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## NEWS BRIEFS

### APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR REVERE SUMMER YOUTHWORKS 2026

Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. and the Department of Workforce Development have announced that applications are now being accepted for the Summer 2026 YouthWorks program.

This state-funded initiative provides Revere residents ages 15-21 with paid, short-term work placements at public, private, and non-profit sites. Participants gain hands-on experience, professional soft-skills training, and career exploration opportunities across various city departments and local organizations.

#### Key Dates & Deadline

Program Duration: 6-8 weeks (July through August).

Priority Deadline: Apply

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## COMMUNITY IFTAR AT JACK SATTER



The Jack Satter House in partnership with the Peace Islands Institute of Boston recently hosted an Iftar dinner for residents and friends, in celebration of the month of Ramadan. Shown above, guests are pictured at the buffet table where delicious Turkish foods were available. Shown to the left, City Council President Anthony Zambuto extends the city's greetings to Benjamin Aysan, Executive Director of the Peace Islands Institute of Boston. See more photos on Page 8.

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

## Council looks at tweaks to proposed changes to zoning ordinance

By Adam Swift

A change to the zoning ordinance proposed by City Council President Anthony Zambuto could affect Revere's compliance with the MBTA 3A Communities Act, the state law geared toward creating housing.

At the end of January, Zambuto submitted the proposed ordinance change which would require the council to issue a special permit for residential development in zoning districts that also allow businesses.

At the time, Zambuto noted that the ordinance change would not do away with the city's zoning board. If projects received the special permit from the council but needed dimensional relief, they would still have to go before the ZBA, he said.

He also noted in January that the proposed ordinance change would likely see

some changes in the zoning subcommittee before a potential vote by the full council.

At a public hearing held by the city council Monday night, Planning and Community Development Director Tom Skwierawski spoke in opposition to the ordinance change as currently written.

"This proposal would bring us out of compliance with the MBTA Communities state law," said Skwierawski. "Back in December of 2023, we had to come into compliance with this law, which states that we have to allow for the creation of at least 25 percent of our housing stock by right through our zoning codes. At that time ... we had two different zoning districts, one in Green Street and one on Shirley Avenue that helped

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## Man injured while working on powerline

Staff Report

A 25-year-old who was working on elevated power lines on Railroad Avenue was electrocuted, causing a power outage to the area, on Saturday, according to police.

On Saturday, February 28, 2026, and at approximately 1:24pm, the Revere Police Department responded to 30 Railroad Avenue on the report of a person who had suffered an apparent

electrocution, Revere police stated.

Upon arrival, officers proceeded to the rear of the property (Park N Boston), near the railroad tracks. There, officers observed a man (later identified as 25 years old - whose name is being withheld at this time) on the ground. Access to the victim was initially obstructed by a secured chain-link fence, topped with barbed wire and additional concertina wire. The Revere

Fire Department cut through the fence to allow emergency personnel to reach the victim, police stated.

Police stated that preliminary information indicated that the victim was working on elevated power lines when he made contact with a live wire, resulting in a loud electrical discharge. The victim became suspended by his safety harness before being safely lowered to the

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## Clark secures federal funds for Gibson Park project

By Adam Swift

Last week, Congresswoman and Democratic Whip Katherine Clark announced that she secured more than \$12 million for 15 community projects across the Fifth Congressional District.

The projects were selected in collaboration with

state and local leaders.

Revere is set to receive \$250,000 for the Revere Boatyard Remediation Project that will see improvements to Gibson Park.

"We are grateful that the earmark secured by Whip Clark will improve community spaces as part of our revitalization of Gibson Park," said Mayor Patrick

Keefe. "The Gibson Park project will create new recreational and athletic opportunities, and refresh the existing green space."

Clark said the project in Revere and the others throughout her district will touch many lives across the state.

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Mayor Patrick Keefe and State Rep. Jessica Giannino present citations to Eddy Volcimus in recognition of being honored by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Caucus during its annual "Black Excellence on the Hill" event. Volcimus, the Revere DPW building maintenance foreman, was nominated by Rep. Giannino for the award, citing his dedicated service to the city and his constant commitment to bettering the community.

## City DPW Foreman, Eddy Volcimus honored during 'Black Excellence on the Hill'

Special to the Journal

Revere resident, Eddy Volcimus was honored by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) during its annual "Black Excellence on the Hill" event, which took place in the State House's Great Hall. Each February, as part of Black History Month celebrations, the MBLLC organizes this event to recognize and celebrate Black leaders from across the Commonwealth and highlight the

impactful work they are doing in their communities.

Among the leaders recognized at this year's event was Revere's own Eddy Volcimus, who was nominated as the Sixteenth Suffolk District's honoree by State Representative Jessica A. Giannino. Although Eddy was unable to attend the event at the State House, his name was read alongside the other honorees. Representative Giannino later visited Eddy at Revere

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## READ ACROSS AMERICA KICKS OFF



It's Read Across America week! The event held the week of Dr. Seuss's birthday annually celebrates literacy. City officials joined in the celebration visiting schools and reading to Revere students. Shown above, Asst. Supervisor of Water Dept., Anthony Guilizia and RPD Lt. Joe Internicola shown with Ms. Guilizia's kindergarten class at Garfield School.



## 3A Zoning // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

us come into compliance with the ordinance.”

However, Skwierawski said there were also a series of other zoning districts that helped the city build a baseline for compliance.

“We had to have 6,135 units that we would be allowed to create by right through zoning, and those two districts covered about 2,500 of that 6,135,” he said. “So the other districts that played a critical role were those in the RC and GB districts, which between those accounted for about 3,065 of our calculation.”

If the ordinance were to change and require special permits for residential development in the RC and GB districts, Skwierawski said Revere would no longer be in compliance with the MBTA Communities Act.

Skwierawski said the ordinance changes would also

place a heavier burden on both the city council and applicants with one- and two-family residential projects.

Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio asked if the proposed ordinance changes to the neighborhood business district would affect 3A compliance, and Skwierawski said it would not.

“We can’t put in place what I had originally hoped for, we have to be in compliance with the MBTA community law, as much as that hurts my throat to say that,” said Zambuto. “Councillor Argenzio brought up one of the points I was going to bring up... this is going to committee and we are going to work out the details. We know the big details we are dictated by, but we do have some tweaking we can do that will protect neighborhoods, so this will go to zoning.”

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“I am proud to bring home critical investments that will construct welcoming and safe community gathering spaces, build affordable and accessible housing for seniors, advance our march toward a climate resilient future, strengthen our infrastructure, and so much more,” said Clark. “Thank you to the state and local leaders who partnered with me to help identify these priorities. Together, we are building a future more worthy of our children.”

Beginning in 2020 with RiverFront Masterplan, the city has been working to reduce risk and redevelop the area around Gibson Park and Mills Avenue Neighborhood to improve resiliency and recreational opportunities. Specifically, the project produced four goals for the project: creating resiliency, serving the community, ad-

ressing historic high tide flooding, and cleaning up the environment.

The park improvements include demolition of the existing baseball field, tennis courts, and community garden to construct nature-based resiliency intervention measures and low impact development to implement stormwater best management practices (BMPs), that include re-grading the property to a set design elevation, use of rain gardens/bioswales, and use of sub-grade stormwater infiltration and detention chambers. The park will be reconstructed to include a new multi-use field, new tennis and pickle ball courts, and an expanded community garden program. The estimated project cost is \$2,876,104, according to the final legal notice for the Gibson Park

## Health Board discusses regulation of kratom

By Journal Staff

The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 26, in the City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chair Dr. Drew Bunker, board members Kathleen Savage and Viviana Catano, Director of Public Health Lauren Buck, Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services Michael Wells, and Board of Health Clerk Paula Sepulveda.

Buck presented the Public Health Communicable Disease monthly report. Buck said that influenza cases in the city have significantly decreased from the previous four months. She said that the Health Dept. is monitoring two Mpox cases, which is in line with communities across the state. COVID-19 cases also are leveling off in the city, she said.

Buck highlighted the alarming increase in measles cases across the country. “There have been 1004 reported measles cases in the country thus far in 2026, an extraordinary rate of acceleration. that we haven’t seen in a long time. Measles is the most contagious disease on earth, but if you receive a vaccination, you are well-protected,” said Buck, who noted that measles vaccinations are available through the Board of Health and the Revere public schools.

Wells presented the ISD report for February. Wells said that in the past month, ISD issued 69 certificates of fitness for housing units; performed 16 reinspections; and received eight interior complaints.

In the food department, ISD performed 31 routine food inspections, four reinspections, seven complaint

inspections, four pre-opening inspections, and 15 temporary food inspections.

In the exterior sanitation division, ISD agents issued 412 total citations for trash violations; 24 for overflowing dumpsters; 228 for sump pump/snow & ice violations; and eight for junk heaps, dumps, and automobile graveyards.

Buck then made a Powerpoint presentation to educate the board and public about the health concerns pertaining to kratom. Kratom is a large-leafed plant native to Southeast Asia. The leaves are crushed and traditionally are smoked, brewed with tea, or put into a capsule. However, the kratom that is sold in the United States is much more concentrated than in traditional medicine.

Kratom stimulates the same receptors in the brain as opioids. In low doses, it is

a mild stimulant, but in high doses it acts like a sedative. Kratom can be addictive in high doses and has many other physical side-effects, such as nausea, tachycardia, liver disease, seizures, and hallucinations.

Kratom is not regulated at either the state or federal levels and has not been approved by the FDA for medicinal use. The DEA lists kratom as a “drug or chemical of concern.”

Buck said some cities and towns in the state have implemented regulations pertaining to kratom and highlighted the communities of Lowell and Canton, which have banned the sale of kratom.

Buck said that in Revere, only three businesses (of about 40 that were surveyed) are selling kratom products either in powder

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early before April 17, 2026.

Requirement: After submitting the online application, applicants must email their most recent report card, transcript, or resume to youthworks@revere.org.

For full program details and to apply, scan the QR code below.



### SAVE THE HARBOR'S ANNUAL JETBLUE SHAMROCK SPLASH SET FOR SUNDAY IN EASTIE

On Sunday, March 8 Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and JetBlue will be hosting the 16th Annual Shamrock Splash on Constitution Beach, 199 Coleridge St, East Boston from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Participants or “splash-



Splashers rush for the water during last year's event.

ers” will go into the freezing water as well as enjoy Boston’s best winter beach party with drinks and food from Sam Adams, Downeast Cider, Dogfish Head, Vitamin Water, Topo Chico, and The Daily Catch. Splashers are also encouraged to participate in an aquatic-themed costume contest. The winners of the costume contest, the biggest fundraiser, and the captain of the largest team will win free JetBlue roundtrip flights to any destination. The event will be

hosted by Mix 104.1’s Kennedy Ely and music will be provided by Boston Music Award Winning Artist Rilla Force. This event will proceed rain, snow or shine.

Save the Harbor hosts this annual fundraiser in partnership with JetBlue to raise money for its Better Beaches Grant Program. The Better Beaches Grant Program awards small grants to individuals and organizations who put on free public events and programs each summer on Department of Conservation and Recre-

ation’s beaches from Nahant to Nantasket. Last summer, Save the Harbor supported nearly 200 events aimed to bring people of color, Queer people, people with disabilities, Indigenous people, multilingual people, and low-income community members to the Boston Harbor.

The winners of the costume contest will be announced at 12:45 p.m. with the polar plunge at 1 p.m.

For more information visit the Shamrock Splash website.



# Revere TV

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## SPOTLIGHT

Tune in to RevereTV next week to watch the 2026 State of the City Address, delivered by Mayor Patrick Keefe. This will be on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30pm at the Susan B. Anthony Middle School Auditorium located at 107 Newhall Street. However, RevereTV will be streaming the address live on all channels and YouTube. That would be Comcast channels 8, 9, and 1072, and RCN channels 3, 13, 613, and 614. Mayor Keefe’s address will cover subjects from key developments, infrastructure improvements, the city’s financial outlook, community priorities, and more. It’s coming up quickly so mark your calendars for March 11th and watch RevereTV!

El Concilio Latino returns with another exciting episode of their cooking program, this time featuring the Dominican Republic! Estaphany is joined by a special guest, a baker from Diaz Bakery in Lynn, who shares how to create traditional and beautifully decorated Dominican meringue cakes. During the episode, the hosts talked about a few flag raising events that were held over the past few weeks celebrating Dominican Independence Day, and this celebration being the key reason for highlighting the Dominican culture and cuisine this month. This new episode is now scheduled to the RTV Community Channel daily through the month of March. Follow along at your own pace by watching the episode at your convenience on YouTube. Subscribe to RevereTV on YouTube and all social media outlets to get the most of community partnered programming.

For years now, RevereTV has been airing fitness videos produced in partnership with the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center every weekday morning from 9AM to noon. It’s been quite a while since a new episode was produced, until now! The new episode for the Senior Health Series now playing on the Community Channel is Qigong Tai Chi with Imelda. These workouts are designed for all Revere residents but especially our seniors so that they can improve and maintain their physical fitness even when they cannot get to the center in person. Don’t forget that all Revere senior residents are welcome at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center.

March 6th is Black Balloon Day, a day to recognize lives lost to overdose. Members of the City of Revere Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Initiatives Office visited RevereTV to produce new programming to remind residents of resources that the city offers. Support is available. The SUDHI office hosts a weekly resource day every Wednesday, housing resources, treatment options, food, clothing, toiletries, fentanyl test strips, Narcan, peer support, and an on-site PCP who provides street medicine twice a week. To learn about resources like these and more, tune in to the new programming on RTV through the month of March or reach out to the SUDHI office at 781-629-4158.

RTV GOV remains scheduled with the latest meetings from the Council Chambers. This includes the rescheduled meetings that were supposed to happen during the blizzard for the City Council and Planning Board. Replays of all meetings are scheduled to RTV GOV in rotation by date, but can also be accessed and viewed on YouTube at any time.

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ground by co-workers. A bystander (who was waiting at Park N Boston), was already providing aid and requested an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

This bystander (a nurse), whose name is being withheld at this time, ran to the fence and jumped over it (using an accumulated snow pile next to the fence). This bystander remained with the victim, helping to keep him calm until the arrival of police, fire and EMS personnel.

The victim was transported by Cataldo Ambulance

Service to Massachusetts General Hospital for treatment. The victim is currently in stable condition, police stated.

Power was restored around 3:00pm and police said the incident remains under review.

The victim works for Michels Power, Inc. out of Wisconsin.

The Revere Police Department commended the bystander for her quick thinking and willingness to assist during this critical emergency.

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## Revere High celebrated Black History Month with stories of heritage, resilience, pride

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As Revere Public Schools wraps up its month-long celebration of Black History Month, the district is looking back on its series of important conversations that honored the voices, experiences, and cultural traditions that continue to shape the school community.

Last week, RPS released the third episode that is part of its special video series, "From Where We Come." This episode featured Black teachers, school leaders, and students and tells personal stories about heritage, determination, and the importance of Black History. (Scan QR Code to Watch).

Cassandra Sermon, the proud principal of Lincoln Elementary School, talked about what it was like to be a Haitian-American teacher. Sermon was born in Miami but grew up in Massachusetts. She got her degree in elementary education from Oakwood University, a historically Black university in Alabama. She taught in Brooklyn, New York, and later got two master's degrees from Long Island University.

Sermon talked honestly about how important it is for students to see leaders who look like them and how being a role model can change their lives. She thought about how proud she was of her Haitian roots and how important it is to fully accept one's culture. "Don't ever be ashamed of where you come from," she told the students. "Shine and stay focused on your goals no matter what."

Abel Aklog, a senior at Revere High School, thought about his Ethiopian roots and the values his parents taught him after they moved to the U.S. in 2001. Family, kindness, and



From top, Abel Aklog, Emma DeCrosta, and Zaney Kayembe. These three students joined teachers and school leaders in a special episode of "From Where We Come" commemorating Black History Month.

shared responsibility are still important to Aklog's sense of self. He said that Black History Month is a time to remember the sacrifices that ancestors made to make things better for future generations.

Revere High junior Emma DeCrosta talked about what it was like to be an African American student with two races and how she dealt with her identity. She said that Black History Month is a time to learn more, appreciate other cultures, and understand what Black students go through in real life. Her ideas about how education and empathy can make communities stronger stood out.

Zaney Kayembe, a senior whose parents came to the US from the Democratic Republic of Congo, talked about growing up in Revere and making friends with people from other cultures. Kayembe says that Black History Month is a good time to remember how strong people are who have been through hard times and

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## ZBA grants variances for a 30-unit apartment building at 1 Shirley Ave.

By Journal Staff

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

Wednesday, February 25, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chair Michael Tucker and fellow members Aklog Limeneh, Arthur Pelton, and John Lopes.

The first matter taken up was an application from local resident Christopher Fazio, the principal of 690 Washington Ave. LLC, for variances (from the lack of required setbacks and exceeding the maximum building coverage on a lot) in order to raze an existing structure and construct a two-family home with an attached accessory dwelling unit (ADU). The property is located across the street and a few doors down from the Stop and Shop on Washington Ave.

Attorney Matt Graves presented the application. "Sadly, this is a classic example of a blighted property that has been uninhabited for a number of years and has been condemned by the city," said Graves, who noted that there had been a fire at the property and that it has been boarded up for years. "The developer plans to raze it and construct an attractive new structure that fits in with the neighborhood."

Graves said that the variances are needed because of the unique shape and sloping topography of the lot. "This property will be transformed from a dilapidated and unsightly building into an attractive and safe residence with sufficient parking (including for the ADU). This will be a significant improvement in terms of safety, aesthetics, and neighborhood character," Graves added.

Graves said Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino supports the project. There were no opponents and the

commissioners unanimously approved the project.

Next up was a request from 700 Broadway, LLC (Jamie Russo, manager) for five variances (including setback and parking requirements) to construct a five-story, 20-unit apartment building at that location.

Attorney Brian McGrail from Wakefield presented the application. He said the project "will replace an obsolete and aging structure with a modern residential structure that meets current building, fire, and accessibility standards. The variances are warranted because of the unique physical conditions of the lot including irregular shape and sloping topography that restrict reasonable development."

"This project is on Broadway's business corridor near public transit and makes it well-suited to promote walkability, to support the local economy, and to support the city's housing needs," McGrail added.

However, four groups of neighbors on adjacent properties on Broadway, Malden St., and Tuckerman St. voiced their opposition to the project. All cited the already-existing parking issues in their neighborhood which they said will be exacerbated by the project, which will have only 10 parking spaces for the 20 units. In addition they noted that the size of the building will not fit in with the scale of the neighborhood, which is comprised of smaller homes and structures.

The Malden St. homeowners also asserted that the high-rise building will loom over their backyard, taking away their privacy and thereby negatively affecting the value of their property.

After both Lopes and Pelton suggested that the developer should meet with the residents to work out the parking issue, the members voted to continue the matter until March.

McGrail presented the next application on behalf of another project by Russo to construct a 30-unit apartment building at 1 Shirley Ave., which is located at the corner of Beach St. and Shirley Ave. across from the Dunkin Donuts at Bell Circle.

Seven variances are required, including lack of minimum setbacks, lack of parking, exceeding the 50-foot height limit, and exceeding the limit of five stories.

"This is a uniquely-constrained parcel, with sloping topography and uneven geometry," said McGrail, who added that Russo will be demolishing the existing warehouse on the site and replacing it with a modern apartment building "that will improve the overall quality of the area and will provide needed multi-family housing in the city."

Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselsky spoke in favor of the application.

"I've spoken to the developer," said Novoselsky. "The top floor will be stepped-back with parking spaces underneath, consistent with the other projects on Shirley Ave. This will make Shirley Ave. a better place to live."

There were no opponents and the ZBA members unanimously approved the application, though with the condition that the tenants will not be eligible to participate in the city's resident and visitor on-street permit parking program.

Next up was a request from the owner of the new

La Quinta Hotel at 125 Squire Rd. to construct an additional floor onto the existing structure, which still is under construction, in order to create a function room.

Variances are needed in order for the developer to exceed the 50-foot height limit and the limit of five stories.

Local realtor Lou Markakis presented the application. He said the first phase of the project, consisting of 100 of the hotel's 156 rooms, is 90 percent complete.

However, he said that the hotel has received numerous requests from Revere residents for the addition of a function room for private and community events, which prompted the owners to add a function room on the top floor.

There were no opponents and the members unanimously approved issuing the variance.

The final matter of the evening was an application from the owner of 37 Page St. to construct a permanent 25' x 20' hip-roof structure over an existing backyard patio. A variance is required because 10 feet of side-yard setback is required per the zoning ordinance, but the project will be only five feet away from the neighboring property.

Architect Jacob Levine presented the application, which included a rendering of the completed project. There were no opponents and the members unanimously approved granting the variance.

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City Hall to present him with citations from the state and the MBLLC in front of his family and friends.

"Eddy is the embodiment of what it means to be an exemplary employee—trustworthy, dedicated, and selfless. His unwavering professionalism and genuine respect for others are a tremendous asset to the City

and an inspiration to those around him," said Representative Giannino (D-Revere). "Congratulations, Eddy, and thank you for all that you do for Revere."

"Eddy is an exemplary employee for the City of Revere: hard-working, diligent, reliable. He comes to work each day with a smile on his face and leads by

example amongst our fellow staff. He is incredibly deserving of the Black Excellence award, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work that earned him this honor," said Revere City Mayor Patrick Keefe.

"Thank you to the City of Revere, the people I surround myself with made me who I am today. To my boss, Steve Penta, who has been a consistent positive role model to me. And especially to all of the Patriots, who fought and sacrificed themselves, for the freedom of Black Americans today," said Eddy Volcimus.

Eddy consistently demonstrates what it means to be a truly exemplary employee for the City of Revere. He is trustworthy, consistent, hardworking, respectful, and responsible, and he leads by example every single day. Whether handling his regular responsibilities or supporting the team through unexpected challenges, Eddy brings a level of dedication and professionalism that sets the tone for everyone around him.

One of Eddy's most outstanding qualities is his selflessness. He never hesitates to step in where he is needed, even if it means going above and beyond his role as Building Maintenance Foreman. His thoughtful-

ness and attention to detail ensure that our facilities operate smoothly and safely, often in ways that go unseen but are never unappreciated. Eddy is a true team player who supports his crew with patience and respect, fostering a work environment built on collaboration and mutual trust.



Revere DPW Supervisor Steve Penta (right) congratulates his DPW colleague, Eddy Volcimus, for being recognized for the distinguished "Black Excellence on the Hill" honor. Also pictured is Mr. Penta's son, Romeo Penta.

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# Forum

## OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS ONCE AGAIN ARE DEFENDING FREEDOM

Regardless of whether one agrees with the undertaking of an undeclared war with Iran that ignited over the weekend, these hostilities once again have placed the lives of American soldiers at immediate risk on the front line.

However, as our men and women in uniform have done throughout our history, they are answering the call to perform their duty with the utmost skill and bravery.

The news that three of our soldiers died and five more were seriously injured in an Iranian missile attack on a U.S. military base in Kuwait over the weekend brought on a profound sense of sadness to the nation.

Equally heartbreaking are the reports that more than 150 Iranian children were killed when a missile struck their elementary school, a staggering loss of innocent life. Similarly, the news of the deaths of nine Israeli civilians, including three teenage siblings, when a missile landed on their bomb-shelter, has been heart-rending.

Every parent, regardless of nationality, can relate to these tragic events deeply and profoundly.

As for the war itself, no one will be shedding any tears for Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who perished on Saturday morning when his compound was bombed by Israeli missiles.

The violent demise of Khamenei and many of his generals brings to mind the biblical directive, "As ye sow, so shall ye reap."

Under Khamenei's 36-year rule, the Iranian regime not only has murdered, tortured, and imprisoned tens of thousands of its own citizens, but it also has spread its message of hate throughout the world.

Iran has provided arms to terrorist organizations in the Middle East and elsewhere with the directive, "Death to America, Death to Israel." One of those terrorist groups, Hamas, launched the attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, that resulted in the cold-blooded murder of more than 1200 Israeli citizens, precipitating the current conflict.

More ominously, Iran's persistent effort to develop a nuclear weapon threatens not only Israel, but civilization as we know it.

Ever since the Iranian theocrats took power in January, 1979, and seized the U.S. embassy a few months later, the Iranian regime has been an obstacle to the attainment of world peace, not only in the Middle East, but also across the globe.

American foreign policy with Iran up to this point essentially has been one of appeasement. But as history has shown, trying to achieve "peace" with zealous, murderous dictators who only care about enlarging their power is a fool's mission.

America finally has taken Khamenei and Iran's authoritarian leaders at their word -- and their message of hate at last has been met with an appropriate response.

We know we join with all Americans in praying for a speedy end to the conflict and for the safety of our military men and women and innocent civilians throughout the Middle East.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN STUDIO PROJECT ON REVERE WATERWAYS

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform you about an exciting collaborative program currently underway between the City of Revere and the Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD). The Revere Waterways project is a fifteen-week initiative that seeks to identify how Revere might strengthen

relationship to the key water resources that surround it: Revere Beach, Rumney and Belle Isle Marsh, and Chelsea Creek. The initiative is led by GSD students who will engage directly with the City of Revere, community-based organizations and the broader public to better understand the strengths and challenges that lie in our relationship to water, and take stock of the economic, ecological, recreational and other opportunities that these resources represent. Ultimately, the students will offer physical,

policy-based, or programmatic recommendations aimed at making Revere a better place to live, work and play.

You may be contacted by students over the next several weeks to interview you, ask that you participate in a focus group, or visit your place of business. They are reaching out to better understand the current dynamic for immigrants and refugees coming to the City, and learn directly from the community. Students will present their findings and recommendations to the

City at the end of the semester. This is a great opportunity for the City to gain valuable insights from the studio project, and help inform the City on policy going forward.

The students are working through the Community Development and Planning Department and I'm happy to answer any questions you might have about the project. I'm available at (781) 286-8181 x 20324

Sincerely,

**Tom Skwierawski**  
**Chief of Planning and Community Development**

## Everard St. project moved forward by Traffic Comm.

By Journal Staff

The Revere Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 19, in the City Councillor Joseph A. Del Grosso Council Chambers of Revere City Hall.

DPW Director Christopher Ciaramella presided over the session that was attended by Executive Officer Glenn Malley (representing Police Chief Maria LaVita), Fire Chief James Cullen, and Chief of Planning and Community Development Tom Skwierawski.

The commission conducted a number of public hearings into requests to amend the city's traffic and parking ordinances.

The first three hearings pertained to requests to add handicapped parking spots at 27 Avon St., 59 Coledge St., and 11 Wave Ave. The commissioners unanimously approved the applications.

The next matter was a request to make a number of changes to the present on-street parking allowances and restrictions on Everard St. in the vicinity of the Beachmont Veterans Memorial School.

Julie DeMauro from the

city's Department of Planning and Community Development presented the application. "This has to do with the Safe Routes to School program for which the city has received a grant of \$1.4 million for the reconstruction of streets and sidewalks for Everard St., Belle Isle Ave., Cottage St., and the Cummings Park area of Winthrop and Crescent Aves. in the vicinity of the school," said DeMauro, who noted that about 60 percent of the school's students walk to school, the second-highest rate in the city for any school.

"This request is asking to reconfigure the current parking allowances on Everard St. The two-hour parking between the two school driveways will remain, as will the two-hour parking on Everard up to Belle Isle Ave.," DeMauro said, "but we are asking for the removal of parking in-between the Cottage St. and Everard St. intersection because the engineers are proposing to widen the sidewalk by five feet (to a new width of 10 feet) on the school side.

"This will prevent double-parking and will make it safer for pedestrians to walk

to the school. This will be a friendlier environment for kids walking and biking to school," DeMauro added.

In response to a question from Ciaramella, DeMauro noted that there will be only one legal parking space lost by the reconfiguration of the parking allowances and restrictions.

Ward 1 Councillor Jim Mercurio said he has reviewed the plan and he is a "little bit concerned" about the proposed 10-foot width of the sidewalk that will narrow the width of the street. "But other than that, I think it's a great project and a needed project in that area for safety issues," Mercurio said.

There were no opponents to the project, which is still in its early design phase and will be subject to a community hearing, and the commissioners unanimously approved the application.

The commissioners for the third time took up the proposal for the installation of three on-street EV-charging stations by Commonwealth Electrical Technologies on McCoba St., Hutchinson St. and Proctor Ave. The project is being funded through a state

grant of about \$500,000 for the installation of the curb-side charging stations.

Abderezak Azib from the city's Dept. of Planning and Community Development updated the commissioners about the project.

"As long as there is some sort of revenue set aside for maintenance of these stations, I have no problem with this proposal," said Ciaramella.

After a brief explanation by Azib about issues relating to safety of the charging stations (which will be protected by bollards) in the event they are damaged, the commissioners unanimously approved the application.

The commission moved three matters forward to public hearings for next month:

The first was a request from Mayor Patrick Keefe that on-street parking permits be limited to four per address (or unit), though there will be an appeal process to the city's Parking Department.

"This seems like a smart idea," noted Skwierawski.

The others were two requests to add handicapped parking spots at 31 Bay Rd. and 54 Carlson Ave.

## City council holds two restaurant public hearings

By Adam Swift

The popular Pollo Royal restaurant is looking to move to new digs on Broadway.

The city council held a public hearing on the request for a special permit that would allow Pollo Royal to set up shop at a former tow company site at 855 Broadway. Andrea Garcia, the contractor for the project, said the 30-seat restaurant will be similar to the set up of the existing restaurant that will move from 529

Broadway.

Several councillors said they were supportive of the project, but said they will need more detailed plans when the project appears before the council's zoning subcommittee later this month. In addition to the restaurant, plans call for a second 2,000 square foot-plus retail space.

Garcia said those detailed plans are completed and will be presented to the council.

"I love the idea that that building is finally getting a

new life into it, and I think it is going to be a great asset to the city, but you should present the plans to the council prior to coming up in front of us so we all can get a look at it," said Ward 1 Councilor Jim Mercurio.

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony Cogliandro agreed that he would like to see more detailed plans for the project, but said he was happy to see the building getting a facelift and a change of use. He said he has not heard any concerns yet from neighbors near the site, but said the restaurant should do anything it can to work with neighbors to make sure there are no issues.

"I am in favor of this 100 percent, so just continue to be good neighbors," said Cogliandro.

The project is in Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya's ward said she was not aware of the project ahead of time and has not heard from any abutters.

"I'm not against it because I want to clean up what is there, but I am interested in hearing what the neighbors have to say, particularly regarding the parking that is around there,"

she said.

She suggested the restaurant and contractor set up a community meeting with the abutters.

In other restaurant business, the council also held a public hearing for a proposed restaurant and one-bedroom apartment at a former floral business at 619 Broadway. That project will also be going before the council's zoning subcommittee before a potential vote on the permit by the full council.

The 30-seat restaurant proposed by Flor and Carlos Gomez will feature Italian and Spanish food and have four parking spaces on site.

"This is my ward, and I hadn't heard anything about this," said Cogliandro. "I do love that we are bringing in another restaurant, I think it is great."

Cogliandro did ask where vehicles would pull into the parking spaces, and the owners said it would be from School Street. He also asked if there would be entertainment planned for the restaurant, with Carlos Gomez responding that the only plans were for background music.

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## International weight-loss organization announces Leading “Losers” for 2024, honors Revere woman

Special to the Journal

TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds SensiblySM), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, is unveiling its “royalty” for 2024. TOPS® royalty are women and men who have officially recorded the largest weight loss from their highest weight at TOPS by the end of 2024 and reached their goal weight, regardless of the time taken to achieve their goal. Bonnie Moore of Revere, who lost 200 pounds, and Ralph Lesure Jr. of North Adams, who dropped 40 pounds, are the 2024 Massachusetts Queen and King. They were honored May 9-10, 2025, at the Massachusetts recognition event at the Crowne Plaza Boston - Woburn.

With an individual approach to weight loss and overall wellness, TOPS provides consistent group support, health education, and recognition to encourage successful weight management. Massachusetts has an adult obesity rate of 27.%, and in 2024, TOPS members in Massachusetts lost a cumulative 4,346 pounds.

“All of us affiliated with TOPS are extremely proud of our members’ weight-loss accomplishments,” said Rick Danforth, TOPS President. “Through their TOPS membership, these individuals can commemorate their life-changing successes, other members, and those who have preceded them. By continuing their faithfulness to lifestyle alterations, a characteristic of TOPS’ successful formula, TOPS members employ the methods they’re offered and the support of their peers to achieve their weight loss objectives.”

In-person or online weekly meetings are the heart of TOPS support. In-person meetings start with an optional weigh-in, with members then sharing challenges, successes, or goals. A brief program covering a variety of health and wellness topics follows and may conclude with awards and recognition for the week. Visitors can attend their first TOPS in-person meeting free of charge and are encouraged to try more than

one chapter since they’re all a little different.

For online membership, meetings are conducted via Zoom and are offered at least five times weekly. The meeting starts with members disclosing challenges, successes, or goals. Next, the online facilitator presents a prepared program that sometimes includes guest speakers sharing expert views on fitness, nutrition, and more. Meetings conclude with action steps related to the presented program.

Membership is affordable, starting at USD 70 per year, plus nominal chapter fees. Join TOPS, visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org), or call 800-932-8677 to learn more about TOPS and to find a local chapter.

TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is the original weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Founded in 1948, TOPS is the only nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss organization of its kind. TOPS promotes successful weight management with a “Real People. Real Weight Loss.®” philosophy that combines support from others at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information.

Today, there are about 65,000 members, including men, women, and international members, who join chapter meetings online, with thousands of chapters in all 50 states and Canada. TOPS also has an online program for people who might prefer that model or who live too far away to attend in-person chapter meetings. Online resources include news and information from the health and inspirational community, meal planning ideas, workouts, chapter resources, and more.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership is affordable, starting at \$70 USD per year, plus nominal chapter fees. The longer you’re a TOPS member, the more you save through reduced renewal rates. Visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call 800-932-8677 to learn more about TOPS and to

find a local chapter.

### A Message from Bonnie Moore – TOPS 2025 Mass. Queen

I came to TOPS 25 years ago in May 2000. A couple of months before, I had seen my doctor, and he wasn’t pleased with my health. I weighed over 450 pounds, and I was a smoker. He said if I didn’t lose weight, I wasn’t going to live much longer. He told me about TOPS, and after looking them up, I learned that there was a chapter in Melrose.

Everyone in the chapter was so friendly and warm. There was no negativity, and it was motivational and supportive. I believe this is what kept me going to chapter meetings and has carried on doing what I do when a new person joins us. I learned that first impressions do matter.

I started making changes in my life slowly, morphing from junk food to eating healthier. I started exercising, mainly walking. I met resistance from myself and from my roommate, who was my eating buddy. Walking, because of arthritis, was painful. I lived on Main Street, and when I walked outside, I was harassed by teenagers because of my weight.

In the beginning, I wondered how I was going to lose so much weight. I became depressed thinking about it, as I was the biggest person at our chapter meetings. Though I was depressed, I wanted to live. I went to meetings, listened, and learned how to keep going.

I discovered I needed to make small, achievable goals, such as losing five pounds, which was doable. One of my sayings is that small goals equal big success. So many people are in a hurry to lose weight, but I wasn’t. I wanted to lose it and make sure it stayed off forever.

To lose weight, I couldn’t just eat healthy and exercise. I also needed to face my other issues head-on.



Bonnie Moore, before and after photos.

There are reasons I have been overweight my entire life, mainly because I was a compulsive overeater. I received personal help, and with the support of my TOPS friends and attending meetings, lost 100 pounds and received my Century Club medallion in 2006. That was one of my first major TOPS achievements.

Attending TOPS meetings and being with my TOPS friends has helped me tremendously. I hear what other people are doing to lose weight, how they are eating, and cooking healthy, the exercises they’re doing, and the foods they’re eating. I have learned so much and implemented things in my own life. I’ve learned you need to try different things, and if it doesn’t work, move on to something else.

Before joining TOPS, I was a diabetic on medica-

tion. I had sleep apnea, bad asthma, high blood pressure, chest pains, high cholesterol, congestive heart failure, exhaustion, body pain, and no stamina. I walked with either a cane or a walker, and if I fell on the floor, I couldn’t get up. I was severely depressed and thought about dying. I felt hopeless.

Now, my diabetes is in remission. I don’t have sleep apnea, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol. I no longer suffer from congestive heart failure. My overall health is much better, as is my outlook on life.

Through TOPS, I’ve learned that if you are compulsively overeating, try to do something else to let the feeling of needing to eat pass. If those feelings don’t pass, try to find a food alternative. When I have those feelings, I eat diet Jello. If I crave chocolate, I eat a diet

chocolate pudding or make no-sugar cocoa and add sweetener.

If you have a slip, don’t say I’ll start again tomorrow. If you slip, stop there and go back to eating responsibly. If something isn’t working, start something new in its place.

Patience is something everyone needs, and humor is the key to a happier, more meaningful life. Spend time with people who support your new lifestyle and who love you. You can lose weight, but if your mind isn’t ready for your body to be thinner, you’ll likely regain the weight you lost.

My biggest message is never giving up. It may take time to reach your goals, but you can do it. Sometimes it takes longer, and that’s OK. Be patient with yourself. You control your destiny.

## Kratom // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

form or in a canned beverage drink. She also noted that the state Poison Control Line has not received any calls from Revere residents pertaining to kratom overdoses.

Buck then discussed what a potential ban in Revere would entail. She said the Board of Health would have to decide upon a fine structure. Enforcement would rest with the ISD.

Buck noted that the Health Dept. has received feedback from residents who have detailed their personal experiences with kratom.

The board then heard from Mark Gottlieb, the Director of the Public Health Advocacy Institute at Northeastern University School of Law, who presented a slide deck titled, “Kratom: The legal opioid?”

Gottlieb said that synthetic kratom is known as “legal morphine” and “gas station heroin.” He highlighted a news article from the Tampa Bay Times which noted that hundreds of persons had died in Florida after using kratom. He said that because synthetic kratom has a much-higher concentration than pure leaf kratom, it is much more likely to cause negative effects. He said that synthetic kratom products can have up to 13X the potency of morphine.

“Should we only regulate synthetic kratom or do we regulate all kratom products across the board?” queried Gottlieb, who noted that synthetic kratom has concentrations of 98% of the active alkaloid ingredient, while natural kratom has a concentration of just two percent.

Gottlieb also noted that the sale of kratom in Massachusetts is not age-restricted and therefore can be purchased by youth, who use it for its stimulant effects that are similar to Adderall.

Gottlieb said some states have banned kratom altogether, while others have imposed age restrictions. The United States is one of the few countries that has not regulated kratom.

Two members of the public spoke in favor of the regulation of kratom products in the city.

“This stuff is dangerous, especially for the children,” said Revere resident Wayne Rose. “People are overdosing from this and it is highly-addictive.”

Saugus resident Mike Fisher provided insight into the distinction between synthetic and natural-leaf

kratom. “There is a huge difference between natural kratom and the synthetics and abstracts, and I totally agree that synthetics should be banned,” said Fisher, who used an analogy of a cup of coffee with 100 milligrams of caffeine vs. a capsule product that contains 4000 milligrams of caffeine, which could be dangerous.

“Kratom of any kind should not be sold to children,” Fisher continued, “but natural kratom has been in use safely for thousands of years of traditional wellness. FDA studies have concluded that kratom is less addictive than tobacco and alcohol.”

“We will keep this discussion going at our next meeting and discuss our plan for regulation further,” said Bunker. “I do believe there needs to be regulation, whether it’s banning it completely or having some sort of regulations as to age-restrictions and packaging requirements.”

The members concluded their meeting by approving an individual Body Art License for Piedad Nacira Quintero Garcia.

## Black History Month // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

come out stronger. It’s also a good time to remember how easy it is to accept who you are and where you came from.

Jonathan Elivert, a biology teacher, also told a very personal story about how he found strength and purpose. Elivert’s father was Haitian, and his mother was from Brooklyn. He grew up in Massachusetts. He wanted to work in medicine at first, but a car accident in college almost killed him. After receiving a cancer diagnosis in 2024, Elivert contemplated his priorities. He chose to pursue his love of teaching.

Elivert stated that students must encounter teach-

ers who don’t conform to traditional teacher stereotypes. He said that students are often shocked when they see someone who doesn’t fit that mold. He believes that Black History Month is a good time to think about how far we’ve come and the contributions that Black Americans have made to the arts, culture, and sciences in the United States. “It’s a time to remember and honor the fact that Black people had a huge impact on making America what it is today,” he said.

The From Where We Come series showed how different Black identities can be, like those of people

from the Caribbean, Africa, and the United States, and people who are both Black and white. It reminded people that Black history is complicated and interconnected. RPS showed again that they want everyone to feel like they belong, are represented, and are proud of their schools with these stories.

The national theme for this year, A Century of Black History Commemorations, marks 100 years since Carter G. Woodson started what would become a nationwide celebration of the accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans.

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# Council approves bond authorization for sewer projects

By Adam Swift

The city council approved two bond authorizations on Monday night related to the ongoing consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice to remedy historic violations of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The city entered into the consent decree in 2010 and has since spent approximately \$120 million on water and sewer projects and upgrades throughout Revere, according to city finance director Richard Viscay.

Traditionally, the council has approved the bond authorizations which allow the city to apply for low-interest loans through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust.

One of the bond authorizations includes \$1.2 million for the design work to upsize the main sewer lines from 24 inches to 36 inches that starts at Revere Beach and goes down to the old Necco site into the city's sewer interceptor, according to public works director Chris Ciaramella.

The second bond authorization, for \$500,000, includes the planning for the upsize and relaying of the sewer force main from Wade Park in North Revere and going behind the Squire Road shopping plaza, Ciaramella said.

Ward 1 Councillor Jim Mercurio asked if the city is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel with projects related to the consent decree. Ciaramella said he believes the current timeline is to complete all the conveyance

projects by 2038.

"Where we have been talking with the DEP on and off, and we are pushing to get out of the consent decree as soon as possible," he said.

Mercurio asked if there was a cost estimate from the city's engineering firm for the cost of the remainder of the work.

"If we keep on adding 15 years to this decree at a million dollars, that is another \$30 million, \$40 million bonding for the city of Revere," he said.

Mercurio added that he understood Ciaramella and the public works department didn't have anything to do with the amount of money Revere is being forced to bond.

"I know it is a sore subject, I know it has been going on for some time, and believe me when I say we are trying our best," Ciaramella said. "We can definitely sit down and go over all the numbers, as well."

Council President Anthony Zambuto said the consent decree is another unfunded mandate for the city that is tortuous to the taxpayers.

"This is completely with a gun to our head, and I want the taxpayers to understand that we have absolutely no control over the federal government, they forced us to do this and we have to spend this money to come in compliance," said Zambuto. "We are all frustrated with this because it is like lighting money on fire. But I think if we are honest, it has made progress in our infrastructure, \$120 million, we would hope there is some progress made."

# Keefe invites residents and business owners to attend his SotC Address

Topics to be discussed include affordability, business growth, public safety, and new RHS

Special to the Journal

Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. cordially invites the residents of Revere to his second State of the City Address, taking place on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:30pm, at the Susan B. Anthony School Auditorium (Door #12). Folks who cannot make it in-person are encouraged to watch live on RevereTV, via the local access television station, or on the RevereTV YouTube channel.

During his address, Mayor Keefe will cover the work he has done to benefit

Revere's homeowners, including programs for middle class families to gain equity, and programs that provide improvements to senior's homes. In addition, he will speak about business growth, public safety improvements, and major projects including the new Revere High School, McMackin Field, and the Regional 911 Call Center.

"This year, we made a point to highlight the elements of city government that affect your day-to-day lives: property ownership, local businesses, public safety services, public spaces, and education. I encourage you and your family to join in for this celebration of our collective accomplishments," commented Mayor Keefe.

# City receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association

Special to the Journal

Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that the City of Revere, Massachusetts received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet-

ing the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan

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# OBITUARIES

## Sofia Volpe

January 1, 1933 — February 22, 2026

Sofia (Troisi) Volpe, 93, of Revere, formerly of San Sossio Baronia in the Province of Avellino, Italy, passed away surrounded by her loving family. She was a woman of quiet strength, deep devotion to her family, and a proud Italian heritage that remained close to her heart throughout her life.

Born on January 1, 1933, in San Sossio Baronia, Sofia carried with her the traditions, faith and resilience of her hometown when she later settled in Revere where she built a beautiful life centered on family.

Sofia worked for many years as a talented seamstress in the clothing industry and eventually rose to the position of forewoman. She took great pride in her work and was known for her steady hands, attention to detail, and strong work ethic. Sewing was more than a job to her — it was a skill she carried with dignity and dedication.

She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Volpe with whom she shared many devoted years of marriage until his passing in 2022, the devoted mother of Linda Kincaid and her husband, John of North Andover, Josephine "Pina" Jones and her husband, Brad of Sudbury and Diana Volpe of Malden;



the adored grandmother of Tommy Kincaid of North Andover, Benjamin Kincaid of Charlestown, and Gabrielle Jones of Sudbury. Sofia was the cherished daughter of the late Romeo and Giuseppa Troisi.

She is remembered for her strength, her love of family gatherings, her faith, and the pride she took in her children and grandchildren. Her home was always a place of warmth, good food, and welcome, as she was a great cook who prepared her meals with great love and joy.

Funeral services were held from the Paul Buonfiglio Funeral Home on Saturday, February 28, 2026 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Revere. Entombment was at Holy Cross Mausoleum. For guestbook, please visit Buonfiglio.com.

## Jessica Rose Consoli

Educator whose legacy lives on in the lives she enriched, the laughter she sparked, and the many kindnesses she offered without hesitation

Jessica Rose (Craven) Consoli, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, friend and educator, passed away surrounded by love. She leaves behind her husband of more than five decades, John Consoli and their children: Rachael, Tess, David, Paul, Thomas, William, and Edward. She is also survived by her aunt, Ann Serra; her sister, Antonette Dennis; her brothers, John, David and Daniel Craven; and her nine grandchildren.

Born and raised in Revere, Jessica grew up with an insatiable curiosity and a deep love of learning. She completed her bachelor's degree in just three years before beginning her career with Revere Public Schools, where she shaped young minds with her warmth, humor, and steadfast belief in every child's potential. Her kindness extended beyond the school, helping so many families in the community. She loved to laugh and took genuine joy in a good joke.

A born adventurer, Jessica's world opened during a study trip to Africa, sparking a lifelong passion for travel and cultural exchange. After marrying John on Valentine's Day in 1970 and settling in Melrose in 1972, she brought that spirit home by welcoming many international students and newly arrived families into her home.

In the late 1980s, Jessica helped establish Mission Possible, a program dedicated to improving access to healthcare in rural areas of the Dominican Republic. She led youth groups and nursing students from the University of Maine on trips there, inspiring curiosity, compassion, and global understanding in everyone who traveled with her. She created Project PX with her sister, Antonette and her son, Edward, building schools, clinics, and orphanages, and providing scholarships to



young women in India, Sudan, Mexico, Colombia, El Salvador, and Ukraine. She also organized food donations for My Brother's Table in Lynn and brought people together with her warmth and energy, especially at her lively Arise meetings.

A lifelong learner, Jessica earned two master's degrees and took countless courses simply for the joy of expanding her world. She was an amateur archaeologist, participating in digs and cave hunts. Her boundless curiosity and openness to everyone she met shaped a life rich in connection and purpose.

Her giving spirit extended beyond her lifetime. In keeping with her lifelong commitment to helping others, Jessica donated her corneas and skin to living recipients. Ever the educator, she also chose to donate her body to Harvard Medical School, ensuring that she would continue teaching and contributing to the advancement of knowledge even after her death.

Jessica's life was defined by generosity, humor and a fearless embrace of new experiences. She shared her time, her talents, and her heart freely. Her legacy lives on in the lives she enriched, the laughter she sparked, and the many kindnesses she offered without hesitation.

Her Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 a.m. on March 19th at St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish in Melrose, Massachusetts.

## Claire Reed

Her life, like the ocean she loved, was deep and vast, filled with love, adventure, and a profound sense of wonder

Claire (Ianuzzi) Reed of Revere passed away surrounded by her loving family on February 23, 2026, at the age of 93. Born in Boston on July 21, 1932, to the late John Ianuzzi and Ella (Santella), she was the beloved wife of the late Robert L. Reed.

Claire was a woman who found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Her love for her family was unrivaled, and she had a profound connection with Siberian Huskies. Claire had an adventurous spirit, from her annual trips to her summer home in New Hampshire to her deep-sea fishing escapades. She had a penchant for mushroom picking and even enjoyed the occasional trip to the casinos. She embraced the thrill of a live concert, attending performances from Rod Stewart to Elton John, Billy Joel and the Righteous Brothers with her son, Ronald. Yet, amidst all her adventures, it was the tranquility of a stormy beach and the satisfaction of collecting quahogs that truly brought her peace. She enjoyed taking her son Ronald, nephews, and sister-in-law, Betty canoeing up the Ipswich River and losing paddles many times (always an adventure). She had a love for swimming and as a child swam across White Pond in Concord.

One of Claire's most cherished memories was when Frank Sinatra held her hand and serenaded her with a song, a moment that she spoke of with a twinkle in her eye. She was also fondly remembered by Tony Spinazola, the renowned Boston Globe food critic, who would join her for Sunday dinner once a month. "The greatest pleasure in life is love," Euripides once said, and Claire lived this truth daily. She loved deeply and was deeply loved in return.

A devoted mother to Robert L. Reed Jr. and his wife,



Joyce T. of Florida and Ronald R. Reed and his wife, Christina M. of Revere, she was an adored grandmother of Jacqueline Duratti and her husband, Kenneth, Monica Nardone and her husband, Jeffrey Jr., and the late Robert C. Reed; cherished great grandmother of Dylan, Jeffrey III, and Mia; a dear sister to the late Robert Ianuzzi. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "It is not the length of life, but the depth of life." Claire's life, like the ocean she loved, was deep and vast, filled with love, adventure, and a profound sense of wonder.

Her Funeral was held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Monday, March 2 followed by a Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere. Entombment was at Holy Cross Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 or at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

As we mourn the loss of this extraordinary woman, we also celebrate her life and the love she spread. To paraphrase Dr. Seuss, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." Claire's life was a testament to this sentiment. We invite you to share your memories of Claire and upload photos to her memorial page at [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com), as we come together to remember a life lived to the fullest.

## Sabino Albanese

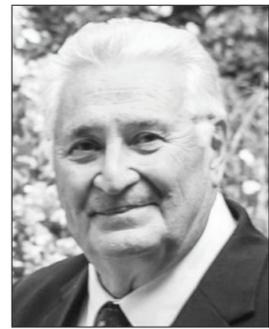
He had an infectious smile and a big heart

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere on Sunday, March 1 for Sabino Albanese, who passed away unexpectedly on February 24th at 78 years of age. His Funeral began from the Funeral Home on Monday, March 2nd followed by a Funeral Mass in Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish — St. Mary of the Assumption Church., 670 Washington Ave., Revere followed by Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Sabino was a native of Candida, Avellino, Italy and the son of the late Antonio and Pasqualina (Fiore) Albanese. He graduated from East Boston High School and spent many years working as a Tool and Die Machinist at Gillette. Beyond Sabino's career, he was known for homing pigeons, gardening, world history knowledge, and love of his family and friends.

He had an infectious smile, and a big heart. Sabino was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be remembered for always being there with a kind smile, generous heart and always an open door.

The beloved husband of Margherita (DeCicco) Albanese of Revere and the devoted father of Sandra



Colantuoni and her husband, Jon of Berwick, Maine and Lisa Albanese and her fiancé, John Axiotakis of Peabody, he was the cherished grandfather of Mia Bickford and her husband, Aaron, Sara Colantuoni, Nicolas Boissonnault and Andrew Boissonnault; dear brother of Francesco Albanese, Italo Albanese, Maria Cella, Anna Crowley and Geraldo Albanese. He is also lovingly survived by many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or by visiting [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

To send online condolences, please visit [vertuciosmithvazza.com](http://vertuciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

# OBITUARIES

## Mary T. Pecoraro

Family meant everything to her and the world has lost a bright light and heaven has gained an angel

Mary T. Pecoraro died at Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages, Florida after a sudden, brief illness on Wednesday, February 25th. She was 95 years old.

She was born in East Boston and came to live in Revere in 1965.

A graduate of the former Girls Latin High School in Roxbury, she worked for the State of Massachusetts until the birth of her first child. She then dedicated herself to motherhood.

Family meant everything to Mary. She made sure to keep alive the traditions her parents and in-laws brought from Italy so her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren would know their heritage.

She particularly loved to keep the food traditions alive making homemade sauce every week. Some of her and the family's other favorites were homemade ravioli, crescia, pizza Gianna, porchetta, Italian cookies and many others.

She went back to work when her children were older for the Revere Police Department as a School Crossing Guard. She retired after 20 years of dedicated service. She prided herself on knowing the name of every child that crossed her busy Revere street corner. She always had a smile or kind word for them.

Mary was a very social person and could walk into a room full of strangers and walk out knowing nearly everyone in the room. She loved to dance, play cards, cribbage and scrabble and she did Wordle every day on her iPad.

She was a regular at the Revere Senior Center until moving to Florida four years ago. She played bingo and participated in chair yoga and especially enjoyed the special luncheons that featured music.

While living in The Villages, Florida, she was a regular at Tuesday afternoon Bingo and Wednesday night poker (very often being the oldest person playing).

She was pre-deceased by her beloved husband of 62 years, Agostino "Gus the Barber" Pecoraro as well as her parents, Rinaldo Agostinelli and Lucia "Caselli" Agostinelli. She was the devoted mother of Joseph R. Pecoraro and his companion, Diane Kramer, Michael E. Pecoraro and his wife, Kristen and Susan M. Pecoraro; the cherished grandmother to Joseph M. Pecoraro and his wife, Cyn-



thia, Anne Marie Pecoraro and her husband, Jeff, James R. Pecoraro and his wife, Kristina, Michael J. Pecoraro and his wife, Rachael, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Patrick A. Pecoraro and his wife, Katerina and Matthew R. Pecoraro and his wife, Maggie. She was also a dear sister to her deceased siblings and their deceased spouses: Rina Gasparini and her husband, Dante, Arthur Agostinelli and his wife, Mary, Ralph Agostinelli and his wife, Elda, Dolores Mazzarini and her husband, Anthony. She is also lovingly survived by her 12 great grandchildren: Rosalie, Carmen, Daphne, Lincoln, August, Maxim, Renaldo, Anna Lucia, Everly, Mackenzie, Poppy and Audrey. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Mary was loved by everyone who knew her. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor in addition to being a loved and cherished family member.

The world lost a bright light on Wednesday, February 25th and heaven gained an angel.

Family and friends are invited to attend Visting Hours in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere on Saturday, March 14th from 9 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mary's name to the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center. Please make checks payable to: Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center, Memo/note line: In Memory of Mary Pecoraro, 25 Winthrop Ave, Revere, MA. 02151.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere.

## Vincent J. "Sonny" Cammarata

He truly was, and will remain, the patriarch of the family



Vincent J. Cammarata, of Revere, MA, passed away on February 28th, 2026, following a lengthy illness. Though Vincent was known by many names to those who knew and loved him, names like Vinnie, Sonny, and Papa, there is one title that described him with the most accuracy: Vinnie was a patriarch.

The word almost seems to have been conceived with him specifically in mind. He was the family leader, a constant source of love and wisdom that seemed to generate a gravitational field around him. Whenever his vast number of friends and family gathered, whether at a family gathering by his pool in Revere, in the basement of St. Mary's Church, or at a Palm Sunday brunch where he would repeatedly fold palm leaves into crosses for anybody that wanted one, people would walk in the door and immediately seek him out, wishing to interact with him in any way they could. He was the first to get a hug, a kiss on the cheek, or a handshake, and no one would ever dare leave without saying goodbye to him.

Vinnie was born in South Boston on April 28th, 1932, to Italian immigrants Domiano (John) and Filippa (Fannie) (née Amaru) Cammarata, who taught him, along with his brother Salvatore and sister Lucy, the importance of faith and family. From early on, Vinnie cherished the knowledge of his family's history from their roots in Pietraperzia, Sicily. He felt a sense of honor and pride when he traveled to the old country to see where it all started, and became a living, breathing connection to the past, cherishing every memory and sharing them with others.

In 1955, while serving in the United States Navy (he always joked about being a Navy man who never served on a boat), Vinnie met and married the love of his life and soulmate, Judy Mercurio, whom he loved with every fiber of his being until her passing in 2019.

For 64 years, they shared adventure after adventure along with their usual gang of cohorts that started as friends and became family. These friends were as close as close could be and shared every aspect of their lives. They shared dinners,

bowling leagues, backyard parties featuring intense bocci games, and trip after trip together. They experienced Italy, Sicily, Alaska, Ireland, and more. When asked what his favorite trip was, Vinnie responded with a trip to Rome, where he and Judy, along with members of his church, received an audience with Pope John Paul II, yet no trip was as rewarding for them as family trips to see his beloved Italy and Sicily, and the series of Disney trips for each of their grandchildren.

A lifelong Roman Catholic, Vinnie had an awe-inspiring level of faith. He and his wife were prominent members of Saint Mary Of The Assumption Parish in Revere, serving in many roles to support his church in any way he could. Whenever a church event took place, everyone would know that Vinnie and Judy would be there helping out. For his whole life, his faith pushed him to truly serve as Christ challenged him, by bringing the church to others as an Eucharistic Minister, by donating time and money to his church and the less fortunate, and by befriending those who needed friendship the most. Being part of the St Marys Holy Name Society was an honor for him and hosting the monthly meetings at his home up until last month gave him such pleasure. One of the biggest joys that brought such pride to Vin was the ACF (Amaru-Cammarata-Falzone) foundation which he along with several cousins organized a yearly Mass at St Marys Church and after Mass gathered in the basement of the church to award yearly scholarships to family members. This past November ACF celebrated its 25th year with him in attendance front and center. Sonny was also an intricate part of the Rosetti-Cowan Senior center, where he served on the board for 11 years. He would be the first to purchase tables for his family and friends and was happy to attend the monthly events they offer. For years, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, where he and his wife were awarded a "Family of the Quarter" award in 2005. In 2015, Vinnie was awarded the prestigious Bishop Cheverus Medal, bestowed by the Archdiocese of Boston on a select few who stand out for their devotion to their parishes and communities.

Yet with all his successes in life, including retir-

ing after a highly successful career in sales for Ben Franklin Smith Printing in Boston, he cherished his family more than anything else. Judy and Vinnie were given the gift of three adorable daughters, Susan, Cheryl, and Phyllis, who, in turn, blessed them with seven grandchildren and three great-granddaughters who will always remember him singing to them in Italian and making them laugh at family dinners. We can still see him sitting at the head of the table, favoring his cheap Sicilian wine while having a (sometimes heated) political discussion with his sons-in-law. He loved them all deeply and was never afraid to show it. Tears of joy were shed at every engagement announcement, wedding, every birth, every death, and sometimes at silly little things that happened during family gatherings.

His family included countless cousins, nieces and nephews, godsons and goddaughters, all of whom regarded Vinnie as a second father, rather than just a family member. His extended family was, and remains, a tight-knit community because of the example he provided. He truly was, and will remain, the patriarch of the family.

Vinnie is survived by his daughter Susan and husband James Forte of Saugus, daughter Cheryl Cammarata of Revere, daughter Phyllis and husband Thomas Yewcic of Stoneham, her granddaughter Kristen and husband Ryan Flynn of Merrimack, New Hampshire, granddaughters Elizabeth Forte of Beverly, Meredith and her husband Brian Romanowski of Kingston, New Hampshire, Michala



Stavrinos of Revere, granddaughters Janelle and Julia Yewcic and grandson Thomas Yewcic, all of Stoneham, and great granddaughters Mia, Madeline and Theodora. He is also survived by countless cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and admirers, all of whom he loved and adored. As Sonny would say "Where Life Began.... Love Never Ends.. Arrivederci ..."

Visiting Hours are Tuesday, March 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals., 262 Beach St., Revere, all are invited to gather at the funeral home on Wednesday, March 4th at 10:00a.m., to prepare and proceed to a Funeral Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 670 Washington Ave., Revere at 11:00 a.m., immediately followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: New England Pediatric Care for the wonderful work they continue to do for his granddaughter, Janelle. (<https://nepc.org/donations/>).

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SATTER HOUSE AND PEACE ISLANDS INSTITUTE HOST THIRD ANNUAL INTERFAITH IFTAR DINNER



Enjoying the Interfaith Iftar Dinner at the Satter House are (front row) Jean Aronson, Karen LaMontagne, Rose Mozzetta, and Cheryl Olson. Back row, from left, are Helene Shaw, Christine Gerardi, Marie Manganiello, and Kathleen DeLoreto.



Seated are Satter House Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello and Toni Serena. Standing are City Council President Anthony Zambuto, Alvin Oz, Derya Oz, and Paula Weiner.

Cary Shuman Photos

The Jack Satter House and the Peace Islands Institute hosted an Interfaith Iftar Dinner Sunday in the senior residential community's dining room.

Rabbi Lior Nevo, spiritual leader of the Satter House, welcomed guests

to the Iftar Dinner which breaks the daily fast. The dinner occurred on the 11th day of the holy month of Ramadan.

Nevo said the evening was an opportunity to bring people together as neighbors and friends and enjoy Turkish cuisine and music and to make meaningful connections.

"This is a very special evening for us," said Nevo.

Benjamin Aysan, Executive Director of the Peace Islands Institute, thanked the Satter House for their partnership and hospitality in a message on Facebook:

"Tonight, we had an amazing Iftar gathering at Jack Satter House, and our hearts are truly full.

We are sincerely thankful for our partnership with the Jack Satter House community. Together with Rabbi Lior Nevo, we organized this wonderful iftar dinner, creating a meaningful eve-



Satter House resident Rrushe Abazi and her son, Dr. Gani Abazi, pictured at the Interfaith Iftar Dinner Sunday at the Satter House.

ning of friendship, reflection, and togetherness.

A special thank you to Rabbi Lior Nevo for her inspiring keynote speech and to Jack Satter House Executive Director Caren Silverlieb for helping organize this beautiful event. We were also honored by the presence of City Council President Anthony T. Zambuto,

City Council Vice-President Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and City Councilor Ira Novoselsky. Your support and warm words made the evening even more special.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Furkan Cakin for his beautiful live music performance



Maria Claybourne, Amy Walch, and Phyllis Snider, pictured at the Interfaith Iftar Dinner at the Satter House.

and to the JSH Choral Group for their wonderful musical contributions that added warmth and joy to the evening.

Most importantly, thank you to the residents of Jack Satter House for welcoming us so warmly and for sharing this blessed evening

with us. Your kindness and hospitality remind us why gatherings like this matter so much.

May our friendship continue to grow stronger, and may we continue building bridges of peace and dialogue around many more tables."



Furkan Cakin presented an excellent performance of Turkish and American songs, including a superlative rendition of John Denver's classic, "Take Me Home, Country Roads."



Seated are Dottie Presto, Dolores DiLiberto, and Darlene Jones. Standing are Peace Islands Institute Executive Director Benjamin Aysan, City Council President Anthony Zambuto, Donna Stahl, Gladys Galvez, Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Rhona Ehrlin, and Rabbi Lior Nevo.



Dinner guests, Semiha, Sofiyee, and Hidoyet, pictured with Satter House residents Lisa Furtak, Sherry Allen, and Linda Ham.



Dignitaries in attendance, from left, vocalist and guitarist Furkan Cakin, Peace Islands Institute of Boston Executive Director Benjamin Aysan, City Council President Anthony Zambuto, Rabbi Lior Nevo, Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky.

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REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago  
March 4, 2016

After more than two years of construction, the new Government Center station is scheduled to open March 26. This announcement comes as good news to the thousands of residents who use the Blue Line to connect with other MBTA lines to get to work and who no longer will have to exit at Bowdoin or State St. stations to walk to Park St.

City Councilor George Rotondo is calling for Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone to pull his appeal of the Wynn casino in Everett.

Rotondo said the action is hurting Revere by preventing potential job fairs and construction work for Revere residents.

Former Lowell mayor and current City Councilor James Milinazzo has signed a three-year, \$110,000 contract as the new executive director with the Revere Housing Authority, replacing former director Linda Shaw, who has taken a position at a California Housing Authority. Revere City Guide George Anzuoni, chairman of the RHA Board of Commissioners, said the commission conducted a

nationwide search with the help of consultant Dr. Leo Dauwer. There were five commission members and three residents involved in the search. The search produced 15 applicants for the position.

The City Council has adopted a new ordinance addressing dog kennels and other canine concerns such as an increase in pit bull ownership, breeding, unlicensed dogs, loose dogs, and abandoned dogs.

Joe Dello Russo of Revere High School made a

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# Sports

## RHS ROUNDUP

### THREE REVERE GIRLS COMPETE AT MSTCA PENTATHLON LAST WEEK

Three members of the Revere High girls track team, senior captain Dayana Ortega, senior captain Basma Sahibi, and sophomore

Zizi Kalliavas, competed in the MSTCA Pentathlon Meet that was held last Wednesday at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center.

"This was the first Pentathlon for all three of these girls," said RHS head coach Racquel MacDonald-Ciambelli of the competition, which features five events,

the long jump, high jump, shot-put, 800 meter run, and 55m hurdles.

Senior captain Dayana Ortega was the top scorer for the Revere squad, placing 72nd out of 116 girls and scoring 1677 points total.

"Dayana's top event was the 55m hurdles in which she PRed by over .1 second for a 9.90 time," said MacDonald-Ciambelli. "Dayana's goal all season was to break 10 seconds in the hurdles, so to see her get there on her last indoor meet was so exciting. It also sets her up for a great transition to the 100m hurdles outdoors where she truly excels."

Zizi Kalliavas was close behind Dayana at 89th overall, scoring 1493 points total. Zizi also PRed in the hurdles with a time of 10.72. "This was Zizi's first time competing in the long jump and she jumped 13'.25", which is also very impressive. This will definitely be an event she continues to pursue during the outdoor season."

Senior captain Basma Sahibi unfortunately had to pull out of the competition early due to illness. Without competing in the LJ and 800m, Basma still scored 1073 points total. She also

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### RHS PATRIOT FOOTBALL ANNUAL BREAK-UP DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT



The final gathering for the seniors of the RHS Patriots, after thanking everyone for their dedication, their hard work on and off the field, they received their final gifts from the Parent's Club, presented by Head Coach Lou Cicatelli and assistant coach Vin Gregorio.



Head Coach Lou Cicatelli with the RHS Patriots that have a 3.0 or higher GPA. See more photos on Page 10.

## RHS SPORTS Through the Years

### 10 years ago March 4, 2016

The Revere High School girls basketball team will host Arlington High in the first round of the MIAA Division 1 North Sectionals Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Roland Merullo Fieldhouse. Coach Diana Finn's Lady Patriots are the No. 5 seed in the tournament with a 17-5 record. They won their second consecutive Northeastern Conference Large Division championship this season. Arlington, who plays in the Middlesex League, is the No. 13 seed with an 11-9 record. Revere

and Arlington are former members of the Greater Boston League.

The Revere High hockey team, which enters the Division 2 North Sectional as the 14th seed (of the 16 teams in the D-2 North), was set to meet third-seeded Tewksbury, the Merrimack Valley League champ with a 13-5-2 mark, in a first-round contest last night.

### 20 years ago March 8, 2006

The Revere High hockey team bowed out of the Division 2 state tournament with a 5-2 loss to Danvers,

a Northeastern Conference rival that had defeated the Patriots in both of their encounters during the regular season. Pat Weber, Revere's senior captain and leading scorer, gave the Patriots a 1-0 lead at the start of the game with an assist from Rick Mastropietro. However, despite outshooting Danvers 10-6 in the opening period, the Patriots could not expand their lead. Danvers pulled ahead 4-1 before Marcus Dow lit the lamp in the final period, assisted by Matt Leslie and Gerard Salvati.

### 30 years ago March 6, 1996

The Revere High hockey team was eliminated from state tourney play with a heartbreaking 6-5 loss to St. Peter-Marian Monday night before a large crowd of local fans who made the trek to Marlboro. Gerry Gosselin, Dave Patch, and Peter Gianelli scored the goals for Revere.

Former RHS sports star Mike Mucci has been named the captain for the RPI football team for the upcoming 2006 season. Mucci has been RPI's starting fullback for the past three years.

### 50 years ago March 3, 1976

The RHS hockey team was eliminated from the state tourney in the opening round with a 4-2 loss to Braintree. Junior Steve DiCarlo scored both of the Revere goals. Junior goalie Bobby Troisi was superb in the net, making 33 saves. Senior Mike Gordon was named the Revere Journal's Most Valuable RHS hockey player.

Guy Meli has been elected the President of the Revere Little League for a two-year term.

### 60 years ago March 10, 1966

The Revere High hockey team, the Metropolitan League champion, dropped a 6-2 decision to Natick in the opening round of the state tourney. Charlie Terban and Steve DeAngelis scored the goals for Revere.

Mike Carabba has been named to the Catholic Suburban League all-star basketball team. Carabba, a junior, previously was named to the all-star football team this past fall.

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### RHS PATRIOT FOOTBALL ANNUAL BREAK-UP DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT SPONSORED BY THE FOOTBALL PARENTS CLUB AT PRINCE HOUSE OF PIZZA

Last week the RHS Patriots gathered with family and friends for the annual awards night, sponsored by the RHS Football Parents Club. Head Coach Lou Ciatelli spoke on the success of the season, highlighting individual tackles and scores, and naming two captains for the 2026 fall season.



The juniors had a big night, receiving their Patriot Football Jackets.



Head Coach Lou Ciatelli with Asst. Coaches Jared Gordinas, Ed Doris, Brandon Brito, Dan Connors, Jose Escobar, and Vin Gregorio are shown with President Noelle Forte, Lexi Mendoza, Audrey Cecere, Liv Mendoza, and Joanne Mendoza.



Coach Jarod Gordinas presented Captain Jackson Martel the Coaches Award.



Coach Brandon Brito presented Captain Mario Ramirez the 12th Player Award.



Coach Ed Doris presented Captain Bryan Fuentes the Unsung Hero Award.



Head Coach Lou Ciatelli presented Reda Atoui the Defensive Player of the Year.



Coach Jose Escobar presented Jose Fuentes the Offensive Player of the Year.



Coach Vin Gregorio presented Louis Forte the Most Improved Player Award.



Two captains for the 2026 Football Season at RHS were announced by Head Coach Lou Ciatelli, Silvio Neto, and Sergio Peguero.



Captain Walter Franklin was presented the George Fabiano Memorial Award by Head Coach Lou Ciatelli.

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was able to throw very close to her PR in the shot put with a toss of 23'.5".

#### ANGIULO, ESCOBAR DO WELL AT PENTATHLON

RHS track stars Joey Angiulo and Oliver Escobar competed in last Thursday's MSTCA Pentathlon Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center. The pentathlon features five events, the long jump, high jump, shot-put, 1000 meter run, and 55m hurdles. Angiulo placed 58th

overall among the field of 133 contestants, scoring 2485 points. Joey's best events were the long jump (his leap of 19'-9" placed 27th) and the shot-put (32nd place).

Escobar was close behind in 62nd place overall with 2421 points. Oliver's top performance came in the high jump with a 50th-place finish.

#### RHS GIRLS FALL IN TOURNAY OPENER

The Revere High girls basketball team came up

on the short end of a 64-27 decision at Central Catholic last Wednesday in a preliminary round contest of the MIAA Division 1 state tournament.

The Lady Patriots entered the tourney as the 35th seed with a 10-10 record, while Central Catholic was the 30th seed with an 8-12 mark.

Despite the loss, the 2026 season was an overall success for coach Ariana Rivera and her crew, who compiled a winning record of 8-6 in the Greater Boston League to finish in fourth place.



The sophomore members of the RHS Patriots received their gifts from the Parent's Club.

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The freshman receive the gifts from the RHS Football Parents Club, with President Noelle Forte.

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# Second Year of Mobile City Hall Program to kick off on Thursday at Beachmont Station

Special to the Journal

After seeing success with last year's program revitalization, the City of Revere Mobile City Hall program is launching for its second season. The Mobile City Hall program, run by the Community Liaisons, brings accessible constituent services into neighborhoods, beginning outside Beachmont Train Station on Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 4:00pm-6:00pm. At Mobile City Hall, residents can learn about City resources, register to vote, contact 311, request parking stickers, appeal tickets, pay bills, request certificates, receive seasonal vaccines, apply for abatements, sign up for emergency alerts, and more.

"Our Mobile City Hall program allows us to connect directly with our residents, and our updated program aligns with our

initiative to remove barriers from access to city services. We aim to be welcoming, friendly, and convenient," said Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. "We saw last year's success in our data, and I'm excited for our Community Liaisons to launch the second installment of this program later this week."

Using data from their 90 neighborhood visits last year, the Mobile City Hall team has selected peak times and locations to maximize resident outreach. Through the month of March, they will host a representative from the Parking Department to assist residents with the vehicle permitting process.

Mobile City Hall will be visiting the following locations throughout the course of January 2025:

- Beachmont Train Station - Thursday, March 5, 2026 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- City Hall Parking Lot

- Friday, March 6, 2026 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm

- Revere Beach Train Station - Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm

- City Hall Parking Lot - Friday, March 13, 2026 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm

- West Revere (107 Newhall Street) - Thursday, March 19, 2026 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm

- City Hall Parking Lot - Friday, March 20, 2026 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm

- North Revere (274 Salem Street) - Thursday, March 26, 2026 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm

- City Hall Parking Lot - Friday, March 27, 2026 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Please stay tuned on our social media channels (City of Revere on Facebook, @cityofreverema on Instagram) and to our newsletter (subscribe on [revere.org](http://revere.org)), for updates on Mobile City Hall schedules for the coming months.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Photos of Alewife Brook where combined sewer overflows (CSO) are most severe.

# MWRA votes to reject plans to virtually eliminate CSOs

Special to the Journal

At their monthly meeting last week, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Board of Directors voted to approve a plan that would ensure the ongoing release of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the Mystic River, Charles River, and Alewife Brook for a generation or more. Though the new plans are an incremental improvement over an October 2025 proposal, which was shelved after public backlash, they still fall short of what our rivers and public health deserve.

"The Mystic River and Alewife Brook, just like the Charles, are treasured resources for hundreds of thousands of people across greater Boston," says Patrick Herron, Executive Director for the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA). "But MWRA is still proposing projects that have us running in place against climate change as opposed to outlining the investments necessary to create a modernized, 21st-century water infrastructure to match our world-class cities. MWRA's own financial models show that more ambitious plans are affordable, so why are we holding back on solving this problem once and for all?"

The new proposal prom-

ises "Zero CSOs in a 2050 typical year" in the Mystic, Charles, and Alewife, but this description gives a rosier picture than the reality bears out. We know that MWRA's draft plan would ensure the release of CSOs to all three waterbodies, including the Alewife Brook, in some, if not most, years. We also know that 2050 conditions will not last forever. Climate change is bringing bigger, more intense storms that will cause more CSO activations as time goes on.

MWRA, Cambridge, and Somerville have presented alternatives that go further, and these plans are not budget-breaking. In the data they presented, even the most expensive plans would amount to only about a 10% increase above average base MWRA rates – the cost of an extra lunch out every month. And this rate change would be rolled out slowly, over decades. MWRA's own Financial Capability Analysis found the projects to have "low impact" for even the most ambitious plans.

With approval from the MWRA board, plans will move next to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which hold the regulatory authority to

approve or amend it. As this process moves forward, MyRWA will continue to advocate for the virtual elimination of CSOs.

## Mystic River Watershed at a Glance

The 76-square-mile Mystic River Watershed stretches from Reading through the northern shoreline of Boston Harbor to Revere.

It is now one of New England's most densely populated, urbanized watersheds.

Its 21 municipalities are home to 600,000 residents, including many who are disproportionately vulnerable to extreme weather: environmental justice communities, new Americans, residents of color, elders, low-income residents and employees, people living with disabilities, and English-language learners.

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) builds shared solutions so that all people, no matter who you are or where you live across the Mystic River Watershed, have safe and easy access to nature and a healthy environment. MyRWA believes that understanding the roots of current inequity, access to information, and opportunities to learn about the natural world empower us all to work together for a better future in the Mystic.

# Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

presentation at the American Junior Academy of Science conference in Washington, D.C. last month. After collecting a first place win at the State Science Fair in MIT last year, he was chosen to travel to the conference as one of only 17 delegates from Mass.

Zootopia and Deadpool are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

## 20 years ago March 8, 2006

The annual report by the Revere Journal on the salaries of city employees reveals that 30 city employees received compensation in excess of \$100,000 this past year. This compares to just two city employees who earned that much in 2001. School Supt. Paul Dakin topped the salary chart with \$153,176, followed by Police Chief Terence Reardon at \$139,542 and City Clerk John Henry at \$130,832.

Mayor Thomas Ambrosino has ordered DPW workers to stop taking on private drain-laying work until the State Ethics Commission has made a determination as to whether there is a conflict of interest.

School officials say they will not force students to switch schools in the event that there may be an overabundance of sixth and seventh graders at the new West Revere school complex and a low number of students in those grades at the Rumney Marsh school.

An armed robbery with a handgun was reported at the DB Mart on Squire Rd. Tuesday night.

The Shaggy Dog and The Hills Have Eyes are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

## 30 years ago March 6, 1996

Despite an attempt by City Councillor George V. Colella to abolish the post of Building Inspector by consolidating all of the city's inspectional services into one department, the City Council voted to reappoint Joseph Ferruzzi as Building Inspector to a new three-year term. Colella took Ferruzzi to task for granting a building permit to the Squire Club that Colella said would allow the club to expand its adult entertainment.

School Committeeman Peter Marino has urged that school crossing guards be given a raise to \$9.00 per hour from their present rate of \$6.00 per hour.

Chamber of Commerce President Dan Rizzo is riding the wave of the future by moving forward on an initiative to create a cyberspace home page for the Chamber on the Internet.

The Bird Cage, Homeward Bound 2, and Happy Gilmore are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

## 40 years ago March 5, 1986

The School Committee has begun the process for construction of a new magnet school on the site of Curtis Park. The state would fund 90 percent of the 1100-student facility.

Police Capt. George Hurley, a 38-year veteran of the Revere P.D., has charged that his transfer from Internal Affairs back into uniform in charge of the day shift was politically-motivated as an act of revenge by Mayor George V. Colella because Hurley supported Colella's challenger, State Rep. Angelo Cataldo, in the

last city election. However, Acting Police Chief Edward Sasso said the move is just one of 17 he has made in recent days in order to maximize efficiency in the department.

Melissa Moore, a 14 year-old student at Revere High, is the Massachusetts winner of the 1986 Miss Love's Baby Soft contest. The competition is judged on the basis of photographs submitted by the entrants.

Hannah and Her Sisters, Pretty in Pink, and F/X are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

## 50 years ago March 3, 1976

Revere Republicans narrowly favored former California governor Ronald Reagan over incumbent President Gerald Ford, 261-244, in Tuesday's GOP Presidential primary. On the Democratic ballot, Revere favored Washington U.S. Senator Henry Jackson, who received 1803 votes. Former Alabama Gov. George Wallace was next with 1611 votes. Former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter was third with 973 votes.

The City Council has ordered Building Inspector Stanley Ferragamo to meet with the council to address allegations by some councilors that Ferragamo has issued building permits for projects despite the lack of the necessary parking as required by the city ordinance.

Revere High seniors Michael Graf of 67 Suffolk Ave. and Gary Margolis of 151 Walnut St. have been named National Merit finalists.

School Committeeman James Sorrento charged at

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# MARCH SCHEDULE



<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>5:15AM - FULL BODY STRENGTH - MIKIE (45 MIN.) *          6:00AM - BOOTCAMP - MIKIE (45 MIN.) 2&amp;3          6:00AM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&amp;3          9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2          10:30AM - STRENGTH &amp; STRETCH - CHERYL (60 MIN.) 2          4:30PM - SLOW VINYASA - CORINNE (45 MIN.) 2          5:30PM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&amp;3          6:30PM - XTREME HIP HOP W/ BANDS - MIKIE (50 MIN.) 3          7:30PM - GUIDED STRETCH - JOVANI *</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>5:15AM - LEGS &amp; GLUTES - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2&amp;3          6:00AM - 30 MIN. HIT - MIKIE *          6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (45 MIN.) 2&amp;3          9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2          10:30AM - STRENGTH &amp; STRETCH - CHERYL (60 MIN.) 2          5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - JOHNNY (45 MIN.) *          6:15PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (45 MINS.) *          7:00PM - BOOTCAMP - MIKIE (60 MINS.) 2&amp;3</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p>5:15AM - BOOTCAMP - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2          6:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&amp;3          9:30AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2          10:30AM - STRENGTH &amp; STRETCH - CHERYL (60 MIN.) 2          5:30PM - FULL BODY BOOTCAMP - MIKIE A. (50 MIN.) *          6:00PM - SALSA - JUAN (60 MIN.) *</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>5:05AM - STRENGTH &amp; CONDITIONING - MIKIE (50 MIN.) 2          5:15AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2&amp;3          6:00AM - GUIDED STRETCH - JOVANI (45 MIN.) *          6:00AM - STRENGTH &amp; CORE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2          9:30AM - SPIN - VANESSA (55 MIN.) 2          5:30PM - SPIN - NIKKI (45 MIN.) 2&amp;3          5:30PM - BOOTCAMP - JOHNNY (45 MIN.) *          6:30PM - GENTLE YOGA - CORINNE (50 MIN.) *          7:30PM - STRENGTH - APRIL (50 MIN.) 2</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>5:15AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2&amp;3          5:15 AM - BOOTCAMP - VANESSA (45 MIN.) *          6:00AM - CLASSIC STEP - NIKKI (45 MIN.) *          6:00AM - CORE - MIKIE (45 MIN.) *          9:00AM - GUIDED STRETCH - JOVANI (45 MIN.) *          5:25PM - MAT PILATES - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&amp;3          6:30PM - BUTTS &amp; GUTS - VANESSA (55 MIN.) *          6:30PM - BARRE - JACKIE (50 MIN.) 2          7:30PM - SALSA - JUAN (60 MIN.) *</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p>6:30AM - BARRE - JACKIE (50 MIN.) 2          6:30AM - FITCLUB - MIKIE (50 MIN.) *          7:45AM - HYROX - MANNY + MARCELO (65 MIN.) *          10:00AM - SPIN - CHERYL (45 MIN.) 2          11:00AM - FULL BODY BOOTCAMP - MIKE A. (50 MIN.)  <b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p>8:00AM - RITBOX - ALLE          9:00AM - SPIN - NIKKI (45 MIN.) 2&amp;3          10:00AM - BARRE - NIKKI (55 MIN.) 2&amp;3          11:00AM - SPIN W/ WEIGHTS - APRIL (45 MIN.) 2&amp;3          12:00PM - GUIDED STRETCH - JOVANI (45 MIN.) *</p>
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Ventura Mendez, Rony D	Doherty, Michele	21 Harrington Ave	\$500,000
Beagle Mike Ft	Garcia, Juan C	350 Revere Beach Blvd #2A	\$590,000
Haarer, Dylan P	Massuda, Aviram	350 Revere Beach Blvd #3D	\$355,000
Shobha Kaimal Trust-2025	Cantini, Christopher M	350 Revere Beach Blvd #70	\$570,000
Osorio, John F	Clark, Barbara J	595 Revere Beach Pkwy #51	\$375,000
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## CITY PAWS

## Pet ID updates

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

The recent news that one of the microchip registration companies, “Save This Life,” has gone out of business prompted us to remind our readers to update their pets’ identification. The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) published this recommendation: “Pet owners should take quick action to ensure their pet is registered with a legitimate provider in case their pet goes missing. The easiest way to do this is to recommend pet parents get their pet scanned at their local veterinary practice. Once that’s done, the number that comes up can be used on AAHA’s Microchip Registry Lookup tool.”

We recommend keeping the microchip number on your phone, along with copies of your vaccinations, licenses, and other vital information that may help in any pet emergency.

## Other ID Options

Today, we have more options for locating our furry friends if they are escape artists. GPS trackers can help you locate your dog or cat for quick recovery. Remember to start your search inside your home if your critter has a history of hiding in unusual places.

Once you know you’re tracking an escapee, call your local animal control or animal services to create a record. Take a moment to call a trusted friend who could stay in your home in case someone returns your dog or cat, thanks to a collar tag with your address.

That possibility raises the question of updating all your pet’s identification when you move. You don’t want that good Samaritan bringing your dog to the wrong address.

Reddit Boston and the local Nextdoor groups have

large followings of people who might help with the search or at least spread the word. One commenter on Nextdoor suggested the Facebook group “Missing Dogs Massachusetts,” noting that it is a group of highly trained volunteers who could support the search.

## When Traveling

Current and accurate Pet IDs are essential when traveling with your pet. In addition to your home information, you should add a tag that says, “We are traveling with our dog. Please call this cell phone to reach us.” That would explain why a dog with a Boston address is in Maine.

We also carry cards in our wallets with our own identification that state we have a dog waiting for us at home and list who to call for help if something happens to us. When we travel, we have one that indicates we are



Current and accurate Pet IDs are essential when traveling with your pet.

traveling with our dog and where we are staying locally.

## Preparation and Prevention!

None of us is a perfect guardian, and we’ve all had scary near-escape moments. However, there are steps you can take to help prevent these situations. Leash or confine your dog when peo-

ple are coming and going from your home. Especially if a door leading outdoors is available.

Don’t use pinch collars. A British coalition headed by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has called for an end to the sale and use of both shock collars and pinch or prong collars. We’ve lost count of how many times

we’ve seen someone trying to get one of the latter back on a dog after the dog has broken free.

Finally, keep your dog on a short, strong leash with a secure collar or harness. If you have a dog with aggression or fear issues, add a second safety connection. Our fearful Poppy has her leash connected to both a collar and a harness.

Boston Lyric Opera announces landmark 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season

Special to the Journal

Boston Lyric Opera (BLO), New England’s largest and most enduring opera company, celebrates its 50th anniversary with an expansive 18-month observance that spans calendar year 2026 (its 50th year) and the 2026/27 programming season (its 50th Season). Collectively, the anniversary includes the company’s most extensive year-round onstage and community programming in its history, a deepened commitment to community engagement throughout the city, and a reimagined creative space in one of Boston’s most historic and culturally significant neighborhoods.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary follows a period of extended

success for the company, including a five-year-plus growth in budget size and a significantly diversifying audience demographic. During its 2024/25 Season, BLO welcomed more than 22,000 audience members — its highest figures in more than a decade, marking a 14 percent boost in ticket buyers. Between 2019 and 2025, audience members 18-34 years old have tripled in number and audience racial diversity has increased by 70 percent, with notable growth in attendees who identify as AAPI and Black or African American.

Since 2021 BLO co-commissioned and co-produced the Pulitzer Prize-winning opera Omar (Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels)

and the Grammy-nominated opera An American Soldier (Huang Ruo and David Henry Hwang), and supported the creative economy by creating more than 3,000 paid artist engagements. In the same period, the company strengthened its governance by expanding its Board of Directors from 23 to 30 members, and reinforced its financial and operational stability, positioning BLO for continued growth and innovation in its next chapter.

With a board-approved 2026/27 fiscal year budget that exceeds \$15 million, the company moves into Budget One status, a designation by national service organization OPERA America that places BLO among America’s elev-

en largest opera companies, including San Francisco Opera, Washington National Opera, Seattle Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Los Angeles Opera, The Metropolitan Opera, and others. In a move to ensure BLO’s ongoing stability and growth, the Board of Directors has renewed Stanford Calderwood General Director & CEO Bradley Vernatter’s contract through June 30, 2030. Vernatter has led the company since 2021 and began his tenure with BLO in 2013.

A cornerstone of BLO’s anniversary is the opening of its Opera + Community Studios next month. The renovated and repurposed space at Midway Artist Studios in Boston’s Fort Point

neighborhood will serve as a rehearsal center and administrative headquarters, and operate as a shared creative hub available to regional arts organizations and community groups. The opening is marked by a new production of Gustav Mahler’s SONG OF THE EARTH (DAS LIED VON DER ERDE), reimagined and staged by BLO Artistic Associate Anne Bogart, and conducted by BLO Music Director David Angus, March 20-29, 2026.

“Celebrating 50 years is a milestone that speaks to the remarkable legacy of Boston Lyric Opera, and to the enduring role opera plays in civic life,” Vernatter (l.) says. “For five decades, BLO has created spaces

where people gather, collaborate and create shared cultural experiences. This anniversary is both a celebration of the company’s legacy and a recognition of what sustained cultural investment makes possible: artists and audiences growing together, generations connecting through music and storytelling, and a region strengthened by vibrant creative expression. Celebrating 50 years reminds us that opera’s greatest value lies in sharing creative, multicultural experiences that inspire, nourish and expand our hearts and minds”

For more information and a full schedule of upcoming events for the 50<sup>th</sup> season, please visit: <https://blo.org/50years/>

## MBTA developing rail modernization plan to provide more frequent, reliable, accessible regional rail service

Special to the Journal

The MBTA has announced that it is developing an updated regional rail strategy to transform its rail system known as the Rail Modernization Plan. Identifying near-term investments and long-term

needs, the Rail Modernization Plan will consider how the MBTA can enhance frequency, reliability, and accessibility across the communities served by rail while advancing decarbonization strategies.

“Transportation has no boundaries — as MassDOT

Secretary and MBTA General Manager, I know how important it is that we create a robust and complete transportation network across the Commonwealth that facilitates access to jobs, homes, economic opportunities, and more,” said Interim MassDOT Secretary and

MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. “Working with the highway system, municipal roadways, and regional transit authorities, rail modernization — bidirectional travel, shorter trips, and tackling congestion through mode shift — is a key piece in making all movement

both viable and appealing. None of this would be possible without the leadership of the Healey-Driscoll Administration and support of the Legislature, and I thank the entire MBTA team for their dedicated work in continuing to move this forward and make the Rail Modernization Plan a reality.”

Supporting many of the Healey-Driscoll Administration’s objectives for regional mobility and connectivity, enhancements to the rail network will ultimately increase service to the public while supporting the Commonwealth in achieving its broader housing, climate, mobility, and economic development goals. The upcoming Rail Modernization Plan will focus on how to better serve passengers from across our service area by emphasizing investments in more frequent, more reliable, and more accessible service while we move to decarbonize the system.

Almost three quarters of Massachusetts residents live within the MBTA service area, and more frequent and reliable Regional Rail service will have major benefits for the residents and businesses of Massachusetts — as well as those of surrounding states. In fact, 64% of Commonwealth residents and 39% of Rhode Island residents live within three miles of an MBTA station. Not only can reliable train service address travel time challenges today, a more robust network enhances the Commonwealth’s goals for commer-

cially viable developments near transit stations spurring future housing production.

The MBTA will need to make investments in the coming years to:

- Improve Frequency, such as through the elimination of legacy bottlenecks in our single-track, at-grade system;

- Increase Reliability, by investing in new locomotives for our passengers while also modernizing our layover and maintenance facilities for current and future fleets;

- Enhance Accessibility, by introducing level-boarding at inaccessible stations throughout the system; and

- Pursue Decarbonization, by developing an electrification plan and through the strategic installation of discontinuous overhead catenary wire, charging, and transmission infrastructure.

The MBTA invites the public to engage with the T during this planning process, to help determine both the vision for future service and to help prioritize investments as funding becomes available. The MBTA will launch a series of public meetings, tabling events, targeted conversations with stakeholders, and virtual engagement strategies. More information can be found at [MBTA.com/RailModernization](https://mbta.com/RailModernization).

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# A STROLL THROUGH TIME



## RHS SPORTS

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## REP. DELEO RECEIVES THE BEACON AWARD FROM THE BOSTON AREA RAPE CRISIS CENTER



Speaker of the House DeLeo (D-Winthrop) was honored in front of a crowd of 1,400 walkers at the Annual Boston Area Rape Crisis Center's Walk for Change on Sunday, April 11. He was presented with the Beacon Award for outstanding leadership in advancing the rights of sexual violence survivors. Speaker DeLeo has been a long-standing advocate for victims of sexual violence and his leadership was instrumental in the passage of the new law An Act Relative to Harassment Prevention Orders. This law provides criminal harassment, stalking and sexual assault victims with the ability to petition for a protective order against their perpetrators.

### COMMUNITY

## Little screen, big effort

Revere authors pen a critical examination of television mini-series

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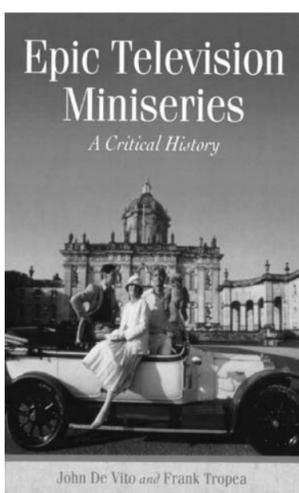
Television has played an unmistakably important role in the modern history of the United States, and two Revere residents have recently published a book looking at how the "epic mini-series" of the past influenced life, show business and the careers of young actors.

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'Roots' captivated the entire nation?

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The heyday of the epic mini-series in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s attracted hundreds of millions of viewers. In a time before VCRs, TiVo and



### APPRECIATION

## Coach Cella

Hundreds turn out to bid farewell to a Revere legend

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Silvio Cella, Revere High teacher, athletic director and head football coach, was remembered as a sports legend during an outpouring of tributes from his former players, colleagues, family, and friends.

Mr. Cella died on Wednesday morning, April 14, 2010, after a brief illness. He was 87.

Hundreds came to the Paul Buonfiglio Funeral Home Monday to honor the life of Mr. Cella, who had a distinguished career in high school and college athletics.

Mr. Cella was a standout in football, baseball, and track at Revere High School. He took his considerable skills to Boston University where he earned All-American honors and was a football teammate of Harry



SILVIO CELLA

Agganis, who went on to play for the Boston Red Sox.

Mr. Cella served in the United States Marine Corps. during World War II. He graduated from BU where he also earned a Master's Degree in Education. In 1950, he became a mathematics teacher at Revere High and was later appointed athletic director, a position he held for 40 years, retiring in 1999. Mr. Cella is credited with expanding the high school's athletic cur-

### SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

## Selective thinking

RHS student has offers from three Ivies, MIT

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One Ivy League college offer is something to jump up in the air about.

Two offers is another reason to celebrate.

But when one gets three Ivy League offers and an open invitation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), things have gone from a celebration to a very difficult decision.

That's exactly the happy boat that Beachmont's Teresa Santiano-McHatton - a senior at Revere High School (RHS) - finds herself in during this week's Spring Vacation Week.

Santiano-McHatton - who has been the top student in her class



TERESA SANTIANO-McCHATTON

for the last four years and is the front-runner for this year's valedictorian - has had offers from Princeton University, Columbia University, Brown University and MIT, among seven others.

"I thought the decision would be a financial aid package deal,

*This week, we look back 16 years to the news of 2010.*

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

## The Birdy and the Nerdy: Boston Birding Festival to host benefit trivia night at Short Path Distillery

Special to the Journal

The Boston Birding Festival has announced a high-flying evening of competition and conservation with "Birdy Trivia," taking place on Thursday, March 5, 2025, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Short Path Distillery.

The event invites teams of up to six—or solo "migrators" looking to join a "mixed flock"—to test their knowledge of avian culture and ornithology. Organizers emphasize that the trivia is designed for birders and non-birders alike, focusing on quirky bird facts and their roles in general culture rather than strictly academic science.

### Event Highlights:

**Location:** Short Path Distillery, 71 Kelvin St, Everett, MA (a short walk from the Wellington T Station).

**Admission:** \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

**Perks:** The evening features Short Path's signature craft cocktails, free pizza, and prizes/gift cards for the winning teams.

**Cause:** 100% of the event proceeds will support a Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) initiative to plant native trees in a newly restored community green space in Everett.

"Drink, play, and do good for the neighborhood," says the event organizers. The partnership highlights a shared philosophy between



the festival and the distillery; Short Path Distillery's name refers to the shortest path between local ingredients and the final product, mirroring the direct flight paths of migratory birds.

Attendees must be 21 or older to participate. For more information or to register, visit [www.bostonbirdingfestival.org](http://www.bostonbirdingfestival.org) or email [hello@bostonbirdingfestival.org](mailto:hello@bostonbirdingfestival.org).

The Boston Birding Festival is a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating birdlife and promoting environmental stewardship through community events, walks, and educational programming.

## Spring forward into safety: when you change your clocks, check your alarms

Special to the Journal

With daylight saving time beginning on March 8, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when they change their clocks.

"Smoke and CO alarms save lives, but only if they're working properly," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "As we spring forward this weekend, remember to check your alarms when you change your clocks. The manufacturing date is printed on the back of the device, so take a look and replace any alarms that have gone out of date. And unless you have newer alarms with sealed, long-life batteries, this is a great time to replace the alkaline batteries in all

your alarms."

Smoke and CO alarms are like any other appliance – they don't last forever. Smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms need to be replaced after 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model. If your alarm is out of date, or if there's no date at all, it's time to replace it. Outdated alarms may not offer the life-saving protection that every household needs.

### Most Fire Deaths Take Place at Home Overnight

Of the 44 fire deaths in Massachusetts last year, [1] 90% took place in residential settings – and 28 of these took place in the overnight and early morning hours.

"Most fire deaths take place at home and they're most common when we're sleeping," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "Tragically, we see this fact pattern play out again and again, especially with seniors in homes without working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be on the ceiling of each bedroom and in the hallway outside so you can hear the beep where you sleep."

### Older Adults at Greatest Risk

More than half of last year's residential fire deaths involved adults aged 65 and older. State Fire Marshal Davine asked residents to check in on older relatives, friends, and neighbors who may need help installing, testing, or replacing their alarms. Seniors can also contact their local fire department, council on aging, or senior center for assistance: Department of Fire Services' Senior SAFE grant program awarded nearly

half a million dollars to fire departments across Massachusetts last year to support assistance with alarm installation and testing.

### Replacing an out-of-date alarm?

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. These alarms are easier to maintain and less likely to be disabled while cooking or by someone using the batteries for other household appliances.

Alarms that meet UL Standard 217, 8th Edition or later, use the latest multi-criteria detection technology to prevent alarms caused by cooking smoke. Fire officials recommend choosing these alarms to reduce nuisance alarms – and the risk that a user will disable the alarm after burning food in the oven.

"Disabling a smoke alarm puts you and everyone in your building at risk," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Never remove the batteries from a smoke alarm until it's time to replace them or the alarm itself."

Fire officials recommend that you choose alarms from a well-known, national brand. Look for the mark of an independent testing laboratory such as UL or Intertek. Many Massachusetts fire departments have found alarms purchased on Amazon and other online retailers that do not meet the Fire Code – and may not perform when they're needed most.

"If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is," said State Fire Marshal Davine.

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# RHS launches new program of studies website

Special to the Journal

Last month, families came to Revere High School (RHS) during the school's monthly family coffee hour to learn more about the growing number of new academic and career options available to students and how the new RHS Program of Studies Website can help them figure it all out. (Click QR Code to Visit the Site).

Principal Chris Bowen led the meeting. He showed parents and caregivers the school's new "Program of Studies" Website, a comprehensive online guide that lists all courses, internships, career paths, dual enrollment options, and graduation requirements for the 2026-2027 school year. Bowen said the goal is simple: ensure every student graduates with a clear plan and a meaningful experience that prepares them for college, work, or both.

Bowen told families, "Today is really a chance for us to share some brief information so you have some ideas," and then he gave them all a chance to talk and ask questions of us, "so you can leave knowing how to support your students and make the best plan."

The new Program of Studies website is a big step forward in making things more open and easier to find. For the first time, families can see a detailed list of all the high school courses, organized by department and grade level, all in one place. Students and caregivers can search the website through multiple access points, including a searchable database and courses listed by department.

Students can look for classes by subject, such as English, math, science, history, and more. They can read class descriptions to better understand them before choosing. The site also lists the number and types of courses students must pass in each subject to graduate.

The website has a translation feature, which is important for Revere's diverse community. Families can easily change the whole page into several languages with just a few clicks. The change makes it easier and more accessible for more people to find information about academic planning and post-secondary opportunities.

In January, as Bowen shared, RHS introduced

the site to students during advisory periods. Advisory meets midweek and provides dedicated time for students to connect with staff, reflect on their goals, and explore academic options.

"It was important to us that students not only review the Program of Studies, but also learn how to navigate the website effectively so they can thoughtfully and accurately plan their courses for the upcoming school year," said Bowen. "The school will also send the website directly to families, telling them to look it over at home and use it as a way to start a conversation."

The website not only lists traditional courses, but it also shows students many ways to continue their education outside of school.

Students can get real-world experience in fields they might want to work in after college through internships in Revere and Boston. School counselors work one-on-one with students to help them find placements that fit their interests.

"We give students many chances to learn outside of Revere High School," Bowen said. "Students can talk to their counselor about getting an internship in Revere or Boston to learn more about a career they might like."

The school also lets students take college classes for free while they are still in high school. Students in these programs get both high school and college credit at the same time. After they graduate, they get a college transcript that can be used at many schools.

The Early College program is an exciting opportunity that is offered to RHS students. College professors teach classes right at the high school through a partnership with North Shore Community College. Students in Early College take a mix of high school and college classes starting in their sophomore year.

Students can earn up to 30 college credits for free—almost two years' worth—that can be transferred to any four-year public college in Massachusetts and many private colleges as well.

Bowen said, "That's almost two years of college done for free," stressing the long-term financial benefits. Students can also use the experience to try out possible majors before they choose one after high school.

Salem State University,

Suffolk University, the University of Massachusetts, Bunker Hill Community College, and Franklin Cummings Tech are some of the other colleges and universities that work together with higher education institutions. In every case, families can take the courses for free.

Next year, the high school will launch a senior Capstone Program, a year-long course that allows students in grade 12 to personalize their learning around a topic tied to their passions and goals.



Caregivers listen to RHS Principal Chris Bowen's presentation on the high school's new website.

Through an inquiry-based project, students conduct research, think critically, and design and present a final product, applying the skills they've developed throughout high school while building readiness for college, careers, and civic life. Bowen said, "It basically helps seniors choose something they're really interested in and plan a study of that topic for the whole school year."

Additionally, next year, RHS will launch a Global Education Program. The school recently partnered with the Institute for Global Learning and became a member school to connect students, faculty, and the learning community with other schools around the world. This partnership celebrates the rich diversity of the Revere community by giving students opportunities to explore their learning through a global lens in direct connection to their own experiences.

Over the coming years, the school will co-create the RHS global education program with students and teachers, ensuring it re-

fects the unique spirit of RHS. Students will have the chance to participate in global exchanges with peers and educators worldwide, as well as "glocal" experiences—local projects approached through a global perspective—that strengthen connections within our vibrant Revere community.

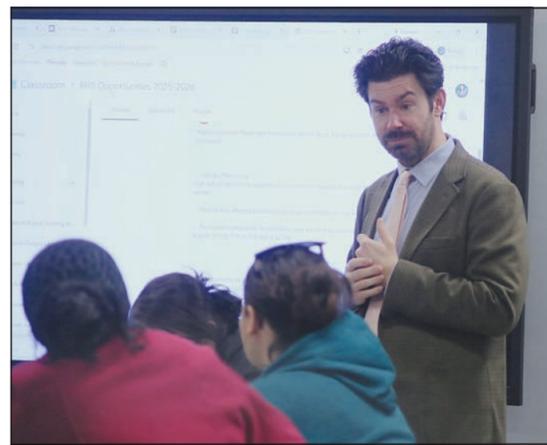
Through these experiences, RHS aims to foster curiosity, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of the world beyond our classroom walls. Students will explore the UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development and tackle global challenges like climate change, energy reliability, hunger, and immigration. Students who choose to explore their learning through this program will receive a Global Scholar Endorsement on their transcript after completing all programmatic requirements.

Another important part of the RHS Program of Studies is the rollout of structured career concentrations. These are concentrated learning experiences that combine required classes with internships, dual enrollment, and capstone projects in fields that are in high demand.

The program began in 2020, when the City of Revere, the school district, state officials, local colleges, and area businesses partnered to analyze workforce data, identify high-growth industries in the Greater Boston region, and determine how the high school could better prepare students for emerging career opportunities.

"This year, we proudly launched our Engineering & Robotics Career Concentration, marking an exciting expansion of opportunities for our students," said Bowen. "Next year, we will introduce the Business Leadership, Hospitality & Entrepreneurship Career Concentration, further broadening pathways aligned to student interests and future careers."

Bowen added that as RHS moves through the construction of its new high school building, the school will continue to develop and add additional career concentrations over the next four years, thoughtfully designing new courses that complement and strengthen each program.



RHS Principal Chris Bowen during his presentation

Students who choose to pursue a specific concentration will enroll in targeted coursework, participate in internships or related work-based learning experiences, engage in the Capstone Program, and curate a comprehensive portfolio that thoughtfully showcases and connects their learning across all experiences.

Bowen stressed during the meeting that even the best programs need students to be involved and families to support them.

He said, "What you need to know before you leave today is that the more you talk to your student about what they like, what they don't like, what they want to do in five years, and how that relates to the opportunities we have here, the better prepared they will be to graduate and move on to the next step."

The school gave families a list of 10 questions to talk about at home. These included whether students had looked into internship opportunities, met with their counselor, or gone over what they needed to do to graduate.



The high school's new "Program of Studies" Website, a comprehensive online guide that lists all courses, internships, career paths, dual enrollment options, and graduation requirements for the 2026-2027 school year.

This month, counselors will start meeting with students again. They will first meet with them in advisory sessions and then one-on-one or in small groups. In March, students will choose their classes for the next school year.

Bowen said that to be able to participate in many programs, especially internships and college courses, you need to have excellent attendance, do well in school, and be responsible.

"We can't send a student to an internship," he said. "We can't pay for a student to take a college class if they stop going." "Students' actions in high school, such as attending classes, advocating for themselves, and seeking guidance from teachers, create opportunities."

School leaders want more students to graduate with not only a diploma but also college credits, work experience, and a sense of direction. They hope that by giving students clearer information and more options for real-world careers, they will be able to do this.

Bowen said that the message to families was simple: visit the Program of Studies Website, ask questions, and stay involved.

"We want every student to know their counselor," he said. "Before you leave, we want you to be ready to talk to your child. Make sure they have read this, know when their counselor will meet with them, and follow up."



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the recent committee meeting that Revere High students are smoking pot in the school's corridors because of a lack of supervision.

Revere Housing Authority Exec. Dir. Carl Hyman has proposed that the former Revere High School building be converted into elderly housing.

Barry Cushner has regained the city chess title after back-to-back wins over defending champ Wesley Drew. Cushner now has claimed three titles in recent weeks as a member of the Comets chess team. He also recently won the city backgammon championship.

Lies My Father Told Me is playing at the Parkway Plaza Theatre in Chelsea.

**60 years ago**  
**March 10, 1966**

Ward Five Councillor Roger Carey has proposed a resolution that the City Council go on record as opposing urban renewal in the city, which Carey said is tantamount to the city taking property by eminent domain for private development. Carey said that urban

renewal, which has had a controversial history in the city, has been held over the heads of his constituents in the Oak Island section of the city for too long.

Two local stewardesses who were residents of the Atlantic Towers, Sandra Sexhaus and Eileen Jenkel, were among the 124 persons killed in the crash of a BOAC jet airliner into the side of Mt. Fuji in Japan on Saturday.

Residents are mourning the passing of Walter Hickey, a longtime realtor in the city with an office at 212 Shirley Ave. and a member of the Board of Assessors for 15 years, who passed away Saturday.

Maryann Luciani, a band majorette with the RHS band, was crowned the 1966 Massachusetts Miss Majorette.

With Mayor George V. Colella urging the School Committee to talk less and take more action, the School Committee discussed possible sites for a new Revere High School this week. The School Building Advisory Committee has proposed

that the city purchase the so-called central pit site for the new school.

Brothers Ronnie and Donnie Milton, 12 and 11 years old, won numerous awards in the recent three-day roller skating competition held in Norwood.

Albert Finney and Susanah York star in Tom Jones at the Revere Drive In.

**70 years ago**  
**March 8, 1956**

The School Committee meeting to discuss the selection of a site for the proposed new Revere High School degenerated into a session of bickering among the board members regarding the possible selection of the city pit site. School Supt. Carl Lindstol reminded the committee members that the city has been debating about whether to build a new school since 1953, when a study by the Harvard School of Education concluded that the present RHS building was outdated.

The Boston I Stores, located at 345 Broadway and operated by brothers Tony, Joe, and Jimmie Avellino, is observing its 33rd anniversary this week.

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Joseph Cotten and Ruth Roman star in The Bottom of the Bottle at the Revere Drive In, which is reopening for the season this week. At the Revere Theatre, Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck and Ann Baxter star in There's Always Tomorrow.

**80 years ago**  
**March 7, 1946**

Spring-like weather and warm rains combined to melt the snow and led to an overflow of the so-called county-ditch, flooding basements in the area of Dunn Rd. and Sagamore, Shawmut, Banks, and Dow Sts. The warm weather also brought many visitors to Revere Beach.

More than 100 men and women met in the chapel of the Nahant Ave. Synagogue Sunday morning and pledged \$48,000 to lay the groundwork for the construction of a \$100,000 Jewish Community Center.

Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman, and Joseph Cotten star in Gaslight at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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