organist Mitchell Crawford in a supersonic program of popular classics. Experience Old South's incredible E. M. Skinner organ, with over 7,000 room-shaking

#### **Boston Harbor**

(Off of Long Wharf) Boston Harbor Fireworks 12:00 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. Breathtaking fireworks display over the Boston Harbor, brought to you by Meet Boston.

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#### THE REVERE LEAGUE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS AT SPINELLI'S AND ENJOYS A VISIT FROM SANTA



Anthony and his dad Joe Padova having a great time.

Special Needs is known for their very special Christmas Parties for the clients and families. This year was no different, a delicious sit-

The Revere League for down meal was served at Spinelli's of Lynnfield, the dance floor was filled with the tunes by DJ Alan LaBella, and Sants visited with each one at the party.



Santa with Jenny Johnson and Janice Greenberg.



Amanda Leone enjoying singing with DJ Alan LaBella.



Santa with Amanda Leone, Pamela Anderson, and Kim Sturrock.



Gerald Capurso singing along to a popular **Christmas Carol.** 



Mark Schneider with Santa.



Santa, DJ Alan LaBella and the clients from the Revere League for Special Needs at Spinelli's of Lynnfield.



Steve DiMasi has a dance with Santa.



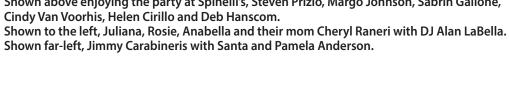
David Tufo with his parents, Ralph and Nancy and Santa.



Kathy Cordero and Pat Ferri get a visit from Santa during



Shown above enjoying the party at Spinelli's, Steven Prizio, Margo Johnson, Sabrin Galione, Cindy Van Voorhis, Helen Cirillo and Deb Hanscom.







## STUDENT SENATE STAR

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## the student senate star

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

## UPDALE FROM SLUDENL SENALE Engagement committee

In the engagement committee, we've Currently, we are focusing on the logistics to the school and spread awareness. We've also planned an Olympics, originally city-wide, but have changed plans this year to have a mini test-run just for the school, split up by grades.

worked on the filming process of the M7 of the mini school-wide Olympics that transportation card video to be sent out is set to take place in February. We are working on sending out a survey to the whole school about what games they are interested in. We are hoping that this Olympics helps foster an inclusive and engaging environment within our school.

## Learn more about revere high SCHOOL'S ENGINEERING PALHWAY

year, the engineering pathway is in its pilot year, the is filled with 35 students wanting to explore engineering topics and engage in hands-on work. Students have a mix of two traditional periods and two flex periods.

Sophomore students have been using their robotics knowledge to create mathematical models for geometry class and learning how to soder. Juniors are taking a new approach to the classic "Build a Bridge" project using their AP Physics Mechanics C topics.

Seniors mentor underclassmen in their classwork while working on their own projects. David Roth is taking Mechanical Engineering where he comes up with a design challenge where he does extensive research into how components work and

Wrapping up the first semester of the does integration of mechanisms. Along with this he also dips into robot designing and creates systems for FTC robots. ELA 12 is another part of the pathway where David can choose to work on what is best for seniors including working on college essays and starting research presentations to prepare for college level coursework. Rose Cao has been taking Computer Science A as an independent study this year. She enjoys having the independence to take the course at her own pace, focusing on the aspects she needs more help on. On top of her heavy courseload, CSA feels like a "breather".

This is just the beginning for the Engineering Pathway and next year there's hopes to include an exploratory component for freshmen.



## ARLIST SPOtLIGHT

KALHERINE UMANA LOPEZ



A handmade mask by Katherine Umana Lopez

This handmade mask was created over the summer of 2025 using a variety of materials, including cardboard, clay, filigree pieces, pearls, chains, and red gems. The mask features a sculpted white clay face with red lipstick, and gold filigree pieces completely cover the eyes to create a blind effect, and you can still see through the small gaps when wearing it, although it might seem like you can't, which I think is a cool thing about this mask. In the center, there's a red gem framed with a floral design, along with gold wings and small gold leaves on each side of the face.

Above the mask is a layered halo structure built with a gold lattice pattern on a red and white background, which complements the sculpted face. There are also pearls, red gems, and a sunburst halo adorned with crown-like filigree designs, crosses featuring smaller red gems, and gold spikes. Gold chains with tiny red gems and crosses hang from both sides simply because I liked how they looked, and other masks inspired me.

I chose red and gold as the main colors, along with white, for their bold and powerful contrast. I added gold wings, crown shapes, and sunburst spikes to give the piece height and make it stand out more. This mask took most of my summer to make, about a month and a half, and despite some challenges I faced, I really loved the process, and it came out exactly how I imagined it.

- Katherine Umana Lopez



# Happy Holidays!

Before this paper goes in the bin, consider one of these quick holiday reuse ideas

Wrap Small Gifts: Use pages for rustic, eco-friendly wrapping. Cushion Fragile Gifts: Scrunch up pages to protect items during shipping. Streak-Free Cleaning: Use crumpled paper to polish windows and mirrors. **Fire Starters**: Twist sheets for a quick way to light a fireplace.



#### **CITY PAWS**

## **Treats For Furry Friends**

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Winter has restrictions that may impact your companion animals' health. Less exercise and more treats can add up to weight gain before you notice it. One way to avoid this is to consider alternative treats that will make you and your animals feel good without a lot of calories.

Sassy, our first Westie, had a weight problem, which, of course, was a people problem. We gave her too many high-calorie treats. When she hit 20-plus pounds, our veterinarian suggested carrots and other safe vegetables as treats. Sassy's favorite vegetable turned out to be rutabaga. She would stand next to Penny and beg anytime one was on the cutting board.

Whole Dog Journal quoted canine nutritionist Diana Laverdure-Dunetz in their article "How Many Treats

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Can A Dog Have Per Day." She suggested no more than 10% of a dog's calories should be from treats. On what to use as treats, she said, "...treats containing high amounts of meat, oil, or sugar, for example, will generally contain more calories than treats containing whole grains, legumes, and non-starchy vegetables. Also, treats that contain more fiber will likely contain fewer calories." Read the ingredient list on a few options before choosing a new treat.

She also reminded us that more active dogs will burn more calories, while older dogs and those who don't get much exercise need fewer or lower-calorie treats. We give our dog Poppy Nulo Training Treats, which are just two calories per treat. In addition, we weigh her food to ensure she doesn't overeat. It may be that your big dog would



Some dogs, like this little one, love carrots and other vegeta-

must be received at the

designated location by the

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Bank, N.A., its successors

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Registration Systems, Inc.,

as Mortgagee, as nominee

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its successors and assigns

Registry of Deeds at Book

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of said Mortgage and for

the purpose of foreclosing

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Auction at 2:00 PM on

January 28, 2026 at 20

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Irving Street, Revere,

Mortgage, to wit:

380-27

State of MA

Tax Id Number(s): 22-

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OF MASSACHUSETTS,

LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS

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SUFFOLK, COMMONWEALTH

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in said Suffolk County

61546, Page 182 for

and assigns by assignment

and assigns, dated

12/24/25

unacceptable.

be just as happy with a couple of small treats as with one big one.

#### **The Best Vegetable Treats**

Just like people, companion animals can have different tastes in treats. The best

way to find out and ensure you have that vegetable on hand is to start by sharing something you are eating or preparing. Make a list of foods you can feed without harm, and refine it to what you usually buy. If green beans are on the menu, offer one to your pal. Cut off a bite of apple as you eat one and see if your dog likes it. Baby carrots are ready to hand out from the package if your pet likes them.

#### **IOU's**

We hear so often that experiences are the best gift of all. With an IOU jar, you can replace a treat with something that will make your companion feel the love behind the gift.

Sit and think about experiences and moments your dog or cat seems to love. Write a few on a slip of paper, fold it, and pop it into a jar. You could make multiples for "one extra treat," "a small piece of cheese," or "a favorite scratch."

Poppy loves it when we take a family walk. Most of the time, Ed walks her, but she does seem to like it when we all walk together. On the other hand, a walk with a friend might only take you a few moments to arrange, but it would be an excellent experience for both of you. If there are dogs that your beast seems to enjoy, send a text and arrange a date to walk together.

Make this winter a time when you maintain your critter's health by adjusting their treats. Giving treats does make both you and your animal happy. You can do that with alternative treats, lower-calorie treats, or smaller treats.

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

## **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE To the owner of 2019 **HONDA** Civic abandoned at 1071 Western Ave B5, Lynn, MA 01905. Please contact City Line Auto Body, to claim the automobile. License plate is 4NJL38, VIN #2HGF-C2F89KH511233. My telephone number is 978-729-5984.

12/17, 12/24

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE To the owner of 2018 HYUNDAI Elantra abandoned at 1071 Western Ave B5. Lvnn. MA 01905. Please contact City Line Auto Body, to claim the automobile. License plate is 4AFR48, VIN #5NP-D84LF7JH287973. My telephone number is 978-729-5984.

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12/17, 12/24

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE To the owner of 2021 HYUNDAI Santa Fe abandoned at 1071 Western Ave B5, Lynn, MA 01905. Please contact City Line Auto Body, to claim the automobile. License plate is 1YM490. VIN #5NMS1DA-J1MH321281. My telephone number is 978-729-5984. 12/17, 12/24

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elaine M. Jones and Derrick P. Jones to Coldwell Banker Mortgage dated September 26, 2003, registered at the Suffolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 00667062 and noted on Certificate of Title No. C41-38; said mortgage was then assigned to J.P. Mor-

es, the description as set Association by virtue of an forth and contained in the assignment dated October mortgage shall control 3, 2008, and registered as by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected assigned to Federal Nationon the property and all easements, rights, by virtue of an assignment appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or to U.S Bank Trust National hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale. by virtue of an assignment

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Dated: October 21, 2025, **Towd Point Mortgage Trust** 2019-4. U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture By its Attorney DOONAN, **GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC,** 

100 Cummings Center, Suite 303C, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 57499 (JONES)

12/17, 12/24, 12/31

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** CAPIC Public Announce-

ment of Invitation to submit a PROPOSAL CACFP Small/informal procurement threshold contract value under \$250,000/year The enclosed REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) and accompanying Specifications are for your convenience

in submitting a proposal for the enclosed referenced products and services: CLOSING DAY AND TIME: Sealed proposals will be received no later than: 1pm EST, January 7, 2026 Small and minority firms are encouraged to apply. The advertisement is subject in all respects to

the terms and conditions of

the request for proposals.

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PLEASE MARK SEALED **ENVELOPE:** CDC & ASP CACFP Small/ **Bid Informal Procurement** Contract Value Under \$250,000/year

RETURN PROPOSAL TO: Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. Attn: Richelle Cromwell, **Executive Director** 100 Everett Avenue, Unit Chelsea, MA 02150

Organizational Overview Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) invites qualified vendors to submit proposals for CAPIC's Child Development Center and After School Program, located at 9 Arlington Street, Chelsea MA, 02150 intention of sponsoring the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Planned dates of operation are 01/19/2026 through 9/30/2026, (5) days per week, Monday through Friday. Anticipated service

is 72 breakfast, 72 lunches and 161 snacks. CAPIC is a privat non-profit corporation chartered in 1967 and designated to identify and eradicate the root causes of poverty in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. CAPIC has been designated by the State and Federal Government as a Community Action Agency and currently employs approximately 115 employees.

All bids are subject to re-

view by the Massachusetts

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Office, 75 Pleasant Street Malden Ma 02148. The public bid opening will be at (10:00 am January 8, 2026) 100 Everett

Avenue, Unit 14, Chelsea Copies of contract requirements outlined in the Food Service Agreement can be obtained by

> capicinc.org. TAXES CAPIC is exempt from Federal Excise and State

emailing brodriguez@

Sales tax; therefore, tax must not be included in the proposal's price. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS CAPIC reserves the right

to accept any proposal or alternative proposal proposed in whole or in part, to reject any or all proposals or alternatives proposals in whole or in part and to waive irregularity and/or informalities in any proposal and to make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of CAPIC.

 CAPIC reserves the right not to consider any proposal which it determines to be unresponsive and deficient in any of the information requested within the RFP.

 CAPIC reserves the right to determine whether the scope of the project will be implemented entirely as described in the RFP, a portion of the scope, or that a revised scope be

PLAN, ONE HUNDRED implemented. CAPIC appreciates your (100) FEET; time and effort in prepar-NORTHWESTERLY: BY LOT ing this proposal. Please note that all proposals 290 AS SHOWN ON SAID

> NORTHEASTERLY: BY LOT 279 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN, ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET;

PLAN, FORTY (40) FEET;

CONTAINING 4,000 SQUARE FEET ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN.

Commonly known as: 20 IRVING ST, REVERE, MA 02151 For title see Deed recorded herewith.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water hills municipal lie and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's

fees and costs. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of TEN THOU-SAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$10,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms, if any, to be

Santander Bank, N.A.

Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS LAW GROUP PLLC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 24-012930

12/24/25, 12/31/25, 1/7/26

#### **LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF

MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT

PROBATE AND FAMILY

COURT

Suffolk Probate and

Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU25P2815EA

Estate of: James P Mantia

Also Known As: James P

Date of Death:

12/16/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Ad-

judication of Intestacy and

Appointment of Personal

Representative has been

filed by Doreen Steele of

the Court enter a formal

Decree and Order and

for such other relief as

requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests

Revere, MA be appointed

as Personal Representa-

tive(s) of said estate to

serve Without Surety on

administration.

the Court.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have a right to

the bond in unsupervised

You have the right to ob-

tain a copy of the Petition

from the Petitioner or at

object to this proceeding.

attorney must file a written

appearance and objection

at this Court before: 10:00

a.m. on the return day of

This is NOT a hearing date,

appearance and objection

If you fail to file a timely

written appearance and

objection followed by an

within thirty (30) days of

the return day, action may

be taken without further

UNSUPERVISED ADMIN-

ISTRATION UNDER THE

PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM

A Personal Representative

appointed under the MUPC

in an unsupervised admin-

istration is not required to

file an inventory or annual

accounts with the Court.

Persons interested in the

regarding the adminis-

tration directly from the

Personal Representative

in any matter relating to

the estate, including the

distribution of assets and

expenses of administra-

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D

Rivers, First Justice of this

Date: December 12, 2025

Stephanie L Everett, Esq.

12/24/2025

Register of Probate

and may petition the Court

estate are entitled to notice

notice to you.

affidavit of objections

but a deadline by which

you must file a written

if you object to this

proceeding.

01/23/2026.

To do so, you or your

that: Doreen Steele of

Revere, MA requesting that

SUBMIT TO LEGALS@REVEREJOURNAL.COM

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU25P0326EA Estate of: Victoria Marie Della Porta Also known as: Victoria M Redmond, Victoria M Della Porta Date of Death:

12/14/2024 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Amme Della Porta of Revere MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Amme Della Porta of Revere, 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 01/20/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection

if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMIN-ISTRATION UNDER THE

MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administra-

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.

tion.

Date: December 18, 2025 Stephanie L Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and **Family Court** 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU25P2785EA Estate of: Ralph Epstein Also known as: Ralph Robert Epstein Date of Death: 12/16/2024

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mark D Epstein of Revere. MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Mark D Epstein of Revere, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to ob-

tain 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

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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Register of Probate

Date: December 11, 2025 Stephanie L Everett, Esq. 12/24/2025

12/24/2025



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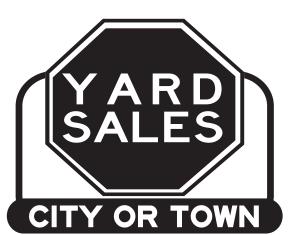
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#### REVERE SENIOR CENTER HOSTS 2025 HOLIDAY PARTY



Revere Senior Center members dancing to the "Electric Slide."

Seniors gathered in ugly sweaters, tinsel, and their holiday best for the Revere Office of Elder Affairs Holiday Party on December 17 at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish. Members enjoyed catering by Volare Restaurant, served by members of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, and musical entertainment by DJ Alan LaBella, who encouraged friends to slide on the dance floor and sing along

to Christmas classics.

Photos by Marianne Salza



Friends dancing to "Celebration."



Representative Jeff Turco, Deb Peczka, Director of Elder Services, and Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Bruna D'Ambrosio, Irene Lanza, and Marianne Campagnone.



Deb Peczka, Director of Elder Services, Mayor Patrick Keefe holding Gus, Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Emily Peczka.



"Electric Slide" dancing participants with DJ Alan LaBella.



Linda Doherty as Mrs. Claus and Sandi Lozier as an elf.



"Twelve Days of Christmas" senior center singers along with Mayor Patrick Keefe, DJ Alan LaBella, School Committee member John Kingston, Victor Pelatere, District Director for Senator Edwards, Councilor Paul Argenzio, Deb Peczka, Director of Elder Services, Councilor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, and Anthony Caggiano, School Committee member.



Joe Guarino, Irma Accettullo, Revere Police Captain Tom Malone, Josephine Picardi, and Geri Damiano.



Deputy Aramis Rivera, Lieutenant Richard Saint Germain, and Officer Marisa Hardy, of Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, with Julie Raftery, Councilor-at-Large Michelle Kelley, John Kingston, School Committee, Councilor Paul Argenzio, and Anthony Caggiano, School Committee.



Joanne King, Maria Margaca, Roy Zarbano, Andy Rossi, Liz Haley, Yvonne Aguas, and Lonnie Powers.



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Marie Voto and DJ Alan LaBella.



Regina Ferrara and Councilor-at-Large Tony Zambuto.



Mary Vigliotta with Santa.



Eleanor Vieira with Santa.