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CITY GIVES ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARDS

Mayor Brian Arrigo announced additional grant awards made through the City's Emergency Small Business Program. To date, more than 60 small businesses are slated to receive over \$170,000 in grants. The grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000, dependent upon the size of the business and documented need. Applications are still open for businesses who qualify, and funds can be used for working capital costs such as payroll, lease

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Beachmont's little zookeeper, Declan Philbrick.

MEET BEACHMONT'S ZOOKEEPER

Special to the Journal

For the last several weeks, Declan Philbrick, the six-year-old zoo-keeper on Bradstreet Avenue, has set up his front yard as a zoo. The first thing you observe is that the white picket fence has at least a half dozen snakes winding in, out, and around the slats, their forked tongues moving in the breeze. Some are snakes you might recognize, but some are two-headed, and some are very frightening. The public is warned that some may be of poisonous genus.

The zoo keeper calls out to pedestrians, "Come visit the zoo, free of charge!" Declan welcomes everyone with his sunny smile and more facts and information than you would think a six-year-old could possess. Wearing a mask, and making sure everyone is observing social distancing, he introduces his snakes to the public. He encourages you to look beyond the fence to a group of prehistoric animals, then on to polar animals, bears, a hyena and other African animals, wolves, birds, and sea creatures.

Declan takes special pride in his fabulous zoo. He handles the animals with care, and after bringing them to the fence for a closer look, he returns them to their respective enclosures. Every night he gathers each one, and using his wheelbarrow, he transports them inside to their safe sleeping quarters. "It's a lot of work!"

Anti-racist demonstration set for Revere cancelled by organizers

By Taylor Giuffre-Catalano, with contributions from Brandon Brito, Matthew Brito, and Elijah Nater

After the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin, younger members of the community banded together to make a change. Please read the following message from the organizers of the cancelled Revere Against Racism Peace March:

There has been a lot of hurt in this country's heart lately. This hurt is justified and, ultimately, revolutionary. I know many of you were looking forward to participating in the upcoming peaceful protest. I know many others were afraid that the peaceful protest would end in destruction. As a result of Sunday's violent and destructive riots in Boston, the organizers of the Revere Against Racism Peace March are actively working with the City of Revere to come up with an effective alternative to our previously scheduled demonstration. Residents of our City have voiced their concerns over the safety of the Peace March, and we have heard them loud and clear. We love and respect our City and its people, and our main concern is the safety and security of residents, properties, small businesses, and City Emergency Services. Considering how the nation, and the City, are still grappling with the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, public health was also a concern.

The organizers reiterate: the protest has been cancelled, and we are working with the City of Revere to create positive, peaceful change, no matter what. Despite the cancellation, we are still selling t-shirts to show that Revere residents stand against racism: We will continue to discuss the best way to express our First Amendment rights, and we will continue to fight for peace and equality within our community, and within our country.

To those who supported the protest, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. Your support has made an incredible impact on our lives and on our mission, and we will continue to work with City of Revere leaders to spread our message of peace, love, and positivity. To those who were worried, we hear you, and your safety will always be paramount.

Again, we ask that you respect our decision to cancel the protest, and to respect the concerns of residents, and please do not show up on Friday as this event has been effectively cancelled.

Positive change is inevitable.

HONORING PAULA GREENE SARCIA



On May 28, the Revere Fire Department lost their longtime Administrative Assistant, Paula Greene Sarcia. Shown above, the Fire Department gives one final salute as the memorial procession made its way past the station. Read more on Page 2.

WEDDING ON REVERE BEACH



PHOTOS BY DALIA SHILAS FROM NAHANT

Jorge Domingo and Adriana Cortes were married on Saturday, May 23 on Revere Beach. The couple were scheduled to get married in Spain on June 27, 2020. Like many brides this year, due to the pandemic they had to cancel their wedding. The couple lives on Dehon Street in Revere and thought why not just elope now and make the best of things. The ceremony was private. The justice of the peace who performed the ceremony was Laura Assade from Lynn.

Revere youth stand in solidarity with BLM

By Somaya Laroussi

With the ongoing Black Lives Matter demonstrations taking place nationwide, young Revere residents have begun vocalizing a demand for public figures, community members, and city officials to address the crisis. Collectively, they have released a sign-on letter, calling attention to racial injustice and demanding action be taken locally.

"Black Lives Matter is a movement that fights for the injustice of my people," says Seba Ismail, a Revere High School alum and member of the class of 2019. "To me, it is action. It is equality. It is a voice against white silence."

Led by a different member of the class of 2019, Somaya Laroussi, youth of all ages and backgrounds managed to connect virtually to one another and translate their feelings into words and actions.

"Acknowledging social injustices is not political, which too often is forgotten," clarifies Solei Yuong, a current RHS student aged 17. "Asking community leaders to speak out about the current situation often gets confused with pushing an agenda on them. If you claim you support minority groups in the past, that should hold true, now, more than ever."

An estimated 69% of enrolled Revere Public School (RPS) students are of color (and identify as members of ethnic minority groups). But, both current and

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Pictured at Paula Sarcia's son Kristopher Sarcia's graduation ceremony from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy are, from left, Deputy Chief Paul Cheever, Fire Chief Christopher Bright, her son, Kristopher Sarcia, Paula Sarcia, her daughter, Rachel Wagner, Firefighter Frank Barry, and Assistant Chief Jim Cullen.

APPRECIATION

Fire Department honors Paula Sarcia, admin assistant

By Cary Shuman

Paula Greene Sarcia, a popular and universally admired administrative assistant to two Revere fire chiefs, died on May 28 after a brief illness. She was 62.

The Revere Fire Department honored Mrs. Sarcia with a "final salute," outside fire headquarters Thursday as the memorial procession continued on to the Vertuccio and Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sarcia had served as the administrative assistant to Fire Chief Christopher Bright since 2016. Prior to that, she was the administrative assistant to former Chief Eugene Doherty. She also worked as a 911 call taker before receiving a promotion in the department.

"She was simply the best," said Chief Bright. "Everyone knew Paula. All the new firefighters who had to get their paperwork done had to come through Paula's office. She took care of everybody, she was so helpful to everyone. She had a strong work ethic and was very smart. She ran a great office."

Mrs. Sarcia was a resi-

dent her whole life of Oak Island, which is a very tight-knit community.

Mrs. Sarcia could appreciate the sacrifice firefighters make each day on the job and the bravery necessary to serve in a profession that tests you constantly, for she had firefighting in her family. She was the wife of the late Revere Firefighter Roger Sarcia, who died on March 28, 2018. Three of her uncles, Capt. Henry Olsen and Arthur Olson, and Capt. Thomas Tuite, were also firefighters. Her son, Kristopher Sarcia, is carrying on the family tradition as a Revere firefighter.

In addition to Kristopher's service as a firefighter, Mrs. Sarcia was also proud of her other children, USAF Master Sgt. Rachel L. Wagner, Jennifer Hubbard, and USAF Staff Sgt. John Sarcia.

Vozella remembers her colleague fondly

Chief Bright said there was a second position in the office that had been vacant due to cutbacks through the years. Mayor Brian Arrigo allowed the department to hire a second person in the office. Mrs. Sarcia helped hire Alyssa Vozella to the

position of principal clerk.

"Paula was an incredible woman," said Vozella. "She was there for everyone. She was genuinely a good person who wanted to know about you and your life. She never forgot anyone's name when people would bring in their child or grandchildren to the office. She was my best friend around here. She was one of a kind."

Ms. Vozella said she and Mrs. Sarcia had previously worked together as call takers in the department. "She trained me in that position and she was still texting me here and helping navigate [while she gallantly fought her illness] and was working remotely and she had all the answers – just an incredible person."

Ms. Vozella said Paula Sarcia treasured her role as a grandmother. "She loved her grandchildren like you wouldn't believe. If you come into her office, there are pictures of her grandchildren everywhere. She was very family oriented."

"There is a real void in our office – it's hard to process it right now," said Chief Bright. "We're just trying to get through each day one at a time."

City COVID-19 Update

Mayor Arrigo announces phased return of in-person city operations

Special to the Journal

The City of Revere's Emergency Response Team continues to monitor impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and develop policies and procedures to maintain public health and safety for all in Revere. As of June 2, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 1,664 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere. The City is averaging 13 new cases a day.

Mayor Brian Arrigo announced a phased return of in-person City operations. On Monday, June 1, City Hall opened to staff only, with new safety guidelines and protocols in place, in-

cluding mandatory daily health checks, a combination of in-office and work from home arrangements with staggering schedules, and masks required for all employees when they are away from their personal work space. Departments are required to clean their work spaces routinely, and frequently touched surfaces throughout the building are being sanitized daily. Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer has been distributed to each department. This week staff is focused on preparing departmental operations to allow the public to safely return to City Hall for necessary business.

Parking meter fees have also gone into effect after being paused due to

COVID-19, and street sweeping enforcement will resume on June 15. The City of Revere Parking Department is working on plans for the 2020 Resident Parking Sticker program, and more details will be shared with residents as details are solidified. For now, the Parking Department is advising residents to follow the same rules of the 2019 program and wait until further notice from the City regarding 2020 resident parking stickers.

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is actively working on plans to open parks and playgrounds to the public by next week. More details of safety precautions and restrictions in place will be announced this week.

Quality Inn Quarantine Hotel to close on June 10

By Cary Shuman

Revere Fire Capt. Robert Fortuna, the city's liaison for the Quality Inn Quarantine Hotel for COVID-19 patients, has announced that the hotel will close on June 10 at which point the facility will be returned to hotel management.

The last patient must either be medically released or transferred to the EnVision Hotel, a state-run facility for COVID-19 isolation in Everett.

The hotel partnership agreement developed between Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo and Chelsea City Manager Thomas Ambrosino will also end on June 10, according to Fortuna.

Fortuna said that Adrienne Maguire, RN, and a Revere school nurse, "was charged with the challeng-

ing task of vetting, qualifying and referring Revere people to be patients at the Quality Inn.

"Adrienne told me that initially there was some hesitancy by family members to stay at the facility," related Fortuna. "But once there, noting the level of MGH staff and care on site, combined with not having to worry about meals, their comfort level overwhelmingly changed."

Fortuna said that most importantly the underlying premise and motivation for opening a quarantine site locally was realized and deemed a success by the medical community.

"Patients at the Quality Inn were able to avoid passing the disease to family members, their young children, and those living with them who were immune compromised," said For-

tuna. "The plan most certainly helped to control the spread of the virus for these families."

During the course of the hotel being used for COVID-19 patients, Revere referred 32 people to the Quality Inn, while 147 patients from all cities found refuge and isolation there.

Fortuna, who is also the director of emergency management and planning, said that emergency management preparation is the key to mitigating a situation before it has overwhelmed your ability to react and control it.

"The facility at the Quality Inn was a bold step in addressing the growing number of COVID-19 positive cases and one of the many taken toward the success of limiting the spread of the virus," said Fortuna.

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previous Revere High students feel that the ethnic diversity is often exploited.

Stephanie Carvalho, RHS class of 2019, explains that, "it seems to me that Revere High loves to tout its diversity when they get awards or grant money out of it, but when it comes to acknowledging the trauma that affects that diversity ... they're resilient."

Faith Nwafor, RHS class of 2021, echoes her sentiments in explaining that in her seventeen years living

in Revere, "I have yet to see people of color in office. As a young Black girl in Revere, it's already hard enough as it is, but feeling like there's no one to represent people of color in our community is disheartening."

"There is a clear and apparent disconnect between the people and authority in our community and that needs to be addressed now," proclaims Somaya Laroussi, local community organizer and RHS alum.

She goes on to explain that "continued indifference by people responsible for protecting Revere youth will only make us more unsafe."

Laroussi is the primary organizer of this project and has led a number of social justice campaigns on behalf of Revere youth for years. The group of youth promoting this are not affiliated by any organization in particular and hope to simply ensure the safety and protection of their community members. This sign-on letter project is also not affiliated in any way with the now-cancelled peaceful demonstration that was meant to take place June 5 in Revere. The timing of the two projects was coincidental.

The letter urges local leaders to immediately take steps to address the ongoing crisis, including:

- Stop affiliating with other racist platforms, organizations, and public figures that have attempted to profit off of the ongoing struggles of Revere youth.
- Commit to working to dedicate spaces for youth, especially Black Revere youth, to vocalize their feelings and organize. Commit

time to listening to youth voices at these spaces.

• Continue to support upcoming initiatives that Revere youth of color will be pushing for in the coming weeks.

• The sentiments going out to the Black community on behalf of the youth are summarized by Minnah Sheikh, RHS class of 2021, as she explains, "As allies of the Black community, it is our responsibility to continue to elevate the voices of those who have been silenced with years of systemic racial injustice. To our Black peers, you are heard and you are valued. You matter."

The letter has just been released and submitted to local public officials including city council members, school committee members, Superintendent Dr. Diane Kelly, Mayor Brian Arrigo. As of this press release, the sign-on letter has 622 signatures.

Somaya Laroussi is a 2019 Revere High School graduate and a community organizer based in the Shirley Avenue neighborhood. She has no affiliation with the organizers of the now cancelled protest being planned for Friday.



We hope you have been keeping up with RevereTV over these past few months at home. RevereTV has been and will continue to bring you all city meetings and updates on our television channels and YouTube page as they happen. To remind you, our channels are 8, 9, and 1072 for Comcast customers and 3, 613, 13, and 614 for RCN customers. For those without a cable network, you can head to our YouTube page and view city coverage and programs produced by RevereTV at any time.

You may have noticed that Revere city government meetings have been held virtually lately. RevereTV provides the live stream to all of these virtual meetings as if they were still taking place at city hall. Other than these meetings, on channels Comcast 9 and RCN 13, we air the mayor's occasional updates, adapted city ceremonies and events, and most of Governor Baker's COVID-19 press conferences. A few weeks ago, RTV covered what took place as the city's Memorial Day Ceremony. When programs are not airing on our government channel, our bulletin includes important city information and details of any upcoming events. RTV posts all bulletins on Facebook as well.

On RevereTV's community produced channel, we have packed the schedule with mostly new and some old programs. Some new shows include "Cooking with the Keefe's" with Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe and his family, "Las Parceritas" and "La Abuela Creaciones" produced by Diana Cardona, "Revere Reads" sent to us by Ward 6 Councillor Ricky Serino, and "The Senior FYI" in partnership with the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center. The staff at RTV decided to bring back "The Lost Morris Morris Comedy Show" in memory of our dear friend Morris Morris. Please tune in to RevereTV or head to our YouTube page to view some of these new programs. We are excited to be able to fill our community channel programming after a brief hiatus.

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Parishioners are pictured outside the St. Mary of the Assumption Church before the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday.

St. Mary of the Assumption welcomes back parishioners

By Cary Shuman

The Rev. John Sheridan, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, presided over the church's first Mass Saturday since in-person activities were suspended for several weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thirty-two parishioners attended the Mass that began at 4 p.m.

"It was wonderful," said the Rev. Sheridan. "Everybody worked together, everyone understood, and everyone was so patient. It was very emotional. I was so happy to see everyone. It's been a long time."

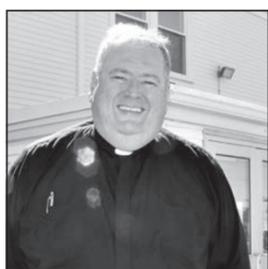
The church implemented social distance guidelines for the Mass. Parishioners sat at least six feet

apart from each other while church staff cordoned off a lot of the pews, according to the Rev. Sheridan.

"We were following every rule that was put up for us," he said. "I'm just so proud of everyone. Everybody understood and they just rolled with it."

More than 50 parishioners attended the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses Sunday. The Rev. Brian Dunkel presided over the 11:30 a.m. Mass. The combined turnout was far below the usual number of attendees.

"A lot of parishioners really aren't comfortable in venturing out and being in the community," said the Rev. Sheridan. "The numbers were way down from what we're used to,



The Rev. John Sheridan of St. Mary of the Assumption Church is pictured as he entered the church Saturday to preside over the 4 p.m. Mass.

but that's alright. It going to take several weeks to begin to get up to the numbers we're used to. I look forward to the day when we're all together and we can freely and happily share the gifts that are ours."

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obligations, utility and/or debt payments, and inventory expenses.

The City's Business Response Team also announced the start of virtual office hours for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Held via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 AM and available in English and Spanish, office hours will focus on answering questions regarding the State's reopening plans. Small businesses can register for office hours at Revere.org/officehours.

The City's Emergency Response Team has added new data to the Revere.org/coronavirus website to align with metrics being tracked by the Commonwealth's Reopening Advisory board. Data includes the percentage of positive test rates for Revere residents.

With unemployment fraud on the rise, the Commonwealth is urging residents to be vigilant. If you suspect someone may be committing fraud, report it to the Unemployment Insurance Program Integrity Department. To learn more, visit the State's website on unemployment fraud.

COUNCIL WILL HOLD MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR COREY ABRAMS

City Council President Patrick Keefe said the Council will observe a moment of silence for former Ward 1 Councillor Corey Abrams at its meeting on Monday, June 8.

Mr. Abrams died unexpectedly on May 31. He briefly served as the Ward 1 councillor in 2010.

REVERE CITY OFFICES NOT YET OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Though many Revere city employees returned to work at City Hall on June 1, the building is not open to the public and no date for its full re-opening has been set.

Robert Marra, chief of staff for Mayor Brian Arrigo's Office, said Tuesday, "Many employees returned to work at City Hall on Monday, June 1. Work is

ongoing on a wide variety of necessary preparations that must be completed before it is safe to open the doors to the public. These include sneeze guards, plexiglass dividers where the public has substantial interaction with staff, and modification of the Pleasant Street ground level entrance as a single-entry point to the building. Similar preparatory work is necessary at the Legion Building where Veterans' Services and Inspectional Services are located, and at the Parks and Rec building. As soon as the work is completed, facilities will open to the public in accord with guidelines and precautions issued by the state Department of Public Health."

MVES AWARDED MORE THAN \$82K TO SUPPORT SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) recently received a Senior Corps RSVP grant of \$82,397.00 from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering and service.

The funds were awarded as part of a Senior Corps RSVP grant competition to increase the impact of national service in the Mystic Valley region. Established in 1971, RSVP programs engage older Americans in volunteer opportunities across the country. These volunteers have been a critical resource for nationwide response efforts—in everything from hunger prevention to natural disasters.

"This funding provides much-needed support to our RSVP program, in which our volunteers share their time and expertise with a wide variety of community members, from elementary school children to those enrolling in Medicare," said Leah Mulrenan, Mystic Valley Elder Services' RSVP Director and Volunteer Program Manager. Mulrenan oversees and supports over 400 volunteers in the Mystic Valley region, many of whom are serving critical community functions, such as serving

food at senior dining sites, assisting elders with bill paying tasks, or distributing goods at food pantries.

Established in 1971, RSVP programs engage Americans age 55 and older in citizen service that addresses the nation's most-pressing challenges—everything from fighting the opioid epidemic, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to jobs and benefits, preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, and ensuring seniors age independently and with dignity.

While serving, Senior Corps volunteers also improve their own lives, staying active and healthy through service. A growing body of research points to mental and physical health benefits associated with volunteering, including lower mortality rates, increased strength and energy, decreased rates of depression, and fewer physical limitations. Mystic Valley Elder Services offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, which range from commitments of just a few hours each month, to multiple days each week.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at Mystic Valley Elder Services, and to find the one that's best for you, please call 781-388-2375 or visit mves.org/volunteer.

MCOFU ENDORSES GIANNINO FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

On Thursday, the Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union (MCOFU) endorsed Revere City Councilor At-Large Jessica Giannino for State Representative. 16th Suffolk District. Giannino officially claimed a spot on the September 1st ballot after submitting the required certified signatures to the Secretary of State's office last month.

"In the opinion of our Executive Board, nobody will fight harder than Jessica Giannino for public safety and to improve the quality of lives for the residents who reside in the 16th Suffolk District," said Kevin Flanagan, MCOFU Legis-

City Council will discuss FY2021 budget

By Cary Shuman

The first public presentation of the city's Fiscal Year 2021 budget to the City Council will highlight the 11-member Council's meeting Monday night.

"I believe that [Finance Director] Richard Viscay has completed the budget report and he will be distributing it to the Council [Thursday]," said Council President Patrick Keefe. "So we'll have a chance to review it before the Monday meeting and then we can start up the discussions where we want to go from there."

There is much local anticipation about the budget in regard to the lower revenues being projected due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"I know there are going to be personnel cuts that have to be made," said Keefe. "I fully understand that and I just want to make sure we're comparing every department across the board. You hate to see one department be cut by 6-8 percent and another department not having any other cuts."

Keefe expects the large portion of the councillors' budget discussion to be about "personnel."

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna delivered a frank assessment of the fiscal challenges ahead for the city, stating, "I am not

looking forward to the upcoming 2021 budget. Because of the coronavirus, every state and city has taken a hit financially, Revere being one of them."

McKenna said the city had a \$6 million surplus last year, "but now we have a deficit."

"It's going to affect city employees, Revere public schools and our first responders. I believe the administration has its challenges going forward."

McKenna said before COVID-19 created a national health and economic crisis, each councillor put together a "wish list" for Mayor Brian Arrigo.

"I know all the items that I had listed are now impossible to fulfill," said McKenna. "I would still like to see a couple of streets in my ward that have no sidewalks and where the pavement is deteriorating, to be fixed. I would also like to see 50 trees planted in Ward 1, especially in Beachmont because of the heavy flow of planes flying overhead. But as a councillor representing the city, I will do my best and work hard to save as many jobs as I can. That will be my first priority."

McKenna recalled that she was once laid off for seven months during her teaching career. "It was an awful experience and I wouldn't want anyone to go through that," said McKenna. "I thank Richard Viscay

for being accessible to the council about the upcoming budget. I believe he is brilliant and will find ways to save jobs in the city."

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito expressed his belief that there will be a lot of cuts in the new budget.

"When I first ran for public office, I know we were trying to recover from a recession, so the current economic situation is not something that I'm not familiar with," said Morabito. "I believe there is going to be a lot of cuts in the budget and it's going to be a very, very thin budget."

Morabito said he would like to see unnecessary expenditures cut "prior to any jobs being cut."

"I don't want to see any essential jobs cut," said Morabito. "We can make suggestions, but we don't have the authority to cut the positions. Mayor Arrigo can bring the budget to our attention and we can make recommendations, but at the end of the day, it's up to the mayor whether he wants to make cuts to positions or not."

Morabito said maintaining the current number of positions in the Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works is a top priority for him in the budget.

The regular meeting of the Council will begin at 6 p.m. and be broadcast on Zoom and Revere TV.

RAFT PROGRAM RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If anyone needs help paying rent, they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Massachusetts Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. RAFT has expanded its eligibility requirements to help people with COVID-19 related job losses or financial hardship. Some things to consider:

- Your immigration status does not matter.
- You may be eligible for RAFT if you have not been, or will not be, able to pay rent, mortgage payments, or utilities due to COVID-19.
- You must be in contact with your landlord or prop-

erty manager (RAFT funds are paid to them).

•If you are not on the lease, you can provide your landlord's contact information to confirm that you are a tenant.

•If you need help to cover your security deposit (for first or last month's rent), you can specify the unit you plan to move into, even if you have not yet signed the lease.

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The vast majority of Americans have been sickened by the horrific video of a white Minneapolis police officer slowly and agonizingly choking to death a 26 year-old African-American man, George Floyd.

Mr. Floyd had not committed any act of violence prior to being arrested and was lying prone on his stomach, with his hands handcuffed behind his back, as the officer applied pressure with his knee and the full force of his body weight to Mr. Floyd's neck for eight minutes and 53 seconds.

The murder of Mr. Floyd while in police custody was the culmination of a series of high-profile, race-related incidents in recent weeks that have highlighted the racism that is inherent in our society and that have spurred the protests for the past week in major cities across the country.

What has been striking about the protest movement is that the protesters in every city have been representative of all races and nationalities, similar to the peaceful protest marches and the Freedom Rider movement in the 1960s that were led by Dr. Martin Luther King and other leaders of the Civil Rights movement at that time.

Unfortunately, there always are a few people who will seek to profit from any situation. Those who have been vandalizing property and who have been ransacking high-end retailers, as occurred Sunday night along Newbury St. and in downtown Boston, are professional criminals with lengthy records who have jumped on the protest bandwagon, so to speak, solely in order to take advantage of the diversion of the police created by the peaceful and legitimate protesters.

However, the criminal behavior by a small minority of professional criminals amidst the protesters should not be a basis, either for average Americans or for our political leaders, to fail to acknowledge two important aspects of the current protest movement:

First, that every American has a right of free assembly and second, that our nation must address the rampant racism that exists at every level of society.

Our government leaders who negatively are politicizing the current situation are no different than the criminals who are ransacking the high-end stores. Both are seeking to hijack the legitimate methods and goals of the protest movement for their own ends.

However, we must not allow either the criminal element or unscrupulous politicians to distract us from attaining the goal so eloquently expressed

by Dr. King in his "I Have a Dream" speech before 250,000 persons at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Fifty seven years later, America still is a long way from realizing Dr. King's dream of racial equality. Hopefully, the sad and tragic events of the past few weeks will rekindle in every American the need to achieve the goal of a just society for all Americans.

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GUEST OP-ED

City Officials appalled by Floyd murder

By Mayor Brian Arrigo, Supt. Dianne Kelly, Police Chief James Guido and Fire Chief Christopher Bright

We are heartbroken and appalled by the murder of George Floyd and so many other people of color before him. Our country's history of systemic racism and violence against Black men and women is disgusting and shameful. Although we can all feel the deep emotional grief from witnessing such needless and horrifying loss of life, we want to acknowledge that it is some of you, not any of us, who have experienced and live this racism every day.

This pandemic has brought greater devastation to communities of color, and at the same time we continue to see unprovoked, unwarranted violence against Black people. We are at a crossroads. A crossroads we have approached too many times before only to find ourselves following the exact same path. If we are serious about making a change, we must all commit to doing so. We must commit to seeing racism, naming racism, and acting to end racism.

Our pledge to all residents of Revere is to use our positions of power more effectively to make sure every voice is heard -- and new

policies are implemented -- but we will not do it alone. Our public safety agencies, school leaders and colleagues in government are ready and willing to help all in our community who wish to have a better future. We must all rise up together to root out racism and journey together toward equity and justice.

Our message this week to our residents who are calling for action is this: We are with you. Your voices are heard. We will support you.

Safety, diversity, and respect for people's dignity have always been our top priority. Our public safety teams will work in collab-

oration with community organizations and faith leaders this week to ensure we are coordinated in our efforts to advance the change we all desire.

Over the past two months, we've come together as a city like we never have before. That is thanks to all of you, and we must do even more now. Together we need to work toward creating a community solidly grounded in equity and inclusion, a community in which every citizen feels welcomed and safe, a community that isn't just inclusive -- but rather is intentionally anti-racist.

GUEST OP-ED

George Floyd, protestor violence — how to solve all this

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

The death of George Floyd at the hands of police should never have happened. It was murder and a dark moment in America. The looting, terrorism and burning of American cities by so called protestors is criminal and a dark moment in America.

The Minneapolis police officers involved in Floyd's death must be held accountable. The criminals involved in wrecking American cities, robbing and burning businesses must be held accountable.

Americans have the right to free speech. Free speech does not mean destroying property, hurting police officers and criminal activities.

The question many Americans are asking today is who is funding these criminal, terroristic riots that have happened across

America? People are showing up from other cities and states to wreak havoc and chaos in American cities. Who is paying their travel? Who is providing their lodging? Who is paying them money? Are there really this many evil, bad people in America? Obviously, there are because the acts of violence displayed on national television are not coming from peaceful protestors. We have seen and heard about many peaceful protestors. Thousands of people have made their protests in a peaceful, honorable way.

No one blames anyone for being upset and angry about what happened to George Floyd. It made me angry. I would be willing to march with anyone to cry out against such an act and event. Actually, I cried out against Floyd's murder in last week's column stating my feelings about his murder by the hands of the

Minneapolis police officers. This column goes to thousands of media outlets. It was horrific and wrong and the officers must be punished. The looters and criminals who have vandalized and saw Floyd's death as an opportunity to pursue criminal activity also must be put in jail and punished.

America is in deep trouble. We are still in the middle of Covid-19 with the prospects of a Fall resurgence. Unemployment soars. Businesses have closed and many are struggling to hold on. Economically our nation is buried. The future of our older generation is at great risk and the younger generation has not grasped yet what is really in store for them financially. The economic plight of this nation has put the realization of the American Dream at great risk for America's children.

We desperately need a revival of "rightness" in

America. There was a day when people believed in strong morals, decency, respect and the Golden Rule. This "rightness or rule" must happen from all the politicians, to the police officers, to the protestors and to every person in America. The preachers in America must get this message out. The politicians must get this message out. We must put this message into our daily living. Or, it's over for America.

Here's the rule again, "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist -- American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

GUEST OP-ED

Making smart investments in public safety - by building stronger communities

By Joe Gravellese, Candidate for State Representative

Public safety requires thoughtful investment. In my time working at the State House and at Revere City Hall, I've advocated for smart, cost-effective policies that protect public safety and increase harmony in the community, and I'll do the same as your State Representative.

In the coming years, Massachusetts will face a budget crunch due to COVID-19, putting a squeeze on our ability to fund important priorities.

Tax cuts largely benefiting the wealthiest families in Massachusetts have cost \$4 billion per year -- money that could go toward pressing needs like education and public safety.

We need to pass the Fair Share Amendment, and reverse a portion of these tax cuts on those making over \$1 million per year. If we repeat past mistakes and adopt austerity budgets in response to a crisis, communities across the Commonwealth will have to slash budgets for public safety and schools.

Beyond this, it's also

important to make sure that we're not just spending money - but that we're spending it wisely, on things that truly help our communities, rather than doubling down on failed policies.

Thankfully, this district already offers good examples of the kinds of cost-effective investments that truly reduce crime and create harmony within the community.

The Chelsea Police Department has been recognized as a national leader in building strong relationships between the police

and residents, at a time in our country when the need for these relationships has never been clearer. Chelsea's police host regular meetings with nonprofits to help individuals with substance abuse, and get people the support they need before they end up in the criminal justice system.

Great work is also happening in Revere. Revere's police department has opened community substations and increased walking patrols, to strengthen positive relationships between

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LETTERS to the Editor

A LETTER FROM REVERE YOUTH

Dear Editor,

We, the undersigned, are writing to you as an informal collective of Revere youth. The recent murder of George Floyd, Amuad Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and countless others have brought us together to write to you today. We stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and our Black community in Revere. We are appalled by the lack of acknowledgement of the ongoing national crisis and lack of support to our community from influential community members.

According to the US Census Bureau's ACS 5 year estimate, Revere is home to a population of 53.9k people, with a median household income of \$53,794 and where 37% of residents are foreign born and 30.1% are Hispanic or Latino residents. An estimated 69% of enrolled Revere Public School (RPS) students are of color (and identify as members of ethnic minority groups). RPS is a Title I school district that benefits from additional government funding and resources -- because of these demographic statistics. Ironically, neither the school administration, nor the school committee, nor the city council reflects this. There remains to be a lack of representation all throughout the city. The city and school officials have (for too long) attempted to embrace a glorified image of ethnic diversity, without actually addressing the needs of youth of color or committing their work to protecting the civil and human rights of Revere youth of color.

We will not stand for the silence of our community leaders who lack the proper use of the platform that they are equipped with and cease to shed light on the current issues that plague the Black community. To quote human rights activist Desmond Tutu, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."

We call upon any and all community members in positions of power to:

1. Publicly acknowledge the human rights crisis and ongoing genocide. Declare that you stand in solidarity with Black Lives Matter.

2. If responsible for the safety and protection of Revere youth, dedicate the rest of your career to protecting youth of color and their human rights.

3. Urge your constituents not to affiliate with other alleged racist platforms, organizations, and public figures that have attempted to profit off of the ongoing struggles of Revere youth.

4. Commit your work to dedicating spaces for youth, especially Black Revere youth, to vocalize their feelings and organize. Commit your time to listening to youth voices at these spaces.

5. Collaborate with other Revere community officials and organizations that have also stood in solidarity with us and the Black Lives Matter movement.

6. Continue to support upcoming initiatives that Revere youth of color will

be pushing for in the coming weeks.

Please do not let the youth of your community down.

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A MISSION TOWARDS EQUITY

Dear Editor:

Today, we reflect on the tragic death of George Floyd, the racist incident in Central Park, the shooting of a Black man while jogging in Georgia - as well as many others. We are saddened and angry about these events that once again laid bare the ugly racism that still exists in this country with particularly deadly consequences for Black boys and men (not that Black women are exempt).

While we are horrified, we are unfortunately not surprised. These are not isolated incidents but a chronic pattern of racial hate crimes that have persisted for hundreds of years. In this difficult time in which communities of color are disproportionately affected by the devastating health, social and economic consequences of COVID-19, this seems too much for these communities - and all of us - to bear.

We feel frustrated and even helpless as we struggle with what to do to fundamentally change the racist systems, structures and culture that contribute to tragedies like George Floyd and so many others. But, we know that as a community, at the very least we must recognize, discuss and grieve the heinous incidences of the past month.

At a time like this, and the many others that will come, we must reaffirm the importance of our mission of "improving the health and well-being of the diverse communities we serve." CCHI strives to model what it means to value all lives. For those disproportionately affected by this pandemic and in memory of those that have lost their lives, we rededicate ourselves to partner with others to root out racism and journey towards equity.

Joan Quinlan
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residents and officers. Annual events bring young people and public safety officials together in thoughtful ways. Revere Police and Fire Departments coordinate with the city's Substance Use Disorder Initiatives office to visit residents who have struggled with addiction. This is the kind of work that creates meaningful change.

These programs are so important because of the

relationship between addiction, homelessness, lack of educational and employment opportunities, and the criminal justice system. So many of the people rotating in and out of the criminal justice system are people who are struggling with these issues.

It costs taxpayers \$53,000 per year to lock someone up in jail, but \$2,500 per year to treat someone for substance

abuse. It all comes back to that key word - investment. We need to expand access across the state to evidence-based practices that reduce substance abuse. We also need to ensure that Massachusetts residents have adequate access to affordable mental health care.

Protecting public safety also requires investments in other causes of social disorder like homelessness, hunger, and lack of opportunity.

Reducing homelessness will undoubtedly reduce future criminal justice expenses. Students who go to school hungry are less likely to graduate, and more likely to end up involved in drugs or crime; strengthening school nutrition programs can go a long way toward making our streets safer.

We also need to reduce barriers to opportunity for kids growing up in working-class communities. We

need to ensure that any student who wants to go to a vocational or technical high school can. We need to ensure that new development in the area creates pathways to good jobs for local residents. We need to ensure that any student who wants to attend community college and pursue higher education can do so, without going into debt.

Together, we can make the kinds of thoughtful in-

vestments and adopt the smart policies that reduce crime and make our communities safer, but we need leadership to make it happen. I pledge to deliver that leadership if elected as your next State Representative.

Joe Gravellese is a candidate in the Democratic Primary Election for Suffolk Rep. in the 16th Suffolk District (Revere, Chelsea, Saugus) on Sept. 1.

OBITUARIES

William Faria

Beloved teacher of electronics and life lessons; if you met him, he was your friend

William G. Faria, 87, of Lynnfield, formerly from the North End of Boston and

Revere, died at his home on Friday, May 22.

Born in Boston on August 14, 1932, he was the son of the late Carlos P. and Rose (DeBellis) Faria. He was a graduate of Boston English High School, Fitchburg State College and received his Master of Education from Salem State College. Bill was a U.S. Air Force Korean War Veteran, a Staff Sergeant serving from 1952 to 1956.

He worked for the Raytheon Corporation and taught at Lynnfield High School, Shawsheen Tech High School, Revere High School, Malden High School and Mass Bay Community College. He was a beloved teacher of electronics and life lessons!

He adored being a drama coach, serving for more than 25 years on the board of the Mass High School Drama Guild. He loved performing as the Singing Godfather in local nursing homes and family weddings. He was also a member of St. Maria Goretti Choir for more than 20 years.

If you met him, he was your friend. Bill made everyone feel loved in his presence and you felt happy. He cherished the amazing number of friendships that he made over the years, along with his large extended families. Bill traveled the world, loved cruising and meeting new people.

He was a resident of Lynnfield for the past 43 years and was Lynnfield High School and North Reading



High School number one sports fan. He was also a member of the Friends of the North End and the Sons of Italy.

Family members include his loving wife of 57 years, Carolyn (Addesa) Faria; his son, William Carlos and his wife, Ellen; his daughters, Marlene Connelly and her husband, David, Nancy Meaney and her husband, John, and Janice Gagne and her husband, Darrell; his grandchildren, Matthew, Jack, Joseph, Aidan and Lauren. He was the brother of the late Carlos, the late Emily Carten, and Marie Scapicchio and the brother in law of Frances Addesa, Domenic Sarcia. Irving Byer, the late John Addesa and the late Rosemary Sarcia.

Funeral services will be private due to the current COVID-19 situation. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Bill Faria Memorial Scholarship

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Kimberly Fisher

Former proprietor of Golden Images in East Boston and Seaside Salon in Winthrop

Funeral Services were held privately for Kimberly L. Fisher, who died unexpectedly in her home in East Boston on May 22. She was 53 years old.

Kim was born and raised in the Jeffries Point section of East Boston and was a graduate of Boston Preparatory School, Class of 1984. Immediately following graduation, she enrolled in beauty school and became a licensed hairdresser and makeup artist.

Kim was an extremely hard-working woman and her talent and drive led her to become a top tier hairdresser. She immediately had a large following due to her craft and purely her personality. She was witty, feisty, warm and kind and that allowed her to have many successes in business. People simply loved her and she loved them.

She also worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Auditor's Division as an administrative assistant. She left her position in the Auditor's division to broaden her horizon by purchasing "Golden Images" in East Boston, a Tanning and Nail Salon and Clothing Boutique. Her vision brought the salon to a new level and always had the latest women's swimwear, women's clothing line and accessories. She enjoyed what she was doing and had a natural knack for business. While operating her business, she still was working as a hairdresser next door on Bennington St. at Hair 2001. She would later sell Golden Images and open another hair and nail salon in Winthrop, Seaside Salon.

The birth of her son, Nicholas was without a doubt the happiest day of her life. She loved being a mother and it meant so much to her. She eventually worked several days a week as a hairdresser at various salons, but due to her declining health, she was forced to stop working completely.

Kim had many talents and passions in life. She was a phenomenal cook and everything she made



was delicious. She was also a gracious host for the holidays, birthdays and cookouts. She liked to travel and visit new places. Anyone who knew Kim would always see her looking stunning and in a new outfit. She loved fashion and was a very savvy shopper. Lastly, Kim was a fond lover of animals of all sorts, but especially dogs.

Kim will always be remembered as a person with a gentle face, a beautiful smile and a loving heart. She is now safely home in heaven, she will be missed, her memory will be shared and she will always be loved.

She was the beloved daughter of Edith (Petrillo) Fisher and the late Robert L. Fisher, the loving mother of Nicholas J. Bitto of Revere, cherished sister of Robert L. Fisher and his late wife, Audrey M. of Winthrop, David A. Fisher of Revere and Danny Smith and his wife, Patricia K. of Melrose; dear aunt of Robert L. Fisher, Alexandria Fisher and Zachary S. Fisher, all of Winthrop, David A. Fisher of Revere, Justin S. Smith and Matthew J. Smith of Melrose. She is also lovingly survived by her two Maltese companions, Sissy and MoJo and by many other loving friends, family and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the MSPCA - Angell Office of Development, 350 South Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02130 or mspca.org. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosndsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Atty. Michael A. Laurano III

Well known Boston and North Shore attorney

Attorney Michael A. Laurano, 77, was born on January 30, 1943 at Norfolk, Virginia where his Dad was assigned to the U.S. Navy Base.

He spent the early years of his life as a resident of Orient Heights, East Boston until making the move to Newbury, Massachusetts in 1993.

He attended St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Grammar School, East Boston graduating in 1957. He was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, East Boston, Class of 1961 and an alumnus of Boston College, Class of 1965 and then went on to graduate from Boston University School of Law in 1968.

As a young man, he developed a keen interest in politics, which drove him into a successful campaign for the Democratic Ward Committee.

He began his law career with the late Attorney Joseph Oteri in Downtown Boston. However, soon he set his shingle out at 71-73 Meridian St., East Boston, the home of the Michael A. Laurano Insurance Agency. The agency was founded by his paternal grandfather in 1923, maintained and carried on by Michael A. Laurano, Jr. (Attorney Laurano's father) and subsequently carried on by Attorney Laurano until 2011. Michael continued his practice of law until his failing health made it impossible to fulfill his duties in 2018.

Michael's interests were vast and most interesting. He was a student of everything and anything and would have the ability to teach the subject with thorough knowledge and deliverance. He held an uncanny appreciation for his Italian heritage, particularly for the history and language of his forefathers.

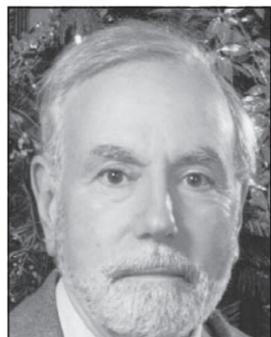
Michael was fluent in English, Italian and Spanish. He was an excellent chef, baker, gardener and teacher. From a very early age, his love for antiques and antiquities was unmatched. However, above and beyond, was his dedication and love of family and extended family.

He carried a wealth of precise information regarding art and the sciences. As an avid reader, he would begin and complete reading a book in the same evening. He was a remarkable self-taught musician, mostly and especially in piano, organ and the mandolin.

Michael played organ for the 4 p.m., Saturday, Weekly Mass at St. Pius Chapel in the Don Orione Nursing Center in East Boston for 10 years. He was fascinated with the old "roller pianos" of which one was always in the finished playroom at 719 Bennington St.

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The Laurano home was always the go-to place for a party, gathering, fun and music. Yes, always music, and of course, after all, Michael's mother was the founder and Senior Teacher of the Lillian Arden Chiampa Laurano School of Dance & Performing Arts, which made its home over the family insurance agency for over 65 years.

Attorney Michael A. Laurano, III was a frequent traveler to Europe and especially to Italy and the small real to life villages in Avellino, from whence his ancestors came. Aside from the sights that most travel to, Michael made it mandatory to locate and visit with the Chiampa and Laurano cousins.

Michael's memberships included The Boston Athenaeum, The Justinian Society, the Dante Alighieri Society. He was a Founder and member of the East Boston Historical Society from the late 1960s until the time of his passing. He was also a member of Riverfront Marina of Newbury, MA and a member of Fitton Council, K of C 84 of East Boston.

The precious son of the late Boston Deputy Fire Chief Michael A. Laurano, Jr. and Lillian Arden Chiampa Laurano, he was the treasured brother of Jeannine A. Lesburt and her husband, Henry of Pompano Beach, FL and Karyn A. Laurano of Peabody; cherished uncle of Eric M. and Erin E. Trigilio, Attorneys Marc E. and Leigh R. Trigilio, Peter M. Vadala, David L. and Erin Vadala. "Uncle Michael" will be unforgettable to his grandnieces: Liliana, Carlina, Amalia, Aria and Mia. He was the beloved friend and companion of Ellen C. Hynes. He deeply loved his faithful Welsh Terrier, Reggie Barney, III. He was also the valued cousin of the late George E. McGee, Jr. and many other loving Laurano and Chiampa cousins.

A Private Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, June 2 at St. Adelaide Church of Peabody, followed by a Private Committal Service at Holy Cross Cemetery Malden in accordance with the mandates and regulations issued by the Comm. of MA and the Boston Archdiocese regarding the ongoing pandemic. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made in support of the Mass General Center for Lymphoma in honor of Dr. Ronald Takvorian. Checks may be mailed to Massachusetts General Development Office, Attn: Tyrone Latin, 125 Nashua St., Ste. 540, Boston, MA 02114. Checks should be made payable to "MGH Center for Lymphoma."

To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosndsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Birthday Remembrance

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Concetta 'Connie' Di-Bella Cammarano

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Grandchildren, Great
Grandchildren & Relatives



"The World is but a canvas to our Imagination." - Henry David Thoreau

8th Anniversary

Derin Joseph Sculla McWilliams

5/29/12

This is truly Derin's Tree of Life. It's the one our neighbor, John, planted in his honor as a tribute when he passed on May 29 of 2012.

It last bloomed on the day of his big sister Jenessa's baby shower for our first granddaughter, Delia, and now that his baby sister, Lauren, is expecting our third granddaughter, the entire tree is in bloom again!

Since Lauren named our second granddaughter DJ after him, I guess that was tribute enough that year.

We gave up on his tree last year and planned to dig it up and plant a new one this spring.

Thank you everyone up there for reminding us that miracles do happen and in particular to you, Derin, for reminding us that despite the fact that we lost you in May, there is still so much beauty and hope left in this month and that miracles do happen.

Please consider a donation to The Derin JS McWilliams Memorial Art Scholarship. Donate by sending check to: Revere High School c/o Rose Gordinas, 101 School St., Revere MA 02151 OR Venmo a donation to @Jenessa-Dailey

1st Year Anniversary Judy Cammarata

6/8/2019 - 6/8/2020



As we remember our mom on the anniversary of her passing we feel thankful for the significant impact that she has made in our lives. Her love and kindness is her legacy that will remain in our hearts forever.

Your loving husband, children,
grandchildren & family

A Mass in her honor will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church at 9 a.m. on Monday June 8.

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OBITUARIES

Paula Greene Sarcia

Assistant to the Revere Fire Chief

Paula Greene Sarcia passed away on Thursday, May 28 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a brief illness. She was 62 years old.

Born in Winthrop, she was a lifelong resident of Revere, attended Revere schools and was graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1975. She continued her education at Marion Court College and graduated in 1977.

Paula began her career as a City of Revere employee as a 911 call taker. She rose quickly within the ranks and was promoted to Administrative Assistant. Upon the appointment of Christopher Bright as Revere Fire Chief, she held the position of Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief until her untimely passing.

Her passions, following her family, were skiing and travel. She also enjoyed camping with the family on many occasions. She and her husband traveled often and widely throughout Europe but also enjoyed the excitement and beauty of Aruba.

She was the beloved wife of the late Revere Firefighter Roger W. Sarcia who passed on March 28, 2018, the cherished daughter of Helen L. (Olsen) Greene of Revere and the late John J. "Jack" Greene; devoted mother of USAF Master Sgt. Rachel L. Wagner of Bedford, Jennifer L. Hubbard and her husband, Joseph A. Hubbard of Seabrook, NH, Revere Firefighter Kristopher T. Sarcia



and his girlfriend, Alison Weigl of Revere and USAF Staff Sgt. John J. Sarcia of Hickam Air Force Base, HI; adored grandmother to Kaleigh L., Aiden J. and Brennan J. Hubbard and Korbin R. and Kensley S. Wagner; dear sister of Patricia F. "Patti" Kane and her husband, Richard I. of Nahant, Thomas P. Greene and his wife, Noreen of Arlington and the late John J. Greene, Jr.; special niece to Virginia "Ginger" Tuite of Revere and faithful aunt to Ryan R. Kane of Nahant. She is also lovingly survived by many other nephews, nieces and cousins.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, funeral services will be held privately. Rather than flowers, the family sincerely asks that you take the time to render an act of kindness to a deserving person or organization in Paula's memory. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Irving 'Hank' Greenberg

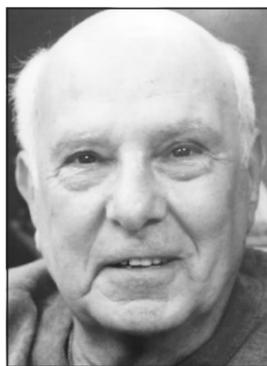
Former 20-year treasurer of the Revere Housing Authority and past president of Temple B'nai Israel



Irving "Hank" Greenberg, a lifelong resident of Revere, died on Thursday, April 30.

A proud United States Marine Corps Veteran, he was a member of the "Odd Fellows" Noble Grand Kearsarge Lodge #217-Swampscott, Past President of the Temple B'Nai Israel, Revere, former Commissioner of Revere Housing Authority and Former Treasurer for 20 years. A lover of Aruba, he called it his "Second home".

He was the devoted husband of 68 years to Nancy (Trager) Greenberg, devoted father of the late Steven Greenberg, he is also survived by a daughter, Shirlee McDaniel. He was the loving son of the late Samuel Greenberg and



Anna (Gates) Greenberg, dear brother of the late Eva Richmond and loving grandfather of Eric Greenberg. Private graveside services will be held due to the Covid-19 Crisis with interment in the B'Nai Israel Beechmont Cemetery, Everett.

Contributions in Hank's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice. Visit www.torffuneralservice.com for guestbook.

Corey Ford Abrams

Tireless worker and creative entrepreneur

Corey Ford Abrams passed away unexpectedly on May 31.

Corey was son to Kim (Canniff) and Hal Ford Abrams, both of Revere and was born on February 27, 1976.

He was a proud Beachmont native and a graduate of St. Dominic Savio High School, Class of 1994. Corey married his high school sweetheart, Kristin (Parillo) Abrams in 1996. The couple began their family in Revere, later residing in Reading.

Corey worked as a landscaper and real estate agent with Century 21 Mario Real Estate. He started his landscaping business at the age of 12 and successfully grew the business for over 30 years. Corey also worked as a property manager of a forty-unit residential development. A tireless worker and creative entrepreneur, Corey invested in real estate and maintained a seasonal Christmas Tree business in Winthrop.

He was dedicated to his work and providing for his family. He was also very active in both his hometown of Revere and then in Reading. Corey coached softball, baseball, hockey and traveled the country with his girls' cheering teams.

He was an avid community volunteer, always being the first to help. More than anything, Corey enjoyed spending time with his family. On any given Sunday he would be with his wife, Kristin and their children, enjoying a meal and watching the Red Sox or Patriots. Corey was an avid Boston sports fan. Taking his kids to Fenway was what he loved most.

Corey took pride in his home. He spent many weekends in the yard with



the kids, growing vegetables in his prized garden. Corey loved music and will be remembered for his famous dance moves to his favorite singers.

Corey had a great sense of humor. He could light up a room and always knew just what to say to make you smile. He had an infectious laugh like no other.

Corey was an amazing husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend to so many lucky people. He was kind and compassionate. He was so full of life and love. To know him was to love him.

Corey leaves a legacy of his most loving family: his beloved wife, Kristin (Parillo) Abrams of Reading and their five children: Kailynn and her fiancé, Brendan Alford, Brianna, Madysen, Aiden and Logan. Corey is also survived by his parents, Kim (Canniff) Abrams and Hal Abrams of Revere, his sister, Kerri (Abrams) Perullo and Francis Perullo of Lexington. Corey also leaves behind adoring nieces and nephews: Zachary Micciche, Arya Parillo, Paige Rampelberg, Olivia and Jack Perullo.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment will be at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Donald Robinson

He loved the ocean and especially treasured childhood memories of Revere Beach

Donald "Donnie" Robinson passed unexpectedly at home in Revere on May 26.

He was the beloved father of Tucker Robinson of Brookline, proud grandfather of Tyler Robinson of Huntington Beach, CA and Alexa Robinson of Orlando, FL. Although he wasn't able to see his grandchildren as often as he would have liked due to distance, he reveled in every opportunity to show a new photo or tell a new story about each of them.

Donald was born and raised in Revere to the late Donald and Lorraine (McLaughlin) Robinson. He is survived by his brother, Edward Robinson and his wife, Maryann of Saugus, as well as his sisters, Pamela Robinson of Salem and Lorraine (Robinson) Hodge and her husband, Allan of Jacksonville, Fl. He is also survived by his niece and goddaughter, Jill Robinson of North Andover. Donald was predeceased by his former spouse Carol Comeau, with whom he shared his son, Tucker as well as his partner, Carla Heath, who he spent many years with later in life until her passing.

Anyone who knew Donnie knows how much he loved being near the ocean. He treasured the childhood memories with his siblings and friends at Revere Beach. His love of the ocean would eventually compel him to become employed at Marblehead Yacht Club so he could enjoy the beautiful landscape while also earning a living. Marblehead was very much



a second home to him as he spent many of his adult years living there. His path would eventually lead back to the very place he loved as a child. Revere Beach is where he would spend his last decade residing, right along the water that he felt so connected with.

His love of the ocean also transformed into a love for traveling. Belize was his favorite place to escape to. He spent several winters vacationing there and at one time even considered moving there permanently. However, ultimately he was a New Englander at heart.

Donnie loved sports, and was a talented hockey player in high school, co-captaining his Revere High team. He passionately followed all the local Boston teams-being a sports fan has always been a family affair in the Robinson household.

At this time there will be no services due to social distancing. The Robinson family hopes that you will honor Donnie in your own way. In lieu of flowers, feel free to send a donation in his memory to the charity of your choosing. For online guest book and condolences please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Selma Smith

She saw the positive side of life and always cared for everyone like family

Selma (Marcus) Smith of Revere passed away in her 94th year on Tuesday, May 26.

She was the beloved wife of the late Louis Smith, loving mother of Michael Smith and his wife, Suzanne Smith and Nancy Vazza and her husband, Louis Vazza; caring sister of Alvin Marcus and his wife, Renee and the late Sylvia Weinstein, Corinne Feldman and David Marcus and his surviving spouse, Eileen; adored nana of Matthew and Ryan Smith and Jessica Vazza and her fiancé, Michael Ferragamo. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Selma will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. She saw the positive side of



life and always and cared for everyone like family.

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, services were held privately. Messages of condolence to the family can be placed on our memory wall. Selma will be laid to rest with her husband, Louis Smith at Beth Israel Cemetery in Everett. For online guest book, please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Eleanor Mancini

Loved spending time with family and friends

Eleanor D. (Andreottola) Mancini, 96, a lifelong resident of Revere died on May 17.

Born on December 3, 1923 to Francesco and Mary (Tempesta), she was the beloved wife of the late Victor J., devoted mother of Victor F. and his wife, Carol of Salem, Mary Buonfiglio and her husband, Paul of Revere, Corrine Hadden and her husband, Gregory of Maine; cherished grandmother of Monique Sullivan and her husband, Kevin, Christopher Mancini and his wife, Stacie, Paul Buonfiglio and his wife, Stacey, Jennifer Buonfiglio-Purinton, Victor Buonfiglio and his wife, Carrie, Gregory Hadden and his wife, Rachel, David Hadden and Jessica Stokes and her husband, Colin. She was the dear sister of the late Nicholas Andreottola and his wife, Frances, Frances Murphy and her husband, Fran and Anthony "Strum" Andreottola and his wife, Claire. She is also survived by 15 loving great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and by many nieces and nephews whom she cherished, including her sister



Frances' daughters, Patricia Kyle, Maureen Tuttavilla and the late Mary Lyn Colaninno and their children who were like daughters and grandchildren.

Eleanor truly enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially during Sunday dinners, Christmas Eve and the annual family 4th of July celebration, which was the highlight of her summer.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on social gatherings due to Covid - 19 all services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations, may be made to the Jimmy Fund at danafarber.jimmyfund.org. Family and friends are encouraged to leave a message or share a memory in the online guestbook at www.Buonfiglio.com.

Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore installs officers

The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore is pleased to announce the installation of their new slate of officers for the next two years. Our second virtual membership meeting was held on May 21 as we all met on "Zoom". The new officers are President- Janice Tarkata, Vice President Mary Jane O'Neill, President, 2nd Vice President-Theresa DiPetro, Treasurer -Elizabeth Fama, Recording Secretary -Bonnie Fishman, Corresponding secretary - Christine Deprizio, and Board of Director members, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Sheila Arsenault and Diane Cambria. The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore

has completed another year of service to our communities and the world. We are honored to be able to continue the great work we do in our cities and towns and look forward to the year ahead. We hope you will think about joining us in our mission to support women and girls through service and advocacy. Please call us at 617-874-0271 Mary Jane O'Neill or email us at Chelseazonta@zontadistrict1.org and check out our website, zontadistrict1.org/area-4/chelsea-ma. We really need your help to continue our wonderful work. Our meetings are held the third Thursday of the month.

Michael James Fortin

Global IT for Silver Rail



Michael James Fortin of Revere entered into eternal rest unexpectedly on Monday, May 25. He was 40 years old.

Born in Farmington, Connecticut, Michael resided Everett before making Revere his home. He worked as Global IT for Silver Rail and was a US Army veteran.

He was the beloved husband of Colleen M. (Baker), loving son of David and Mary (Robinson) Fortin of Everett; dear and devoted father of Christopher James, Kayla Marie and Brian Joseph, all of Revere; brother of Theresa Fortin of Malden and Paul O'Connell and his wife, Jessica of Newton.

Michael's Funeral Mass will be on Friday, May 29



in the Immaculate Conception Church, 487 Broadway, Everett, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Michael's memory to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Jimmy Fund P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9186 would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements are by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett.

One injured in stabbing on Revere Beach

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday Eliot Circle on the southern end of Revere Beach turned into a scene of chaos as a large brawl erupted between two groups of youth that resulted in the stabbing of one victim.

The incident occurred just before 8 p.m. last Wednesday when State Troopers from the Revere Barracks and Revere Police responded to calls of a large fight between two groups of kids riding bikes along Revere Beach.

Once police arrived they

located a 17-year-old male juvenile from neighboring East Boston bleeding profusely and suffering from what appeared to be a stab wound to his leg.

State Troopers administered a tourniquet to stop the bleeding until EMS arrived and transported the

victim to Massachusetts General Hospital. He received emergency treatment and remains in critical condition with damage to his femoral artery.

Police canvassing the area after the incident located a knife they believe was used in the attack.

According to State Police spokesman Dave Procopio no arrests have been made and the investigation is being conducted by the State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County,



The alleged knife used during last week's stabbing on Revere Beach that was found near the scene of the brawl.

Troopers from the Revere Crime Scene Services Section, the State Police, and Revere Police.

Acela service resumes for Amtrak customers on the Northeast corridor with new safety initiatives

Staff report

As recovery across the country continues, Acela service on the Northeast Corridor resumes today on a modified schedule with the restoration of three weekday Acela roundtrips utilizing the new safety initiatives for customers and employees that Amtrak has implemented.

Amtrak and train travel will lead the way and set a new standard of transportation. While continuing to leverage a full-time medical director and public health and safety teams who have been on the front lines throughout the COVID-19 outbreak providing expert counsel, Amtrak has implemented the following measures:

es in high traffic areas. In addition, clear protective barriers have been installed at customer counters at our busiest stations.

• Facial coverings: Amtrak is requiring all customers and employees to wear facial coverings while in stations.

• Preventing overcrowding: Customers are encouraged to arrive only 30 minutes before departure and only 60 minutes if in need of ticketing and/or baggage assistance.

Contact-free travel experience:

• Cashless service: Amtrak is accepting cashless payments only.

• Seamless gate service: To reduce crowds at departure boards Amtrak app users can now receive gate and track information via push notification at select stations.

• Contactless ticketing: Amtrak encourages boarding with eTickets, which conductors scan from the Amtrak app.

Onboard:

• Facial coverings: Amtrak is requiring all customers and employees to wear facial coverings while on trains or thruway buses. Facial coverings can be removed when customers are in their private rooms or seated alone.

• Enhanced cleaning: Amtrak has amplified the cleaning of trains by spraying a disinfectant focusing on highly touched surfaces.

• Limiting bookings: Amtrak is limiting ticket sales on reserved services, with customers encouraged to use the seat next to them for personal belongings.

Reducing exposure: All non-safety materials have been removed from seat-back pockets.

• Handwashing available: Available in each car's restroom, Amtrak strongly encourages washing hands thoroughly with soap and water.

• Contactless movement onboard: To move between cars, customers can use an "automatic door open" button with their foot.

• Upon arrival: When the train is approaching a destination, conductors will make announcements regarding where and when customers can disembark to minimize crowding at the door.

Food & beverage:

• Café service: Effective May 20, café service aboard Amtrak trains that still offer food service will be available as carryout only. Seating in the café will be closed. Customers can bring items back to their seats or private rooms.

• Physical distancing: For customers placing orders in the cafe, signage and markers promoting physical distancing leading up to the café counter have been added.

• Protective barriers: For added protection, protective plastic barriers are being installed at café counters.

• Cashless service: Amtrak is accepting cashless payments only.

Tickets are currently for sale and can be found, along with current schedules on Amtrak.com and through the Amtrak app. Amtrak continues to evaluate current practices and pilot new opportunities to support personal safety. Visit Amtrak.com for more information about how Amtrak is maintaining a safe environment.

Mass. Health Committee makes history approving End of Life Options Bill for first time since 2011

Staff report

Massachusetts supporters of legislation that would authorize medical aid in dying as an end-of-life care option urged state lawmakers to pass the bill after the Joint Committee on Public Health approved it late Friday afternoon for the first time since it was originally introduced by Rep. Louis L. Kafka in 2011. The committee approved the legislation by a vote of 11 to 6. More than seven out of 10 Massachusetts voters (71%) support medical aid in dying, according to the most recent poll on the issue in 2013 by Purple Insights.

The bill, the Massachusetts End of Life Options Act (H.1926/S.1208), would give mentally capable, terminally ill individuals with a prognosis of six months or less to live the option to request, obtain and self-ingest medication to die peacefully in their sleep if their suffering becomes unbearable. The legislation is sponsored by Rep. Louis L. Kafka and Senator William N. Brownsberger and has 69 total sponsors, including Joint Committee on Public

Health co-chair, Senator Joanne M. Comerford.

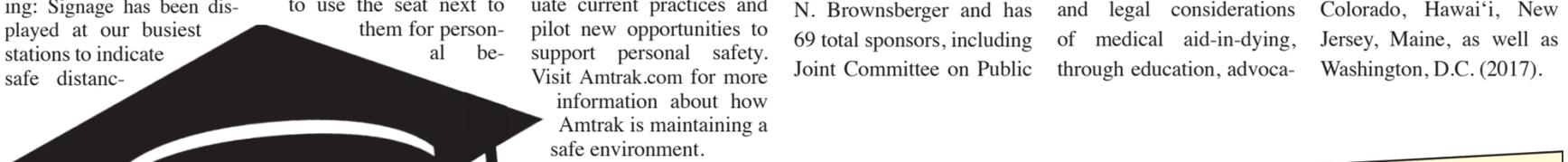
"COVID-19 has shined a spotlight on the importance of a compassionate death, and we thank the public health committee for prioritizing this legislation at a time when only a handful of bills are advancing through the legislature," said Compassion & Choices president and CEO Kim Callinan, who testified before the Joint Committee on Public Health in support of the bill at a hearing last June. "We urge legislative leaders to hold floor votes on the bill ASAP so that more Massachusetts residents will have the option of a peaceful end should their suffering become intolerable."

The Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) also testified at the hearing last June before the Joint Committee of Public Health on the bill, detailing its policy of "neutral engagement" on the practice of medical aid in dying: "The MMS will support its members regarding clinical, ethical, and legal considerations of medical aid-in-dying, through education, advoca-

cy, and/or the provision of other resources..."

A 2017 internal survey of Massachusetts Medical Society members showed they backed the End of Life Options Act by a 2-1 margin, 62% support vs. 28% opposed (see page 9 chart at www.massmed.org/Advocacy/State-Advocacy/MAID-Survey-2017/). Other bill supporters include the ACLU of Massachusetts, Amherst Town Meeting, Boston Ethical Society, Cambridge City Council, Falmouth Board of Selectmen, Fenway Health/AIDS Action, Greater Boston Humanists, Lexington Board of Selectmen, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Massachusetts, and Northampton City Council, and Provincetown Board of Selectmen.

Medical aid in dying is authorized in 10 U.S. jurisdictions representing more than one-fifth (22%) of the nation's population, including nine states: Oregon, Washington, Montana (via a state Supreme Court ruling), Vermont, California, Colorado, Hawai'i, New Jersey, Maine, as well as Washington, D.C. (2017).



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WEEKLY CRIME Report

THURSDAY, MAY 21

0005: Medical aid on Beach St. One person was transported to the hospital.

0223: Disturbance on Arcadia St. The officer restored the peace.

0400: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on No. Shore Rd. at John Ave. The officer provided assistance.

0453: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Mahoney Circle. The officer will file a report.

0742: MV stop on Broadway. The officer issued a citation for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

0805: MV stop on Winthrop Ave. The officer issued a citation for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

0838: Disturbance on Michael Rd. The officer restored the peace.

0954: MV stop at Park and Washington Aves. The officer issued a citation for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

1051: Assault on Salem St. The officer restored the peace.

1226: An officer attempted to serve a domestic abuse prevention restraining order (209A order) upon a Library St. resident.

1227: An officer served a domestic abuse prevention restraining order (209A order) upon a Library St. resident.

1248: Unwanted person on Thorndike St. The officer spoke to the subject.

1343: A trespass tow of a MV was reported on Lantern Rd.

1359: Lost animal on American Legion Highway. The officer provided assistance.

1359: AMV was ordered towed on Charger St.

1409: A trespass tow of a MV was reported on Lantern Ave.

1514: An officer served a domestic abuse prevention restraining order (209A order) upon an Oxford Park resident.

1603: A trespass tow of a MV was reported on Lantern Rd.

1604: MVA at Harris St. and Winthrop Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1605: MVA on Lawson Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1725: MV stop on Washington Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1740: Animal complaint on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1807: Disturbance on Shirley Ave. The officer will file a report.

1927: Noise disturbance on Malden St. The officer provided assistance.

1935: Disturbance on Broadway at Revere St. The officer restored the peace.

1950: MV stop on Revere Beach Parkway for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2055: Unwanted person on American Legion Highway. The officer provided assistance.

2138: Parking complaint at Glendale and Bridge Sts. The officer issued a parking ticket.

2200: MV stop at Mahoney Circle for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2236: MV stop on Revere St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2304: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Kimball Ave. The officer spoke to the subject.

2310: Noise disturbance on No. Shore Rd. The officer spoke to the subject.

(MV) stop on Beach St. The officer issued a citation to the operator, a 51 year-old Woburn man, for the criminal charge of operating an uninsured MV.

0150: Breaking & entering (B&E) into a building on Hichborn St. The officer issued a summons to a 32 year-old man from Nashua, N.H., for the criminal charges of breaking & entering into a building with intent to commit a misdemeanor and disturbing the peace.

0411: Domestic disturbance on Garfield Ave. The officer spoke to the subject.

0826: MV stop on No. Shore Rd. The officer issued a citation to the operator for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

0855: MV stop on No. Shore Rd. The officer issued a citation to the operator for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

1037: MV stop at Washington and Mountain Aves. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for a CMVI.

1226: Animal complaint on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1255: Unwanted person on Furlong Drive. One person was transported to the hospital.

1321: MV stop at Butler Circle. The officer issued a citation to the operator for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

1333: MV stop at Salem St. and Grandview Ave. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

1334: Unwanted person on Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.

1341: A trespass tow of a MV was reported on Lantern Rd.

1359: Domestic disturbance on No. Shore Rd. The officer spoke to the subject.

1402: Vandalism on Hichborn St. The officer issued a summons to a 32 year-old man from Nashua, N.H., who was involved in a previous call, for the criminal charge of causing malicious damage to a MV.

1408: MV stop at Salem St. and Grandview Ave. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

1413: Disturbance at Revere Beach Blvd. The officer restored the peace.

1428: MV stop at Salem St. and Grandview Ave. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

1431: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Broadway and Pleasant St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1511: Suspicious activity on Revere Beach Parkway. The officer will file a report.

1530: Suspicious activity on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer will file a report.

1544: MV stop on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1545: MV stop on Revere Beach Blvd. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1552: Animal complaint on Fenwick St. The officer will file a report.

1640: Noise disturbance on Pearl Ave. The officer spoke to the subject.

1652: Shoplifting on Furlong Ave. The officer will file a report.

1713: An officer served a 209A order upon a Revere Beach Parkway resident.

1717: MV stop on Beach St. and No. Shore Rd. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1726: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1734: MV stop on Central Ave. and Broadway.

The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1734: MV stop at Cope-land Circle and Squire Rd. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1805: MV stop at Reservoir Ave. and Broadway. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1813: Threats to kill on Page St. The officer restored the peace.

1841: MV stop at Brown Circle. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1844: Noise disturbance on Charger St. The officer spoke to the subject.

1847: MV stop on Squire Rd. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1855: MV stop at Cope-land Circle. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1855: MV stop at Cope-land Circle. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1909: Noise disturbance at Winthrop Ave. and Summer St. The officer spoke to the subject.

1915: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer spoke to the subject.

1916: MV stop at Cope-land Circle and Squire Rd. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1918: MV stop at Cope-land Circle and Squire Rd. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

1925: MV stop at Broadway and Cushman Ave. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

2011: Hit-and-run MVA on Park Ave. The officer spoke to the subject.

2032: MV stop at Broadway and Winthrop Ave. The officer issued a citation for a CMVI to the operator.

2110: Noise disturbance on Charger St. The officer spoke to the subject.

2138: Noise disturbance on Graves Rd. The officer restored the peace.

2243: MV stop on Broadway. The officer issued a summons to the operator, a 39 year-old Boston man, for the criminal charges of unlicensed operation of a MV and negligent operation of a MV and for the civil charges of speeding and a marked lanes violation.

2244: Blocked driveway on Ridge Rd. The officer had the MV moved.

2248: Noise disturbance on Vinal Ave. The officer restored the peace.

2258: Noise disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer moved along a MV.

2301: Disturbance on the Lee Burbank Highway. The officer restored the peace.

2320: MV stop on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI).

2328: Domestic disturbance on Beach St. The officers arrested Ayoub Ghannou, 23, of Beach St., on charges of assault & battery in a domestic situation, un-armed robbery, and intimidation of a witness.

2333: MVA at Lancaster and Rice Aves. The officer will file a report.

2338: Disturbance on Broadway. The officer restored the peace.

2339: Landlord-tenant disturbance on Thornton St. The officer restored the peace.

2351: A trespass tow was reported on Lantern Ave.

2353: Noise disturbance on Hillside Ave. The officer restored the peace.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

0002: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on No. Shore Rd. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.

0052: Noise disturbance on Trifone Rd. The officer restored the peace.

0113: Disturbance on Ambrose St. The officer spoke to the subject.

0141: Noise disturbance on Thornton St. The officer spoke to the subject.

0214: Noise disturbance on Billow Ave. The officer spoke to the subject.

0815: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on No. Shore Rd. The officer issued a summons to the operator for the criminal charge of unlicensed operation of a MV and for the CMVI of speeding. The MV was ordered towed.

0859: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.

0901: Domestic disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer provided assistance.

0907: Disabled MV on No. Shore Rd. The officer provided assistance.

0944: MVA at Brown Circle. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1131: Assault & battery (A&B) on Furlong Drive. The officer will file a report.

1314: Domestic disturbance on Dix St. The officer restored the peace.

1347: Disturbance on Broadway. The officer restored the peace.

1351: MVA on Vane St. The officer provided assistance.

1401: MVA on Hayes Ave. The officer will file a report.

1416: Violation of an harassment prevention order pursuant to c. 258E. The officer restored the peace.

1449: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on Tuckerman St. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.

1521: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on Central Ave. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1614: MVA on Squire Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1623: Domestic disturbance on No. Shore Rd. The officer will file a report.

1702: Animal complaint on Bruno St. The officer provided assistance.

1703: MVA at Brown Circle. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1816: Blocked driveway on Jarvis St. The officer provided assistance.

1945: Domestic disturbance on Cushman Ave. The officer will file a report.

1953: Domestic disturbance on Moore St. The officer restored the peace.

2105: Parking complaint at Glendale and Bridge Sts. The officer provided assistance.

2111: Suspicious activity on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

2117: A trespass tow was reported on Ward St.

2130: MVA on Revere Beach Parkway. The officer will file a report.

2149: Noise disturbance on Washington Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2159: Disturbance at Cushman Ave. and Broadway. The officer provided assistance.

2211: Noise disturbance on Mermaid Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2235: B&E into a building on Revere Beach Parkway. A MV was towed.

2237: Noise disturbance

on Taft Ave. The officer restored the peace.

2320: Noise disturbance at Norman and Butler Sts. The officer restored the peace.

2346: Domestic disturbance on Revere St. The officer spoke to the subject.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

0014: A Revere Beach Parkway resident came to the station to file an application for a 209A order with the on-call judge.

0023: A 209A order was served upon a Beach St. resident.

0236: Noise disturbance on Ocean Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0810: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on Washington Ave. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0818: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on Washington Ave. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0818: Unwanted person on VFW Parkway. The officer provided assistance.

0835: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Salem St. and Overlook Ridge Drive. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0841: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Salem St. and Overlook Ridge Drive. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0942: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Salem St. and Overlook Ridge Drive. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0954: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Salem St. and Overlook Ridge Drive. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0957: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Cooledge and Adams Sts. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1000: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Salem St. and Overlook Ridge Drive. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1021: Threats to kill on Crescent Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1035: Disturbance on the VFW Parkway. The officer restored the peace.

1201: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at the Revere Beach Parkway and Lee Burbank Highway. The officer issued a summons to a 29 year-old Revere man for the criminal charge of unlicensed operation of a MV and for the civil infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign.

1208: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at the Revere Beach Parkway and Pratt St. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1214: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on Broadway. The officer issued a summons to a 21 year-old Revere man for the criminal charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and for the civil infractions of a one-way violation and failing to stop for a traffic control signal.

1258: Noise disturbance on Park Ave. The officer re-

stored the peace.

1326: Noise disturbance on Park Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1410: Larceny on Greentree Lane. The officer will file a report.

1446: A citizen reported an identity theft. The officer will file a report.

1809: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on the Parkway. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1820: Disturbance on Fenley St. A person was transported to the hospital.

1900: Blocked driveway on Warren St. The officer provided assistance.

1914: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on Sagamore St. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1921: Domestic disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.

1944: MV stop on the VFW Parkway. The officer issued a summons to a 26 year-old East Boston man for the criminal charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license (subsequent offense).

2016: A trespass tow was reported on Ward St.

2106: Disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer restored the peace.

2210: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on Beach St. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2215: Motor vehicle (MV) stop for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Malden St. and Washington Ave. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2335: Disturbance on Hichborn Ave. The officer restored the peace.

2342: Noise disturbance on Thornton St. The officer restored the peace.

MONDAY, MAY 25

0039: MV stop on Squire Rd. for a CMVI. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0042: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer issued a summons to a 29 year-old Revere man for the criminal charge of exhibiting the license of another person.

0525: Sudden death on School St.

0840: Nise disturbance on Orris Rd. The officer spoke to the subject.

0942: Domestic disturbance on Mountain Ave. The officer spoke to the subject.

0957: Disturbance on American Legion Highway. The officer provided assistance.

1047: A trespass tow was reported on Ward St.

1100: Disturbance on Squire Rd. The officer spoke to the subject.

1106: Disabled MV on Freeman St. The officer provided assistance.

1111: Lost animal on Cummings Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1132: A trespass tow was reported on Lantern Rd.

1155: A trespass tow was reported on Lantern Rd.

1200: Domestic disturbance on Dix St. The officer provided assistance.

1201: Domestic disturbance on Reservoir Ave. The officer will file a report.

1423: Animal complaint on Wentworth Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1705: Trespass tow reported on American Legion Highway.

1716: Noise disturbance on Winthrop Ave. The officer provided assistance.

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Baker-Polito administration announces guidelines for restaurants, lodging businesses ahead of Phase Two

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced on May 29 guidance for restaurants and lodging, ahead of Phase Two of the reopening plan. Baker is expected to “make an announcement and decision with respect to Phase Two” on June 6, he said.

“We are certainly seeing positive momentum in a number of areas,” Baker said. “People are starting to get back to work. Outdoor and recreation activities are coming back. We’re making progress, thanks to everyone doing their jobs now more than ever and we need to keep doing what works to kill and slow the virus.”

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced the new guidance for restaurants and lodging, adding that the workplace safety standards that will be required for these businesses are “organized around four distinct categories covering social distancing, hygiene protocols, staffing and operations, and cleaning and disinfecting.”

Polito said these guidelines are being released ahead of Phase Two “to give lodging facilities and restaurants time to prepare their operations, to get ready, and to do that in adherence to the general

workplace safety standards that we had previously issued.”

Outdoor dining at restaurants will be allowed at the beginning of Phase Two, Polito said, and the State is working with legislators on accelerating the permitting process for outdoor dining.

Indoor dining will be allowed later on in Phase Two, “subject to the public health data,” she said.

The guidance for restaurants and lodging which is posted on the Reopening Massachusetts website at mass.gov, includes protocols for social distancing and physical space, Polito said.

She announced that some of the highlights of the guidance for restaurants are: “tables must be positioned six feet apart, the maximum party size will be six people, use of outdoor space is encouraged even when indoor seating is allowed, and seating at bars is not allowed, “but bar areas may be reconstituted for table seating,” she said.

Additionally, hygiene and leaning protocols will be required, like having single use utensils or menus, or “strict sanitization guidelines” for these items.

Polito also said that “reservations or call ahead seating is recommended,” and “contactless payment,

mobile ordering, or text on arrival for seating will also be encouraged.”

Restaurants should also provide training in these health and safety protocols to all employees, she added, and establishments will be temporarily closed if a there is a case of COVID-19.

HOTELS, MOTELS, AND OTHER LODGING BUSINESSES

Guidance was also released for hotels, motels, and other lodging businesses, which will be allowed to resume operations in Phase Two.

“Safety standards apply to all forms of lodging: hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, and short term residential rentals, including those arranged through online hosting platforms such as Airbnb and Vrbo,” Polito said. She added that spaces like ballrooms and meeting rooms will still remain closed.

“Onsite restaurants, pools, gyms, spas, golf courses and other amenities at lodging sites may operate only as these categories are authorized to operate in accordance with our phased reopening plan,” Polito said. She also said that lodging operators must tell guests traveling to Massachusetts from out of state about the policy urging

them to self-quarantine for 14 days.

The guidance for lodging includes protocols for social distancing, hygiene, and keeping staff spread out during their shifts, Polito said. It also includes enhanced sanitization protocols in between guests, including cleaning and sanitizing surfaces, washing linens and bedspreads, and considering leaving rooms vacant for 24 hours between guests.

“In the event of a positive case of COVID-19, the room used by that guest may only be returned to service after undergoing an enhanced sanitization protocol in accordance with CDC guidelines,” Polito said.

“As we move forward in reopening our economy, we understand the importance of balancing public health and economic health and we need to do everything we can to support both,” she said. “Together with state and local governments we balance the shared goals of maintaining both public safety as well as getting our economy back up and running and as we navigate these next phases in our fight against COVID-19, we will continue to work with our industry partners to do what’s best for local main streets and down-

towns.

I’m confident that the restaurant and lodging owners, managers, servers, bartenders and staff, and the many others who make up these industries will get back to work, will reopen their doors and their places to the residents across our Commonwealth and be able to offer the things from our places that people know and love so much in their communities and will do so as safely and as quickly as possible.”

OTHER UPDATES

Baker also announced on May 29 that the state is having “positive conversations” with sports teams, which will be allowed to begin practicing at their respective facilities on June 6 “with health and safety rules that all of the leagues are developing.”

Baker said that these facilities will continue to remain closed to the public, and that “the leagues are obviously working hard to host games again.”

He said that “pro sports would be a great thing to see again,” and would be a “significant milestone for all of us as fans,” however, “the opening will be gradual and will require a lot of patience from everyone.”

On June 1, Baker issued an Executive Order that lists

specific types of businesses and activities that fall into the remaining phases of the reopening plan.

“Effective immediately, the Executive Order permits Phase II businesses to reopen their physical workplaces to workers only to conduct necessary preparations prior to the start of Phase II. Preparations include but are not limited to completing a COVID-19 Control Plan, implementing sector-specific protocols, and complying with Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards,” according to the State.

“This lead time is important for preparations,” Baker said on June 1.

Retail stores will be allowed to have “browsing and in-store transactions with restrictions” at the beginning of Phase Two as well. Guidance for childcare, recreational summer camps, and organized sports programs was also released and is available in detail at mass.gov.

He also said that over the weekend, the COVID-19 Response Command Center also submitted details for an expanded COVID-19 testing proposal to the federal government, which includes increasing testing capacity and access to testing.

Gov. Charlie Baker tours MBTA Blue Line work

By John Lynds

Last week Governor Charlie Baker used the Maverick MBTA station as the backdrop to his daily Covid-19 press briefing and to highlight the accelerated infrastructure work on the Blue Line that wrapped up Sunday.

Baker was joined by Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack, General Manager Steve Poftak, and other officials and toured the Blue Line work.

The project began on May 18 and the MBTA fully closed down the Blue Line from Airport to Bowdoin stations for 14 days and ran shuttle busses instead of train service until Sunday.

The goal was to allow for accelerated track and infrastructure work to take place while ridership and traffic is at an all time low due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The work was originally going to be spread out over a longer period of time and only on weekends.

“This Blue Line work is part of our administration’s

plan to invest \$8 billion in a safer and more reliable MBTA by replacing over 400 cars across the Red and Orange Lines, modernizing stations, and upgrading track, signal, and other key infrastructure across the system,” said Governor Baker. “These infrastructure upgrades on the Blue Line, including important flood resilience work within the harbor tunnel, will provide faster, more reliable service for travelers and commuters.”

This Blue Line work was previously scheduled to be accomplished through a series of weekend diversions later this year, and doing the work now allows its completion at a time when both transit ridership and traffic on the roadways that shuttle buses will use is much lower than it is likely to be by the fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This core infrastructure Blue Line work is part of the Baker-Polito Administration’s \$8 billion plan to repair, upgrade, and modernize the MBTA system, to ensure safe and reliable service,” said Secretary Pollack. “While we continue to urge the public to only make essential trips during the pandemic, the T



Gov. Charlie Baker, joined by Sen. Joseph Boncore City Councilor Lydia Edwards Speaker Robert DeLeo, and talks with MBTA workers.

is moving ahead with capital projects and continuing to plan for more opportunities to get work done faster in 2020.”

In compliance with the Commonwealth’s Reopening Massachusetts Report, riders are also reminded that face coverings are required while onboard shuttle buses. Additionally, in an effort to promote social distancing and protect the health and safety of MBTA riders and bus operators, ridership on shuttle buses is limited to twenty passengers.

“The suspension of Blue Line service has allowed us to make incredible progress as workers maximize the benefits of having unencumbered access to stations, track, and tunnel areas,” said MBTA General Manager Poftak.

“Our primary focus, as always, is on safety, especially during the pandemic and the start of Phase 1 of the Commonwealth’s Reopening Plan. We continue to promote social distancing and require face coverings. This expedited critical track and tunnel infrastructure work leads to the upgrades our riders deserve – faster trains, shorter travel times, and more reliable service.”

Work included the installation of a new truck pad near Airport Station; replacing 2,200 feet of track along the Blue Line that will remove a long-standing speed restriction between Maverick and Aquarium—effectively reducing trip times by up to fifty-one seconds between Airport and Maverick; crews worked to fix the harbor tunnel leak with

drainage work between Maverick and Aquarium that will reduce water/leak-related service delays, improving reliability; as well as fire standpipe relocation between Maverick and Aquarium.

“I had the unique opportunity to tour the Blue Line tunnel in East Boston and see the work being done,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro. “From repairing a tunnel first built in the early 1900’s to replacing over 2200 feet of track, this critical infrastructure project will allow for increased train speeds, shorter travel times, and a more reliable schedule. I thank the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for organizing this tour and all the workers for their incredible efforts.”



Last week at Maverick MBTA station Gov. Charlie Baker highlighted the accelerated infrastructure work on the Blue Line that wrapped up Sunday.

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The Art of Discipline

Revere Karate awaits reopening, anniversary celebration

By Cary Shuman

For 40 years, the Revere Karate Academy has trained tens of thousands of local youths who developed a lifelong appreciation for the martial arts.

In addition to a love of the sport and a mastery of self-defense techniques that are so important today, students learn self-confidence and discipline and the lesson all aspiring athletes eventually learn: practice

makes perfect.

Two names ring true when discussing the consistently excellent instruction and the positive energy inside the famed studio on Broadway: Associate Professor of American Kenpo Anthony Cogliandro and his mother, legendary Grand Master Doreen DiRienzo.

Together they have more than 60 years of experience in the ownership of the studio.

"She taught me everything I know, but not everything she knows," said Anthony with the smile of an appreciative son.

But in these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 global pandemic, everything from the pursuit of international karate championships and the weekly conducting of lessons for students of all ages – has been put on hold at Revere Karate Academy.

Professor Cogliandro, an international grand champion himself, talked about the "why" as in why the studio is not open in an interview this week.

"We fall under Phase 3 of the Governor's plan," explained Cogliandro. "I just think it's incredibly unfair to open some establishments and not open others, especially ones that are client based like ours – along with gyms, yoga studios, and dance studios, and things like that."

Cogliandro said the situation is "very frustrating." "I'm thrilled for barber shops and that places like that are able to open again, but it's not fair to the rest of us and we're all suffering – everyone is losing revenue and some places are having to close."

He said the studio is ready to follow all social distancing guidelines.

"We want to wear masks, we want to sanitize ev-



From left, Anthony Cogliandro, his daughter, Avery, and his mother, Doreen DiRienzo, with the anniversary cakes commemorating Revere Karate Academy's 40 years of operation in the city.

everything, we want to do six-feet apart [social distancing], but let us," said Cogliandro. "If you trust us to have a business in your community, especially us with 40-plus years now – you can trust us with a new set of guidelines."

Cogliandro made it clear that he does not fault Mayor Brian Arrigo for the studio not being allowed to open its doors.

"This does not fall on Mayor Arrigo whatsoever – this is a state-level decision," said Cogliandro. "The Mayor is doing his part to follow the rules and I can appreciate his job –

he's a good man."

The next phase of the business re-opening plan will not begin until June 29 or perhaps later.

"We're ready to open now," said Cogliandro, who has been teaching on-line classes through Zoom.

For the record, three other RKA students have joined Anthony Cogliandro and Doreen DiRienzo as occupants of the throne as international grand champions.

Professor Cogliandro and Grand Master DiRienzo were hoping to bring more glory to their Academy in April, but the 70-per-

son trip of students and their families to Ireland for the International Championships was canceled due to COVID-19.

Also postponed was a gala RKA 40th anniversary dinner celebration that was scheduled for May 16 at Casa Lucia.

For now, Revere's first family of the martial arts is just hoping to open up its doors and welcome back its 200-plus students, from ages 2 to 62, to the world of karate.

"We should be allowed to be opened with new guidelines – end of story," said Anthony Cogliandro.



Grand Master Doreen DiRienzo and her son, Associate Professor Anthony Cogliandro were honored by the City of Revere with a special citation congratulating Revere Karate Academy on its 40th anniversary and its continuing efforts in teaching the martial arts to generation of Revere families.

RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago
June 2, 2010

A tough season ended on a tough note for the RHS softball team, as the Lady Patriots took on two strong teams, Peabody and former GBL rival Everett, both of which are tourney-bound, last week. As has been the case for most of the 2010 campaign, Revere played well enough to win both contests. The Lady Patriots received solid pitching from Sara Selevitch and played good defense behind her, but came up short in both contests. In the 10-8 loss to Peabody, Ashley DiFraia, Alex Ambrosino, Lindsay Gurska, Kat Prince, and Jess Simp-

son (who was 5-for-5 on the day), all had a hand in the Revere run production. RHS head coach Joe Ciccarello announced that DiFraia, one of the top players in the NEC the past two years, was named to the all star team of the NEC Large School Division.

A number of members of the Revere High girls track team competed in Saturday's Division 1 State Track Meet that was held at Dilboy Field in Somerville. Sophomore Racquel MacDonald finished as the highest ranking Lady Patriot at the meet, for which competitors must qualify in order to participate.

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Updates given on possible new Vocational School

Northeast Vocational School Superintendent David DiBarri wishes to provide the communities served by Northeast Metro Tech with an update on the school's progress toward updating or replacing its existing facility.

Despite the impact of COVID-19 on daily life in Massachusetts and beyond, Northeast Metro Tech has continued to work its way through the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) design process as it continues its efforts to replace its current building.

Through close collaboration with owner's project manager PMA Consultants, which the school retained last fall to oversee all facets of the project, as well as Waltham-based architectural firm Drumney Rosane Anderson (DRA). Northeast Metro Tech has now begun a feasibility study, which is the third phase of an eight-phase MSBA process.

PMA Consultants is a national construction man-

agement, scheduling and project controls group that has worked on 45 MSBA projects so far, while DRA has designed seven technical high schools in the last seven years.

Throughout the feasibility study, the team will evaluate all available construction options, including renovating the existing school to code, additions or renovations, and new construction. Those options will be evaluated against a variety of criteria, including cost, but also on each one's ability to satisfy the district's educational plan with projected enrollments. The feasibility study concludes with the project team selecting the single most appropriate option and seeking MSBA approval to advance.

The feasibility study also includes in-depth analyses of the existing building, as well as impacts of construction on the environment, traffic and other factors.

While its initial sched-

ule remained attainable, the project team has elected to extend its time frame slightly in the wake of COVID-19 in order to maximize public outreach through the key design phases, as in-person meetings have had to be replaced with virtual ones.

"A critical piece of making this process as successful as possible is ensuring that all of our stakeholders are involved throughout," Superintendent DiBarri said. "We want to settle on a final project that will fulfill the needs of students for decades to come, and in order to that to happen the design process needs to be both thoughtful and inclusive."

On Aug. 14, following several planned School Building Committee meetings, the team will submit its Preliminary Design Program to the MSBA. That submission will incorporate feedback on the early-stage options that will be shared during meetings throughout the summer.

The submission in August will include consideration for more than 20

different construction and enrollment scenarios, as well as 12 preferred options. It will be followed in January 2021 by a Preferred Schematic Report that will outline the most desirable option identified by the project team.

Next February, the proj-

ect team will seek MSBA approval to move to the schematic design phase, before working to advance through additional modules over the course of 2021. Ultimately, if the project earns MSBA approval and funding, the communities Northeast Metro Tech

serves will be called upon to contribute a portion of the remainder of the project's budget.

All stakeholders will be able to remain informed about the progress of the project via a dedicated website, northeastbuilding-project.com.

Family and Children's Service Diaper Drive Hotline opens

Help is on the way for vulnerable families who are struggling to access essential baby care items in Lynn and Chelsea. Last week, Family & Children's Service launched a Diaper Drive campaign to address this critical need. Since then, donations have poured in and they are ready to start making deliveries.

Starting Tuesday, May 26th, any family in need of diapers and wipes can call the Diaper Hotline at (781)715-3005 to request a delivery. Family & Children's Service staff and volunteers will then deliver baby care items directly to their doors. The Diaper Hotline will be open on weekdays (Monday – Friday) only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Program Manager, Jackie Trahan will be coordinating the effort for Family & Children's. She says, "We are grateful for how the community has responded. People have donated

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money, dropped off diapers at our office, and called to volunteer. We have a long history of providing services and helping families in crisis. Our staff and volunteers are ready to go."

Family & Children's Service is still accepting donations to sustain this initiative through the month of June. There are 4 ways that people can help:

- Donate money at www.fcsllynn.org
- Donate diapers and wipes
- Drop off hours at Family & Children's Service 111 North Common Street,

Lynn location are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from May 14th to June 24th

• All sizes and brand of diapers and wipes are requested

• Volunteer to help receive diaper donations and deliver them to local families.

• Contact sarcher@fcsllynn.org for more information.

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About Family & Children's Service: Family & Children's Service is a community-based nonprofit organization that supports underserved and socially vulnerable populations to build stable, productive, and healthy lives. We strengthen the life skills of families, children, and individuals of all ages through a range of programs offered directly or in collaboration with other organizations in our community.

SBA and Treasury Department announce \$10 Billion for CDFIs to participate in the Paycheck Protection Program

Last week, the U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, announced that it is setting aside \$10 billion of Round 2 funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to be lent exclusively by Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

CDFIs work to expand economic opportunity in low-income communities by providing access to financial products and services for local residents and businesses. These dedicated funds will further ensure that the PPP reaches all communities in need of relief during the COVID-19 pandemic – a key priority for President Trump.

"The forgivable loan program, PPP, is dedicated to providing emergency capital to sustain our nation's small businesses, the

drivers of our economy, and retain their employees," said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza. "CDFIs provide critically important capital and technical assistance to small businesses from rural, minority and other underserved communities, especially during this economically challenging time."

"The PPP has helped over 50 million American workers stay connected to their jobs and over 4 million small businesses get much-needed relief," said Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. "We have received bipartisan support for dedicating these funds for CDFIs to ensure that traditionally underserved communities have every opportunity to emerge from the pandemic stronger than before."

As of May 23, 2020, CDFIs have approved more than \$7 billion (\$3.2 billion

in Round 2) in PPP loans. The additional \$6.8 billion will ensure that entrepreneurs and small business owners in all communities have easy access to the financial system, and that they receive much-needed capital to maintain their workforces.

The Paycheck Protection Program was created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and provides forgivable loans to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to keep their employees on the payroll. To date, more than 4.4 million loans have been approved for over \$510 billion for small businesses across America.

The SBA and the Treasury Department remain committed to ensuring eligible small businesses have the resources they need to get through this time.

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with a 17th place finish in the 110 meter high hurdles in a time of 17.44 seconds. The Hough sisters, Colby and Tayla, also competed in what was the final race of their long and storied four year career at Revere High. Colby ran the mile in 5:54.34 and Tayla ran the 800 in 2:32.56. Teammate Marisa Parent raced in the 200 yard dash and finished in a time of 28.36. The girls 4 x 100 relay team also competed and turned in a time of 55.37. On the boys' side, Brahim Rahzi was the lone Patriot qualifier in the mile. Brahim, a junior who had been sidelined for the early part of the season and only recently had been able to get back into racing form, finished in a time of

4:43.35.

The Revere High boys tennis team concluded its final week of the season on an upbeat note with a 4-1 win over Lynn English last Tuesday. Senior captain Francesco Tartaglia led the way with a complete shut-out of his English opponent, 6-0, 6-0. Junior Malak Mossadek triumphed at second singles, 6-1, 6-0. Although senior captain Richard Bonilla came out on the short end of a hard-fought 7-5, 7-5, match, the Patriot doubles teams both emerged victorious. The first doubles duo of Pariwat Chaiwong and Mladen Pepic at first doubles pulled out a three set match, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 and the second doubles team of Tim Mellen and

William Truong also won, 6-1, 7-5.

The Revere High girls tennis team defeated Lynn English twice last Monday, temporarily raising their record to 7-7, the magical .500 mark needed to qualify for the MIAA State Tournament, but was unable to overcome Peabody and Beverly, the two top teams in the Northeastern Large School Division, in its two subsequent matches, thereby falling short of a state tourney bid.

**20 years ago
June 7, 2000**

The RHS softball team was bounced from the state tourney with a 10-2 loss to Acton Boxborough in the first round.

**30 years ago
June 6, 1990**

The RHS softball team fell in the opening round of the state tourney to Haverhill, 8-7.

**40 years ago
June 4, 1980**

The RHS boys tennis team, co-champs of the GBL, won its opening-round match in the state tourney with a 5-0 shutout over Tyngsboro. Sophomore Keith Collar won at first singles, Dan Riccio triumphed at second singles, and Paul Curer took his match at third singles. Paul Maiorano & Frank Salvatore were winners at first doubles and Jim & John Prendergast won at second doubles.

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REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago
June 2, 2010

Long-time Revere High Principal Dave Deruosi, who has been the principal at RHS for eight years, will vacate that post on July 1 to assume the newly-created position within the schools of Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services. School Supt. Paul Dakin said the search for a new principal already is underway.

State Police Major Edward Amodeo – who commands six police barracks from Chelsea to the New Hampshire border, including Revere Beach – unveiled a comprehensive public safety plan for the Beach on Friday – putting it to work during the Memorial Day weekend and hopefully for the rest of the summer. Amodeo said the goal is to ensure that the beach is a safe environment and free from the gangs and drug-dealing that have occurred in the recent past.

Rumors that legislation on Beacon Hill would impose \$37 million in costs upon the city for the construction of the parking garage to be built at Wonderland Station are unfounded. The garage is to be built with state and federal funds.

Some had thought that with the city set to benefit from a potential hotel-casino complex at Suffolk Downs, state officials were looking to impose some of the Wonderland garage costs on the city.

The Journal commends Congressman Ed Markey for the tough stand he is taking against the BP oil company in the wake of the natural disaster it has caused in the Gulf of Mexico when an oil rig gushed millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf. Markey essentially has termed BP's corporate leaders as a bunch of liars.

Get Him to the Greek, Killers, and Marmaduke are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
June 7, 2000

The 230 members of the RHS Class of 2000 will receive their diplomas in the Roland Merullo Fieldhouse this evening. The exercises were moved indoors because of the inclement weather being forecast for today. The Valedictorian is Stephen M. Cifuni and the Salutatorian is Donika H. Hristova. Richard T. Laurano is the Class President.

Mayor Thomas Am-

broosino and Massport have undertaken negotiations on a cooperation agreement that would create financial incentives for the city to attract Logan Airport-related development.

Ward 1 Councillor Richard Penta and Ward 2 Councillor John Perez suggested this week that officials from the city, the Red Sox, and Suffolk Downs get together to discuss constructing a new baseball stadium for the Red Sox.

City Auditor Richard Bisignani told the City Council that the deficit in the city's free cash account has grown from \$100,000 in February to more than \$800,000 now because of "audit adjustments" by the state.

Small Time Crooks, Big Momma's House, and Dinosaur are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
June 6, 1990

With school officials scrambling to close a projected \$717,000 deficit in the School Department budget, the Revere Teachers Union is drawing names from a lottery to determine which teachers will be laid off in addition to the 37 non-tenured teachers who

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 1992



Shown holding their library cards during a 1992 celebration for National Library Week are, left to right: City Councillor Arthur Guinasso, Rep. Robert A. DeLeo, Councillor John Jordan, Sen. Thomas Birmingham, Rep. William A. Reinsteine, Library Director Mickey Dygent, School Committee member Denise Salemi, Councillor Rita Singer, Mayor Robert J. Haas, Jr. and Superintendent of Schools Rocco J. Malfitano.

already have received layoff notices. The school budget dilemma is a direct result of the state budget crisis, which has been called the worst in state history.

The 280 members of the RHS Class of 1990 will receive their diplomas this evening at Harry Della Russo Stadium. Approximately 72 percent of the class will be attending four year colleges. Christopher Garofalo is the Valedictorian and Maria DiChiara is the Salutatorian.. Lucia Ambrosino is the Class President.

A former local resident, Christopher Tirella, 29, was stabbed to death allegedly by another former resident, 18 year old Brian Jennings, Friday night at the corner of Cooledge st. and Broadway. Police are unclear as to a motive, but believe it may have been a dispute over \$20.00.

Another 48 Hours, Total Recall, and Pretty Woman are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
June 4, 1980

The 555 members of the RHS Class of 1980 received their diplomas this morning at Harry Della Russo Stadium. James Prendergast was the Valedictorian and David Rocco the Salutatorian. Susan O'Connell is the Class President.

RHS seniors and their guests allegedly caused \$2500 in damage last Thursday night at the Senior Prom that was held at the Radisson Ferncroft in Danvers.

Mayor George V. Colella proclaimed last Thursday as Senior Citizen Government Day as part of Older American Month observances. Local senior citizens took over the reins of government, with William Singleton serving as the mayor.

The Army Corps of Engineers has released its report on flooding conditions

along Revere's coastline and what can be done to alleviate the problem.

Steve Martin stars in The Jerk at the Kincaid Theatre in Winthrop.

50 years
June 4, 1970

An all-out effort to support construction of a proposed \$14.9 million new Revere High School will be undertaken Sunday when supporters will bring petitions in a door-to-door canvassing of the entire city.

The 510 members of the RHS Class of 1970 will receive their diplomas Tuesday morning at Paul Revere Stadium. Daniel Franklin is the Valedictorian and Andrea Ruggiero the Salutatorian.

Rev. James Raftery, pastor of Immaculate Conception parish, presented diplomas to the 47 graduates of the Immaculate Conception High Class of 1970 Sunday evening in the church. Joan Cahill received the award for the highest average over four years. Stephen Horgan received the award for the outstanding student-athlete.

Eight persons were arrested and a quantity of marijuana and a revolver were seized in a raid by local police in an apartment at 74 Shirley Ave. The raid culminated an investigation of three weeks by Revere detectives Mike Casoli and Elmer Bidder.

The Revere Youth Commission held its annual Small Fry Talent Show last weekend. Cheryl Nickey and Amy Ginsberg won first place in the two divisions.

What Do You Say to a Naked Lady? with Allen Funt is playing at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago
June 9, 1960

The 464 members of the RHS Class of 1960 will receive their diplomas this morning in the first-ever outdoor graduation exercises that will be held at Paul Revere Stadium. Eight students were honored for having A averages in all three years at Revere High: A. Robert Chinchillo, Steven Forman, Marshall Kotzen, Ronald Lamkin, Bonita Michael, Howard Raymond, Elinor Rupp, and Geraldine Ossen.

The School Committee voted to retain the National Teachers Examination requirement for local teachers after hearing an impassioned plea by Garfield Junior High Principal Harvey Finkelstein.

Lightning in last Saturday's storm struck three Revere homes, setting two of them on fire.

A 19 year-old soldier who was enjoying a 30 day furlough with family members was attempting to unload a revolver when it accidentally discharged and shot and killed his 63

year old grandmother in her apartment at 50 Avalon St.

Residents of Temple St. told the City Council that they will bring court action if the Joseph Leon Mottola VFW Post goes ahead with its plans to build its new clubhouse on Temple St.

An initial report from the Census Bureau places the city's population at 39,433, an increase of more than 3000 over 1950 and making the city the only municipality adjacent to Boston that has had an increase in population.

Louis Bell is the new President of the Pt. of Pines Jewish Community Group.

Anthony Perkins and Jane Fonda star in The Tall Story at the Revere Drive In. Robert Mitchum stars in Home from the Hill at the Revere Theatre.

70 years ago
June 8, 1950

The 305 students of the RHS Class of 1950 will receive their diplomas next Thursday morning in the Revere Theatre. Anthony Chiota is the Class President, Philip Siegelman the vice president, Clara Jensen the treasurer, and Barbara Ponticelli the secretary.

The 47 members of the Immaculate Conception Class of 1950 will receive their diplomas this Sunday in the church. Leroy James Gardenier is the Class President, George Irving Munroe the vice president, Denice Hannigan the treasurer, and Patricia Bowen the secretary.

Police Chief Colin A.W. Gillis, speaking before the Revere Municipal League for Good Government, declared that the city is cleaner in regard to gambling and vice than any city in Metropolitan Boston.

Donald O'Connor stars in Francis the Talking Mule at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

80 years ago
June 6, 1940

Buick announces that it already has set a new production record for a single year with 240,117 Buicks produced thus far in 1940.

Louis Prima, the King of the Trumpet, and his Orchestra are playing every evening at the Frolic, 155 Revere Beach Blvd.

A capacity crowd filled the Crescent Gardens Ballroom for a testimonial dinner to Rev. Ernest Rovai to celebrate his 30th anniversary as pastor of St. Anthony's Church.

Miss Rita Hammel, a junior at Revere High, has won the state award for best essay on the subject of "The Benefits of Democracy" sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She now will compete in the national competition.

Mickey Rooney stars in Young Tom Edison at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

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Legislature passes bill to collect COVID-19 data and address health disparities

Speaker DeLeo and Representative Vincent have joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass a bill to make more information about COVID-19 cases publicly available, including cases at elder care facilities, soldiers' homes, and houses of correction; it also creates a task force to provide recommendations on how to mitigate health disparities for underrepresented and underserved communities in the wake of the pandemic.

Taken together, the provisions of An Act addressing COVID-19 data collection and disparities in treatment will provide the public with a greater understanding on how the virus is affecting those in locations hardest hit by the pandemic, including elder care facilities and urban areas. The task force, in turn, will make recommendations to alleviate disparities in infection and treatment among populations disproportionately impacted by the outbreak.

"Whether it's our elderly, our veterans, residing in soldiers' homes, who have served our country bravely, persons of color, or residents in those communities experiencing a particularly large share of the impact from COVID-19, the burden of this virus has fallen disproportionately on key demographics. We need to make sure we have the best information on the toll the virus is taking in Massachusetts. I look forward to the findings of the task force to determine how we can address the impact of this virus in underserved and underrepresented communities," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "I thank Chairs Michlewitz and Balsler, Vice Chair Gonza-

lez and my colleagues in the House for their work on this important bill.

"This vitally important piece of legislation will help the public have a better understanding of the wide ranging affects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our Commonwealth," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). "With this new in-depth data reporting we can respond in a timely fashion to the disparities in care to our most vulnerable populations."

"COVID-19 is a cruel virus targeting aging adults, especially those with underlying health conditions and who live in congregate settings. The residents, their family members, those who take care of them and the community have the right to know precisely the numbers of cases and deaths at each elder care facility," said Representative Ruth B. Balsler, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs (D-Newton). "Only with that knowledge, can we provide the resources needed to fight this battle."

"Data is essential, and the diversity task force will be a vehicle for real impactful change to address the immediate short term and long term health disparities in communities ravaged by COVID," said Representative Carlos Gonzalez, Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business, and Chair of the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (D-Springfield).

"Though this virus knows no bounds, we are seeing that COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted our senior living facilities, soldiers' homes and urban centers," said Representative RoseLee Vincent

(D-Revere). "The steps the House has taken will give those on the front lines of fighting this virus the information they need to better understand how we can alleviate these disparities. I thank Speaker DeLeo, Chairwoman Balsler and Vice-Chairman Gonzalez for bringing forth this needed legislation."

The components of the bill are as follows:

- Requires the Department of Public Health to collect daily data on the number of individuals tested positive, hospitalized, deaths, and key demographic information, including cases and mortalities at elder care facilities;
 - Specifies details on the format of reporting data from local boards of health and elder care facilities;
 - Mandates that elder care facilities notify residents and their healthcare proxies if there is a new confirmed case or mortality due to COVID-19 or 3 or more residents or staff have symptoms;
 - Includes the Department of Corrections and each House of Correction among those facilities which must comply with the data collection and reporting provisions of the bill;
 - Creates a task force to study and make recommendations on addressing health disparities for underserved or underrepresented populations based on a variety of demographic factors;
 - Asks that the task force provide recommendations to improve safety for at-risk populations for COVID-19, remove barriers to quality and equitable health care services, increase access to medical supplies and testing, among other items.
- The bill now moves to the governor for consideration.

FERRANTE TURNS HER PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING INTO A BEACON OF THANKS AND HOPE



Due to the unfortunate circumstances that we find ourselves in, Rachel Ferrante's Academy of Performing Arts' annual recital had to be rescheduled to ensure the safety of the dancers and their families. But never one to stand idly by and let this time pass without reaching out to spread hope, Rachel is now using her building, on 225 Beach Street, as a living art installation. With the help of her dancers and staff, Rachel has transformed her building into a beacon of hope with hand-drawn rainbows and messages of thanks and well wishes for all those suffering during this pandemic. Rachel doesn't want to stop there however: she wants to invite the entire Revere community to come to join her initiative. She would love for others to stop by safely and tape up or pin-up their messages of hope to her studio building. Shown to the right are Rachel Ferrante and her family.



REVERE STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

FLEMMING NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Baylee Flemming of Revere has been named to the Dean's List for the 2020 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, featuring two distinctive campuses in Maine, a vibrant campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of innovative offerings online. Our hands-on, experiential approach empowers students to join the next generation of leaders in their chosen fields. We are home to Maine's only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts.

HILL ELECTED TO HAMILTON COLLEGE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Gianni Hill, of Revere has been elected to serve on the Hamilton College Student Assembly as president

for the Class of 2021 during the 2020-21 academic year.

The Student Assembly is a duly-elected representative organization that works on behalf of the undergraduate student population. As such, it acts with the ability to work and communicate with the faculty, staff, university administration, and other affiliated groups. Student Assembly works to promote three goals - to actively promote undergraduate student interests, provide student organizational support, and to promote the experience of handling leadership. Every year, Student Assembly works on issues ranging from campus improvements to college issues, as well as recognizing and funding more than 100 student organizations.

Hill, a rising senior majoring in Hispanic studies and public policy, is a graduate of Revere High School.

Originally founded in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton College offers an open curriculum that gives students the freedom to shape their own liberal arts education within a research- and writing-intensive framework. Hamilton enrolls 1,850 students from 49 states and 49 countries. Additional information about the college can be found at www.hamilton.edu.

BUCKNELL STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2019-20 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. The following students have achieved dean's list status:

Ralph Corbelle, class of 2021

Evelin Morales, class of 2021

Melaina Polan, class of 2022

Located in Lewisburg, Pa., Bucknell University is a highly selective private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class, to its 3,600 undergraduates. Graduate programs are available in select disciplines. Students benefit from a small student-faculty ratio of 9:1, personal attention from faculty, leadership opportunities, and excellent graduation rates and career outcomes.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHS GRADUATION ON JULY 12

CHELSEA - After hearing from senior students and their families, Chelsea Public Schools announced that they will offer a virtual graduation, and also a walk-in graduation where students will get to cross the stage individually at the Stadium and families will be able to take photos of the moment – even if a bit solitary.

Two weeks ago, Principal Mark Martineau and Supt. Almi Abeyta went ahead with scheduling a virtual graduation that will take place on July 12 and will be a full-scale production.

That upset a lot of seniors and their families, and sparked several online Town Halls to talk about alternatives. It also allowed for the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to come out with graduation regulations late last week. Now, administrators announced there will be a walk-in graduation in early August.

“After having listened to you via the town halls and student surveys and learning of the latest recommendations from DESE, we have made the decision to have an Individual Walk-In Graduation,” wrote Abeyta in a letter to seniors. “We recognize the importance of crossing the stage, and our desire is to honor this special moment; we have worked on a way to do this safely for all involved. Please hold August 4-7, 2020 on your calendar because you will be given a time and date to meet at the Chelsea High School Field to cross the stage (inclement weather date to be determined) and be handed your diploma.”

More details will follow and they will be working out many of the details so the event will be safe.

Abeyta and Martineau have said they understand that students were upset about the decision to schedule a virtual graduation without consulting students. Time, however, was of the essence and a quick decision had to be made to secure GradCasters to perform the ceremony.

“This decision was made with the information and knowledge that we had at the time and based solely on the safety and well-being for each of you, your families, and our staff,” wrote Abeyta. “The virtual graduation will still proceed as planned on July 12, 2020. Our goal with the virtual graduation was to ensure that you were celebrated despite the health risk of the current pandemic.”

The virtual graduation will feature each student who will be called in to give an interview individually in their cap and gown. She said all of that will be collected and organized into a cohesive and professional production that will be shown and distributed on July 12.

Overall, Abeyta said the idea is to celebrate the class in the best way possible, and she and the staff are looking forward to planning the walk-in ceremony as well as the virtual one.

“We are also cognizant that this has been a difficult time with many mixed emotions, and we want to honor you,” she wrote. “Our goal is to celebrate the Class of 2020 and to ensure that you are recognized for your perseverance and hard work as you end one chapter in your life to begin a new one.”

•SENIOR LAWN SIGNS, ETC.

Already, the celebration for seniors has started with the placement of lawn and window signs at the homes of each student on Tuesday

and Wednesday.

Staff and School Committee members places signs over both days that celebrated the students and their upcoming graduation.

There will be video messages through May and June, a virtual Senior Awards and Scholarship Night on July 9, and the virtual graduation on July 12.

ONE STEP CLOSER TO BAN ON NIPS

CHELSEA - The state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) finally ruled on the appeal by several liquor stores in Chelsea regarding the 2018 ban on nip liquor bottles – with the ABCC saying it has no jurisdiction to hear or rule on the case and, thus, sending it to state Superior Court if the matter is appealed further.

Officially, in the ruling on May 26, the ABCC allowed the City of Chelsea’s motion to dismiss the appeal by eight liquor stores in the city – all of which said they were harmed by the decision to outlaw the 100mL bottles that City leaders argued contributed to litter issues and public drinking.

“The appropriate forum for the licensees to challenge the local licensing authority’s ban on 100 ml bottles is with the Superior Court, likely in a declaratory judgment action pursuant to (state law),” read the decision. “In any event, the Commission is not the appropriate forum for this challenge.”

City officials had hoped that the ABCC would rule to dismiss the appeal, and believe they have a better chance to survive the challenge in court – as the rules are more strict and judgments aren’t as arbitrary as at the quasi-judicial ABCC.

Many communities in Greater Boston have been waiting and watching for this decision, and will continue to watch the Superior Court proceedings. Most municipalities had hoped they could follow Chelsea’s lead in banning the nip bottles, as they are widely considered a nuisance in urban areas.

Councilor Roy Avellaneda, a former License Board member, said he was glad to hear the decision went the City’s way. He had championed the idea for several years, noting that he has lived with seeing public drinking since he was a kid growing up in Chelsea and seeing people drink the nip bottles in Bellingham Square.

“I’m very happy that the ABCC decided in favor of Chelsea’s License Board and City’s position that the ABCC had no jurisdiction on deciding if NIPS can be sold in the city,” he said.

“I’m sure the Plaintiffs will consider and file an appeal to the Massachusetts Superior Court to overturn the ban. My position has not changed since I have advocated for the ban and more so I now have actual data to support my reason for the ban. In the two years we have had the NIP ban in place, Chelsea is a cleaner place without the litter of NIP bottles all over and more importantly and primary reason for my advocacy is that our streets are safer and healthier.”

Avellaneda said the volume of responses for alcohol-related calls by police, fire and ambulance is down almost 75 percent. He argues the decision might come down to a public health argument, and said eliminating the nip bottles has taken pressure off of first responders, and also made the downtown more family-friendly.

In the argument against accepting the appeal, the

ABCC said the license hadn’t been modified, but a regulation had been established for every licensee.

“Here, none of the licensees’ licenses were ‘modified,’” read the decision. “Instead, the local licensing authority, pursuant to its authority to promulgate ‘reasonable requirements’ for the way all licensees conduct their business, banned the sale of 100 ml bottles of alcohol, not as a sanction for violating a law, but on considerations of public health and safety.”

“While the local licensing authority has the statutory authority to pass reasonable requirements regarding the conduct of a licensed business, even if the Commission believed a local licensing authority’s requirement to be unreasonable on a statutorily appropriate appeal, it only has the power to not enforce the requirement on any appeal before it,” continued the decision.

It was not readily apparent if the eight plaintiffs would appeal by filing suit in the Superior Court.

VIRTUAL GRADUATION FOR BPS

EAST BOSTON - For hundreds of high school seniors living in East Boston, the last year of high school is a right of passage, and one that is remembered for a lifetime.

Whether these seniors are at East Boston High School or attending other public or private schools the final year of high school is usually filled with a tremendous amount of excitement and accomplishment.

However, the Class of 2020 has been living in a strange time since the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered schools back in March.

The usual traditions of senior prom, senior day and, above all, graduation exercises have all been cancelled.

To help bring back a little normalcy to the lives of seniors robbed of what was to be their greatest year, Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius announced the city will honor graduating seniors in the Class of 2020.

The Mayor and Superintendent will celebrate their accomplishments with a virtual graduation ceremony that will be broadcast on WCVB Channel 5 on Saturday, June 13 from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. The ceremony will be hosted by Mayor Walsh, Superintendent Cassellius and will feature Former United States Secretary of Education John King as the keynote speaker.

In addition to a televised broadcast, the ceremony will also be streaming online at WCVB.com and available after the broadcast on boston.gov.

“We are tremendously proud of our graduating seniors, who together mark a class of smart, hardworking, and creative individuals who I know will go on to do great things,” said Walsh. “While the coronavirus pandemic has sidelined some of our most important traditions, including high school graduation, we will not miss the opportunity to celebrate their achievements or mark this important milestone in their lives. I want all the seniors to know that their city is rooting for them, and will be behind them every step of the way. We are proud to work with WCVB Channel 5 to broadcast this very special event.”

The ceremony will feature remarks from School Committee Chair Michael Loconto, valedic-

DISPLAY OF PATRIOTISM



PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

Volunteers and City officials gathered late on Friday afternoon, May 22, to decorate Chelsea Square with hundreds of individual flags to commemorate Memorial Day. The effort has been ongoing for about four years, said Councilor Roy Avellaneda – who put together Friday’s volunteer effort. By the end of the day, Chelsea Square was adorned with hundreds of flags in a great display of patriotism despite the pandemic situation most find themselves in. Here Fidel Maltez of the DPW places one of the small flags into the ground.



tarians from all 36 BPS high schools, and surprise guests. Students have also been asked to submit photos and videos of their high school experience.

“Senior year for any high school student is a remarkable time in a young person’s life, and the senior year for the Class of 2020 is unlike any we’ve experienced in our lifetime,” said Superintendent Cassellius. “The courage, flexibility, and resilience our students have shown, supported by our community is an inspiration for all of us, and gives us all reason to be hopeful about the future and the legacy the Class of 2020 will create long after their time in the Boston Public Schools has passed.”

EBHS Headmaster Phil Brangiforte said he always looks forward to celebrating all the accomplishments of his seniors during senior day, awards nights and graduation.

Addressing his seniors directly, Brangiforte said it breaks his heart that the Class of 2020, that has accomplished so much, has been cheated on a proper end to their high school careers.

“Unfortunately, you are approaching the pinnacle of your high school careers during one of the greatest conflicts the world has faced in over a century,” said Brangiforte. “I am truly sorry for the personal struggles that each and everyone one of you encountered over the past several months, and I’m sure many of you feel cheated out of the activities and memories that senior classes before you have experienced. Walsh has always been on

your side through the entire pandemic. He knows how important graduation is and will be hosting a virtual graduation to honor the class of 2020. I value his leadership during this difficult time. The class of 2020 will go down in history and be the most remembered of all time.”

LOCAL MUSICIAN GIVES BACK TO ZUMIX

EAST BOSTON - Local musician Ali McGuirk and multimedia artist Pamela Maguire teamed up earlier this month to use art and music to support the Massachusetts families hardest hit by the COVID pandemic. On May 8 the pair released, via Bandcamp, a set of their works in tandem.

McGuirk debuted a previously vaulted, extended take of her song, “What Have We Done?” while Maguire presented a new 8x10 illustrated interpretation of a family together in the wilderness.

In partnership with Zumix, the proceeds from these dual releases will be redistributed directly to families in East Boston, Chelsea and surrounding towns, which have the highest per capita rate of confirmed coronavirus cases in Massachusetts.

“Pamela Maguire and I teamed up to raise some dough for families in Chelsea, Eastie and beyond,” said McGuirk. “The track is exclusively available on Bandcamp and all of the profits go directly to families in Eastie, Chelsea and the surrounding towns, which have the highest rates of COVID in the state,

in partnership with Zumix’s mutual aid efforts.”

McGuirk works as a Teaching Artist at Zumix and has been moved by the organization’s ability to adapt with care towards the needs of their community. Since the onset of the pandemic, Zumix has been providing creative, financial and food support to about 200 families, including \$30,000 in direct payments to families who have lost work.

“On behalf of the entire Zumix community, I’d like to thank Ali McGuirk and Pamela Maguire for their generous and creative support of ZUMIX’s COVID-19 family assistance initiative,” said Zumix Executive Director and Co-Founder Madeleine Steczynski. “Their joint release via Bandcamp offers an extended version of Ali’s hit ‘What Have We Done,’ along with Pamela’s visual depiction of a family together in the wilderness. We are blessed to have the support of such gifted artists. Their generosity will enable us to continue to provide critical support to local families in need.”

The proceeds from these releases will be used towards these direct relief mutual aid efforts as the pandemic continues to present unforeseen and unprecedented challenges to the community.

Maguire, a frequent collaborator of McGuirk’s and the hand behind her EP and debut album art, was inspired to create this new image while traveling recently through the American South and Mexico, as a

Hundreds gather at Salem State for Drive-By Commencement Celebration

By Seth Daniel

Extremely disappointed that college commencement at Salem State was in limbo, Everett's Marc Centrella had an idea about a month ago that it would be cool to have hundreds cruise the campus on graduation day to celebrate even without an official ceremony.

He laughed about the idea, but posted it on the Salem State University Class of 2020 Facebook page anyway.

Soon, it had become quite a serious idea, and people really wanted to do it. So, Centrella began talking in online meetings with the president, the college administration, the campus police, the Salem Police and even Salem City Hall. He said he wanted to leave no stone unturned, and the result was an awesome – and safe – celebration on campus in cars on May 16.

"When I posted it so many people said if I organized it, they would support and attend," he said.

The student-organized Drive-by Commencement Celebration brought cheers, honks, and decorated cars to Salem State's O'Keefe

parking lot on Saturday, May 16, where students and their families lined up in cars for the start of a celebratory drive around campus. About 100 cars holding about 300 people took part in the procession as approximately 40 Salem State faculty, staff, and administrators – including President John Keenan – spread out in their masks and cheered on the Class of 2020.

"We had about 100 cars and I was predicting 30 to 50," he said. "It was an amazing turnout. Really, it gave people something to look forward to in these sad times. We will still have a commencement in the summer, but we don't know when or how. For me personally, I'm the first person from my mother's side of the family to attend college. When the pandemic happened, no one thought graduation would be impacted or businesses would lose so much money. To some students like me, family members have been really looking forward to this and to have something is an amazing thing in such a sad time...I saw people crying and tearing up, and it wasn't said – they were tears of joy."

Said President Keenan, "This drive-by celebration

showed that the spirit of commencement cannot be dampened. The class of 2020 has shown tremendous resilience, and it's no surprise that they found a safe and creative way to come together on what would have been our undergraduate commencement day. It was an honor to be there to cheer them on."

Centrella, a current Everett resident that attended the Keverian School before graduating from Malden High in 2014, said getting things done involved collaboration with Salem State's university police and the Salem Police Department. The drive-by was followed by a brief HYPERLINK "https://www.salemstate.edu/commencement" \t "_blank" online conferral of degrees as a way to officially recognize graduates' success while the university works to reschedule the Class of 2020's commencement.

"No matter what life throws at you, there's always a way to find moments of light and joy," said Centrella, "With everything going on in the world, we made something great out of nothing. We made it and we did it as one. That little drive-by meant a lot to family and friends. I had so

many thank me. I felt it was just the right thing to do. It just worked out and I'm so happy for that."

The university arranged for students to pick up their caps and gowns before the virtual conferral of degrees, while keeping masks and social distancing guidelines in place. As the university works to reschedule this year's commencement, celebratory videos and emails have been shared with students.

Centrella graduated with a business major, and a concentration in Management Information Systems, but said he intends to find a job out of college that is about helping people. Since COVID-19 hit – along with the graduation planning effort – he said he really wants his life to be about helping people who are in need in some way.

The more than 2,000 graduates in the Class of 2020 include about 1,600 undergraduates and nearly 600 graduates receiving master's degrees or certificates of advanced graduate studies. Graduates represent 32 countries and 23 states. This year, 279 students are becoming Double Vikings by receiving their second Salem State degree.

REVERE STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL RESIDENTS GRADUATE FROM WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The following local residents have graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass.

- * Alva Shkoza of Revere
- * Jessica Swenson of Revere

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the University celebrated its Spring 2020 Commencement on April 25 with a special virtual toast in honor of the graduating students.

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology stresses project-based, hands-on learning, with an emphasis on cooperative education and careers, community enrichment, and contributing to the economic vitality of the Greater Boston region. The nationally ranked school is recognized as a leader in engineering, technology, design and science.

Wentworth has some 19 bachelor's degree programs in areas such as architecture; construction management; mechanical, biomedical and civil engineering; and computer science. It offers master's degrees in applied computer science,

architecture, civil engineering, construction management, facility management, and technology management.

GILLESPIE INDUCTED INTO SIGMA THETA TAU HONOR SOCIETY

Becker College is proud to announce that Stephanie Gillespie, of Revere, has been inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau honor society. Gillespie is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Sigma Theta Tau is the Honor Society of Nursing. To be inducted, students must have completed at least half of the nursing curriculum, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, rank in the top 35% of the graduating class and meet the expectation of academic integrity. Sigma Theta Tau's mission is to develop nurse leaders anywhere to improve health-care everywhere. Sigma has recognized the value of scholarship and excellence in nursing practice. Baccalaureate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing are eligible for induction.

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tribute to migrants and their families.

McGuirk's new 10-minute version of "What Have We Done?" was recorded in 2017 at Chillhouse Studio with Jeffrey Lockhart, Cilla Bonnie, Brandon Mayes and Deshawn D'vibes Alexander—the band that helped win the 2018 Boston Music Award for Best Live Residency at Bull McCabe's.

A link to the song can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/e41mhyclqqe-wro0>.

FIREWORKS CANCELLED IN LYNN

LYNN - In light of the unprecedented times we are experiencing with the COVID-19 pandemic, Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee and Swampscott Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald have jointly made the difficult decision to cancel the traditional 3rd of July Fireworks and parade. "Given the unparalleled times we are living in and the uncertainty we face, our only option was to cancel the 3rd of July fireworks to ensure our residents remain healthy," said Mayor Thomas McGee. "The safety of our residents has been and will continue to be my top concern during this public health emergency." "We all will be a bit disappointed that we will not be able to celebrate with our friends, neighbors, and the community at large this year. Yet, we all know that the safety and well-being of our communities and loved ones is the most important treasure we have," said Swampscott Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald. The decision is tough for everyone as this event has become one of the most notable celebrations in the Commonwealth but is critical to help prevent the spread of this deadly virus. We would like to thank the Fireworks Vendor Atlas Pyrovision Entertainment Group for their under-

standing and cooperation with the cancellation of this year's show. We are all looking forward to another great event in 2021.

"Our communities are deeply rooted in history and patriotism and we will continue to celebrate this in years to come. I would like to thank the Fireworks Committee for their tireless work and our residents for their understanding as we work to limit the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak," said Mayor Thomas McGee.

"There is no doubt that the citizens of Lynn and Swampscott love our country and our communities and our traditions so this great event will not go away," Fitzgerald said. "As a Nation, as a Commonwealth, as a City, and as a Town— just know we are looking forward to a time we can all celebrate together as a community."

LOOKING AT CREATING PLANNING DEPT.

WINTHROP - At its most recent meeting on May 19, the Winthrop Town Council heard a presentation by Tufts University students on the benefits of creating a planning department for the Town of Winthrop.

Patrick Higgins, Alisha Patel, Ethan Pepin and Adrian Tanner presented a slideshow entitled Four Centuries Young: The Case for a Planning Department in Winthrop.

Planning was defined by the team as "the process of working with residents and elected officials to accomplish community goals." The team conducted a literature review, interviewed planning professionals and analyzed budget statements to discover what benefits a professional planning department could bring to Winthrop.

The students explained that a town planner's key role is to establish commu-

nication with foundations and to secure grant funding. They cited two projects— Win2030 and the \$1.3 million sewer upgrade—that could be budgeted more effectively with the help of a planner.

The presentation also showed how a planning department could increase the Town's professionalism— giving support to planning boards, provide consistency around the development process, and tailoring new developments to community values.

The report claimed that a town planner could help fight climate change by engaging in coastal partnerships, seeking out climate-specific grants, and altering the Master Plan to be more environmentally conscious.

The Tufts team identified potential obstacles for a newly hired town planner, especially if he or she is from out of town. It emphasized that a planner should get to know residents and to patronize small businesses in an effort to learn the community's values and earn its trust.

The mission of the Winthrop Planning and Economic Management Department, as it would be called, would be to serve the town "by providing technical and professional support to the community as it determines and pursues its short- and long-term goals for community preservation, economic growth, and environmental protection."

In order to determine the budget for the department, the researchers studied 16 municipal budgets and consulted online resources. They found that towns similar in size to Winthrop spent between \$165,000 and \$170,000 annually to fund the department. Department heads are paid approximately \$80,000 per year, and a town planner is paid approximately \$61,000.

When asked if it was necessary to have more than one planner, Higgins said "the more the better, so you can spread the work out." He recommended one full-time planner and one part-time planner at a minimum.

Pepin highlighted the importance of hiring individuals with experience with both the Massachusetts and federal grant-writing processes, especially as the community reels from the economic fallout of COVID-19.

Councilors thanked the

students for their hard work in assembling the presentation.

"I'm looking forward to acting on your recommendations," said Councilor Tracy Honan.

"I think that adding a planner would bring much benefit to the town," said Councilor Barbara Flockhart.

"We're looking forward to finally having a planner in town to move us forward and do some things we've long wanted to have done," said Councilor Rich Ferrino. "We'll be looking for a

planner soon so spruce up your résumé."

One caller, Karen Chavis, said she was unsure how a planning department would be funded given the current budget restrictions.

"These people at Tufts did a wonderful job," she said, "but I caution the council to think about other things before we [consider] a planner."

Town Manager Austin Faison said that his recent budget presentation already accounted for the planning department by dissolving existing positions.

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State Fire Marshal urges springing safely into summer

“The summer barbecue may be smaller this year,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, “but we still need to practice safe grilling as we celebrate the unofficial start of the summer season. Take a few minutes for a safety check and inspect grills for leaks and cracks, and teach children to stay three feet away from any grill in use. Follow the Governor’s guidelines for social distancing and have a safe Memorial Day.”

•Grill Fire Facts

In 2019, there were 81 fire and explosion incidents reported to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS) involving open fired grills. These incidents caused five civilian injuries, one fire service injury and an estimated dollar loss of \$1.4 million. Of the 81 grill fires, 71, or 88 percent, were gas grills. Solid fuels such as charcoal briquettes were involved in eight, or 10 percent of these fires.

•Check for Leaks

“Check to make sure all the connections are tight and secure before firing up the gas grill for the first time this season,” said Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “Using a brush, apply a soapy solution made of one part dish liquid and one part water to the tank connection. If the solution bubbles, you have a leak that needs repair,” said Ostroskey. He recommended checking for and replacing any cracked hoses.

•Rules for Grills on Porches, Decks and Patios

“Grills can only be used on first floor porches, decks, or patios if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or the porch is at ground level. Grills are prohibited on any porch, balcony or deck that has a roof, or overhang,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. For more information, contact your local fire prevention office.

•Safety First

Over the past five years (2015-2019), there were 449 fires involving grills, hibachis and barbecues. These fires caused 20 civilian injuries,

five firefighter injuries and \$3.8 million in estimated property damages.

*Read and follow the owner’s manual for any cooking appliance.

*Always grill outdoors.

*Keep children and pets three feet away from the grill area. Create a circle of safety.

*Place grills 10-feet away from the house. Make sure they are not under eaves, overhanging branches or against the side of the building. Keep them away from deck railings.

*Grills can be used on open (no roof) first floor porches, decks or patios if there is an exterior stairway to the ground, or it is at ground level.

*Grills should never be used indoors or on fire escapes.

*Never leave a grill burning unattended.

*Keep the grill clean by removing grease or fat build-up from the grills and trays below the grill.

*If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

*If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait 15 minutes before re-lighting.

*Never use gasoline on any grill!

•Shut Off the Gas at the Tank

After each use, and before disconnecting the propane tank, be sure to shut off the gas at the tank.

•Charcoal Grill Safety

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey also said, “Practice safety around charcoal grills.” Once the coals have been lit, never add lighter fluid to the fire – flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid resulting in serious burns. Charcoal briquettes give off carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly. “Make sure to always use charcoal grills outside in a well-ventilated area.” Charcoal grills cannot be used on decks, balconies, or fire escape stairways.

•Smoking Fire Safety

There have been so many fires this spring from im-

properly discarded smoking materials on porches and in backyards. These fires can smolder undetected for a long time and when they erupt into flames, travel fast. If you smoke, put it out all the way, every time. Extinguish smoking materials in a can with sand or water, not in the mulch, leaves grass, a potted plant or other container that can catch fire. Don’t snub them out on the porch railing or stairs.

•Gasoline and Lawn Mowers

Ostroskey said, “If your older children are learning to mow the lawn, be sure to teach them about gasoline safety at the same time.” Gasoline vapors are highly flammable. They stay on your clothing and can ignite if you light a match.

*Store gasoline only in approved containers, outside.

*Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, pilot lights, campfires, and grills.

*Fill a cooled lawn mower. Never refill while it is hot.

*Keep hands and feet away from a mower while it’s running.

*Never use gasoline to start a campfire.

TOBIN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION LOOK AHEAD MAY 31 — JUNE 13

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

•ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND: Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the left lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)

•ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone begins in the left lane before the Carter Street off-ramp. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)

CARTER STREET RAMP WEEKEND CLOSURES

•The Carter Street off-ramp will be closed on Saturday, 6/13. Work will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 7 a.m.

•Traffic will be detoured to the Route 16 West exit towards Everett to take Revere Beach Parkway to Everett Avenue.

SILVER LINE ALTERNATING SINGLE LANE BUS TRAFFIC

•The Silverline busway will continue to have single lane bus traffic where the Line passes through the Silverline Gateway underneath the Chelsea Viaduct. This single lane bus traffic will help to facilitate safe bridge construction.

•Silverline service will be maintained without interruption or delay using alternating direction bus traffic. The alternation of direction will be controlled by MBTA police and flaggers.

•The single, alternating lane condition is projected to be in place through Friday, 6/12.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•A R L I N G T O N STREET: Arlington Street under Route 1 will be closed on 6/1 (7 a.m. – 11 p.m.). Signed detours and police details will guide drivers around the work zone via Spruce Street and Everett Ave.

•ORANGE STREET: Orange Street under Route 1 will be closed on Saturday 5/30 at 10 p.m. until Monday 6/1 at 5 a.m.

•5th STREET: 5th Street under Route 1 will be closed on 6/11 during the nighttime (9:00 p.m. – 5 a.m.)

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) on weekdays.

•Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m.–1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m.–5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m.–7 p.m.)

DESCRIPTION OF

SCHEDULED WORK

•ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND: Bridge deck and gutter repairs continue in the left lane over the Tobin Bridge. We will continue to remove bridge deck and install new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

•UNDERNEATH ROUTE 1: Crews will replace and paint steel; power wash and paint columns and support beams; excavate, erect steel; place new concrete columns; and deliver steel beams from the new bridge deck.

TRAVEL TIPS

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE REVERE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Public Hearing Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 38N of Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, that the Revere School Committee will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel M. Ferrante School Committee Room, located on the first floor of the Revere High School, 101 School Street, relative to the Revere Public Schools proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 School Operating Budget. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget.

6/3/20, 6/10/20

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS PEARL AVENUE - WEBSTER STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS CITY BID NO. MUN-2020-1009 INVITATION TO BID

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Telehealth proves to be a lifesaver for EBNHC patients

By John Lynds

When the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) received the greenlight from the state to reopen some in-person doctor visits at a limited capacity, EBNHC CMO Dr. Jackie Fantes and President and CEO Manny Lopes said that the Health Center will look much different to patients during a recent Zoom town hall meeting.

EBNHC has already ramped up in-person visits but limited its capacity to 25 percent of what it was before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. To ensure

safety and proper hygiene protocols outlined by the state the Health Center will not be performing general checkups like physical exams.

However, while EBNHC will be putting the safety of its patients and staff first, the Health Center will rely more heavily on Telehealth technology to keep quality healthcare going in this new virtual world.

Dr. Fantes said that EBNHC introduced Telehealth over a year ago in limited capacities, but the COVID-19 pandemic has moved the relatively new healthcare technology to the forefront.

“We got ‘Zoomed’ quickly into Telehealth during this pandemic,” said Dr. Fantes. “It is something we’ve had on a radar for a while and now we are up and running with both voice and video Telehealth calls. We are still trying to figure out the bits and pieces of technology but we are getting better as each day goes by. It is a really good way to get in touch with your provider.”

Dr. Fantes said there’s a lot of pent up demand for healthcare out there during the pandemic and Telehealth is a good way to check in with EBNHC pro-



What a typical Telehealth video visit looks like. EBNHC is encouraging patients to continue to use the Telehealth technology as the Health Center reopened some in-person visits at a limited capacity.

viders while still practicing social distancing.

“I know folks are getting really good care through

this technology and I encourage folks to continue to do that,” she said.

Telehealth is the remote delivery of health care ser-

vices and clinical information using communications technology, including the internet, wireless, satellite and phone media.

So far the Health Center has had thousands of Telehealth visits while patients remain safe in their homes.

Telehealth has become of paramount importance to ensure the safety of patients and health care providers. It allows patients the opportunity to seamlessly continue their care while practicing social distancing, remaining in their home, and minimizing their exposure to the virus.

FIRST-CLASS AWARD

SONIC recognizes Hill Elementary teacher Ceballos Wilkinson

By Cary Shuman

The Revere school system, already considered one of the best urban school districts in America, has received more national recognition.

Madeline Ceballos Wilkinson, a first-grade teacher at the Hill Elementary School, was notified by



Hill Elementary School first-grade teacher Madeline Ceballos Wilkinson (right) is pictured after delivering a new Amazon Fire Tablet to one of her students, Sofia Posada Agamez.

SONIC Drive-In Restaurants that she was “among the exceptional teachers nationwide” whose project received funding in coordination with Teacher Appreciation Month.

The honor for Ms. Wilkinson, 28, who holds undergraduate and Master’s degrees from Salem State University, came as SONIC pursued the noble cause of recognizing “the entrepreneurial spirit driving teachers to meet their students’ distance learning needs during this difficult time.”

Ceballos Wilkinson’s project came about through the Donors Choose organization, a platform where educators can ask for donations from donors. SONIC collaborated with Donors Choose for Teacher Appreciation Month and selected the project for its generous support.

“I created this project to get more electronic devices (Amazon Fire Tablets) to students who don’t have them in order to access the technology of remote learning plans,” explained Ceballos Wilkinson. “I was able to raise funds through the support of my family

and friends and SONIC matched every donation (\$315) that was given to my project.”

Ceballos Wilkinson reached out to families and then took her thoughtful initiative a step further by also personally delivering the tablets to the students and their parents.

“I drove to their homes and delivered the tablets to the students,” said Ceballos Wilkinson. “It’s definitely made a difference. I see several of those students on my Zoom lessons and they’re using the technology, so they’re more engaged now than they were before.”

Parents were very grateful to the Hill schoolteacher who is in her sixth year of teaching in the Revere district.

“The parents sent me messages and gave their thanks, but the kids were very excited,” said Ceballos Wilkinson, who was a member of the faculty at the McKinley School before



Hill Elementary School first grade teacher Madeline Ceballos Wilkinson holds one of the Amazon Fire Tablets that she was able to obtain through her initiative that was supported by the SONIC Drive-In Restaurant chain.

the move to the new building on Park Avenue “I love the Hill School. Our principal [Melissa Lomas] was very supportive and super excited and very grateful that I was able to get the devices and bring them out to the families.”

Revere school officials congratulate the honoree

Both Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly and School Committee member Anthony D’Ambrosio offered their congratulations to Ceballos Wilkinson.

“I can tell you that she is a wonderful educator and an asset to the Revere Schools,” said Dr. Kelly. “She is the kind of teacher who goes the extra mile to support all students and families at the Hill, and especially those with whom she works directly, as she did in this case by taking the time to pursue this funding opportunity from SONIC. This is well-deserved recognition for Madeline Ceballos Wilkinson.”

Said D’Ambrosio, a first-year member of the School Committee, “I have been lucky enough to work with Madeline on student-oriented issues in the past, and her incredible work here comes as no surprise to me. She, like so many of Revere’s

amazing teachers, is incredibly dedicated to supporting the development of her students. I think I can safely convey the sentiments of thousands of residents of our city by offering her a heartfelt ‘thank you’ for her selfless work during these uncertain times.”

Christi Woodworth, vice president of public relations for SONIC, also commended Ceballos Wilkinson. “Teachers across the country face new and complex challenges to keep their students learning right now,” said Woodworth. “As we continue to celebrate teachers during this Teacher Appreciation Month, we sincerely thank educators like Madeline Ceballos Wilkinson, who are creatively keeping their students learning, even as schools are closed.”

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