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City council establishes gift account for public library

By Adam Swift

The Revere Public Library now has an official mechanism to receive donations to help support its operations, programming, and maintenance.

Monday night, the city council approved establishing a gift account for the Revere Public Library.

"Recently, the Library was the grateful recipient of a significant donation of over \$18,000 from the Revere Beautification Committee upon the dissolution of their organization," stated Library Director Diana Luongo in a letter to the council. "In addition to the generous gift, the Library routinely receives monetary donations throughout the year from individuals and community groups who wish to support library programs, collections, and services."

With the lack of a designated account to deposit the funds, Luongo said the library was limited in its ability to properly hold, track, and utilize donations.

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The Rossetti Cowan Senior Center Knitting/Crocheting Group. Shown with some of their most recent projects. From left, Paula Roberts, Leticia Gasca, Janey Murphy, Tina Notaro, and Sandi Lozier.

Talent and gifts that keep on giving

Staff Report

The Rossetti Cowan Senior Center Knitting/Crocheting Group are a dedicated group of ladies that meet every Thursday 10:00am til 11:30am. Collectively they meet to enjoy the craft they excel at and talk about current events and families. The other side of the coin is that they use their refined skills to help whoever asks for it, from children in the elementary schools, to their friends and neighbors at the Revere Senior Center.

Shown with one of their most recent projects, knitted and or crocheted Christmas stockings for Revere's veterans.

These stockings were crafted with love and the willingness to do for others, making a difference in someone's life and as well as satisfaction to theirs.

Some of the many projects that have made a difference in our community include: Scarfs, for a fundraiser for the Senior center, as well as for the Senior Singers that appeared in many holiday Christmas events, Christmas Stocking for the Revere Veterans Services Office, Christmas presents for the Parc at Harbor View Senior Living Center in Winthrop, hats and scarfs for the Hill Elementary School, and stuffed

animals for the Susan B Anthony students.

There are many more to this list, as you can see these ladies are very busy, and a big part of the Revere Community. Want to join in the fun? meet great people, stop by the Rossetti Cowan Senior Center at 25 Winthrop Ave in Revere, or call 781-286-8156. Want to help, skeins of yarn of any color is a big help, or any knitting needles or crochet hooks will not be refused either. A little goes a long way, and these dedicated ladies of talent and goodwill for all, make it go a lot further and for so many people.

POPEYES HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT 304 SQUIRE ROAD



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Popeyes, known for its New Orleans-style fried chicken, chicken tenders, and biscuits, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new location at 304 Squire Road, Revere. Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Rep. Jessica Giannino, and city officials joined Popeyes representatives for the grand opening. Pictured, from left, are Business Liaison John Festa, Manuela Villa Gomez of Sen. Lydia Edwards' Office, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Councillor-at-Large Joanne McKenna, Popeyes General Manager Marvin Guzman, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Vice President of PN Restaurants Alberto Cruz, Rep. Jessica Giannino, Mayor Patrick Keefe, School Committee member Anthony Caggiano, City Council President Anthony Zambuto, Popeyes Director of Operations Howard Hymowitz, City Council President Anthony Zambuto, Popeyes Director of Operations Howard Hymowitz, City Council President Anthony Zambuto, Popeyes Director of Operations Howard Hymowitz, and District Manager Irvin Cubas.



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Council looks to limit residential parking permits

By Adam Swift

Monday night saw the first meeting of a new year for a new city council session, but there was plenty of familiarity with the number of motions introduced dealing with city parking and traffic issues.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro and Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya introduced a motion requesting Mayor Keefe ask the traffic commission to establish a reg-

ulation limiting the number of residential parking permits issued per address or housing unit to four. The councillors' request does include the stipulation that residents may apply for additional parking permits through an appeal process administered by the parking department.

"I originally brought this motion forward last year, but I think it fell through the cracks," said Guarino-Sawaya.

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MASSACHUSETTS SENIOR ACTION COUNCIL AT ROSSETTI COWAN SENIOR CENTER



Resident of the Jack Satter House Joanne Gaff Monteforte has a discussion with Representative Giannino during last weeks meeting of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council which was held at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center. See more photos on Page 5.

Councillors look to reestablish youth shoveling program to help senior citizens

By Adam Swift

The city council is looking to reestablish a program in the city where young people would help shovel for senior citizens following snowstorms.

At Monday night's council meeting, Councillor-at-Large Robert Haas, III and Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya introduced a motion asking that the mayor, "in conjunction with the Youth Works Department and School Department, revisit the idea of implementing a Teen Shoveling Program, which would pair students with city seniors and disabled residents who are unable to maintain their properties

during winter months, and especially following storms and inclement weather."

The program would provide students monetary compensation and/or community service hours, according to the councillors.

"I know that this is an issue that we brought up a few years back and we seemed to be making some good headway with it at the time," said Haas. "But it kind of fell under the radar and there were some changes in the city. Someone I was working with on the disability commission on this has left for another employment opportunity, but I am thankful for Councillor

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REVERE'S ALBERT NICHOLLS AT BALLROOM DANCE SHOWCASE



Revere resident Albert Nicholls participated at the Dance Sport Academy of New England Ballroom Dance Showcase held on December 21 of this year at the dance studio in Brighton, Mass. With a live audience and along with other performances, Albert, with his instructor, Mrs. Saori DeSouza, as his partner, performed the Christmas Waltz

The audience appreciated the performance and said the ticket price paid was well worth it. Albert enjoyed cheering for other performers and appreciates the dedication of his teacher/owner of the Dancesport Academy of New England challenging him to make his best effort in his ballroom dancing.

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no-Sawaya. "I was happy when Councillor Cogliandro wanted to revisit it, and with the parking still being a major issue, it is important that we act now. Right now, single, two families, and three families can receive multiple residential parking permits, sometimes up to 10 per unit."

Guarino-Sawaya said this creates a strain on the neighborhoods and on-street parking.

"I do want to stress that the apartment buildings do not contribute to this, because they receive no parking permits," she said. "We're asking that the traffic commission consider capping the permits ... to at least four per unit with an appeal process for residents who might need more. Residents have a difficult time finding a parking spot, and sometimes, from what I understand, residents call me and say they have to park two or three streets over from their house, and that shouldn't be happening; they should be able to find parking on their street."

The Ward 5 Councillor said the motion is about fairness, balance, responsibility and responsibly managing the shared streets in the city.

"I had a good conversation with Director (Zach) Babo in parking and we have to hit the reset button on this," said Cogliandro. "We have cars that are automatically registered every year of people who no longer live in the city that don't change their address. Everett has a program where they allow four (parking permits) and that is one of the reasons we did four; and it's not auto-renewed, you have to reapply every year.

"I think we need to do that for a couple, two or three years; we have to hit the reset button."

Cogliandro said councilors get numerous calls from residents regarding vehicles they don't recognize parked in front of their houses.

"This is a good way to control the number of cars that are allowed to park on our streets," he added.

Council takes up traffic and maintenance issues

By Adam Swift

In his first meeting as Ward 1 Councillor on Monday night, James Mercurio picked up where his good friend and current at-large Councillor Joanne McKenna left off, introducing several Beachmont-related traffic motions alongside McKenna.

McKenna and Mercurio's first motion of the new session asked the mayor to request the Department of Conservation and Recreation to repair the street lights on Winthrop Parkway along Short Beach.

McKenna said the lights have been destroyed by motor vehicle accidents and have not been repaired since September.

Over the past four or five years, there have been motorists driving faster and taking out more streetlights

along Winthrop Parkway.

"There have been more streetlights on Winthrop Parkway that have been taken out in the last four years," said McKenna. "I put a motion in four months ago that the state police go down there and slow the traffic down because they are speeding. Two lights are totally missing at Short Beach, three lights are out on Winthrop Parkway, and one of those lights is crucial because it is on a crosswalk and you have to cross three lanes and it's really dark down there."

McKenna said she would also like to see a representative from National Grid address the council about the issue, since she said they will have to do the work to replace the lights. In addition to the lights along the parkway, the councillor said there are street lights out

across the city and that the ward councillors could possibly provide a list of broken street lights to National Grid.

Mercurio said he agreed with McKenna that it is a dangerous situation along Winthrop Parkway and Short Beach.

"There are like five lights that are out; as soon as you go around the curve, there are two lights that are out on the beach," he said. "We need to get this fixed, this is a public safety issue and it's gone on too long. This is (McKenna's) second time on this motion, and we really need to put a fire under someone's butt."

McKenna and Mercurio also introduced a motion asking the mayor to request MassDOT to repair potholes on the westerly side of Revere Beach Parkway, especially in the right-hand

lane, from the police station to the intersection of Route 16.

"I put this motion in about a month ago, and it's still not fixed, and now the potholes are getting bigger," said McKenna. "This is a very heavily traveled road, and I just can't understand why they just can't go out there, especially now that it is pretty warm and we are having a thaw, and they are not doing it."

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he did contact some staff at the DCR maintenance yard and that he believed that some of the potholes were fixed, but that with the bad weather, more have popped up.

Novoselsky asked to also be included on the motion, and said he would contact the DCR maintenance workers again about addressing the issue.

Following Switzerland tragedy, State Fire Marshal reminds bars and clubs of sparkler hazard

Special to the Journal

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine today sent a notice to Massachusetts bars and restaurants regarding the fire hazard posed by spar-

kers, which are believed to have contributed to the tragic New Year's Eve fire that claimed dozens of lives in a Switzerland bar.

"Please be advised that sparklers and other pyro-

technic devices, including so-called 'cold spark' pyrotechnics, are illegal for possession, sale, and use in Massachusetts without professional licensing, certification, and permitting,"

RHS SPEECH AND DEBATE COMPETES IN WINTERFEST AT NEWTON SOUTH



The RHS Speech and Debate Team competed this past Saturday at the Winterfest tournament hosted at Newton South High School. Dina Oufessa placed 2nd in Original Oratory. Afomoya placed 6th in Declamation. Gianna Cuzzi competed in Children's Literature.

Revere TV
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SPOTLIGHT

Get back into watching Revere's local government meetings with all of the newly sworn in City Councillors and School Committee members. The Oath of Office Ceremony for all elected members was last week and is now part of the replay rotation on RTV GOV. The current meeting replay rotation to start the new year includes the Cultural Council, the first official City Council meeting, and this week's Commission on Disabilities and Affordable Housing Trust Fund meetings. RevereTV covers all meetings that take place in the Council Chambers after noon and these meetings stream live on YouTube and the television channel, RTV GOV. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 on RCN. All meetings replay on television in the weeks following their occurrence, but stay posted to YouTube to view at your convenience immediately after airing. Follow RevereTV on YouTube for the easiest online experience.

Popeye's officially opened on Squire Road a few weeks ago but recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony with the city. RevereTV recorded this small ceremony in full and it is now playing on the Community Channel. This ribbon cutting ceremony is followed on the channel by the recent opening ceremony of Ebenezer Tax & Services Inc. on Broadway. Both of these recordings can also be watched on YouTube.

As city events start to ramp up through the winter, some holiday event coverage will continue to replay on the Community Channel in between more recent programming. Don't forget that all of RevereTV's coverage remains posted online even after the replays stop on television. One new thing you can tune in to is the RHS Basketball season. RTV has committed to covering at least one Revere High School Basketball Game each week, schedule permitting. Game coverage will alternate between the boys' and girls' teams. You can watch last week's game versus Chelsea replaying on the Community Channel now. This week's girls' game versus Somerville will play live on YouTube and TV. All games will replay on the Community Channel, but game coverage on YouTube will be taken down from YouTube until the end of the season.

Some recent programming to catch before leaving the Community Channel is all of the cooking shows from December. Get your fill of the holiday recipes showcased on "Fabulous Foods with Victoria Fabbio," "What's Cooking Revere?" and "Concilio Latino Presents." These December episodes will replay on the Community Channel for another week or two before being phased out. Victoria Fabbio is already scheduled for another session in the kitchen to produce her January episode of "Fabulous Foods" which will be airing soon.

The Susan B. Anthony Middle School Drama Club performed The Spongebob Musical and RevereTV is able to play the recording on television only. This play is currently replaying on the Community Channel in the evenings. Tune in on Comcast channel 8 and 1072, or RCN channel 3 or 614 to watch this performance.

JANUARY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	FRIDAY
5:15AM - FULL BODY STRENGTH - MIKE A. (45 MIN.) 6:00AM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2/3 9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2 10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (60 MIN.) 2 4:30PM - SLOW VINYASA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) 2 5:30PM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2/3 6:30PM - XTREME HIP HOP W/ BANDS - MIKIE (50 MIN.) 3 7:30PM - GUIDED STRETCH - JOVANI *NEW CLASS*	5:15AM - BOOTCAMP - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2 6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2/3 9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2 10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (60 MIN.) 2 12:00PM - GUIDED STRETCH - JEM (45 MIN.) 6:00PM - SALSA - JUAN (60 MIN.) *
TUESDAY	
5:05AM - STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - MIKIE (50 MIN.) 2 5:15AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2/3 6:00AM - GUIDED STRETCH - JEM (45 MIN.) * 6:00AM - STRENGTH & CORE - MIKE A. (55 MIN.) 2 5:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2/3 5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - JOHNNY (45 MIN.) * 6:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (50 MIN.) * 7:30PM - STRENGTH - APRIL (50 MIN.) 2	6:30AM - BARRE - JACKIE (50 MIN.) 2 6:30AM - FITCLUB - MIKE (50 MIN.) * 7:45AM - HYROX - MARCELO (65 MIN.) * 9:00AM - SLOW FLOW - MIKE (50 MIN.) 2 10:00AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2 11:00AM - ACUMOVE - JULIE (45 MIN.) * 12:00PM - GUIDED STRETCH - JEM (45 MIN.) * *NEW TIME*
WEDNESDAY	
5:15AM - UPPER BODY + CORE - MIKE A. (45 MIN.) * 6:00AM - 30 MIN. HIIT - MIKIE 6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2/3 9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2 10:30AM - STRENGTH & STRETCH - CHERYL (60 MIN.) 2 5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - JOHNNY (45 MIN.) * 6:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) * 7:00PM - BOOTCAMP - MIKIE (60 MIN.) 2/3	9:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2/3 10:00AM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2/3 11:00AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2/3 12:00PM - GUIDED STRETCH - JEM (45 MIN.) *
THURSDAY	
5:15AM - LED DAY - MIKE A. (45 MIN.) * 5:15AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2/3 6:00AM - CLASSIC STEP - NIKKI (45 MIN.) * 6:00AM - CORE - MIKE A. (45 MIN.) * 7:00AM - SALSA - JUAN (60 MIN.) * 9:00AM - GUIDED STRETCH - JEM (45 MIN.) * 5:25PM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2/3 6:30PM - BUTTS & GUTS - VANESSA (45 MIN.) * 6:30PM - BARRE - JACKIE (50 MIN.) 2 7:30PM - SALSA - JUAN (60 MIN.) *	LEVEL 1: BEGINNER LEVEL 2: INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 3: ADVANCED *ALL LEVELS RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON OUR MOBILE APP REGISTER 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE PLEASE NOTE SPOTS ARE LIMITED! \$10 DAY PASS AVAILABLE
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State Fire Marshal Davine wrote in a notice to proprietors of restaurants, nightclubs, bars, and discotheques. "This includes small sparklers that have been sold as novelties or party favors to accompany champagne bottles, which are believed to have caused the New Year's Eve fire that claimed 40 lives and injured more than 100 people in Crans-Montana, Switzerland."

The Marshal thanked the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, which has provided the notice to local licensing officials for distribution to licensed establishments, and the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, which is distributing the notice to its members.

Separately, the Department of Fire Services issued a notice to a Hialeah, Florida, business that markets sparklers online. This business, King of Sparklers LLC, reportedly sold and shipped sparklers that were later recovered by Fall River Fire Department inspectors at a local establishment.

"The shipment of prohibited fireworks products into the Commonwealth constitutes a violation of Massachusetts General Law and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Code and presents a significant public safety concern," the notice stated.

State Fire Marshal Davine said that sparklers burn at temperatures of over 1,800° Fahrenheit and cast sparks that can easily ignite furnishings, decorations, and other flammable materials. They can remain hot enough to start a fire even after they've been extinguished, as happened in 2022, when the unsafe disposal of illegal sparklers caused a three-alarm fire in Dracut that displaced nine people. They are classified as fireworks in Massachusetts and their possession, sale, and use require professional licensing and certification.

"The tragic fire in Switzerland has a chilling similarity to the Station Nightclub fire in Rhode Island, which led to numerous safety reforms in Massachusetts bars and clubs," State Fire Marshal Davine said, noting the sprinkler regulations, inspection schedules, and crowd manager requirements that are now in place in Massachusetts. "We just want to help these businesses keep their patrons and staff safe."

Revere weighs shift from lottery to neighborhood model for middle school placement

Special to the Journal

Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly, Revere Public Schools officials, School Committee members, and Mayor Patrick Keefe gathered with families, caregivers, students, and staff on Tuesday evening to solicit community feedback on a potential overhaul of how students are assigned to the city's three middle schools—Rumney Marsh Academy, Garfield Middle School, and Susan B. Anthony Middle School.



Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly during Monday night's meeting to discuss a potential overhaul of how students are assigned to the city's three middle schools.

The meeting focused on whether the district should transition away from its long-standing, lottery-based placement system and adopt a neighborhood middle school model, beginning as early as the next school year. School leaders emphasized that no final decision has been made and that parent input will play a key role before a vote expected later this winter at the February 10th School Committee meeting.

Mayor Keefe opened the evening by welcoming families. He described the discussion as one that has been ongoing in Revere for nearly two decades and stressed the administration's desire to approach any change collaboratively.

"(The lottery) has served a purpose, but there's a new school of thought in re-shifting back to neighborhood schools," Keefe said. "Our model is to do things with you, not to you. Change is hard, and we want to make sure families understand what's being considered and why."

Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly explained that Revere's middle school lottery was introduced in 2010, shortly after new school buildings opened. At the time, demand for Rumney Marsh Academy and Susan B. Anthony Middle School far outpaced interest in Garfield Middle School, creating enrollment imbalances that resulted in problems with staffing, class sizes, and resource allocation.

According to district data shared at the meeting, family preferences have fluctuated significantly over the past five years. In some years, fewer than 20 percent of families selected Garfield as their first choice, while more than half selected Rumney Marsh. Without a lottery, officials said, those disparities would result in overcrowded classrooms at one school and under-enrollment at another.

"On average, Garfield would have fewer than 400 students, Rumney Marsh close to 700, and Susan B. Anthony somewhere in between," Kelly said. "That's not educationally sound, and it creates class sizes that are simply too large for effective learning." District leaders noted that the lottery has succeeded in balancing enrollments over the last many years.

Over the past five years,



Mayor Patrick Keefe said there's been an appetite in the city to eliminate the district's middle school lottery system for some time.



School Committee members Aisha Milbury-Ellis, Anthony Caggiano, and John Kingston, during Monday's meeting.

REVERE ELKS LODGE 1171 FRATERNAL COMMITTEE AND WARD 2 COUNCILLOR IRA NOVOSELSKY



The Revere Elks donate many items for veterans every year for the holidays, as well as sponsoring luncheons and dinners throughout the year. From left: Tim Walsh, Steve and Janice Morrison, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, Jimmy Bocchetti, David Fuentes, and Anessa Schena.

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for their intended purposes.

"Establishing a dedicated donation account would allow the Library to responsibly manage these funds and ensure they are used to directly benefit library services, programs, and the Revere community as intended by our donors," Lutongo stated.

Several councillors asked who would have oversight

over the use of the gift donation funds.

"We follow the laws to make sure nothing is excessive, illegal, or fraudulent, but the gift account does not have to come before the council for appropriations from it," said city finance director Richard Viscay. "It is essentially like a revolving fund. We establish the gift account and my job is

the audit to make sure that the funds spent out of that account are indeed for the betterment of the library."

The use of the gift account would be at the discretion of the library director and the board of library trustees, Viscay said.

Councillor-at-Large Robert Haas, III asked if there was a need to establish gift accounts for other depart-

ments in the city.

"We do have some set up, and I believe we have one for elder services and we have a donation account for fire," said Viscay. "As the need comes up to create a gift account, we can certainly do so. But I don't know how many departments actually get gifts; I can probably do a little investigating to see who does and does not."

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Guarino-Sawaya for wanting to team up again on this one."

The need for snow shoveling services after a storm is one of the biggest issues Haas said he has heard about from senior citizens.

"There are some nights when I am walking my dog after a storm, the day after storm, and you will see there are houses that are completely shoveled, and then you will get to one house where an elderly woman lives, and you will see it's iced over and the stairs look icy," said Haas.

"It is a program that the city has had before with the JROTC that kind of fell apart a few years back due to the lack of huge storms, I guess, and a few other reasons. The key to it is finding a point person we can work with, whether it is in the school department, whether it is in Youthworks, but it is definitely something that Councillor Guarino-Sawaya and myself are willing to work with and get off the ground."

Guarino-Sawaya said she recently discussed the issue with Mayor Patrick Keefe and she asked that

city workforce development Director Gerry Visconti appear before the council to discuss a program the city is considering.

"Our suggestion was maybe getting a school guidance counselor involved and have a rolling list of kids that do want to participate in this program," said Guarino-Sawaya. "The city does have a little bit of money that they do for

parks and rec that they can pay them. It won't be big money, but they do get a stipend."

The Ward 5 councillor said the program could enrich the lives of both the senior citizens and the students.

Councillor-at-Large Joanne McKenna noted that the city might want to get in touch with the class advisors at the high school,

since they are the ones that typically help take care of the community service hours for the students.

"This is all well intended, and I think the bottom line is funding," said Council President Anthony Zambuto. "If we are going to put this in place we've got to come up with the funding ... if we get something in writing, and then we can run with it."

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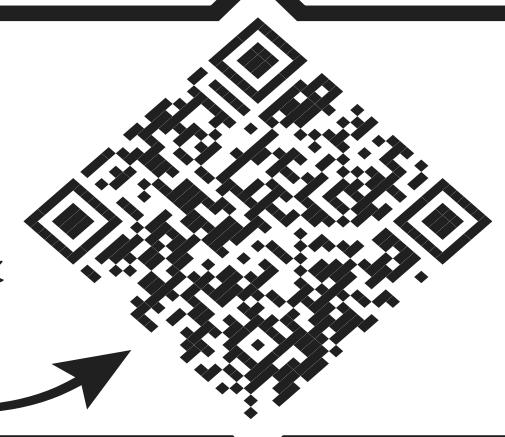
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REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

For those of a certain age, it is hard to imagine that 2026 will mark 58 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Recalling how we felt when we first heard the news of Dr. King's murder still brings chills and a deep sense of sadness that never has subsided.

For those who are too young to have been alive in that era of American history, there are a few things that everyone should know about Dr. King that should provide inspiration to all of us.

First, Dr. King was fearless. He knew from the inception of his rise to prominence of the Civil Rights movement that he would become a target for those who opposed change. Yet, even though he often told others that he believed his death would be imminent, he did not relent in his fight to continue his work in the civil rights movement.

Second, Dr. King stood for the rights of all Americans, not merely those of color. He was in Memphis because he was working with striking sanitation workers, whose pay and working conditions he was seeking to help improve. He also was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War because he knew it to be an unjust war, not only for poor Americans who could not get a college deferment for the draft, but also for the people of Vietnam, whose homeland was being bombed into oblivion at great profit for the American military-industrial complex.

Third, Dr. King spoke forcefully about the economic inequality that existed in the 1960s -- and that has been exacerbated exponentially today -- making the attainment of the American Dream all but impossible except for a select few.

If Dr. King were alive today, there is no doubt that he would be in the forefront of the protests against the barbaric deportation program by the federal government.

Dr. King's words ring as true today as they did two generations ago. His "I Have A Dream" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speeches are among the most powerful orations not only in American history, but in all of Western civilization.

All of us should learn from the example set by Dr. King. His life was a testament to the idea that each of us has the power to change the world -- and that each of us has the capacity to inspire others, whether through our words or deeds, whether on a small or large scale, to make the world a better place. Many of our fellow citizens have followed the path set by Dr. King and many more will do so in the years ahead.

Dr. King often would say, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Admittedly, that "bend" often has taken a less-than-direct path in recent years.

But as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day this Monday, let us recall not only his memory and the many things that he accomplished, but let us also resolve never to yield to the forces of intolerance, prejudice, and hate that continue to plague our country and the world today.

STILL TIME TO GET FLU SHOTS FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILDREN

An estimated 7400 Americans already have died from the flu this season. Although most deaths occur among senior citizens, young children are the next most-vulnerable group.

The tragedy is that almost all of these deaths would have been preventable if those who died had received their flu shots.

It is not surprising that this flu season has seen more hospitalizations and deaths compared to last year. Fewer Americans have received a flu shot, even though a vaccination is the number one means by which Americans of all ages can receive protection from serious illness and death.

It is estimated that 90% of pediatric deaths -- four deaths have been reported in Mass. thus far this season -- occur in children who were unvaccinated.

This tragedy in our country is the inevitable result of the spread of misinformation about the safety and efficacy of vaccines. Instead of following medical guidance, those who do not get vaccinated instead are relying on social media and other, uninformed sources to guide their medical decisions.

So our advice to everyone who is unvaccinated simply is this: Stop listening to know-nothing social media feeds and get a vaccination ASAP -- it just might save your life or that of a loved one.

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Forum

REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago

January 13, 2016

The Conservation Commission has approved an amendment to the order of conditions for the Baystone Development Corp., which proposes to build a five-story apartment building at 526-546 Revere Beach Boulevard.

Powerball has hit a staggering and record-breaking \$1.5 billion and hundreds of residents are running to their favorite corner store to buy tickets for Wednesday night's drawing.

A handful of parents whose children were stranded in the cold last Thursday morning when a school bus never showed up are calling this week for the schools to institute a backup plan for such situations. At least four parents expressed frustration over the situation that unfolded Thursday morning when about 20 middle schoolers from the Garfield Middle School were never picked up at their Derby Road stop at 6:45 a.m.

The Revenant and Kung Fu Panda 3 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago

January 18, 2006

Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, which was shut down by the Archdiocese of Boston 18 months ago, learned this week that their appeal to the Vatican in hopes of reopening their parish has been rejected.

Gov. Mitt Romney has announced he is in favor of increasing local aid by 20 percent and lifting the cap on the amount of lottery revenues that can be sent to the state's cities and towns. Romney said that revenue growth has been strong and that the state has recovered from the recession of 2001 that resulted in significant cutbacks in local aid.

Media representatives converged on the Necco candy plant on American Legion Highway for the annual unveiling of the company's new candy heart sayings on its iconic candies for the coming Valentine's Day season.

Memoirs of a Geisha, Fun With Dick and Jane, and Syriana are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago

January 17, 1996

Mayor Robert Haas said this week that he intends to increase funding for the Revere Public Library as soon as a new library director is named. A recent report in the Revere Journal shows that Revere spends far less per capita on its library than nearby communities.

Two stabbings occurred in separate incidents less than an hour apart Sunday

evening on Shirley Ave.

City and state officials are warning owners of commercial and residential buildings to clear their roofs of snow to avoid possible collapse. Massachusetts already has been blanketed with 60 inches of snow this winter season.

Mr. Holland's Opus, Sense and Sensibility, and Jumanji are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago

January 15, 1986

Revere police patrolman Daniel Sweeney, one of six Revere officers indicted

in connection with the looting of the CVS at Northgate when they responded to an early-morning burglar alarm, has had all charges against him dismissed by Superior Court Judge Robert Mulligan because of a lack of sufficient evidence.

A surprise safety check by the Police Dept. of all taxicabs in the city resulted in the revocation of six medallions.

Plans for a \$30 million condominium complex on Revere Beach, to be known as the St. George Seaside Condominiums, were unveiled this week. The building will be 12 stories high and 360 feet long.

Robert Serino is the new Grand Knight of the Revere Knights of Columbus.

Runaway Train, Jewel of the Nile, and White Nights are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago

January 21, 1976

The Revere League of Women Voters released a report, which has been three years in the making, that is highly-critical of the proposed Revere Beach development plan that has been put forward by the Alba Corporation.

The Alba plan calls for 948 units of housing, whereas the League says that Revere Beach development instead should be geared toward cultural, commercial, and recreational projects.

Building Inspector Stanley Ferramo said this week that the former Revere High School building is a dangerous structure that should be torn down forthwith. He noted the extensive vandalism that has occurred to the former school since it was abandoned two years ago.

Earthquake is playing at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

60 years ago

January 20, 1966

Alert action by a local youth has led to the arrest of an 18 year-old East Boston youth who has admitted to molesting six boys, three of whom are from Revere. The Beachmont youth was given a description of the suspect by his younger brother,

who had been one of the three youths from this city who had been molested.

When the older brother saw a person fitting that description he called police, who arrested the East Boston youth while he was talking to a group of young boys who were coasting in the Beachmont area. According to police, the suspect has a long history of molestation and was just released from prison three months ago.

The Revere YMCA recently took a major step toward becoming a full-fledged YMCA organization when it was granted a charter by the national YMCA as a branch of the Malden YMCA.

A fire that gutted the house at 86 Winthrop Ave. Sunday night has left two families homeless.

School Committee members took turns deplored what they termed the "filthy" conditions at the Garfield School at their meeting last week.

Raids by police at two local homes resulted in the recovery of thousands of dollars worth of loot that had been reported stolen from North Shore homes in recent months. Police also found a box that contained a five-foot long Cobra snake.

Robert A. Parker of 73 Franklin Ave., a senior at Revere High, has been accepted to MIT.

Sgt. First Class Sidney Rigoff, a medical assistant, has received the Army Commendation Medal for his rescue of a pilot from a burning aircraft after it crashed in Vietnam.

Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin star in Robin and the Seven Hoods at the Suffolk Downs Drive In.

70 years ago

January 19, 1956

Mayor Harry Della Russo has named Mrs. Rita Russo of 43 Cushman Ave., the wife of Anthony Russo, proprietor of the popular Buddy's Luncheonette on Broadway, as his mayoral secretary. Mrs. Russo had

been the head of Della Russo's City Council campaign committee in the November election.

Strong opposition to a bill filed in the Senate to allow the city to adopt a Plan B form of government was voiced by many local residents and City Manager Edward P. O'Toole. Plan B would eliminate the City Manager post and provide for a popularly-elected mayor. The city turned away from a popularly-elected mayor less than 10 years ago when voters adopted the present Plan E form of government.

The Rev. W. Chester Jostrom has resigned as the pastor of Trinity Congregational Church effective February 12. He will be taking a post in Springfield, Mass.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has released its report for 1955 and noted that the liquid savings of New Englanders is at an all-time high thanks to increasing employment and higher wages.

Frank Sinatra and Debbie Reynolds star in The Tender Trap at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago

January 17, 1946

Congressman Thomas J. Lane said this week that the Boston area would see a huge boon if the proposed United Nations building and headquarters were to be located here. Lane was the principal speaker at the recent testimonial banquet in honor of Mayor Ray Carey at the Ocean View Ballroom.

City Clerk Joseph McChristal has resumed his duties as City Clerk after returning from four years of military service.

Robert Levine is the new Commander and Miriam Cohen is the new Ladies Auxiliary President of the Prince-Strauss Post, Jewish War Veterans.

Fred Astaire stars in Yolanda and the Thief at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

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THE ROSSETTI COWAN SENIOR CENTER HOSTS THE MASSACHUSETTS SENIOR ACTION COUNCIL AND A VISIT FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE JESSICA GIANNINO



State Representative Jessica Giannino, Director of Elder Affairs Deb Peczka, and from the MSAC Pam Edwards with Revere's senior members of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council.



Meyer Blumenthal discusses a safety/handicap matter at the Bowdoin Street MBTA Station with Representative Giannino.



State Representative Jessica Giannino talks with Dorothy D'Italia and Rosemarie Pisano.

Members of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council were at the Rossetti Cowan Senior Center last week to discuss their upcoming actions and on a membership drive to join the group. The MSAC is a statewide retiree program, representing seniors on different levels of government and issues across the state. Representing members in lower health care costs, championing higher taxes for corporate leaders of industry, lowering the costs of "the Ride" and other such programs.

MSAC leader Pam Edwards and members of the

council were available to talk one on one with Revere's seniors and taking applications for the 10 dollar a year membership dues. This allows the paid member to receive the new letter and emails with updates on legislative bills and changes. To Rossetti Cowan Center as of this date has 30 paid members to this program.

Adding her reinforcement to the good work of the MSAC was State Representative Jessica Giannino, who personally showed up to the senior center to support the actions of the council and Pam Edwards's team.



State Representative Jessica Giannino visited the Rossetti Cowan Senior Center last Thursday afternoon, addressing upcoming legislature and taking questions from Revere's seniors.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

REVERE, CHELSEA SENIORS EARN COVETED QUESTBRIDGE AND POSSE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Pioneer Charter School of Science I (PCSS I) is proud to announce that two of its students have received coveted full ride scholarships to prestigious higher education institutions.

Merisa Kllomollari, 18, of Revere has been named a QuestBridge National College Match finalist and was matched with Yale University through the program. QuestBridge is a national nonprofit that connects high achieving students with leading colleges and universities. Kllomollari will be attending the New Haven, CT school this fall on a full scholarship, where she plans on studying neuroscience and pursuing medical school after graduation.

Emily Green, 18, of Chelsea has been named a Posse Foundation finalist



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Merisa Kllomollari

Emily Green

and will attend Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania on a full-tuition scholarship. The Posse Foundation is a national nonprofit organization that identifies, recruits, and supports diverse student leaders and places them in supportive cohorts or "posses" at partner colleges and universities. Green intends to major in political science and attend law school upon graduating from Bryn Mawr.

"We are incredibly proud of Merisa and Emily for earning these well-deserved honors," said Barish Icin, CEO of Pioneer Charter School of Science. "Their accomplishments reflect the very mission of our school: preparing students for success in college and life by developing strong academic skills, resilience, and a love of learning. Merisa and Emily embody the dedication, ambition, and character we strive to cultivate in every PCSS student."

Through a rigorous curriculum with an emphasis on STEM and the humanities,



Chair of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council, Pam Edwards passes out membership applications and the current newsletter.

PCSS prepares students for excellence in any path they choose. The school looks forward to seeing Merisa, Emily, and all its students continue to reach their highest potential.

PCSS is a rigorous college preparatory charter school that aims to prepare educationally under-resourced students for today's competitive world.

PCSS I, located in Everett, serves students in Grades K through 12 from several communities North of Boston, including Everett, Chelsea, and Revere.

PCSS II, located in Saugus, serves students in Grades K through 12 from Saugus, Salem, Peabody, Lynn, and Danvers.

Thank you to supporters of our Thanksgiving Day Dinner & 22nd Annual Eastie's Elves!

* This year, the Madaro Family Community Fund was able to spread joy and provide to thousands of families, which would not be possible without the generosity of our community members and donors. Through our annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, we donated 250 turkeys and served 750 Thanksgiving meals.

* Our 22nd annual Eastie's Elves toy collection and holiday celebration provided over 3,000 holiday toys and nearly 700 gift cards to families in East Boston, Winthrop, and Revere.

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where they live while maintaining balance across demographic factors such as income, race, multilingual learner status, and special education needs.

Skwierawski said planners considered both natural and artificial boundaries when drawing proposed attendance zones, including hills, major roadways, and traffic patterns. Roads such as Route 16, Route 1A, and Route 60 were treated as significant barriers due to safety and walkability concerns.

"We weren't just drawing districts that looked good on a map," Skwierawski said. "We were thinking critically about how families actually move through the city and how students would get to school safely."

Under all three neighborhood options, the number of students living more than two miles from their assigned school would drop dramatically—from more than 400 under the current

lottery model to fewer than 100. At the same time, the number of students living within one mile of their school would more than double, significantly reducing the need for busing.

District leaders emphasized that specialized special education programs would continue to operate at designated schools regardless of the placement model. Students whose Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) require specific services—such as the ASCEND program housed at Garfield—would still be assigned accordingly, Dr. Kelly said.

Current demographic data shows relatively even distributions across schools for low-income status, multilingual learners, and students with 504 plans, though Rumney Marsh currently enrolls a higher percentage of students with IEPs due to the concentration of specialized programs there.

Skwierawski noted that

MAPC also analyzed projected enrollments several years into the future, accounting for population trends and major housing developments. Despite continued residential construction in Revere, overall student enrollment has declined since peaking around 2016—a trend consistent across much of Massachusetts.

Kelly summarized the benefits and drawbacks of both systems. The lottery promotes citywide connections among students and helps balance enrollment, but increases transportation costs and creates anxiety for families. Neighborhood schools offer proximity, continuity, and reduced busing, but may limit cross-city interactions and require more frequent staffing adjustments to address enrollment shifts.

"There's no perfect solution," Kelly said. "We promise that regardless of the model, all students will have what they need. The challenge is figuring out how best to get there."

During a lengthy question-and-answer session, parents raised concerns about sibling placement, special education services, safety, and the clarity of the proposed maps. District leaders acknowledged those concerns and said feedback would help refine future decisions.

A district-wide parent survey will be distributed this week, allowing families to review detailed data and rank their preferred options, including whether to keep the lottery system. Survey results will be presented to the School Committee next week, with a vote expected at the committee's February meeting.

"This is about listening,"

Mayor Keefe said in closing. "We want a solution that makes sense for families today and remains flexible for the future."

OBITUARIES

Christine Frances Salé

A sensitive, funny, and deeply caring woman of faith

Christine Frances (Bruno) Salé, 76, passed peacefully on the morning of Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Christine is survived by her devoted son, Dr. Michael Salé. She was the beloved wife of the late Manuel "Manny" Salé and the daughter of the late Pasquale and Libera "Libby" Bruno; the dear sister of Rose Mozzetta and the late Netta Famolare, Anna DeMatteo and Richard Bruno. Christine touched the lives of all who knew her.

Born in 1949 in East Boston, Christine attended Curtis Guild Elementary

School and Fitton Central High School. She spent much of her professional life working at Boston City Hall, where she was known for her dedication and happy demeanor.

Christine married her husband, Manny in 1979 and together they welcomed their son, Michael in 1981. The family lived in Revere for many years before moving to Everett following Michael's graduation from college.

Christine will be remembered as a sensitive, funny, and deeply caring woman of faith. She had a deep love for music, especially the songs of The Beatles and Carole King, and music was always playing in the family home. It brought her comfort, joy, and a sense of peace, and it filled her home with warmth and love. She was an incredibly devoted wife, mother, and daughter.

For many years, Christine lovingly cared for her elderly mother, Libby, with unfailing patience and compassion. She was immensely proud of her son Michael and never missed an opportunity to speak of him



with joy. Michael fondly recalls the many ways his mother supported and encouraged him throughout his life, instilling in him a strong love of learning, emphasizing the importance of education, and always creating opportunities for him to grow. He also treasures the many family road trips and summer vacations, and the countless memories his parents shared together as a loving couple.

The family extends their deepest heartfelt gratitude to the nurses and staff at Briarwood Rehab and Healthcare for the care, kindness, love, and dignity they showed Christine during her battle with dementia in her final years. The family also wishes to thank the team at LifeCare Advocates/Alder and all the other caretakers, companions, and medical professionals for the deep care and support they provided to Christine and her family over the past several years.

Private services will be held for immediate family. A celebration of life honoring both Christine and her beloved husband, Manny will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Christine's memory to the Dementia Society of America at <https://www.dementiasociety.org>.

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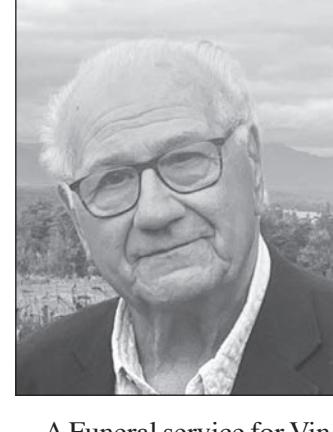
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Vincent Terrazzano Sr.

Of Revere

Vincent J. Terrazzano Sr. of Revere, entered into rest on January 9, 2026 at the age of 87.

The loving husband of 66 years of the late Amelia Terrazzano, he was the devoted father of Vincent J. Terrazzano Jr (Roseann) of Manchester, NH, Patrick Terrazzano (Carol) of Naperville IL, James Terrazzano (Roberta) of Pelham, NH and Paul Terrazzano (Anna) of Peabody; cherished grandfather of eight and great grandfather of two. He was the loving brother of Angie Leone and Pat Terrazzano and son of late Pat and Lizzie Terrazzano.



A Funeral service for Vincent will be held Tuesday, January 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon with a prayer service at 11:30. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery Malden.

Mary O'Connor

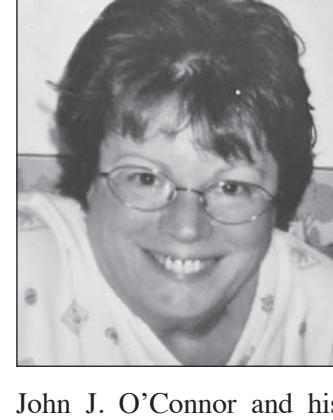
Her faith was the cornerstone of her existence, and she served God with grace and humility

Mary J. O'Connor, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, a woman of profound faith, an unwavering servant to her family and community, and a dedicated worker, entered into eternal rest on January 5, 2026, at the age of 79. She was born in Laconia, NH on September 25, 1946, to the late John W. O'Connor and Barbara A. (Sullivan).

Mary was a devoted member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Cross in Boston. Her faith was the cornerstone of her existence, and she served God with grace and humility. She was not only an active member of her church but also served as Chapter President, Eucharistic Minister, and CCD teacher. Mary's faith was not confined to words but was manifested in her actions and her unwavering dedication to serving others.

Mary was an independent, fun-loving, and spunky lady who always enjoyed a good time. She spent her professional life in the air freight industry, contributing her skills as an accountant to both Tiger Air Freight and later Pilot Air Freight. Mary's interests included bowling, knitting, reading, and traveling. She and her mother spent many annual summer vacations together enjoying the beach on the Cape. She also spent many annual winter weekends at the Mount Washington Hotel. Mary graciously hosted her family for Thanksgiving and Easter dinners in her home. Family members continue to treasure the hand-knitted blankets she lovingly made for them.

She was a caring sister to Thomas C. O'Connor and his late wife, Barbara Ann, of Reading, and to the late



John J. O'Connor and his wife, Theresa. She was a beloved aunt to Sean O'Connor and his wife, Gina, and their children: John, Myles and William; Kevin O'Connor and his fiancée, Meghan Lynch, Erin O'Connor and her husband, James Coughlin, and their children: Michaela, Bronwyn and Sloan; Jayne Tomforde and her husband, Carl, and their children Sydney and Karlie; and Jeffrey O'Connor and his wife, Mimi, and their children, Patrick and Caitlin. She is also survived by many cousins and dear friends.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, on Friday, January 16, 2026, from 10 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Revere at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.

In the words of the Apostle Paul, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Mary O'Connor lived a life that truly echoed these words. Her life was a testament to her faith and her love for her family and her community. We invite all who knew and loved Mary to share their memories and upload photos to her memorial page at www.buonfiglio.com.

Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and/or Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading, MA.

Margaret Giambrone

Her legacy of family, tradition, and togetherness will live on forever

Margaret (Raimondi) Giambrone, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on January 9, surrounded by her loving family. She was 91 years old.

Born on July 20, 1934 in Boston, Margaret was the beloved daughter of the late Peter and Mary Raimondi. She was born and raised in East Boston and was a proud graduate of East Boston High School. Margaret was the devoted mother of Steven Giambrone of New York, Michael Giambrone of Revere, and Diane Giambrone of Lynn. She was the cherished grandmother of Michael Giambrone Jr. and his wife, Ashley and Alicia Giambrone and her companion, Troy Young and the adored great-grandmother of Jack Giambrone. She was predeceased by her Raimondi siblings: Murray, Anne, Rose, Vince, Carl, Peter, Joseph, John, Albert, Richard and Virginia. Margaret is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Margaret was truly the matriarch of her family—a devoted family person who kept everyone together and whose home was always filled with love. She found her greatest joy in cooking and caring for her grandchildren, who were the light of her life. A devoted Boston Red Sox fan, Margaret proudly had her own commemorative brick at Fenway Park bearing her name.



She also enjoyed playing bocce, visiting the casino, and was known as an avid gambler with a great sense of fun and spirit.

She was actively involved in organizing events for the Jack Satter House in Revere, where she built many lasting friendships.

Family and friends will honor Margaret's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston, on Thursday, January 15th, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church, East Boston. Margaret will be remembered for her strength, generosity, devotion to family, and the love she shared so freely with all who knew her. Her legacy of family, tradition, and togetherness will live on forever. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Margaret's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Gary J. Meads

He was extremely giving of himself and always ready to help a friend

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, January 15th from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Gary J. Meads who died on Sunday, January 11th at his residence in Revere, following a long illness. He was 68 years old. A Funeral Service will be held in the funeral home at 6:30 p.m. Interment will be private.

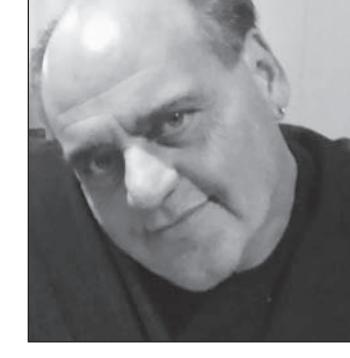
Gary was born on June 11, 1957 to his parents, Stanley and Theresa Meads in Boston. He was raised and educated in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1975.

Gary was very mechanically inclined and enjoyed working with his hands. He worked alongside his father for several years as a plumber. He then worked as a Drain Service Technician for his brother, Mark Meads at Rapid Flow, Inc. and his wife, Roberta of Middleton; the treasured uncle of Amanda M. Meads and Mark Meads, both of Middleton and grand uncle of Mia Rose Meads-Nazzaro and Austin Stanley Meads, the beloved uncle of Amanda Meads and her partner, Brian Laurio and Mark A. Meads and his wife, Celina.

He is lovingly survived by his stepchildren, Stephanie and Sara Morico, his step-grandchildren: Alexia, Michelle and Alyssa McLean, and Logan Morico. He is also, lovingly survived by many cousins and friends and his adored pet, Rocky.

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giving of himself, always ready to help a friend. He was a big sports fan, especially of minor pro hockey teams. He was also a collector of sports memorabilia.

The beloved son of the late Stanely J. Meads and Theresa M. (Poto) Meads and the loving husband of Patricia McKenna Meads of Revere, he was the cherished brother of Mark M. Meads, Proprietor of Rapid Flow, Inc. and his wife, Roberta of Middleton; the treasured uncle of Amanda M. Meads and Mark Meads, both of Middleton and grand uncle of Mia Rose Meads-Nazzaro and Austin Stanley Meads, the beloved uncle of Amanda Meads and her partner, Brian Laurio and Mark A. Meads and his wife, Celina.

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Following ICE murder of Renee Good, Pressley and Markey expand push to end qualified immunity for ICE agents, federal officers

Special to the Journal

Following the horrific ICE murder of Renee Good, Congresswoman Ayanha Pressley (MA-07) and Senator Edward J. Markey (D-MA) announced the introduction of the Qualified Immunity Abolition Act of 2026. The Qualified Immunity Abolition Act builds on the lawmakers' prior work by granting victims the right to sue federal law enforcement officers—not just state and local—for civil rights violations and abolishing the defense of qualified immunity in these suits. The expanded legislation would help deliver accountability for families abused by law enforcement, including ICE agents.

Congresswoman Pressley delivered a floor speech on the need to end qualified immunity for federal law enforcement, including immigration officers. Watch the floor speech here.

In June 2020, following the murder of George Floyd, the lawmakers intro-

duced the Ending Qualified Immunity Act to eliminate the court-invented doctrine of qualified immunity that shields government officials from civil liability for misconduct. On Wednesday, a masked Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer shot and killed Renee Good, a 37-year-old mother of three, in Minneapolis, Minnesota—just blocks away from the site of Floyd's murder in 2020.

"We cannot stand idly by while rogue federal agents—emboldened by the Trump White House—ravage our communities, brutalize families, and kill our neighbors on the street in cold blood," said Congresswoman Pressley. "Our bill sends a powerful message to everyone in America—citizen or not—that when ICE agents break the law, they should and will be held accountable. For Renee Good, Keith Porter, Nenko Gantchev, and every death at the hands of federal law enforcement, Congress

must end qualified immunity."

"When masked ICE agents are allowed to kill and harm people with impunity, we have crossed a dangerous threshold in our nation," said Senator Markey. "All too often, the flawed and judge-made doctrine of qualified immunity shields law enforcement officers from liability, even when they commit egregious misconduct or use excessive force. The Qualified Immunity Abolition Act abolishes this unjust defense in cases against federal law enforcement officers, allowing victims to vindicate their rights in court. With ICE agents trampling over our laws, our rights, and our communities, we must demand justice and hold wrongdoers accountable."

Text of the Qualified Immunity Abolition Act of 2026 is available online at pressley.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Pressley-Qualified-Immunity-Bill.pdf.

Transcript: Rep. Pressley's Floor Speech on Qualified Immunity Abolition Act of 2026

"Mr. Speaker,

I rise in defense of communities across America terrorized by the dangerous, rogue, and violent actions perpetrated by ICE agents.

Millions have seen the videos of ICE shooting and killing Renee Good, a poet and mother who was unarmed and trying to drive away.

Following her tragic death at the hands of law enforcement, Republicans rushed to deny the truth and smear the victim—a playbook that has been employed frequently, especially against the Black community.

Now, the White House is claiming that ICE agents have immunity from lawsuits. Enough.

That's why I've reintroduced my bill to end qualified immunity to hold federal agents accountable for breaking the law and killing our neighbors.

This bill is for Renee

Good and so many others.

Like Keith Porter, a proud girl dad, who was killed by an ICE agent in Los Angeles.

And Nenko Gantchev from Chicago who died in ICE custody after living in the United States for 30 years.

This bill is for every person in America, citizen or not, to know that when ICE agents break the law they should be held accountable.

For the families of these victims, Congress must end qualified immunity."

The Supreme Court invented the judicial doctrine of qualified immunity to prevent government officials from being held personally liable in court for misconduct, including for violations of constitutional rights. Congress never intended to shield public officials from this type of liability.

In its passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1871, also known as the Ku Klux Klan Act, Congress expressly allowed individuals to sue government officials,

including law enforcement officers, who violate their civil rights. In the past few decades, federal courts have gutted this landmark civil rights law by creating and then expanding the defense of qualified immunity.

Congresswoman Pressley and Senator Markey have been leading the charge to abolish qualified immunity for law enforcement. Last May, ahead of the five-year anniversary of George Floyd's murder, Senator Markey and Representative Pressley introduced the Ending Qualified Immunity Act. Representative Pressley and Senator Markey originally introduced the bill in June 2020 along with then-Congressman Justin Amash (I-MI) following the murder of George Floyd at the hands of law enforcement.

Rep. Pressley is also the author of the People's Justice Guarantee, a comprehensive, decarceration-focused resolution that outlines a framework for a fair, equitable and just legal system.

Boston Mayor Wu announces community benefits agreement with Kraft Group for Everett Stadium

Special to the Journal

Mayor Michelle Wu recently announced that the City of Boston and the Kraft Group have agreed on financial and operational terms of a community benefits package totaling nearly \$48 million over the next 15 years and additional commitments around project design review, local hiring, and regional transportation coordination. In addition to annual payments, the Kraft Group will make substantial infrastructure improvements in Sullivan Square in Charlestown prior to the stadium's opening and fund all public safety and transportation management costs for stadium events. This agreement comes after months of negotiations throughout 2025, in which Mayor Wu pursued a project mitigation package that would appropriately address the stadium's impacts on Boston. This final agreement — \$13 million in direct payments and a new, permanent per-ticket revenue source for the City, which is expected to total \$34 million in the first 15 years — follows the Kraft Group's initial offer of \$750,000 in a one time payment for mitigation funds for the City. The deal was reached pursuant to provisions of the Mass Leads Act, the state's 2024 economic development bill, which required the Kraft Group to secure a community benefits agreement with Boston and Everett in order for the stadium project to move forward.

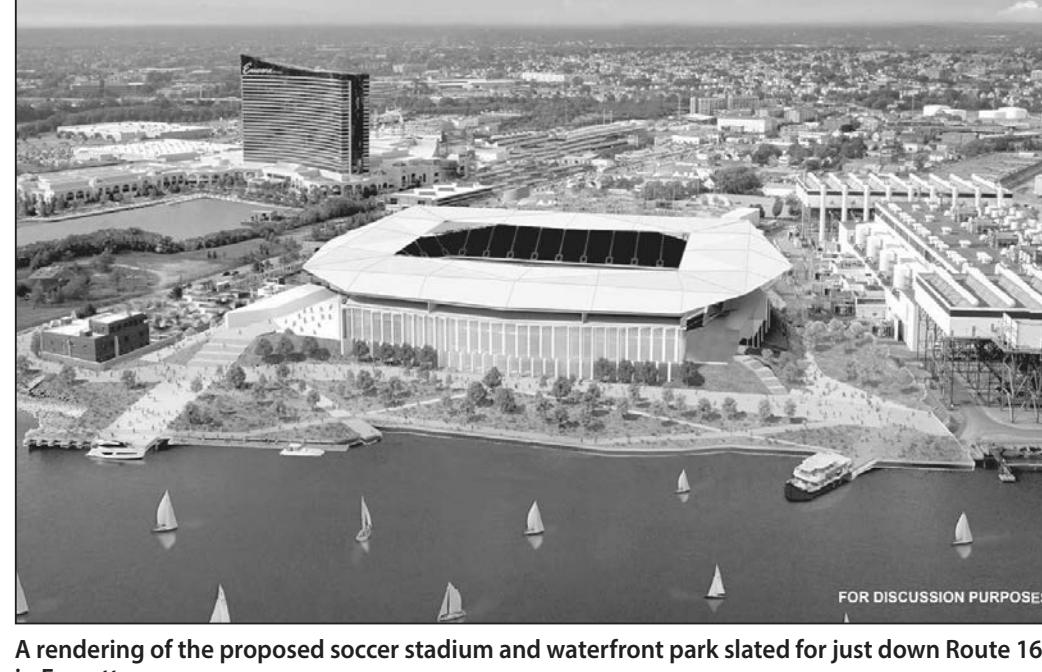
"The language we passed into law made clear that the communities most affected by this project should have a voice in how this development moves forward," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I want to thank the cities of Everett and Boston, and the Kraft Group for coming together on agreements that address the needs of the communities and will have a positive and lasting impact in both Everett and Charlestown. I am happy to see the Revolution soccer stadium reach this critical step in making this transformational project a reality. The millions of dollars of investments in our communities continue to show that this stadium will result in economic and environmental wins for our residents."

To support the Charlestown neighborhood, which will be most impacted by the stadium, the Kraft Group will make an initial payment of \$3 million over six years which will be directed to the Charlestown Community Impact Fund. The Fund was created in 2016 to distribute annual community mitigation funds from the Encore casino and annually supports a range of Charlestown organizations. The City also announced that of future annual ticket revenues, anticipated to be \$2 million per year, at least half will be directed to Charlestown-specific municipal projects.

"The City fought for a fair deal for Boston and our residents, and that is what we have achieved through this agreement," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "After months of negotiations, we have secured commitments addressing the needs of Charlestown residents and feedback from community partners. This stadium will enhance Boston's position as the sports and entertainment capital of New England while transforming a blighted site on our doorstep. I'm grateful to all our neighborhood leaders and community advocates who helped us reach this import-

um at 2070 flood resilience standards; prioritization of stadium design features in compliance with zero net carbon operational goals; noise and light pollution mitigation requirements; prioritized hiring for Boston residents for stadium jobs; a commitment to solicit 25% of both construction and ongoing contracts from local minority, woman owned, and/or veteran owned companies; and an agreement for the Kraft Group to participate in regional working groups to address regional transportation concerns."

"I want to thank Mayor Wu and her team for their tireless efforts in getting the best possible deal for Charlestown on this transformational project," said State Representative Dan Ryan. "There is still a long way to go in this process but



A rendering of the proposed soccer stadium and waterfront park slated for just down Route 16 in Everett.

the community agreement between the City of Boston and the New England Revolution is a good first step in ensuring that the infrastructure needs of this part of the region are addressed and

that Charlestown benefits from this transformation."

"Charlestown has been clear that a project of this scale must come with real mitigation," said City Councilor Gabriela Coletta

Zapata. "After months of negotiations, the City secured nearly \$50 million in payments over 15 years, up from an initial \$750,000

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FRESH & LOCAL**Savory Pancakes**

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When you think of pancakes, do you picture a stack of golden discs with a big pat of melting butter and a cascade of maple syrup? That is one side of the pancake story. The other side is all the savory pancakes that people enjoy around the world. Today, we'll give you some ideas for pancakes that are perfect for a hearty breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

World Tour

You may have already

enjoyed savory pancakes in international versions at home or abroad. Perhaps you've tasted French crêpes or buckwheat gallettes, Indian roti, Japanese okonomiyaki, Vietnamese banh xeo, Ethiopian injera, Latin American tortillas, or Eastern European Blini, but didn't consider these pancakes.

Wikipedia defines this food as "... a flat type of batter bread like cake, often thin and round, prepared from a starch-based batter that may contain eggs, milk,

and butter, and then cooked on a hot surface such as a griddle or frying pan."

Pick Your Starch

Many pancakes begin with all-purpose flour. But that is not the only option you can use to explore the world of savory pancakes. Injera is made with teff flour, and the batter is fermented to create the lovely texture that soaks up and holds the food you pick up with it.

Buckwheat gallettes may be made with 100% glu-

ten-free buckwheat flour. However, many cooks add some wheat flour because it makes the batter easier to work with. If you're gluten intolerant, ask before you order this pancake. The same is true of buckwheat blini.

Cornmeal pancakes are among our favorites. Johnny cakes, or journey cakes, are traditional New England cuisine said to have originated in Rhode Island. Think of the mix-ins you can add to a cornmeal pancake to create a savory



A Dutch Baby is another pancake variation you can fill with savory ingredients.

meal. Beyond tacos or arepas, we recommend making a simple cornmeal pancake recipe with less sugar, add-

ing corn kernels, jalapeño, and chili powder, and top-

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proposal, along with funding for public safety, traffic management, and major infrastructure improvements in Sullivan Square and surrounding corridors. These investments will deliver necessary improvements for Charlestown residents before the stadium opens and make clear that major developments in Boston must deliver meaningful benefits to the neighborhoods they impact. Thank you to Mayor Wu, our state delegation, and residents who advocated for what our one-square-mile deserves."

"The strength of our cities are the people we serve and how they continue to work and live while our communities expand with economic development," said Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe. "We are grateful to Mayor Wu and her team for recognizing the regional mayor's coalition and leading this effort to make sure all can benefit from increased access to public transportation and regional multi-modal transit improvements - it's a good deal for business and much needed investment for our residents."

The agreement incorporates financial guarantees, transportation and public safety requirements, design and climate resilience standards, and community benefits before and during construction as well as while the stadium is operational:

Financial Details:

- **Upfront Community Payments:** Upon completion of the MEPA permitting process, the Kraft Group

will make an immediate \$1.5 million community impact payment, followed by \$300,000 annually for five years (totaling \$3 million in upfront impact funds).

- **Infrastructure Improvements:** The Kraft Group will perform at least \$5 million in safety and access improvements to roadways, sidewalks, bike paths, intersections and transit facilities in Sullivan Square, Main Street, and along Route 99 before opening day.

- **\$5 million Transportation Fund:** The Kraft Group will pay \$333,000 annually for 15 years to the City of Boston for ongoing transportation infrastructure improvements in Charlestown.

- **Ticket Surcharges:** To address ongoing community impacts, \$1.00 per soccer ticket (increasing with CPI) and 1.5% of every concert ticket sold will be paid to the City in perpetuity, which the parties estimate will generate \$2 million in the first year of operation, and approximately \$34 million over the first 15 years.

Transportation and Public Safety

- **Traffic Management:** An annual Traffic and Parking Management Plan (TPMP) must be approved by the City, with a primary goal of preventing stadium-related traffic from cutting through Sullivan Square.

- **Operational Costs:** The Kraft Group will reimburse the City for all event-day costs, including the deployment of approximately 38 Boston Police Officers per

event.

- **Ongoing Transit:** The Kraft Group will install a water ferry dock, fund annual traffic data monitoring, and sponsor a Bluebikes valet service on event days.

Design and Climate Resilience

- **Neighborhood Mitigation:** Designs will include shielding to prevent field lights from shining into Charlestown and acoustic engineering to ensure noise levels remain below the 70-decibel limit set by the Boston Noise Ordinance.

The Stadium will also monitor noise levels during events, operate a hotline for complaints, and perform ongoing mitigation to comply with the noise ordinance limit.

- **Coastal Flooding:** The stadium will be built to 2070 flood resilience standards, effectively closing the current flood path between Route 99 and the site.

- **Sustainability:** The project includes a comprehensive stormwater plan, waste reduction strategies, and a commitment to analyze feasibility for net-zero carbon operations.

Operations and Community Benefits

- **Event Levels:** The stadium anticipates holding 17–20 soccer matches and up to 20 concerts per year. Any increase would be discussed with the City.

- **Local Sourcing Goals:** 25% of construction and ongoing operational contracts targeted for local MWBE/

Veteran-owned businesses.

- **Local Hiring Goals:** 25% of permanent stadium jobs targeted for Boston residents via preferential hiring.

- **Supplier and Workforce Advisory Group:** the Kraft Group and the City of Boston will convene an advisory group to assist with achieving the targets established above.

- **Community Access:** The City of Boston may use the stadium for community events four times per year. The Revolution will also host at least six free youth soccer clinics annually in Boston.

Other Commitments

- **Construction Management Plan:** The Kraft Group will execute a comprehensive construction management plan with the City of Boston to reduce local impacts during stadium construction.

- **Stadium Plan Review:** The Kraft Group will submit stadium plans for the review to the staff of the Boston Planning Department to ensure compliance with this agreement.

- **Regional Coordination:** The Kraft Group and Boston commit to participating in regional working groups to address regional transportation impacts and promote investment in multi-modal public transit improvements.

Underscoring the importance of Charlestown residents' feedback, the City of Boston engaged with community members to understand their concerns. From December 2024 through February 2025 the City re-

ceived input from Charlestown neighborhood leaders and stakeholders representing climate and transportation advocacy groups in preparation for negotiations.

Additionally, on March 11, 2025, Mayor Wu, along with City officials from the Boston Transportation Department, the Planning Department, and Office of Neighborhood Services, attended a community meeting on the proposed stadium

hosted by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council to hear directly what the group hoped to see the City negotiate for on behalf of the neighborhood.

Since August, the City and New England Revolution negotiating teams have had the support of former MassPort CEO Tom Glynn and Rebecca Kaiser, who served as the designated mediators.

A spokesperson for the Kraft Group said, "The Kraft Group has reached agreements with the cities of Everett and Boston, marking an important milestone in our effort to transform a long-neglected industrial site along the Mystic River into a vibrant, publicly accessible waterfront destination and the future home of the New England Revolution. These agreements reflect years of collaboration with city leaders and community stakeholders to

ensure the project delivers meaningful, lasting benefits for residents while addressing transportation, environmental, and municipal impacts. We are especially grateful for Mayor Carlo DeMaria's leadership and

vision. At its core, this is an investment in Everett and its future. In addition, it provides improved access and an enhanced neighborhood experience by removing a physical and visual barrier for the residents of Charlestown and we appreciate Mayor Michelle Wu and her team's partnership.

Under the agreements, we will undertake significant environmental remediation and demolition of the long-vacant powerplant, invest in extensive traffic and transportation improvements, and deliver substantial community benefits, including millions of dollars towards infrastructure improvements. The project will open the waterfront with the creation of a new public park, strengthen pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, and enhance access to public transit. We

will also support Everett Public Schools, expand local employment opportunities, and make the stadium and waterfront park available for community and school events. Our shared commitment to Everett and Boston residents includes prioritizing local hiring, youth soccer clinics, and community programming. This project is intended to be a true neighborhood asset."

"I want to thank the dedicated negotiating teams from the City, the New England Revolution, and our mediators, Tom Glynn and Rebecca Kaiser, who all worked through the holidays to achieve a fair deal for the people of Boston," said Mayor Wu.



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RHS ROUNDUP

RHS COMEBACK FALLS SHORT IN LOSS TO CHELSEA

The Revere High boys basketball team fought back fiercely from a 20-point third quarter deficit to Greater Boston League (GBL) archrival Chelsea last week, but could not quite make it all the way back in a 55-50 loss to the Red Devils in Round 1 of the Battle of Broadway.

Chelsea came into the fray with a 4-0 record and fans from both cities packed the Merullo Fieldhouse.

The Patriots got off to a good start, getting a basket from sophomore guard Charles Dobre. Junior Bryan David added a basket and two free throws and junior guard Lucca Albano sank a three-pointer from the wing, giving Revere an early 9-2 lead.

However, the Red Devils responded, making a few three-pointers and fast break baskets of their own to take a 15-11 advantage at the intermission.

The second quarter was more of a grind as both teams made adjustments on defense. The Patriots managed only five points in the second period on a bucket by Dobre, a finish inside from senior tri-captain Devin Berry (six points, three rebounds) and junior forward Bryan David (six points) each made a basket, but unfortunately, that was all the offense Revere could muster, leaving the Patriots trailing 13-4 at the end of the first quarter.

Revere received a spark from junior guard Chris Recinos (six points on 6-for-6 free throws) and senior forward Jadrian Sanchez who sank a three-pointer from the wing, made a tough drive to the basket, and had an offensive rebound and put back, but the early slow start had its effect on the Patriots and they trailed at the intermission, 27-15.

The third quarter started off slowly for both teams, but then Revere senior guard Isaiah Llanos made a floater in the lane and Bryan David had a put-back and made a couple of free throws, inching Revere closer.

However, the Golden Tornadoes would find their shooting touch, sinking four three-pointers to end the quarter, ballooning the Malden lead to 44-25 at the end of three periods.

Malden controlled the fourth quarter as well. Revere received a nice contribution from junior forward Nathan Brown (nine points, 10 rebounds) in the final period. Junior forward Nico Cespedes added a basket and two free throws and senior reserve guard Joseph Carlo made a three-pointer from the wing, but Malden continued their hard shooting and closed out the contest with a 58-41 victory.

After Revere head coach David Leary called a timeout, the Patriot responded, picking up their defensive intensity and getting baskets from Dobre, senior center Zaney Kayembe, and two more hoops from Bryan David. Junior forward and recent JV call-up Nathan Brown (six points, six rebounds) also contributed with a nice offensive rebound and put-back.

However, the Red Devils still held a 17-point lead, 46-29, heading into the final eight minutes.

The Patriots extended their pressure defense to start the fourth quarter and began to chip away at the large deficit. Junior guard Chris Recinos gave the team a nice lift by scoring seven points in the quarter, including hitting a trey from the corner.

Perry added three more buckets inside the paint and Brown chipped in two more as well. Junior forward Nico Cespedes also got involved with two inside baskets, but in the end, the Pats had just dug too big of a hole to climb out of and Chelsea hung on for the victory.

"Chelsea is a tough team," said Leary after the disappointing loss to their rivals. "Chelsea coach Caesar Castro has been building

it with that same group for a few years and their experience showed in the end. We just cannot keep getting off to these slow starts and expect to come all the way back against good teams. We have to be better and we will keep working to get there."

REVERE TRACK TEAMS DO WELL AT NORTHEAST INVITE

A contingent from the Revere High girls and boys indoor track and field teams participated in this past weekend's MSTCA Northeast Invitational, which drew hundreds of competitors from throughout the northeast states.

"The biggest highlight for the girls was our 4 x 800 relay team, who put up the 21st best time in Massachusetts (and 11th-best time at the meet) on Saturday with a time of 10:55.33," said RHS girls head coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli. "This is the fastest time run by a 4 x 800 relay at RHS in 10 years. Gemma Stamatopoulos and Olivia Rupp were two clear choices for the team, given their mid-distance/distance backgrounds. Rania Hamdani and Zizi Kalliavas finished off the foursome, which is absolutely incredible given that they have more of a sprint background."

On Friday, Olivia Rupp recorded a season-best time in the 1-mile with a clocking of 5:47.78. "This was a super-strong race for Olivia, who is still recovering from illness, and it was great to see her feel comfortable racing again."

On Saturday, Gemma Stamatopoulos took on two additional events alongside her 4 x 800 performance. Gemma competed in the high jump and turned in a leap of 4'8", which placed her 23rd among the field of 149 entries.

She also took on the 1000m and put up a time of 3:20.68. Junior Emma DaCosta joined her in the 1000 meter and had a 17-second personal record (PR) with a time of 3:53.01.

Rania Hamdani came close to her lifetime PR on

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SCENES FROM REVERE BOYS BASKETBALL VERSUS CHELSEA



Charles Dobre puts a great move the defense.



Wesley Nunez heads up court.



Bryan David makes a defender pay dearly for the tight coverage.



Zaney Kayembe hits the floor to keep possession.



Nico Cespedes runs into a tough Chelsea defense.



Devin Berry looking for an opening to make a shot.

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RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago

January 13, 2016

The Revere High girls basketball remains undefeated at 7-0 after a pair of victories over Peabody and Marblehead this past week. Sophomore center Valentina Pepic continued on her path to what surely will rate as an epic season in the annals of Lady Patriot basketball as she powered her way to yet another pair of double-doubles, netting 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds against Peabody and forwarding a 20-13 line against Marblehead. In addition to Pepic's 24 points vs. Peabody, Maritza Scott with 14 and Pam Gonzalez with 12 also reached double figures. In the Marblehead win, Pepic's 20-point effort was followed by Adanna Hector with 16 and Gonzalez with 10.

Joe Ristino potted the hat trick plus-two -- five goals in all -- to lead the Revere

High hockey team to a 7-5 win over East Boston last Wednesday at Cronin Rink.

Nelson Cevallos and Abubakir Aldarazy took first place for the Revere High boys indoor track team in their individual events in last week's meet with Peabody. Cevallos captured the high jump with a leap of 5'-8" and Abubakir won the 600 dash with a time of 3:36.6, just edging his Peabody opponent by 0.3 of a second.

Angelisa Nguyen was the lone individual victor for the Revere High girls track team in its meet last week against Peabody. Angelisa sprinted to victory in the 45 yard dash in 6.0 seconds to claim five points for the Lady Patriots. Revere's 4 x 400 relay quartet of Jessica Cambraia, Joselyn Argueta, Helen Perez, Hannah Fitzpatrick also took first place with a time of 4:54.

The Revere High boys

basketball team came close to earning its first victory of the season this past week, but still is chasing its first "W" after a 62-58 loss to Marblehead. Senior Janard Jones was hot from start to finish on his way to 27 points, including seven three-pointers, for the Patriots.

20 years ago

January 18, 2006

Five members of the RHS hockey team were suspended by School Supt. Paul Dakin this week after he had received photos from an anonymous source showing that the players were drinking at a party. The boys had posted the photos themselves on the web site MySpace. The five will be suspended for two games.

The RHS hockey team dominated play in both games, but tough goalkeeping by the Patriots' opponents resulted in a 3-2 loss

to Marblehead and a 3-3 tie with Cambridge. Rich Mastropietro scored a goal with seven seconds to play to earn the tie with Cambridge.

The RHS girls gymnastics team scored 100 points for the first time this season, but fell to Winthrop. Soph Amy Patterson led Revere in all four events.

The RHS boys gymnastics team dropped a 157.5-131.7 decision to Beverly. Sophomore Veasna Deth Chan scored 40.6 points, the most by a Patriot gymnast in many years.

Courtney Lyons defeated her Lynn Classical and Danvers opponents in the 1000 meter dash in a tri-meet this past week. The Revere girls defeated Classical, but fell to Danvers.

The RHS girls basketball team chalked up its second win of the season, defeating Marblehead, 51-36. Senior point guard Alex DeMatta scored 16 points and was a force on defense. Soph Christina Cavagnaro hit for 15 points.

20 years ago

January 17, 1996

First-place Arlington held off a furious attack by the RHS hockey team to post a 3-2 victory over the Patriots. Scott Mallett and Nick Mosca scored the goals for Revere, which is in second place behind Arlington in the GBL standings.

The RHS boys basketball team suffered a pair of blowout losses, 55-25 to Medford and 57-43 to Malden, to remain winless.

Aisha Milbury scored 11 points to lead the RHS girls

basketball team to its fourth straight win, 54-44 over Malden.

30 years ago

January 15, 1986

Despite 24 points from Sal Bottari, the RHS boys basketball team fell to 0-8 for the season with a 43-41 loss to Everett in the final two seconds.

The young and winless RHS hockey team was pummeled by identical scores of 9-0 by Arlington and Waltham.

The RHS boys indoor track team remained undefeated with a 68-14 win over Chelsea in which Rich Casoli ran a time of 5.8 seconds in the 50 yard dash, the fastest in the GBL this year.

The RHS girls gymnastics team opened the season with an 80-67 win over Arlington. Rachel Costa and Deanne Mantia turned in fine all-around efforts for Coach Ann Montani's squad.

The RHS boys gymnastics team, which was undefeated last year, dropped a 94.25-93.50 decision to Braintree in the season-opener.

The boys were hurt by crippling injuries to captain John Spinelli, who did not compete in the meet, and fellow capt. Paul DeBenedictis and Scott Colameta, both of whom were injured midway through the meet.

40 years ago

January 21, 1976

The RHS hockey team lost its first two games of the season to fall to 4-2-3 with losses of 5-3 to Arlington

and 6-4 to Peabody. Mike Gordon, Danny Imperato, and Bruce Piazza scored in the Arlington contest. Steve DiCarlo potted two goals against Peabody.

50 years ago

Jan. 20, 1966

The Immaculate Conception High basketball team defeated Xaverian High of Westwood behind 22 points by Mike Carabba. George Sullivan added 17 points, capt. George Patch hit for 11, and Steve Shea scored 14.

The once-beaten RHS hockey team is tied for first place in the Metropolitan Hockey League after defeating defending league champ Christopher Columbus. Revere's lone blemish has come against Chelsea. In a 4-2 win over Everett, Louis Mastromarino scored two goals and Charlie Terban added a solo marker.

60 years ago

January 19, 1956

Frank McGovern tossed in 26 points, but the RHS basketball team dropped a 68-61 decision to Quincy. In a 62-40 loss to Somerville, Bob Taylor led the way with 11 points.

The Immaculate Conception basketball team is well on its way to another successful season with a 7-1 record, the lone loss coming by one-point to St. Clement's. Steve White is the leading scorer for coach Freddie McDonough's squad with 22 points per game.

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Saturday in the 300, running a 45.97. "Rania has been staying consistently under 46 for the last several meets," noted MacDonald-Ciambelli.

Basma Sahibi competed in the 55m hurdles on Saturday and ran a time of 11.99.

We will head to Division 2 Relays on Sunday, January 17th.

On the boys' side, Jeremy X was a top Patriot performer with a ninth-place finish in 200 dash with a sprint of 23.09. Jeremy also turned in a strong effort in the 55 meter dash with a 14th place performance with a clocking of 6.84.

Oliver Escobar also shone for the Patriots with

a ninth-place effort in the high jump with a leap of 5'-10". Oliver additionally turned in a strong 12th place performance in the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 6.82, and an 11th place finish in the 200 dash in 23.10.

Other Patriots who performed well at the meet were JJoey Angiulo with a 35th place in the 200 dash in 24.08; Edwin Alarcon with a 21st place finish in the 800 in 2:05.46 and a 22nd place effort in the 600 in 1:28.58; the 14th-place finish by the 4 x 800 quartet of Thomas Waldron, Cristian Requeno, Kosta Stamatopoulos, and Dioo Yogi in a time of 9:25.72; and Bryan Maia with a 27th-place effort in

RHS GIRLS HOOP HOSTS SOMERVILLE FRIDAY AT 6:00

The Revere High girls basketball team picked up a pair of key victories this past week over Greater Boston League rivals Chelsea (46-35) and Malden (51-34) to improve to 4-2 on the season.

Coach Ariana Rivera and her crew were scheduled to play at Everett last night (Tuesday) and will host Somerville Friday at 6:00. They will trek to Lynn Classical next Tuesday.

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As Massachusetts prepared to launch celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of American independence, Revolutionary Spaces invited the public and media to step back into the charged atmosphere of December 1773, when a single night of impassioned debate helped ignite a revolution.

On Tuesday, December 16, Revolutionary Spaces hosted a special reenactment of the historic Meeting of the Body of the People at Old South Meeting House—the largest public gathering space in colonial Boston and the site where thousands once assembled to debate British taxation.

That contentious gathering ultimately dissolved into the protest now known worldwide as the Boston Tea Party.

The reenactment unfolded exactly 252 years after

the original meeting, placing audiences inside the rousing exchanges, rising tensions, and collective resolve that defined the evening.

"These walls bore witness to the debate, the anger, the hope, and the determination of the community," said Nat Sheidley, president and CEO of Revolutionary Spaces. "Thousands gathered here to protest taxes, argue about liberty, and ultimately set the Boston Tea Party in motion. It was democracy in its rawest form."

In addition to the reenactment, participants received an exclusive sneak peek of a new 360-degree immersive experience scheduled to launch on July 1, 2026—just in time for Independence Day and the influx of visitors marking America's 250th anniversary. The forthcoming experience will use cutting-edge technology, animation, and sound to transform Old South

Meeting House, surrounding visitors with the sights, sounds, and emotions of a community on the brink of rebellion.

The event marked an early milestone in Revolutionary Spaces' broader efforts to connect the public to the origins of American democracy ahead of the nation's semiquincentennial, using immersive storytelling to make history immediate, visceral, and relevant.

Revolutionary Spaces stewards Boston's Old South Meeting House and Old State House as historic landmarks, museums, and active civic spaces. Its mission is to bring people together to explore the American struggle to create and sustain a free society—using history as a powerful tool for civic engagement and public dialogue. Learn more at RevolutionarySpaces.org or follow @RevSpaces on social media.

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ping it with leftover meat and cheese.

Chickpea flour is used to make pancakes in both Asia and Italy. The website Serious Eats has a great article on Italian farinata, with tips to make it without ending up with a dry, uninteresting result. Like many serious eaters, Daniel Gritzer uses ratios. "The key to custardy farinata is to use the right ratio of water to chickpea flour: three to one by weight, respectively. You'll end up with a batter that looks very thin and watery: That's okay, it's what you want."

One final note that may

account for many pancake failures is that many recipes call for resting the batter for a recommended period. Resting allows the flour to hydrate fully and, in some cases, ferment.

When you see a form of pancake on an ethnic food menu, give it a try. If you love it, you can check out

the recipe. You might find it is relatively simple to make, and could add some variety to your menu rotation.

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THE CENSUS



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Election Department Director and Revere's census director, Diane Colella, is setting out to 'prove' that Revere has more than 55,000 residents.

These numbers are no game

City officials stress the importance of Census 2010

BY SETH DANIEL
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Everyone with a pulse in the City of Revere is being advised to fill out his or her U.S. Census form next month.

Census 2010 reminder cards will be arriving in mailboxes

around Revere any day now, and official Census forms will arrive in mid-March. The U.S. Census is completely confidential and conducted every 10 years as mandated by the Constitution. It serves as the official count of everyone - citizen or non-citizen - in the country.

Already, city officials and federal census takers are preparing to ramp up efforts to count the population this week, and in Revere this time, there is a concerted effort to get an extremely

accurate count.

"My goal is to prove the City of Revere has more than 55,000 residents," said Diane Colella, who is the city's Election Commissioner, but is also heading up the local Census 2010 effort. "They said we had 47,283 in 2000, and they estimate we have well over 50,000 and we want that official count."

Colella and Mayor Tom Ambrosino said that they both

RHS ATHLETICS

Hoop hoop, hooray!

BY CARY SHUMAN
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If you had to pinpoint when the Revere High girls basketball program became a major

player once again in eastern Massachusetts, it was in the first half of the Lady Patriots' game against Lynn English two weeks ago.

The Lady Patriots put it all

together and raced to a 36-25 halftime lead against the defending Northeastern Conference champions before the largest

crowd in school history.

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Gov. Healey announces immediate safety reforms following release of the Assisted Living Residence Commission's final report

Special to the Journal

Gov. Maura Healey has announced a comprehensive set of reforms to strengthen safety, transparency and consumer protections in assisted living residences (ALRs) across Massachusetts. This action follows the submission of the ALR Commission's final report to the Legislature, which outlines both regulatory and legislative solutions to improve the safety and well-being of residents.

The ALR Commission was established through the 2024 Act to Improve Quality and Oversight of Long-Term Care and undertook an extensive review of the ALR sector to ensure it continues to meet the needs of an aging population while prioritizing resident health and safety. The Commission was expected to file its final report on August 1, 2025. Following the tragic fire at Gabriel House in Fall River, Governor Healey signed into law an extension passed by the Legislature so that the Commission had additional time to incorporate lessons learned from the fire. The Commission voted unanimously by those in attendance to approve its final report on January 12, 2026.

The Commission's recommendations aim to ensure ALRs continue to meet the evolving needs of older adults while significantly strengthening transparency and oversight, emergency preparedness, staffing, and consumer protections. The Commission met 16 times, held two public hearings, and incorporated direct feedback from residents, families, industry experts, and first responders. Key recommendations include:

Stronger Fire Safety & Emergency Preparedness Standards – enhance inspections and coordination with local fire departments to prevent future tragedies.

Transparent Public Data

– create a new statewide online database to provide families with clear access to compliance records, ownership information, and corrective action plans.

Standardize Disclosures – standardize information on services, costs, staffing, and resident rights for easier comparison across ALRs.

Staffing & Nursing Leadership Requirements – ensure every ALR has access to licensed nursing support and leadership training that matches resident needs.

Clear Assessment Practices – ensure consistent evaluations of resident needs with clear notice of any cost or care changes.

Affordability Task Force – create a task force to evaluate new models that expand access for low- and middle-income older adults.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration is taking immediate action to begin the implementation of a majority of the regulatory and administrative recommendations in this report.

"Every older adult deserves a safe home and peace of mind, and every family deserves transparency and accountability," said Governor Maura Healey. "The heartbreaking tragedy at Gabriel House showed us that we cannot wait to strengthen protections for assisted living residents. We are taking immediate action on these recommendations so we can better protect residents, support families and ensure our assisted living system continues to serve people well into the future."

"Massachusetts has a responsibility to protect residents in every single assisted living community, and families are counting on us to get this right," said Aging & Independence Secretary and ALR Commission Chair Robin Lipson. "These changes will strengthen fire safety, clarify standards and practices that impact resident well-being, and make critical information more

accessible so families can make informed decisions. We have already begun putting stronger protections in place and will work to ensure that residents across the Commonwealth are safer, better supported, and treated with the dignity they deserve."

The Commission recommends legislative action to further strengthen resident safety and consumer protections, including establishing a dedicated funding mechanism to expand state oversight and public reporting, amending state law to authorize certified medication aides in assisted living settings, and creating a statewide registry for ALR executive directors. The report also urges the review of ALR building classifications and the modernization of building code requirements. Finally, the Commission recommends forming an ALR Affordability Task Force to look into sustainable models that expand access for low- and middle-income older adults.

"These recommendations are very important. The Gabriel House fire in Fall River increased the urgency of action," said Senator Patricia Jehlen, member of the ALR Commission. "AGE can implement most of the recommendations about transparency and emergency preparedness without legislation. But it's important to give them the budgetary resources to enforce the rules. The legislature needs to act on the recommended statutory changes, including establishing a dedicated and sustainable funding mechanism, supported by certification and recertification fees and fines."

"ALRs are an important pillar of the Commonwealth's continuum of care for our aging population, helping older adults age in place and maintain their independence. The health, safety and well-being of these residents is paramount.

This principle guided the

Commission's deliberations over the past year, especially following the devastating fire at Gabriel House in Fall River," said Representative Thomas Stanley, member of the ALR Commission. "I am proud of the comprehensive recommendations the Commission produced in this final report and look forward to the work ahead, including establishing the proposed ALR Affordability Task Force. I'd like to thank my fellow commission members for their service on behalf of our older adults in ALRs and their caregivers, and salute Secretary Lipson and her team at AGE for their incredible leadership and engagement throughout this process."

"While there are quality residences across Massachusetts, inadequate regulations have allowed bad actors to persist for far too long," said Senator Mark Montigny, lead legislative sponsor of the ALR Commission. "As the devastating Gabriel House fire showed, vulnerable lives are at stake and we need to continue to demand more action from legislators, regulators, and residence owners. I appreciate the hard work of this commission over the past year to come to a set of actionable recommendations that can be implemented immediately and in the near future to help protect residents and improve the overall assisted living model in the Com-

monwealth."

"I would like to thank the commission for their thoughtful review of existing policies and procedures and for the recommendations outlined in this report that will provide for important enhanced safety measures for all residents of assisted living centers throughout the state in the aftermath of the tragic Gabriel House fire," said Fall River Mayor Paul Coogan.

"I am gratified to see the ALR Commission release its report detailing a number of comprehensive reforms that will strengthen safety and increase transparency for ALRs all across the Commonwealth. The extensive reviews following the tragic fire at the Gabriel House will ensure that our seniors will not only have the latest in health and safety protocols in place, but that ALR staff will be equipped with the highest training and certifications standards in the industry. The new statewide online database will also provide families with clear access to important compliance records, ownership information, and mandate that their facility has a proven corrective action plan in place," said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

"All older adults deserve a safe dwelling and their families the utmost in transparency and accountability for the aging parents."

"The ALR Commission Report and recommendations delivers achievable goals. Legislative action is needed to ensure uniformity and compliance," said Representative Alan Silvia (D-Fall River).

"After our community experienced the tragic and deadly fire at Gabriel House last year, we have been evaluating necessary remedies and changes to prevent catastrophes like this," said Representative Carole Fiola (D-Fall River). "Thanks to the work of this Commission, we are seeing important changes to help improve safety, affordability, and care. Thank you to Secretary Lipson and my colleague Chair Stanley for their tireless dedication to this issue."

"I thank the ALR Commission for the work and report, it brings attention to needed improvements. I applaud the state's commitment to promptly addressing the issues and listening to concerns brought forward," said Representative Steven J. Ouellette (D-Westport). "I strongly support efforts to avoid serious incidents, particularly those that help our seniors and those ability hindered."

The Commission's report contains a comprehensive set of reforms that will significantly improve resident safety and ensure families have the information they need to make informed decisions.

Museum of African American History marks a century of Black history commemorations throughout February

Special to the Journal

Threads of Legacy: Pop Up Shop

In 2026, Black History Week will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The observance was expanded into a monthlong celebration in 1970, reflecting the growing recognition of the importance of Black history and culture. To honor this historic milestone, the Museum of African American History | Boston & Nantucket (MAAH) invites the public to take part in a vibrant series of programs, many offered at no cost, at its 46 Joy Street location on Boston's Beacon Hill. From wellness and music to poetry and thought-provoking discussions, these events honor Black history, creativity, and community across generations. All programs are open to the public. To RSVP and for additional information please visit www.maah.org/events.

food, fun and entertainment. Young people aged 11 to 18 will take part in a scavenger hunt, connect with friends, explore exhibits, and enjoy a performance.

Saturdays with Sheila: Yoga at MAAH

Saturday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

FREE

Join yogi Sheila Thorne of Bous Yoga for an all-levels yoga class which is held on the first Saturday of each month. Arrive early to secure a mat or bring one from home.

Children's Storytime: We Go Slow

Saturday, Feb. 7, 1-2 p.m.

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Artist, poet, and author Mariah des-

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Significant drought conditions declared in central and northeast regions

Drought conditions worsen in the Southeast Region, Nantucket County and Millers Basin, while conditions have improved in Dukes County

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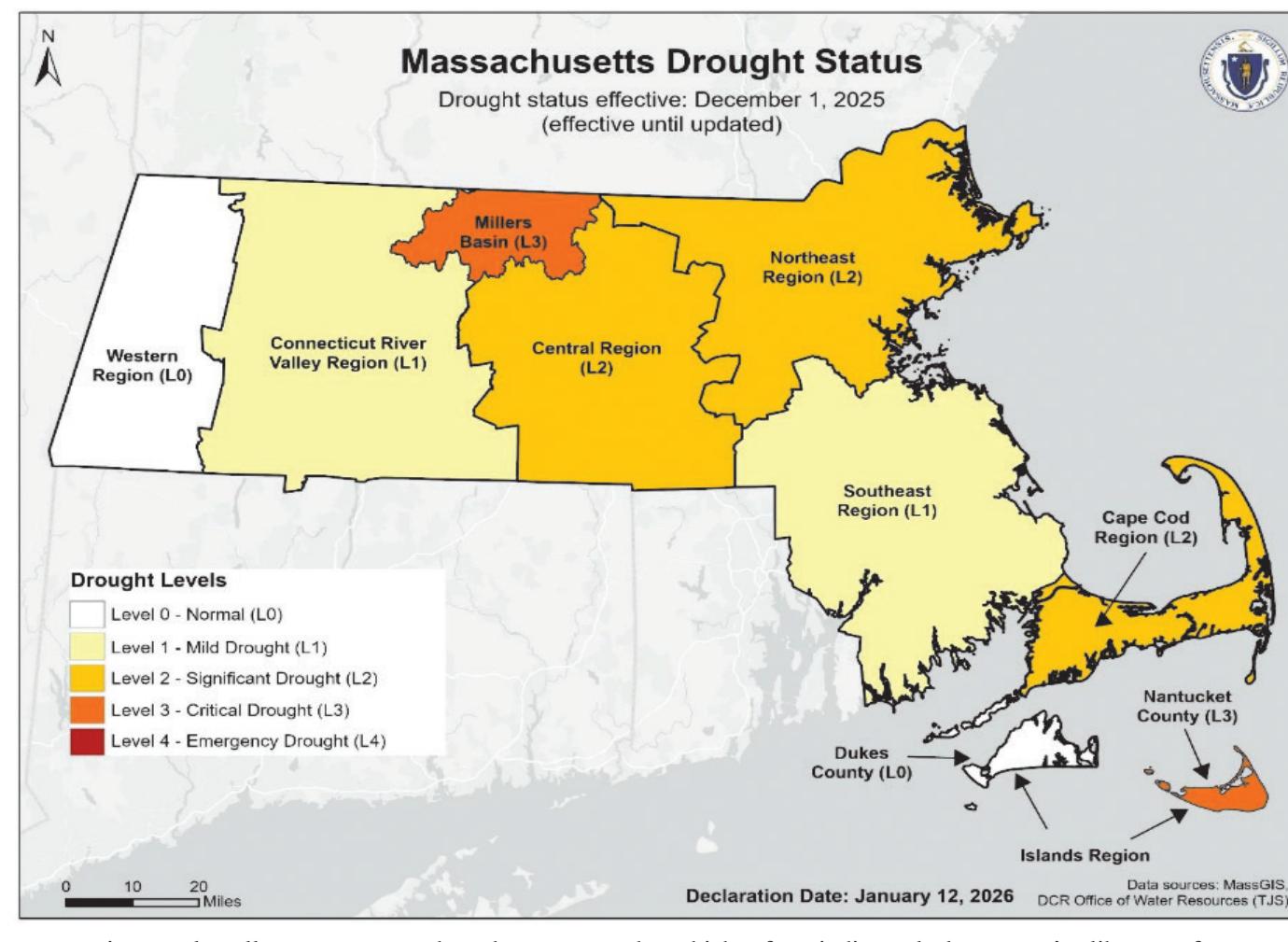
Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper has declared the Central and Northeast Regions have worsened to a Level 2-Significant Drought. Conditions also declined in nearly all other regions, moving the Southeast Region to a Level-1 Mild Drought and the Millers River Basin to a Level 3-Critical Drought. In the Islands Region, Dukes County has returned to Normal Conditions, and Nantucket County has moved to a Level 3-Critical Drought. Conditions remain unchanged in the Western, Connecticut River Valley, and Cape Cod Regions.

Drought is a look back at conditions over a period of time. The Drought Management Task Force (DMTF) collected and analyzed data from August 2024 through December 2025. Despite minor improvements at a few locations, drought conditions have continued in most of Massachusetts.

"Continued snow and rainfall are needed to alleviate the drought that many regions in our state are experiencing this winter," said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "Groundwater levels still need to recover, so as we get closer to the growing season, we encourage everyone to continue to follow state guidance and local water restrictions. This will help ensure we have enough water available for our essential needs."

During December, Massachusetts received rainfall ranging from 3 to 4 inches, but the month ended with totals at 1-2 inches below normal. However, when looking back over the past 3 to 6 months, precipitation deficits persist.

The current drought, which began in 2024, has had significant impacts on the natural environment, including the drying of



streams in nearly all regions, lower water levels in lakes and ponds, resulting in exposed banks, and impeding fish passage out to the ocean. Although local water supplies are currently stable, as the drought persists and winter recharge is reduced, it is prudent for all to be very conservative and save water whenever possible.

As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, continued monitoring of drought conditions must continue. The drought levels also require ongoing coordination among state and federal agencies to implement drought response actions such as water use restrictions. Additionally, engagement with municipalities, including local Boards of Health (BOH), is essential. This includes providing technical outreach and assistance to water suppliers and affected municipalities. Residents are asked to report to their local BOH in case of wells drying up; BOHs are asked to report on the condition of local private wells.

Residents can report dry environmental conditions and submit photos to help monitor the situation on the Massachusetts Water Impact Reporter. Additionally, a FAQ is now available for questions regarding the

current drought status and water conservation; and private well owners can go here for information on how the drought may impact them.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to assist communities in managing their water systems. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 1-Mild Drought, Level 2-Significant Drought, Level 3-Critical Drought including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are strongly urged to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place. Many systems may have other more severe local conditions and constraints on water supply.

For Regions in Level 1 – Mild Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use
- Follow state water conservation actions and any local water use restrictions
- Monitor total household water use shown on your water bill for sudden increases,

which often indicate leaks. Use the MA Home Water Use Calculator tool to evaluate household water use.

• Fix any toilet or faucet leaks immediately. Check for leaks in homes and businesses regularly by:

- Checking water meters for constant dial movement
- Using dye tabs to check for toilet leaks
- Conducting regular inspections of all pipes and fixtures, including those located in utility rooms, crawlspaces, and other hidden areas

• Use dishwashers rather than handwashing dishes. Run the dishwasher only on a full load

• Aggressively reduce indoor water use by:

- Reducing shower length and consider using a shower timer
- Running washing machines only on a full load
- Not letting water run while brushing and shaving

• Replacing old fixtures and appliances with water-efficient ones. Make sure toilets, faucets, and showerheads are WaterSense labeled

- Stop all non-essential water use

state's library of outreach materials

- Enforce water use restrictions with increasingly stringent penalties

• Strongly discourage or prohibit washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing

• Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users, identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities/ Municipalities:

Residents and Businesses:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials

• Provide timely information to local residents and businesses;

- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates;
- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,
- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of indoor use; and,

- For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.

Immediate Steps for Communities/ Municipalities:

- Limit or prohibit washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; and,
- Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users, identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

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• Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply

• Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan

For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use;

• Follow local water use restrictions;

• Fix indoor leaks, such

Black History //

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sa Ekere Tallie will read from her award-winning picture book *We Go Slow*, which follows a young girl and her grandfather as they take a walk through their neighborhood. Ideal for children ages 4-8, this gentle and contemplative story celebrates the quiet joy of slowing down and noticing the world around us. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

A Little History for Kids: An Interactive Workshop Celebrating Black Historical Figures

Sunday, Feb. 8, 1 – 2 p.m.

FREE

Violinist Caden Burston of Castle of Our Skins, a nonprofit celebrating Black artistry through music, introduces children to historical figures including author Phillis Wheatley, inventor Garrett Morgan, and President Barack Obama. Elementary school aged children are encouraged to sing, clap, move, and imagine as they explore the stories of trailblazing figures. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

New Guinea Joy Walking Tour: A Tour Through Boston's Black Heritage

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2-4 p.m.

\$30 for adults, \$15 for youth 18 and under.

Together, MAAH, the West End Museum and Afrimerican Academy trace Boston's earliest Black roots, from the North End's historic New Guinea Settlement to Joy Street on Beacon Hill which by the 1800s was the center of the city's burgeoning Black community. This tour looks at the lives of the free Black Bostonians who shaped history from the colonial era through abolition and beyond.

Flower Arranging With Pilon Fleur

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 5:30 –

7:30 p.m.

FREE

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Wendy Alexis-Janvier, founder of Pilon Fleur, will guide participants as they create colorful bouquets with refreshments provided. The session will cover basic floral design techniques, including flower selection, color balance, and arrangement. Everyone will leave with a one-of-a-kind bouquet, and

refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome and encouraged.

From Ideas to Institutions: The Process of Making Black History

Friday, Feb. 13, 5:30 –

8:30 p.m.

FREE

Discover how Black history is created, preserved, and celebrated. Angela Tate, Chief Curator and Director of Collections at MAAH; Kyera Singleton, public historian and Executive Director of the Royall House and Slave Quarters in Medford; and educator Jennifer Turner, board director for Communis, an organization fostering inclusive and engaged communities in Greater Boston, will share the stories, strategies, and visions behind the institutions that honor Black history.

The program will be followed by a celebration of Frederick Douglass' 208th birthday, featuring music and refreshments.

Digging Deeper into Black Voices of the Revolution

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 5-7 p.m.

FREE

Hear the stories that history often overlooks. UMass Boston Professor Dr. Nedra Lee and MAAH's Chief Curator and Director of Collections will discuss the creation of the Museum's newest exhibition, Black Voices of the Revolution. From rare artifacts to AI-driven displays, this exhibit invites visitors to engage with history in a new way.

Storytime at the Museum: Joy Takes Root

Thursday, Feb. 19, 10-11 a.m.

FREE

Author Gwendolyn Wallace will share her children's picture book, *Joy Takes Root*, which follows a young girl as she connects with the earth, learns to grow plants, and honors her family's gardening traditions. Reviewers have called *Joy Takes Root* "a beautiful ode to both the natural world and intergenerational cultural wisdom..." Recommended for children ages 3-8. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

MAAH Lunch Club, A Taste of the Diaspora

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 5-7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21, 12-3 p.m.

\$50 per person.

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Black Wellness Retreat

Sunday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. –

1 p.m.

\$40 per person

This half-day retreat invites adults 18 and up to focus on rest, creativity, and connection. Through movement, storytelling, and shared meals, participants will explore ways to nurture themselves and build community. The Haus of Glitter, a dance company and performance lab, offers a space to refresh, recharge, and engage with others in meaningful ways.

US Premiere: In Search of Phillis Wheatley Peters

Thursday, Feb. 26, 6-8 p.m.

FREE

Executive Producer and Director Leslie Askew, founder of Askew Films, and Executive Producer Turlough White, the company's head of production, will host the premiere of their new documentary *In Search of Phillis Wheatley Peters*. The filmmakers will examine the remarkable life of Wheatley Peters, the first African American woman—and only the third American woman—to publish a book of poetry. Enslaved in Boston and later emancipated, she mastered English, Greek, and Latin, composing elegant verse on religion, freedom, and historic figures.

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Suite for a Minor Meeting, Live Performance

Feb. 28, 5-7 p.m.

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Join Tufts University Art Galleries and MAAH for Suite for a Minor Meeting, a new site-specific performance by Jonathan González, a Magical Thinking of Systems and Belief-commisioned artist who works at the intersections of choreography, sculpture, text, and media. This special presentation, featuring Ogechi Okoye and Valentine Umeh, takes place at the African Meeting House on the MAAH campus.

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Sean Conley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Santander Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, dated November 29, 2016 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 57185, Page 311, subsequently assigned to Santander Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Santander Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 61370, Page 244, subsequently assigned to Santander Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Santander Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 61546, Page 182 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on January 28, 2026 at 20 Irving Street, Revere, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

Tax Id Number(s): 22-380-27

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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 02/09/2026.

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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D

Rivers, First Justice of this

Court.

Date: December 29, 2025

Stephanie L Everett, Esq.

Register of Probate

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02) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of 76-82 Revere Beach Blvd., LLC, 544 Salem Street, Wakefield, MA 01880 requesting the following variances to enable the appellant to construct a mixed-use condominium building consisting of eighty (80) residential units and commercial space at 76-82 Revere Beach Boulevard:

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8:15AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:15AM to 12:15PM.

If unable to attend the

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opponent testimony will

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Ashley E. Melnik, Clerk

City of Revere

Zoning Board of Appeals

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RC2 District;

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within the RC2 District;

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5. RRO Section 17.28.020

with respect to minimum

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ment of 1 loading space

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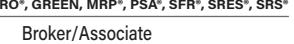
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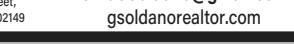
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The following is the full text of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'I have a Dream' speech given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., on August 28, 1963. The speech was part of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But 100 years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition. In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check.

When the architects of our repub-

lic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men — yes, Black men as well as white men — would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked insufficient funds.

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so we've come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

We have also come to this hal- lowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time

to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.

Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust

of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny.

And so we have come to cash this check, a check which has come back marked insufficient funds.

We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has

nothing for which to vote.

No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters, and righteously like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells.

Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality.

You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to

Alabama, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our Northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right down in Alabama little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last."

Embracing diversity and fostering harmony in memory of Dr. King. Together, we can build a future rooted in equality & justice.

Patrick Keefe
Mayor of Revere



"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." — Martin Luther King Jr.



Anthony T. Zambuto
Councillor-at-Large & Council President

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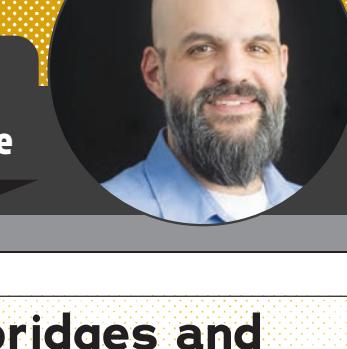
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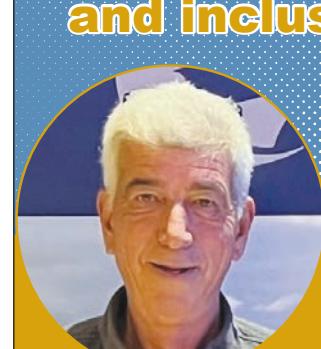
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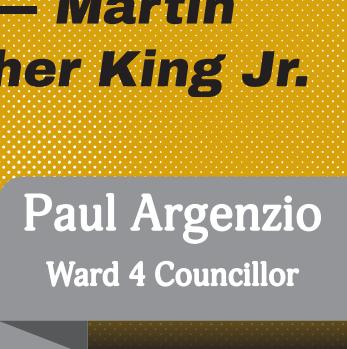
Chris Giannino
Ward 6 Councillor

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Michelle Kelley
Councillor-at-Large

"The time is always right to do what is right." — Martin Luther King Jr.



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