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## NEWS BRIEF

ZAMBUTO WILL

ANNOUNCE

COMMITTEE

ASSIGNMENTS

City Council President Anthony Zambuto will announce the Council's sub-committee appointments for the 2021 session at the next Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.

It falls under the purview of the council president to assign members to Council sub-committees.

The sub-committees, who each have their own chairperson, usually meet in separate sessions held before the full Council meetings commence at 6 p.m.

## CIARLONE ELECTED CHAIR OF PLANNING BOARD

The Revere Planning Board unanimously elected Louis Ciarlone Jr. as chairperson during its Jan. 12 meeting.

Ciarlone is the son of the late Louis H. "Cheako" Ciarlone and Nancy Ciarlone.

Ciarlone succeeds Eugene McKenna as chair-

person of the nine-mem-

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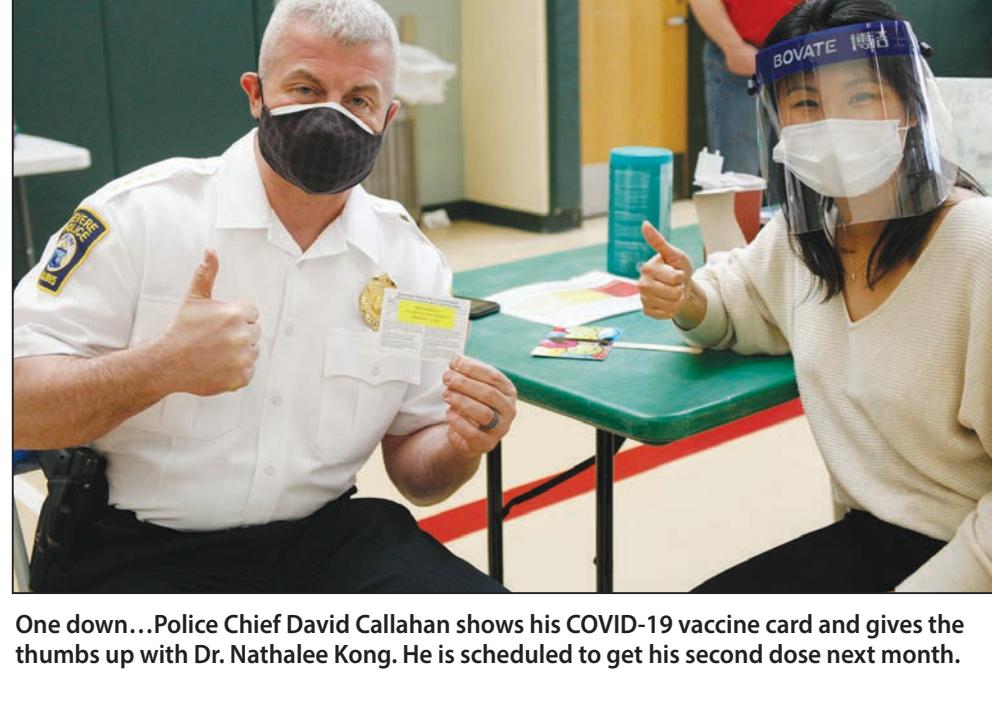
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Here we go! Fire Chief Chris Bright was the initial First Responder from Revere to get the COVID-19 vaccine.



One down...Police Chief David Callahan shows his COVID-19 vaccine card and gives the thumbs up with Dr. Nathalee Kong. He is scheduled to get his second dose next month.

## State Rep. Race Highlight: Looking at the Candidates

## Turco looks to deep-seated Revere and Winthrop roots in bid for DeLeo seat

By Melissa Moore-Randall

When House Speaker Robert DeLeo announced his retirement from the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Jeff Turco looked at his own background, experience and belief in the nobility of public service. Turco used this as a catalyst for his decision to run for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District of Winthrop and sections of Revere.

Turco, who grew up in Revere and currently resides in Winthrop, spoke highly of the man whose

office he hopes to take over. "For 30 years, our district has been represented by a tremendous leader who made the lives of Massachusetts residents better. Robert DeLeo leaves big shoes to fill, but I am confident that I will uphold his commitment to our communities."

Turco hopes his election to the 19th Suffolk District seat will make the community and world a better place for his six children. "I have been blessed as a husband and father of six young children, and I believe I have a duty to try and serve our community so they grow up in a world which is better than the one I grew up in." Currently, Jeff resides in Winthrop with his wife, the former Melissa Carbone, and their six children.

Dominic 10, Grace 8 and Matteo 4. Their children attend Malden Catholic High School and the Immaculate Conception School, where Jeff has served on the Immaculate Conception School Advisory Board for the past 7 years.

Turco has deep seeded Revere and Winthrop roots. Growing up on Reservoir Avenue, he was one of seven siblings from a classic family of what he called "his, hers, them and ours". After attending the former McKinley School from grades kindergarten through 8th grade, he attended Northeast Regional Vocational School before transferring to and graduating from Malden Catholic High School in

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tively in receiving the critical vaccines that are being administered nationwide as the one-year battle against the coronavirus continues.

The City of Revere joined Chelsea and Winthrop and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to hold a three-day COVID-19 vaccination clinic for 600 first responders at the Rumney Marsh Academy.

Police officers, firefighters, EMS professionals, 911 dispatchers, harbormasters, court officers, and FBI officers received vaccinations from medical personnel at the well-coordinated clinic that was held Friday and Saturday (the third day of the clinic is scheduled for Wednesday) and overseen by Lauren Buck, director of the Revere Health Department and Kim Hanton, chief of staff to Mayor Brian Arrigo. Cataldo Ambulance provided additional support to the medical teams.

Revere Fire Chief Christopher Bright and Police Chief David Callahan joined their officers and firefighters respec-

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## Arrigo endorses Silvestri for state representative

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo has endorsed Marc Silvestri for State Representative of the 19th Suffolk District on Tuesday..

"I have full faith and confidence in Marc's ability to lead our District as our next State Representative," Arrigo said. "I have personally seen Marc work tirelessly on behalf of anyone in need of help

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Mayor Brian Arrigo (right) formally endorsed Marc Silvestri in the state representative contest to fill the seat left vacant by House Speaker Robert DeLeo's resignation earlier in the month.

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## ON THE BALLOT



Jeff Turco and his wife, Melissa Carbone-Turco, are pictured outside the John W. McCormack State Office Building in Boston after receiving certification of his nomination signatures for the special election in the 19th Suffolk District that includes Revere and Winthrop.

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## SPOTLIGHT

In past RevereTV Spotlights, there were many mentions of a grant program the studio was participating in to help inform the public of how to stop the spread of COVID-19. This week, videos made as part of this grant program will be seen on RevereTV's Facebook and Instagram each day. The videos are short recordings made exclusively by members of the community. These community members give their own reasoning for why it's important to wear a mask. The videos vary in language in either English, Spanish, Portuguese, or Arabic. If you haven't followed RTV on Facebook or Instagram, search for RevereTV on both platforms and you will see the pages with this content. Do you part. Wear a mask!

Some RevereTV community members have been creating monthly programs about public health in different languages. One show is in Spanish and is called "Latin X Charlando con la Comunidad."

Some topics the program covers include the current coronavirus pandemic, vaccinations, and mental health. Another group of community members in partnership with the Cambridge Health Alliance produced a show in Portuguese last week. This program is called "Brasileiros em Ação." Both shows air on RevereTV channels and are posted to RTV's YouTube and Facebook pages.

Last week, there were more city government meetings that were either scheduled at the same time or overlapped one another. It is important to clarify where to find meeting coverage in such cases. RevereTV will always cover city meetings. If the meeting you want to watch live is not playing on the usual government channel and instead there is another live meeting taking place, chances are the meeting will be playing on the RTV community channel that day. If not, all meetings are streamed live to YouTube. If the meetings are not streamed live on YouTube because of technical difficulties or further city scheduling issues, RevereTV will always upload city meetings to YouTube soon after they take place and will replay city meetings on television throughout the following week.

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1989. A graduate of the UMass-Amherst where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in History, Turco would go on to attend Quinnipiac University School of Law in Connecticut where he graduated with honors. While at Quinnipiac, he was also part of the Connecticut Probate Law Journal and attended an intensive international law program at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Presently an attorney in Chelsea, Turco thinks he is the best successor for DeLeo's seat on Beacon Hill. "I am the only candidate in the race with deep ties to both Revere and Winthrop. For the first 33 years of my life, I lived and was raised in Revere. For the last 16 years, I chose Winthrop as the place to have and raise my family. We attend St. John the Evangelist Parish in Winthrop. My children are involved in youth sports in Winthrop. My children attend Immaculate Conception School in Revere and are very involved with the programs at Revere Parks and Recreation. I have been honored to serve on the Board of the Revere Beach Partnership as a Director of the McCarthy-Trifone Recreation Committee and more recently the Winthrop Foundation. I believe my combined experience in local government, the Massachusetts House and Senate as well as an administrator of a large state agency gives me a breadth of experience that is tough to match. This coupled with my community involvement in both Winthrop and Revere have placed me in a position to understand the issues that



Candidate for 19th District State Representative Jeff Turco, and his family.

affect our communities."

Turco's experience at the state level started as a Massachusetts House of Representatives page assigned to the late Representative William G. Reinsteine. He also served several terms as the elected representative to the Democratic State Committee representing Revere and Winthrop at the Democratic State Party. In addition, he was the Chief of Staff for Senator Guy Glodis, where he worked on election law, insurance law and the Commonwealth's post

9/11 response creating the first ever State Director of Homeland Security.

Turco's resume includes experience in law enforcement as well. Jeff was the Special Sheriff and Superintendent of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the agency. He led the successful effort to obtain national accreditation for the first time in the institution's history.

Turco sees the recent reform related to public

safety services as a priority if elected to DeLeo's seat. "I support accountability and reform in our public safety services at the same time, I will always have the backs of the brave men and women of our public safety community. I believe the recent reform will have dangerous, unintended consequences for our schools and our communities by limiting critical information sharing that the law enforcement community took decades to build."

Another priority would be legislation related to substance abuse. "There is not a family in this district that has not been affected by mental health and substance use disorders. I will make it a top priority of my service to work to transform the Commonwealth's efforts in this area. We need a holistic approach so that people are not left without hope and families have the support necessary to help them through the difficult times."

When asked what legislation DeLeo enacted that he wanted to continue to lobby for if elected, Turco noted the need for increased funding for education. "Bob DeLeo has been a fighter for increased funding for education. Education is the great equalizer for people from all walks of life. I look forward to continuing to fight to increase funding for education which also increases accountability."

The primary for DeLeo's seat is slated for March 2 with a special election set for March 30. For more information about Turco's campaign you may visit his website turcoforrep.com.

## Turco names Fiore director of field operations

Jeffrey Rosario Turco, candidate for state representative in the 19th Suffolk District, has named Stephen Fiore of Revere as director of field operations for his campaign.

A savvy political strategist, Fiore has worked on several campaigns both locally and statewide in the past six years. He also briefly worked on a Democratic Presidential campaign in the 2020 election.

"This is something that I am passionate about and that I love to do while fighting for what matters for my community," said Fiore.

The former Revere High baseball star said he knew right away after meeting Turco that he wanted to be a part of his campaign.

"Jeff is honest and extremely caring and also a man of strong conviction,"

said Fiore. "Jeff stands by his beliefs and will not waver based off of popular opinion."

Fiore also likes the fact that Turco has strong ties to both Revere and Winthrop.

Turco was a resident of Revere for 33 years before moving to Winthrop. His wife, Melissa Carbone-Turco, is also a Revere native.

"I believe Jeff is the right candidate for this district with his ties and deep roots in both communities," said Fiore.

Turco has served as president of the Winthrop Town Council and is currently president of the Revere Beach Partnership that coordinates the annual Sand Sculpting Festival on Revere Beach. Fiore believes that Turco's experience and knowledge of local government makes him eminently qualified to be state representative for this district.

"In these trying times there is no time for on-the-job training," said Fiore. "As a former staffer to the late Rep. William Re-



Stephen Fiore is the director of field operations for Jeff Turco's campaign for state representative in the 2021 special election.

inestein, Jeff has the experience and knowledge to lead our community now and I am honored to be working in his campaign for state representative."

"I am thrilled to have Steve Fiore on my team. He is a hard-working family man, grounded in faith, and committed to a better tomorrow. He joins a long line of Fiore family members who have served the City of Revere with distinction," Turco said.

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ber board.

Sal Amico was elected vice chairperson while Juan Pablo Jaramillo was elected secretary.

The other members of

the Planning Board are James O'Brien, Ed Devreau, Anthony DelVecchio, John DeSimone, James Giovanni, and Catherine Penn.

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## CAMPAIGNING IN BEACHMONT



Above, Alicia DelVento (right), candidate for the Revere-Winthrop state representative seat, is pictured with supporters during a sign-holding event in Beachmont Square across from Torretta's Italian Bakery.

Right, Alicia DelVento, candidate for state representative, pictured with her supporters who joined her for a campaign standout event in Beachmont Square.



## Superintendent Kelly and Arrigo address recent Capitol Hill assault

By John Lynds

The January 6 assault on Capitol Hill where Trump supporters broke into the Halls of Congress and tried to stop the Senate from certifying the Electoral College votes and officially name Joe Biden as the next President of the United States shocked the nation.

The violence of the day left five people dead, several law enforcement officers injured and put an eternal blemish on the country's peaceful transfer of power.

In Revere, the news footage from Washington, D.C., that day shook city leaders to their core.

At a School Committee meeting following the violence of January 6, Revere School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly and Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, who serves as president of the committee in his capacity as mayor, addressed the incident and told the committee resources were being made available for students and families.

"I want to begin tonight by recognizing what happened in our Nation's Capital," said Kelly. "It's both shocking and heart-

breaking and nothing I ever thought that I would see in the United States of America. It is very troubling without a doubt."

Kelly said Revere Public School's administrative team immediately began working to put resources together for teachers and students to help both kids and adults process these riots and identify the underpinnings of this violence.

"We encourage students and help them to share their feelings and know that ultimately we will be safe through this period of turmoil," said Kelly.

Mayor Brian Arrigo, who once lived in Washington, D.C., said the violence in the Capitol really hit home.

"Obviously the events are heartbreaking," said Arrigo. "As a former D.C. resident, I have a special place in my heart for that city and to see what's unfolded really hit home. What we're seeing is really sad but I think the saddest part of the whole situation is how predictable it is and has been for the last several weeks. What we were seeing was an attack and an assault on our

democracy and it has to be acknowledged and condemned."

To Revere's Public School students and families, Arrigo said the city is preparing to have support services available.

"I thank Dr. Kelly for being so proactive in being able to make sure that our students are able to process these challenging things that we're seeing unfold," said Arrigo. "I appreciate the fact that we are able to have those kinds of supports available and that we're focused on making sure that our families and our children in the district can handle the trauma that they're seeing unfold on TV. With that, as Dr. Kelly said, I want to impress upon the fact that we are here to create safe spaces for our residents and for our families and we will continue to do that."

Arrigo said what transpired on January 6, was certainly some of the worst acts he's seen but was optimistic things will get better soon..

"I know that better days are ahead," said Arrigo. "But it's really a heartbreaking scene to watch."

## State DPD reports first confirmed case of COVID-19 variant

Officials from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on January 17 announced that the first case of the COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7 has been detected in Massachusetts, coming from a Boston woman who had travelled to the United Kingdom.

This is the same variant initially discovered in the United Kingdom.

The individual developed symptoms in early January and tested positive for COVID-19. A genetic sample was sent to an out-of-state laboratory as part of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) established surveillance process to identify COVID-19 variants. The State Public Health Laboratory was notified last eve-

ning of the results.

The individual is a Boston resident, a female in her 20s. She had traveled to the United Kingdom and became ill the day after she returned. She had tested negative prior to leaving the UK. The individual was interviewed by contact tracers at the time the initial positive result was received, and close contacts were identified. She is being re-interviewed by public health officials now that the variant has been identified as the cause of illness.

Surveillance testing for the B.1.1.7 variant has been ongoing at the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory in collaboration with clinical diagnostic laboratories and academic partners. Surveillance con-

sists of genomic sequencing on portions of COVID-19 positive specimens.

To date, the CDC has reported 88 cases from 14 states in the United States.

Given the increased transmissibility of this variant and the number of states and other countries that have found infected cases, the Department expected the variant to arrive in Massachusetts eventually. The public health risk-reduction measures remain the same. Individuals must continue to wear masks or face coverings while out in public, maintain 6-foot social distancing, stay home when you are sick, and get tested if you have symptoms or are identified as a close contact.

## Richard A. Fucillo, Jr. announces candidacy for 19th Suffolk State Representative seat

Richard A. Fucillo, Jr., announced his entry as candidate for the 19th Suffolk State Representative seat earlier this month through social media. Fucillo, a Winthrop native, a product of Winthrop Public Schools, and former Viking athlete, is running as an unenrolled candidate, distancing himself from the crowded Democratic primary. "Transparency, integrity and perseverance are the three values that are the most important to me and I vow to work hard to earn the trust from the voters in the district," says Fucillo. The position is vacated by former Speaker DeLeo who "has served this community tirelessly for a long time, and I feel that now is the ideal time for



Richard A. Fucillo, Jr.

renewed enthusiasm and a fresh perspective", adds Fucillo.

Fucillo will run a campaign which focuses on issues that are important to all residents, and his platform includes invigorating our public schools, increasing internet access and speed while decreas-

ing costs through competition and innovation, address the rising costs of water, battling the crises caused by addiction and taking on other public health challenges that threaten the fabric of the community. Also important to Fucillo is the need to revitalize the business community that has suffered during the pandemic and restore support to small business.

Fucillo is currently in his senior year at Emerson College and plans to pursue a law degree after graduation. For additional information, he can be found on Facebook (Richard Fucillo Jr for Rep), and on Twitter and Instagram @FucilloJR\_4Rep.

## Capobianco quickly qualifies for the ballot

On Thursday, January 14, Valentino Capobianco, candidate for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District, announced that his campaign is the first to qualify for the ballot in the Special Election.

Capobianco's campaign easily crossed the required threshold of 150 people. The fact that Capobianco's campaign is the first to qualify is a testament to the grassroots enthusiasm and support behind his candidacy -- the nomination signatures were gathered exclusively by volunteers and no paid staff was involved.

Upon qualifying for the ballot, Capobianco issued the following statement:

"I am humbled by the

grassroots support that enabled our campaign to be the first to qualify for the ballot, and I look forward to fighting for every vote in Winthrop and Revere between now and March 2nd. But this race isn't about me, it is about making sure every child receives a world-class public education, helping small businesses and workers get through the pandemic, and guaranteeing that everybody in Massachusetts has access to quality, affordable healthcare. That is what I am campaigning on, and that is what I will fight for on Beacon Hill should I have the privilege of being elected to represent the 19th Suffolk District."

Capobianco currently serves as the Chief of Staff to State Senator Paul R. Feeney (D-Foxboro). In addition to serving on the Winthrop School Committee for the past five years, Capobianco serves as an elected member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and as a member of the Shore Educational Collaborative's Board of Trustees. He previously served as an aide to Middlesex Sheriff Peter Kotoujian and to former House Speaker Robert DeLeo. Capobianco, a graduate of Winthrop High School and Suffolk University, is 32 years old and resides with his dog Bernie at 53 Prospect Ave in Winthrop.

## Silvestri // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

than ever before in Revere's history. And, more recently, Marc has proved his leadership and critical thinking as a key member of the city's Covid-19 Emergency Response Team, piloting and implementing programming to ensure our unsheltered

population is served and to help prevent the spread of the virus.

"I'm thrilled to receive the endorsement of Mayor Arrigo because we share the same genuine commitment to public service," said Silvestri. "At a time when there are se-

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their vaccinations.

"It's a great day, it's outstanding," said Callahan. "I'm very fortunate to be able to receive this vaccine. The medical team that has been established here is outstanding, from Mass General, to the City of Revere, to the Town of Winthrop, to the City of Chelsea – everyone's worked extremely well in a collaborative effort."

Callahan said the Revere Police Department currently has multiple officers out after testing positive for COVID-19. "Fortunately, they're home convalescing and they're doing better. It just takes time and it's kind of a cycle that's been going through the department since the pandemic started."

Lauren Buck said the vaccination clinics [held

Friday and Saturday] went smoothly. She noted that the city, like many other Massachusetts communities, is in "a second surge" of COVID-19 cases.

"This is the first step in the process to get us out of the surge," said Buck. "Today is the first step. We need to get all of our community vaccinated and we're starting today."

Kim Hanton shared her thoughts about the vaccination clinic in a Revere TV interview at Rumney Marsh Academy, the distribution site.

"Today is an historical and emotional day in the City of Revere," said Hanton. "Here we stand at the Rumney Marsh Academy. I am so grateful and so thankful to the Emergency Response Team spearheaded by Mayor

Arrigo during this journey.

I need to give a special shout-out to Adrienne Maguire who I called on the first day that this pandemic started to affect our community. Lauren Buck, the director of public health for the City

of Revere, is a rock star. We are so very lucky in this city to be led by her. This is a regional effort (Revere, Winthrop, and Chelsea) to vaccinate our first responders and this could not happen without Lauren Buck," concluded Hanton.



Dr. John Benecchi reviews information with a first responder before administering the vaccine.



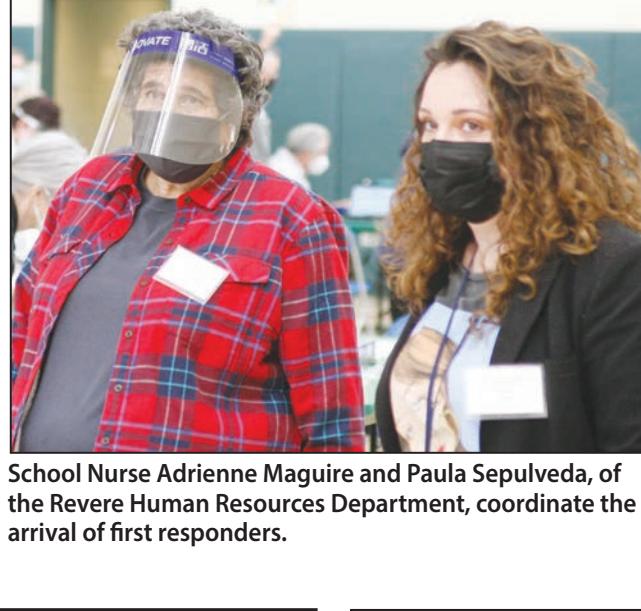
Dr. Nathalee Kong of MGH Revere vaccines Chief David Callahan on Friday at the First Responder vaccination clinic.



Public Health Director Lauren Buck listens to concerns from one of the nurses at the clinic on Friday.



As the chair of the Revere Board of Health, Dr. Nathalee Kong was called upon to administer the vaccine all day on Friday.



School Nurse Adrienne Maguire and Paula Sepulveda, of the Revere Human Resources Department, coordinate the arrival of first responders.



Fire Chief Chris Bright registers for his COVID-19 vaccination on Friday.



Dr. Nathalee Kong, of MGH Revere and the Revere Board of Health chair, gets ready to vaccinate Revere's first responders on Friday.



The First Responder vaccine clinic at Rumney March Academy was a collaboration between Revere, Chelsea and Winthrop. Many communities combined efforts in order to get the minimum number of 200 doses from the state. Here, Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, Revere Fire Chief Chris Bright, Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, Revere Police Chief David Callahan and Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty.



Lauren Buck, director of Public Health, told RevereTV and the media gathered that the vaccine was a turning point in the fight against COVID-19.



Lauren Buck, director of Public Health, told RevereTV and the media gathered that the vaccine was a turning point in the fight against COVID-19.



Revere's Kim Hanton and a number of other City officials applauded after the first vaccination, as many called the moment a light at the end of the tunnel.



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# Revere's Dog Lady providing unconditional love

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Nestled off of North Shore Road, along the Saugus River, you will find a building that has become a safe haven for local animals. Many Revere residents are familiar with it and its owner, Lisa Cutting. Known as the "Dog Lady", Lisa takes in the city's lost and vulnerable animals until they can be reunited with their families or be placed in loving homes at Ocean View Kennel.

Cutting works closely with the City of Revere and the Revere Police Department hoping to reunite lost animals with their families. This task requires a seven day hold in place often with the seven

day hold taking place at Ocean View Kennel. After seven days, Cutting works to get those unclaimed animals adopted. The process includes fundraising to help get the animals medically cleared and able to be placed successfully in a new home. Cutting also works with the Boston Animal Rescue League, Blue Pearl, Malden Animal and Revere Pet to help make it possible to find homes for the animals. "We do not discriminate against any breed. All animals are welcome at this time. Our city officials have been great as well. People believe in what we do and for that I will be forever grateful." Cutting said she relies on food, bed-

ding, and monetary donations to help with vet bills which last year ran almost \$30,000.

The road to Ocean View Kennel did not come easy. Cutting was raised in a family where many struggled with substance abuse. "At the age of 11 my mother went to prison. I was bounced around until I was finally old enough to go to court and become an emancipated minor at 17". In her twenties, her family opened Ocean View Kennel.

After a few years, I ended up leaving and went back to the medical field. I also started my own program called Dogs for Dementia." Since Ocean View Kennel is not a nonprofit, Cutting works a second job helping care for dementia patients by bringing furry friends to visit with them.

Cutting fully took over the kennel four years ago. Her goal for Ocean View Kennel is very simple. "I want to reunite people with their lost pets. I want to bring joy and happiness to seniors visiting them at nursing homes with the animals. I also want to educate the schools and give the high school kids an opportunity to do their community service. I am now the city pound for five cities. As demanding as it is I wouldn't change a thing. You may get called out at all hours on weekends, holidays, and during Sunday dinners."



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## JOE BIDEN NEEDS OUR PRAYERS

With President Joe Biden taking the oath of office this week, America is ready to recover -- both physically and psychologically -- from the four years of "carnage" that has been left behind by the previous presidential administration.

It is fair to say that no incoming President ever has faced more challenges than those that are awaiting Joe Biden:

-- Washington, D.C. looks like a war zone for the inauguration, with 30,000 U.S. troops fortifying the city in the wake of the mob that stormed the Capitol two weeks ago. Similar threats of violence by anarchist, right-wing groups loom all across the country.

-- The COVID-19 pandemic is killing thousands of Americans each and every day, seven days a week, filling our hospitals to overflowing and overwhelming our healthcare system.

-- The nation's economy is in tatters, even more so than during the Great Depression, with record-high unemployment, hunger, and small business failures.

-- America's reputation in the world never has been lower in our entire history. Both friend and foe view us as an unreliable and unstable nation, rather than the moral and powerful leader that we have been since our founding.

-- And last but not least, the Russians have breached our national security with a massive cyberattack, the full scope of which still is to be determined.

The one saving grace for our country is this: No incoming president in the past 50 years has had more experience, and is better prepared for the job, than Joe Biden. The same too, goes for his key Cabinet members. They will be able to hit the ground running to get us back on track.

Still, the task ahead for Joe Biden is daunting -- and he will need all of the prayers we can send his way.

## LET'S GO, TAMPA BAY!

It's okay to admit it, Pats' fans -- we were rooting for Tom and Gronk in their playoff game for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this past Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

It has been jarring to see No. 12 playing in a Tampa Bay uniform this season -- it's like seeing your long-time ex-with someone else.

But with the Patriots' dismal season relegating the Pats to the bottom third of the NFL (where they are destined to remain for a while), Tom and Gronk's playoff run with the Bucs has given us something to cheer about.

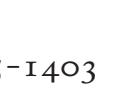
True, both are only shadows of their former selves. Brady threw a lot of off-target passes and Gronk had trouble getting open. On the other hand, they connected for a key first-down deep in New Orleans territory late in the game that led to the Bucs' clinching score.

Although it was nowhere as dramatic as that amazing catch that Gronk made late in the 2019 AFC championship game in Kansas City that propelled the Pats to another Super Bowl, it still was a vintage Brady-to-Gronk clutch play that brought a smile to the face of every New England fan. (We should note too, that Gronkowski played a huge role in the Tampa Bay running game with his blocking, just as he did with the Pats for a decade.)

Tampa Bay will face a stiff challenge in Green Bay this Sunday. The Bucs smoked the Packers in their regular-season meeting earlier in the year, but Aaron Rodgers and Co. are playing at an unreal level right now.

Let's go Bucs -- we want to see Tom and Gronk in the Super Bowl!

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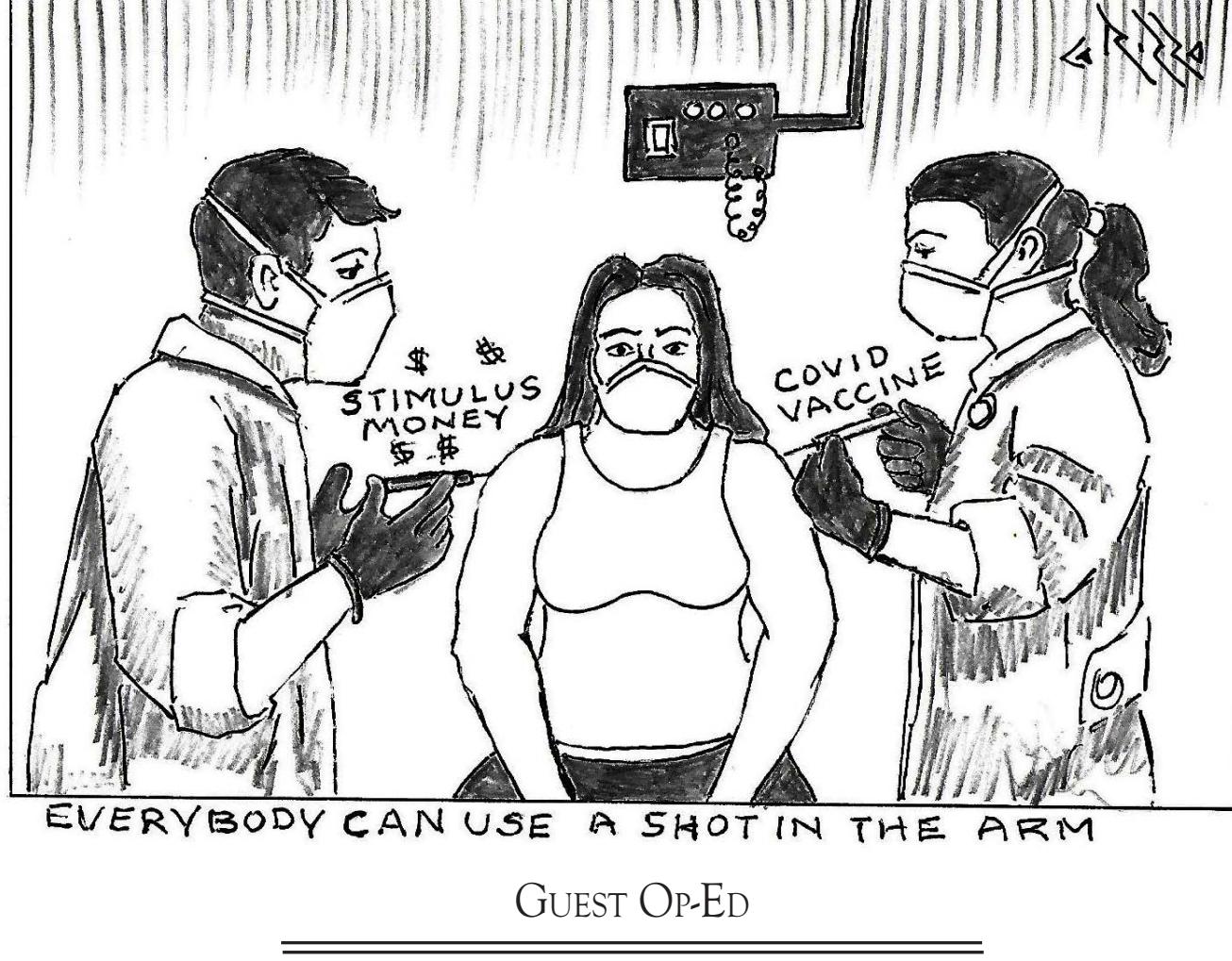
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# Forum



## GUEST OP-ED

### Stating my priorities if elected your state representative

By Valentino Capobianco

Consider this my introduction if you don't know me already: my name is Tino Capobianco, and I'm running to succeed Speaker DeLeo as your next State Representative.

Just as I worked to deliver results for families in Winthrop on its School Committee, I will fight hard for you in the State House. Working to make sure our communities thrive, and all of our residents' voices are heard, is my life's work.

My focus will be making sure everybody in this district has access to opportunity -- opportunity to make a good living; opportunity to start, restart, or grow a business; opportunity for our families to lead happy healthy lives; opportunity to give our children the education they deserve.

In short, our work at the State House must be focused on giving people the opportunity to have the American Dream.

I learned about what it means to make the most of the opportunities, because it's the story of my family.

My grandfather Ralph Capobianco was a first-generation immigrant from Italy and settled on

Falcon Street in the Eagle Hill section of East Boston. He was a victim of child labor and was not able to attend school.

"Noni", as I knew him, went on to serve his country in WWII and when he returned became a small business owner and worked as a custodian until he was 85 years old. My grandfather instilled a set of values in me that made me the man I am today.

The communities of the 19th Suffolk District -- including all of Winthrop and Revere -- embody what it means to pursue and achieve the American Dream. That Dream has been achieved by so many of us and our neighbors, and we need to honor the sacrifices they made to get where they are while making sure the Dream is available to our neighbors for whom it is sadly out of reach.

The priorities of your next State Representative should be laser focused on how we create those opportunities for the people of the district.

From my time as Chief of Staff for State Senator Paul Feeney, a proud labor Democrat who I am honored to have supporting my candidacy, I saw up close what concrete steps

the State House can take to continue that work.

I believe that every child deserves access to the best public education possible. As a Commonwealth, we can work together to meet that goal by fully implementing the recently passed Student Opportunity Act, investing in vocational education, making college more affordable, and supporting students with disabilities.

We need to support working families by increasing our minimum wage to at least \$15 an hour, hazard pay for essential workers, and reinstating time-and-a-half on Sundays for retail workers.

The mental health crisis in our communities is one we have to tackle head on. We have to address the critical issues that are facing our veterans including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Mental Health Issues, and working to eliminate homelessness for all Veterans. Once and for all we need to address the opioid epidemic and reform our justice system to treat addiction as an illness, not a criminal offense.

Above all, policy platform aside, I fundamentally believe that the most

important duty of a State Representative is constituent service -- to be responsive and active when they ask for help. To me, that means whenever a constituent calls it's my job to take the call, listen to the concern, and then do everything I can to resolve the issue.

So my most important commitment is that I will be an open, honest, and accessible State Representative just as I was a Legislative Aide, Chief of Staff, and School Committee Member for the past five years.

We are proud of our community but right now we also know that trust in elected officials to do the hard work is at an all-time low. We were incredibly privileged to have Speaker Robert DeLeo's service to our district for so long. Picking up that mantle will not be easy.

I am promising you now that nobody will outwork me, and I hope to talk with you in the coming weeks and prove it.

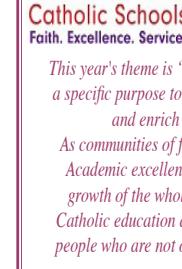
Valentino Capobianco is a Winthrop resident and Candidate for State Representative of the 19th Suffolk District.

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# Northern Strand Trail increasing in popularity among locals

By Melissa Moore-Randall

An abandoned railway corridor that runs through Everett, Malden, Revere, Saugus and Lynn has been transformed into a recreation spot for walkers, runners, and cyclists. The 10-mile trail, known as the Northern Strand Trail, is also used by commuters who use cycling as their mode of transportation.

According to Julie DeMauro, Revere's Special Assistant to Transportation Planning, the trail, formerly known as the Bike to the Sea Bike Path, was renamed to Northern Strand Trail in 2019. "The trail was originally used as the Saugus Branch Railroad that was part of the Boston-Maine Rail Line. The Northern Strand is also part of the East Coast Greenway, a 3000-mile bike network that begins in Calais, Maine and runs to Key West, Florida. The trail also connects to other recreational facilities such as Harmon Park, Anna Parker Park, the Mystic River, the Saugus River and to Rumney Marsh."

Elle Baker, Revere's Project Manager for Open Space and the Environment, said the trail began as a vision over 20 years ago starting with the bike advocacy group Bike by the Sea. "This motivated group recognized the recreational potential for this abandoned railway. They worked with each community to educate and build support to transform this trail. Bike to the Sea, wrote grants and facilitated fundraising efforts to remove the rails and add gravel allowing access for walkers and runners. The previous Boston to Maine rail was operational between 1853 to 1958 and the station was called Franklin Park" (see photo)

Baker added, "Over the years several community planning meetings were held. This caught the attention of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. EOEEA provided a grant to support this initiative to connect all 5 communi-

ties seamlessly offering each community a voice in the planning process and amenities that will suit their communities. Revere will have seating at the marsh viewpoints, educational signs about history and wildlife, a bocce court, underpass lighting, and a plaza adjacent to Harmon Park. The plaza will include plantings, seating, bike racks, and a bike repair station. Improvements to the current bike/pedestrian crosswalk at Salem Street will consist of shorter crossing distances, a Rapid Flash Pedestrian Beacon and improved pavement markings and signage." Planning for the project included extensive community outreach, spanned over a year, and incorporated community collaboration and agreements between all of the municipalities. Revere assumed the lead role to facilitate the project."

Those who travel along the trail will see a variety of sights ranging from urban settings with murals, industrial buildings, and a quiet and serene marsh with small local birds and wildlife providing a point where the sound of the city just disappears.

The main goal of current renovations is to provide outside recreational and commuter connections between the cities and towns for cyclists and pedestrians. The project is being fully funded by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for \$13M.

The project contracted to Landscape Architect, Brown Richardson and Rowe, the Engineering Firm is Stantec Engineering with both being heavily involved with the community process.

DeMauro made note of substantial improvements. "Improvements to the current bike/pedestrian crosswalk at Salem Street will consist of a shorter crossing distance, a Rapid Flash Pedestrian Beacon and improved pavement markings and signage."

Baker reflected on the

vision of the Trail. "The ultimate vision for the trail is to offer another means of recreation for the residents of all five communities. Urban communities have limited green space and opportunities for outdoor activity. This introduces a new place that invites our residents to be active and improve their health both mentally and physically. Revere is grateful for the support of EOEEA. Without their support this project could only be completed piecemeal. The finished product will be an asset for all five communities that otherwise may not have been attainable and certainly would not have been completed as quickly."

DeMauro also shared more about the Trail's vision. "The evolution of the Northern Strand Trail from a scenic path into a 10-mile paved regional shared use trail will produce positive economic, environmental, health and housing impacts for the five communities for which it serves. Historically, shared use paths boost local economies, provide greater access to jobs, reduce carbon emissions, and add value to neighborhoods and to the housing stock which abuts them. The reconstruction of the trail will preserve the history of the former rail line and create awareness of the important role that the Rumney Marsh Salt Marsh Reservation and Estuaries play in stabilizing the ecosystem feeding into Revere Beach and Boston Harbor."

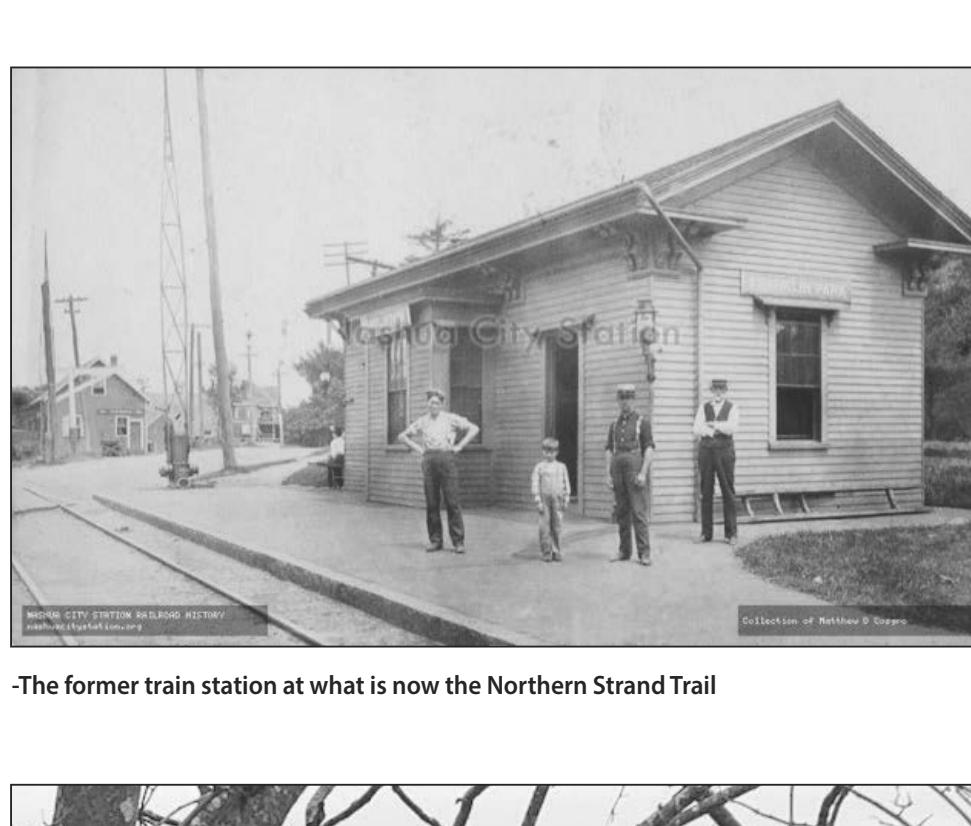
DeMauro, an avid runner and a frequent visitor to the trail, looks forward to its future. "The Northern Strand continues to increase in use and popularity by residents and visitors to the area. The trail is a great place to walk, bike or run. The area after the Route 1 overpass is by far the best spot along the trail. The views and tidal patterns of the Rumney Marsh are beautiful and breath-taking despite the season."



Visitors can see amazing marsh views along the Northern Strand Trail



The Northern Strand Community Trail serves as a recreational spot for walkers, runners, and cyclists.



The former train station at what is now the Northern Strand Trail



A variety of wildlife make the marsh along the Northern Strand Trail their home

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## OBITUARIES

### Harriett Portney

Of Saugus, formerly of Revere



Harriett (Mandell) Portney, 92, of Saugus, formerly of Revere, beloved wife of the late Bernard A. Portney, died January 17 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Winthrop, the daughter of the late Samuel and Frances Mandell, she was raised and educated in Winthrop. Harriett was a stay-at-home mom who enjoyed her family and will be missed dearly.

She is survived by her daughter, Shari Lyn Losanno of Saugus and her son, Steven Portney of Revere. She was predeceased by her brothers: Herbert Mandell and Irwin "Jack" Mandell. Contributions in her memory may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Ste. B-102 Danvers, MA 01923. Due to COVID-19 pandemic private graveside services were held. Sharing written remembrances and condolences during this time will be essential in helping the Portney family reminisce, celebrate and heal. We encourage you to share your memories by visiting: [www.torfffuneralservice.com](http://www.torfffuneralservice.com).

### Jane Ingles

Her life was filled with family and friends



Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Visitation on Saturday, January 23, from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rt. 107) Revere for Jane C. (D'Alessandro) Ingles who died on Thursday, January 14, at the Winchester Hospital, with her sisters by her side, after a courageous battle with Lung Cancer. She was 54 years old. A Funeral service will be held in the Funeral Home at 2:45 p.m., Interment will be private at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all mandates and regulations will be in effect. Temperature checks, facial coverings, social distancing and a 25-person capacity.

Jane graduated from Revere High School, Class of 1984. Most of her working career was in the restaurant industry, both as a waitress and a bartender. Her personality and wit kept her customers happy and coming back.

Unfortunately, due to declining health, she was forced to no longer work. Her life was filled with family and friends who loved her and will miss her.

The beloved daughter of the late Robert A. "Della" D'Alessandro and

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Katherine J. Bright

Mom,

You live forever in our hearts, in all we do, guided still by the love you gave us.

January 25, 2006 - January 25, 2021

Loved and Sadly Missed,

Your Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

### Patricia "Pat" Cunningham

Member of the former Immaculata Guild of ICC

Patricia A. "Pat" (Curry) Cunningham of Shutesbury, formerly of Revere, passed away on January 12, peacefully and with dignity, meeting her God at the age of 92.

A member of the former Immaculata Guild of ICC, she was the beloved wife of the late John A. Cunningham, cherished mother of Michele D. Cunningham of Shutesbury, Michael J. Cunningham of Winthrop, John "Jay" Cunningham of Salem, Margaret A. "Peggy" Cunningham of Groton, Kathleen "Kathy" Brainerd of Salt Lake City, UT, Steven E. Cunningham and his wife, Kathleen of Reading, Karen M. Garrett and her husband, Patrick of Derry, NH and the late Patricia M. Cunningham-Healey; dear sister of the late Sylvia M. Creed, John "Jack" Curry, Lorraine Herosy & Brian Curry. She is also lovingly and proudly survived by 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass on Thursday, January 21 in the Immaculate Conception Church (Corner of Beach St. and Winthrop Ave.), Revere at 11 a.m. All attendees are asked to report directly to church. Interment at



Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett will be held privately. A Celebration of Life will also be announced at a later date when it is safer for family and friends to gather in her memory.

A reminder: due to the ongoing pandemic, all attendees must wear masks and maintain social distancing. Temperatures will be taken prior to entering the church and all are required to provide their name and phone number for contact tracing.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Hospice of the Fisher Home, 1165 North Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 01002. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com)

The staff at Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals of Revere are honored to have assisted the family in the completion of funeral arrangements.

### Vincent "Big Vin" Cianciaruso

The family he built was his greatest achievement

Vincent ("Big Vin") Cianciaruso passed away on January 18 after a courageous battle with gastro-intestinal cancer in the loving presence of Pamela, his wife of 49 years. "Big Vin" was born in Gaeta, Italy but he was as American as apple pie, having spent his entire career as a laborer with the Laborers' Union Local #151 proudly helping build most major high-rises in Cambridge and downtown Boston.

His greatest achievement, however, was the family he built. Always in his heart were his two sons, Vincent ("Little

Vin"), Billy, and daughter, Trystan. He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, TJ, Alex, and Abby Cianciaruso.

Due to precautions surrounding Covid-19, services will be held at a later date when it is safe to gather.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Vincent Cianciaruso to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via [www.jimmyfund.org/gift](http://www.jimmyfund.org/gift).

### Sharkey Zoulalian

March 22, 1923 – January 17, 2021

Sharkey (Djinivis) Zoulalian passed away peacefully on January 17, 2021 at Charlene Manor in Greenfield at the age of 97.

Sharkey was born on March 22, 1923 in Watertown to the late Hovhannes and Siranoush (Mahakian) Djinivis. She was the beloved wife of the late Stephen Zoulalian and is survived by her devoted children; George Zoulalian and his wife, Mary Ann of Jamaica Plain and Nancy Zoulalian and her husband, James Robertson of Easthampton. She was the loving grandmother of Stephen Major Zoulalian, the dear sister of Arshalous Ksayian of New Jersey and the late John Djinivis. She is also survived by her niece,



Siobhan Hutchinson.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and public safety concerns, funeral services and interment are private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center, 25 Winthrop Avenue, Revere, MA 02151.

For online guestbook please visit [www.giragopianfuneralhome.com](http://www.giragopianfuneralhome.com).

### Betty Argenzio

Retired Revere Public School Nurse

Betty (Wert) Argenzio of Revere died on January 18.

The beloved wife of the late Vincent P., she was the devoted mother of Superintendent of Public Works, Paul Argenzio and his wife, Colleen of Revere and the late Mark and Ronald Argenzio; cherished grandmother of Vincent, Kathryn and Laura; great-grandmother of Mark, Alexa, Brennan, David, Anthony and Emma; dear sister of the late Marilyn Harwin and loving aunt of Debra Doene and Steven Harwin.

Betty and Vincent met in Colorado while on a double date. Vincent was in the Air Force and Betty

was in nursing school. Later they were married and raised their family in Revere. Betty was head nurse at Malden Hospital for a few years before becoming a school nurse in the Revere Public Schools. In her free time Betty enjoyed gardening, crocheting, coin collecting and was an avid Red Sox fan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Habitat for Humanity, 240 Commercial St, FL4 Boston, MA 02109 or habitat.org. Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, all services were held privately. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. For guestbook please visit [www.Buonfiglio.com](http://www.Buonfiglio.com)

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Look for me in the sunshine, and in the stars at night.

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**10 years ago**  
**January 19, 2011**

Revere Fire Dept. Deputy Chief Ronnie Cook, 56, is retiring after a long and distinguished career. Cook attended the McKinley School for eight years and went to high school at the old Immaculate Conception School, graduating in 1972. He attended Essex Tech for two years before taking a position at the Fire Department. After starting with the department in 1980, Cook made Lieutenant in 1986, and then captain in 1993. He became an acting deputy chief soon after, and then later, a full deputy chief.

A School Department employee has been charged with several offenses by Revere Police following a fight over a disputed parking spot on a snow-filled street. School Superintendent Paul Dakin said he wants to have a serious talk with the employee this week. The employee was driving his school-issued vehicle to a home on Bradstreet Avenue in Beachmont when the melee unfolded. The School Department truck, which was being operated by the employee, is equipped with a snowplow, which was the genesis of the problem. Four officers responded to the scene around 11:30 p.m. and found a large and chaotic crowd, according to a police report.

No Strings Attached, The Green Hornet, and Tron: Legacy are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**20 years ago**  
**January 24, 2001**

The recently-opened Comfort Inn hotel on the American Legion Highway has proven to be a huge financial success, selling out since it opened its doors. The hotel has demonstrated that Revere's close proximity to Boston and Logan Airport make it a convenient location for similar developments.

Three Catholic parishes in Revere, St. John Vianney, St. Theresa, and St. Anthony of Padua, will be consolidated as of July 1 because of a lack of priests to serve all three. The church at St. Anthony's will be used for all three parishes because of its large seating capacity and expansive parking area.

A 21 year-old Everett man who was the operator of a motor vehicle that reportedly was speeding at 67 m.p.h. and crashed into a wall on Malden St., claiming the life of a 16 year-old Revere High freshman who was a passenger, is himself still in critical condition at Mass. General. In a separate fatal accident that claimed the life of an Everett man who was walking on the Revere Beach Parkway, a 38 year-old Winthrop man has turned himself into police, who have charged him with motor vehicle homicide and leaving the scene of an accident.

Fr. Bill Butler, the pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption Church for the past 15 years, is celebrating his 40th year in the priesthood this coming month.

Chocolat, State and Main, and Traffic are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago**  
**January 23, 1991**

Revere resident Melissa Marquis, 22, a corporal in the Army, is among the local servicemen and women

who are taking part in Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait from Saddam Hussein's Iraqi army. She is continuing a long line of her family who have served in the military. Melissa's father, Ernest, served in Korea and brother Paul served in Vietnam.

School Supt. Rocco Malfitano told the School Committee this week that past due bills have created a deficit of \$303,000 in the School Department's current budget.

The Revere City Republican Committee has been dissolved by the State GOP. Local committee chairperson Adele Toro recently had taken action against two committee members, City Treasurer George Anzuoni and City Councilor George Capoale, for their support in the recent state election of Democrats John Silber for governor and Tom Birmingham for State Senate.

The state unemployment rate continues to remain high and now stands at 7.4 percent.

**40 years ago**  
**January 21, 1981**

Confusion reigns in city government thanks to the City Council's refusal to take action to exceed the tax cap, leaving the layoffs of police and firefighters in limbo while legal action on the matter is pending in Superior Court.

Revere teachers have been picketing City Hall to express their dissatisfaction with the lack of progress in contract talks with school officials.

The wife of City Councilor William Bell has charged that her family was threatened by the head of the police union, who allegedly told her that members of the union would think nothing of bombing her husband's car because of Bell's anti-union stance on contract talks.

The Atlantic Savings Bank announces that the interest rate on its NOW accounts has been increased to 5.25 percent.

**50 years ago**  
**January 21, 1971**

The head of the Revere Welfare Office and a social worker have pleaded not guilty to larceny charges stemming from the alleged misuse of food stamps and heating oil slips amounting to thousands of dollars.

The Board of Appeals has approved a variance to exceed the height limits for the 107-unit elderly housing project at Harris St. and Winthrop Ave.

Louis M. Caputo has been elected the new chairman of the Revere Housing Authority.

Chiquita bananas are 10 cents per pound, grapefruit are nine for \$1.00, and top round steak roast is \$1.18 per pound at Cerretani's Supermarket on the Parkway this week.

**60 years ago**  
**January 26, 1961**

Robert O'Keefe, who has been the asst. principal at Revere High for 33 years, has been named the new principal to succeed Dr. Augustine Whelan, who passed away suddenly last week after serving for 35 years as principal at RHS.

The Immaculate Conception Drum and Bugle Corps braved frigid conditions on Inauguration Day in Washington, D.C., to bring home a third-place prize among the 100 marching bands that took

## REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

### DO YOU REMEMBER?



Shown in 1954, the Revere Republican City Committee poses on the steps of Revere City Hall.

part in the inauguration ceremonies for President John F. Kennedy.

The big winter storm last week forced the evacuation of hundreds of families from their homes in Beachmont and at the Pt. of Pines. Broadsound Ave. was inundated with seawater. The storm cost the city \$19,900 for snow removal.

**70 years ago**  
**January 25, 1951**

City Manager Edward C. Monahan survived another attempt by the City Council, led by former mayor Ray Carey, to remove him from office and received a standing ovation from the gallery in the

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City Building Inspector Michael Ancillo reports that Revere is keeping pace with the nationwide construction boom, as more than \$7 million in real estate construction has been added to the city's tax base. Ancillo reports that he issued \$3.5 million in building

permits in 1950 alone.

Twelve men from Revere will be among the 33 men who will be off to serve in Korea, marking the largest number of men from the city inducted by the Chelsea-Revere-Winthrop draft board since it was re-established for the war.

The School Committee,

led by member John J. Riley, has voted against salary hikes for certain School Dept. personnel.

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# Recovery on the Harbor set to open next month

By John Lynds

A new resource center for people in recovery will open its doors in Orient Heights Square next month and serve residents from East Boston and Winthrop working on their sobriety.

Run by North Suffolk Mental Health Association (NSMHA) Recovery on the Harbor at 983 Bennington St. will offer those in recovery access to a wide array of resources and programs to help on their road to recovery.

"The only requirement for somebody to use this center is 24 hours of recovery and they have to be 18 years old or over," said NSMHA's Katherine O'Leary. "It will be a member driven program based on a peer to peer participatory process. So the members will decide to include things like parenting classes; AA and NA meetings; Smart Re-

covery meetings; Refuge Recovery meetings and multiple other pathways to recovery programs. There is some discussion to include vocational training or a parent support group. It's really just meant to empower and enhance the community and strengthen the recovery community overall."

There were some earlier misconceptions over exactly what sort of programs would be offered at Recovery on the Harbor when NSMHA announced it was moving into the space on Bennington Street. Some residents on social media spread rumors the space would be anything from an addiction treatment facility to a methadone clinic.

"It's not a hangout," said O'Leary. "It's not a place that someone can come to if they're getting high. If somebody comes in and needs treatment then we can assist them

and help them find treatment but that's not what Recovery on the Harbor is designed for. It is really designed to strengthen and enhance the recovery community. Everybody that works there has some form of lived experience with alcohol or addiction."

Recovery on the Harbor percolated up from several stakeholders that work with the addiction community and programs that help addicts to expand resources for the community.

"Right now there are 26 recovery support centers across Massachusetts," said O'Leary. "And before Recovery on the Harbor there were only three in Boston. I think the opposite of addiction is connection and I think that's really what's lacking right now and we're seeing that in the lack of detox beds; we're seeing that in the emergency departments; we're seeing it in

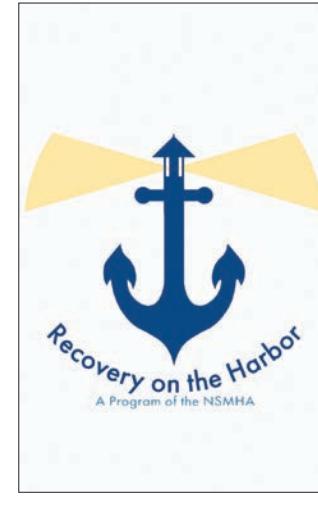
the homeless populations out on the street. There is a lack of resources right now in places like Recovery on the Harbor brings people together rather than push them apart."

O'Leary said in the final analysis Recovery on the Harbor will give somebody a safe place to go. "It will help remove some of the barriers to next steps," said O'Leary. "One of the coaches that will be rotating in and out of there will have some kind of information to share with these people in recovery. It's about building resources and building bridges rather than burning them down. So we really want to extend this into the community and welcome the community and because right now I feel like there isn't a person out there that hasn't been touched or affected by addiction in some way shape or form. So this center kind of helps to dimin-

ish the stigma attached to it."

O'Leary, who is closing in on 10 years sober herself, says more resources and funding have been poured into treatment with little emphasis on recovery support.

"Putting down the drink or drug a lot of times in hindsight is the easy part," said O'Leary. "Getting people to maintain accountability living life in recovery, where they're connected to their community and maintaining their recovery is a long uphill battle. It's really a blessing when someone gets to that point but I think what's happening is we had so many resources getting dumped into treatments and detox we're finally at a point with the lingering question, 'Now What?'. We want to sustain, we want to improve the recovery community and make sure they're staying connected and



continue to be supported. I think that is the continuum of care with substance use disorder and that's where this new recovery center falls. We're here to meet the needs of the recovery community."

Those looking to find out more information or want to become a member of Recovery on the Harbor contact Jenny Celata, Director of Recovery on the Harbor, at VCelata@nortsuffolk.org.

## Northeast Metro Tech reminds prospective students to register for Q & A session before application deadline

Superintendent David DiBarri is encouraging prospective students to

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east Metro Tech before the priority deadline for applications.

chester, Winthrop and Woburn. Prospective students from those communities are encouraged to apply.

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and pipefitting, and robotics and automation.

To sign up for a live question and answer question via Zoom about Northeast Metro Tech and its programs, click here.

Zoom sessions are being offered on the following days:

Jan. 26 at 1 p.m.

Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.

Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.

Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.

Feb. 8 at 1 p.m.

Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

Feb. 22 at 1 p.m.

Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

Sessions will be available in English, Spanish

and Portuguese and those who speak other languages can request translation assistance when they sign up for a zoom session online.

Rolling admissions applications will be accepted after March 1, and additional question and answer sessions will be held over Zoom this spring as well. Dates for those sessions will be announced as soon as they become available.

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# Sports

## Nicolette D'Itria honored at St. Mary's Senior Night

By Cary Shuman

Nicolette D'Itria celebrated Senior Night at St. Mary's High School with another excellent performance and another victory.

D'Itria, a 5-foot-7-inch guard and captain from Revere, had 12 points, four rebounds, and four assists as the St. Mary's girls basketball team routed Cardinal Spellman of Brockton, 75-27, Friday night at the Tony Conigliaro Gymnasium.

Nicolette was one of five seniors honored before the game. St. Mary's head coach and director of athletics Jeff Newhall presented gifts to Nicolette's parents, Mike D'Itria and Tami D'Itria, while her brother, Anthony, a rising sophomore outside shooting guard for the St. Mary's boys' varsity basketball team, also participated in the mid-court ceremony. Her cousin, Gianna, also attended the game.

Newhall hailed Nicolette and her fellow seniors' contributions to the program, a superb run that includes last year's 24-2 record and Division 3 state championship.

"The contributions of our seniors have been great," said Newhall. "They're averaging over 20 wins a year. They've been a state champion (2020) once and a state finalist (2019) another time. I think the expectations are very high for this year even though there is no state tournament. Great group. Great players. Great people, most importantly."

D'Itria is off to an All-Scholastic-caliber start for the Spartans who are 6-0 heading into Wednesday night's much-anticipated showdown against defending Division 1 South champion Bridgewater-Raynham.

"Nicolette is one of the best all-around players in the state and will go down as one of the best ever in

our program," said Newhall.

D'Itria is considering a number of colleges for the next stop in her academic and basketball career.

"My top choices are UMass-Dartmouth, Framingham, Endicott, Suffolk, and Southern New Hampshire," said D'Itria.

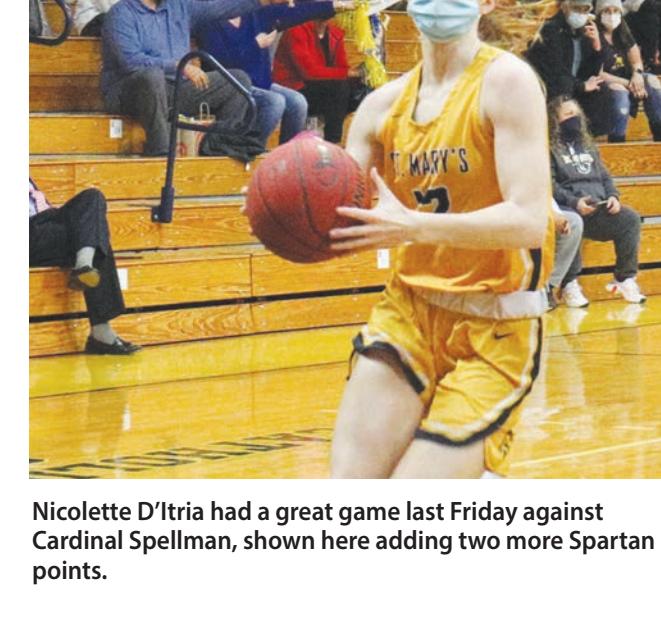
Also highlighting Senior Night for the Spartans was Maiya Bergdorf, who scored the 1,000th point of her career in the game. The other seniors are Alyssa Grossi, Van Nguyen, and Pej'ae Parent.



St. Mary's High School basketball star Nicolette D'Itria is pictured with her parents, Mike D'Itria and Tami D'Itria, and her brother, Anthony D'Itria, during Senior Night ceremonies at the Tony Conigliaro Gymnasium.



Freshman Guard, AJ Hyacinthe added to the Spartan route against Cardinal Spellman, contributing on both offense and defense.



Nicolette D'Itria had a great game last Friday against Cardinal Spellman, shown here adding two more Spartan points.

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Briana Scata continued to shine this indoor season for the Revere High girls track team with a first-place effort in the shotput in last Monday's meet with Beverly. Briana's toss of 28'-5" easily topped the field by nine inches over her nearest competitor. Second-place efforts for coach Sam Ros's Lady Patriots were delivered by Maggie DiPlatzi with a high jump leap of 4-4; Camden Sigouin in the 300 in 48.2; and Brittany Brown in the

5:19.7. The Revere High boys basketball team turned in what may have been its best effort of the season to post a 75-53 victory over Northeastern Conference rival Saugus last Tuesday. The contest was a tight 16-15 affair in Revere's favor after one quarter and at the half the Pats held a 32-27 advantage. However, Revere began to open things up after the intermission, enlarging their lead to 54-45 at the third buzzer and then put the pedal to the metal in the final frame en route to an eventual 75-53 triumph. Coach Rick Hayes's Pats were led by Frank Colleran with 22 points. Sean Quiroz was next on the point parade with 13. Greg Cabral

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The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Revere Police Department responded on the listed dates and times (in military time):

**FRIDAY, JAN. 1**

0004: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Dehon St. and issued a citation to the operator, a 24 year-old Revere man, for the criminal charge of operating an uninsured MV and for the civil infractions of having an open container of an alcoholic beverage while operating a MV and idling the engine of a stopped MV for more than five minutes. The MV was towed.

0007: Unwanted person on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer provided assistance.

0018: Noise disturbance on Greentree Lane. The officer restored the peace.

0020: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

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0041: Suspicious activity on Washington Ave. The officer filed a report.

0103: Noise disturbance on Garfield Ave. The officer provided assistance.

0105: Noise disturbance on Lancaster Ave. The officer spoke to the party.

0138: Disturbance on Green St. The officer spoke to the party.

0153: Domestic disturbance on Avon St. The officer arrested Robert M. Nasson, 67, of Avon St., for the criminal offenses of assault & battery (A&B) on a family or household member and making a threat to commit a crime.

0157: An officer provided assistance to a citizen at Davis St. and Broadway.

0204: Noise disturbance on Vane St. The officer restored the peace.

0218: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Broadway.

0218: An officer stopped a MV at No. Shore Rd. and Beach St. The MV was towed.

0219: Larceny on Green St. The officer filed a report.

0250: Domestic disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer issued a summons for a court hearing to a 37 year-old Revere man for the criminal offense of assault & battery upon a family or household member and to a 42 year-old Revere man for the criminal offense of assault upon a family or household member.

0313: Noise disturbance on Winthrop Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0315: Disabld MV on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer provided assistance.

0339: Noise disturbance on Bellingham Ave. The officer restored the peace.

0354: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley Ave. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0628: Disabled MV at

Mahoney Circle. The officer provided assistance.

1012: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Charger St. The officer filed a report.

1046: Larceny on Shirley Ave. The officer filed a report.

1058: A MV was parked in a handicapped spot on Ridge Rd. The officer provided assistance.

1106: Abandoned MV at Broad Sound Ave. and Winthrop Parkway. The MV was towed.

1215: MVA at No. Shore Rd. and Beach St. The officer filed a report.

1239: Vandalism on Franklin Ave. The officer filed a report.

1246: The owner of a motor vehicle (MV) reported the theft of a registration plate from his MV. The officer filed a report.

1525: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Vane St. and filed a report.

1645: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Malden and Marshall Sts. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1712: Suspicious activity on Coolege St. The officer provided assistance.

1739: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

1824: Disturbance on Mountain Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1941: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Terrace.

1944: Shoplifting on Furling Dr. The officer filed a report.

1956: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2001: MVA on Fenwick St. The officer filed a re-

port.

2207: Vandalism on Broadway. The officer filed a report.

2219: A hit-and-run MVA with property damage was reported on Squire Rd.

2304: Violation of a domestic abuse prevention restraining order (209A order) on Beach St. Officers arrested Heriberto Gutierrez Pineda, 30, of Beach St., for the criminal offense of violating a 209A order.

2338: Traffic complaint on No. Shore Rd. The officer placed a 40 year-old

Revere man into protective custody and towed his MV.

2342: Disabled MV at Malden and Ensign Sts. The officer provided assistance.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 2**

0047: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Broadway and the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer issued a citation to the operator, a 41 year-old Revere man, for the criminal offenses of failing to stop for a police officer and operating a MV recklessly so

as to endanger and for the civil infractions of speeding and failing to stop for two traffic control signals.

0129: Suspicious activity on Cummings Ave. The officer provided assistance.

0209: Suspicious MV on Gordon Rd. The officer provided assistance.

0343: Missing person on Arnold St. The officer provided assistance.

0926: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

1101: Landlord-tenant disturbance on Milano Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1132: Parking complaint on Conant St. The officer spoke to the party.

1216: Complaint on Hichborn St. The officer provided assistance.

1452: Disturbance on Ocean Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1500: MVA on Ward St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1534: An officer stopped a MV on Ocean Ave. and provided assistance.

1552: Domestic disturbance on Cushman Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1619: MVA on Broadway. The officer issued a citation to a 32 year-old Lynn man for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.

1647: MVA at Charger St. and Squire Rd. The officer will file a report.

1649: Disturbance on Ocean Ave. The officer will file a report.

1710: Threats on Furlong Dr. The officer restored the peace.

1902: Domestic disturbance on Overlook Ridge Terr. The officer provided assistance.

1927: Disturbance on Kimball ave. The officer restored the peace.

1950: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2012: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2024: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2028: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Overlook Ridge Drive.

2103: Hit-and-run MCA with property damage at Central Ave. and Broadway. The officer provided assistance.

2114: Disturbance on

Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

2156: Domestic disturbance on Parkside Place. The officer provided assistance.

2239: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Bellingham Ave. Officers arrested

Christopher M. Mack, 32, of 115 Endicott Ave., for the criminal offenses of operating a MV while under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a MV.

2353: MVA at Mahoney Circle. The officer filed a report.

**MONDAY, JAN. 4**

0004: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on the Revere Beach Parkway.

0254: Larceny on Flint St. The officer filed a report.

0722: An officer served a 209A order upon a Graves Rd. resident.

0755: Breaking & entering (B&E) into a building on Squire Rd. The officer filed a report.

0928: MVA on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1027: B&E into a building on No. Shore Rd. The officer filed a report.

1107: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on the Revere Beach Parkway for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.

1128: Disturbance on Furlong Drive. The officer filed a report.

1130: Larceny on Hichborn St. The officer filed a report.

1139: An officer served a 209A order upon a Revere Beach Parkway resident.

1234: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Reservoir Ave.

1334: Disturbance on Revere St. The officer filed a report.

1406: MVA on VFW Parkway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1407: Animal complaint on Furlong Dr. The officer provided assistance.

1408: Stolen motor vehicle plate on Squire Rd. The officer filed a report.

1445: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Rumney Rd. and filed a report.

1518: Vandalism on Squire Rd. The officer filed a report.

1608: MVA at Ward St. and Broadway. The officer will file a report.

1618: A resident reported a case of identity theft. The officer filed a report.

1630: Larceny on Squire Rd. The officer filed a report.

1640: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Beachland Ave. for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.

1667: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Beach St. and No. Shore Rd. and issued a citation to the operator.

1706: Parking complaint on Avon St. The officer provided assistance.

1717: Complaint on Kingma Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1719: Domestic disturbance on Coolege St. The officer provided assistance.

1727: Disturbance on Kingman Ave. The officer issued a summons for a court hearing to a 30 year-old Revere man for the criminal offenses of assault & battery (A&B) upon a person over the age of 60 and A&B upon a family or household member.

1657: A 209A order was served upon a Revere St. resident.

1736: MVA at Brown Circle. The officer issued a citation to a 46 year-old East Boston man for the

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## Sports Years //

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600 in 2:00.8. Adding single points to the Revere cause with third place finishes were Noelle Galli in the shot-put with a toss of 24-10; Lindsay Gurska in the 50 hurdles in 8.6; Ha Nguyen in the 50 dash in 6.9; Alanna Pasco in the 600 in 2:02.5; and Nikki Nelson in the mile in 14:11.9.

The Revere High hockey team continues to look for its scoring touch after a 5-0 loss to Saugus. The Pats now have scored just one goal in their past three games. The Patriots now stand at 3-3 in the Northeastern Conference and 3-5 overall.

### 20 years ago

**January 24, 2001**

The Revere High girls basketball team proved no match for Somerville, the fourth-ranked team in Division I, in a 54-19 defeat. The Lady Patriots now stand at 1-10 on the season. Christa Margosian led Revere with six points, followed by Carleen Wasafro with four. Marissa Burton sank a three-pointer for coach Bob Ardolino's squad.

Freshman Stephanie

Spillane is making an impact for the Revere High girls gymnastics team. Spillane won the vault with a score of 8.6 in the Lady Patriots' recent meet with Arlington. She also finished second in the floor and balance beam and third in the uneven parallel bars. Captain Breanne Homer also performed well for coach Ann Montani's squad.

Former Revere High star athlete Frank Candela, who played his freshman and sophomore seasons at RHS before transferring to Peabody, has been given a four year football scholarship to the University of Southern California. Candela was a fifth round draft pick of the Milwaukee Brewers in 1997 and played the last four years in the Brewers' Class A farm system. Candela has amazing speed and stole 43 bases this past baseball season. He is being viewed as a punt and kickoff returner by USC under its new head coach, former New England Patriots' head coach Pete Carroll.

The Revere High boys basketball team defeated Somerville, 65-51.



RHS Patriot Cheerleaders join a Revere Pop Warner Cheering team on the field of during an evening Pop Warner football game at Harry Della Russo Stadium in November 2008.

Obinna Amaefule scored 15 points, including two dunks, for coach Tony Ferullo's Patriots. Jon DeMarco added 13 and Lou Brandt hit for 10. Revere is 5-3 and in fourth place in the nine-team GBL and is 7-3 overall. Undefeated Cambridge is in first place.

Revere Youth Hockey President Rick Dow is undertaking a drive to have Cronin Rink undergo extensive renovations or to have the rink demolished and a new one built in its place. The rink, which is 40 years old, is facing significant structural prob-

lems.

### 60 years ago

**January 26, 1961**

The School Committee has accepted the resignation of hockey coach Alan Parker and has named asst. coach Gerald Moschella to succeed him.

The RHS basketball team defeated Medford, 76-72. Coach Art Mellace's squad was led by Bert Morelli, who hit for 27 points, followed by Dave Koplovitz with 20, Paul Balboa with 16, and Brian Rebholz with 11.

## Police News //

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criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.

1805: MVA on Broadway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1827: MVA on Beach St. The officer issued a citation to a 25 year-old Lynn man for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.

1841: Traffic complaint on VFW Parkway. The officer restored the peace.

1841: Disturbance on Cambridge St. The officer restored the peace.

1910: Domestic disturbance on Cooledge St. The officer restored the peace.

1925: Parking complaint on Folsom St. The officer issued a parking ticket.

2022: Violation of a harassment prevention restraining order pursuant to c. 258E on Cambridge St. The officer issued a summons for a court hearing to a 63 year-old Revere man for the criminal offense of violating a 258E order.

2103: Abandoned MV on Larkin St. The MV was towed.

2108: Harassment on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer filed a report.

2115: An officer served a 209A order upon a Sullivan St. resident.

2209: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on the VFW Parkway for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2228: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Arcadia St.

2329: An officer served a 209A order upon an Oak Island Rd. resident.

2341: Domestic disturbance on Malden St. The officer restored the peace.

2347: Domestic disturbance on Atlantic Ave. The officer will file a report.

1412: Stolen MV on Squire Rd. The officer filed a report.

1503: Shoplifting on Furlong Dr. The officer filed a report.

1505: A MV that had been reported as stolen was recovered on Lee Burbank Highway. The officer filed a report.

1547: MVA on Squire Rd. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1602: MVA at Copeland Circle. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1607: MVA on American Legion Highway. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1646: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Overlook Ridge Dr. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1649: Traffic complaint at Revere St. and No. Shore Rd. The officer pro-

vided assistance.

1652: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Overlook Ridge Dr. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1726: Domestic disturbance on the Revere Beach Parkway. The officer spoke to the party.

1800: Domestic disturbance on George Ave. The officer spoke to the party.

1831: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway. The officer issued a citation to a 29 year-old Chelsea man for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV and for the civil infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign.

2036: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Park Ave.

2203: Disturbance on Pearl Ave. The officer provided assistance.

2220: Vandalism on Griffin St. The officer filed a report.

2223: Abandoned MV on Floyd St. The MV was placed on the 72-hour list.

2340: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Broadway for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2345: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Mahoney Circle for a civil infraction and

Beach Blvd. The officer filed a report.

1926: Domestic disturbance on Fenley St. The officer restored the peace.

1843: Domestic disturbance on Parkside Place. The officer provided assistance.

2023: An officer stopped a MV on Broadway for a civil infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator, a 19 year-old Lynn man, for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV and for the civil infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign.

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2345: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Mahoney Circle for a civil infraction and

gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2356: Unwanted person on American Legion Highway. The officer restored the peace.

1425: Disturbance on Sewall St. Officers arrested Roman Lora-Rodriguez, 31, of 24 Summer St., for the criminal offenses of causing malicious damage to a motor vehicle (MV), resisting arrest, assault & battery upon a police officer, and two counts of breaking & entering into a MV in the daytime with intent to commit a felony.

1500: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Brown Circle for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1551: MVA with property damage only on Trevalley Rd. The officer filed a report.

1601: Parking complaint on Griffin St. The officer issued a parking ticket.

1612: Disturbance at Broadway and Taft St. Officers arrested Daysi Prieto, 26, of 157 School St.,

on an outstanding warrant and for the criminal offense of illegal possession of Class B, Class C,

and Class E controlled narcotic substances.

1315: Complaint on Dix St. The officer spoke to the party.

1425: Disturbance on Seawall St. Officers arrested Roman Lora-Rodriguez, 31, of 24 Summer St., for the criminal offenses of causing malicious damage to a motor vehicle (MV), resisting arrest, assault & battery upon a police officer, and two counts of breaking & entering into a MV in the daytime with intent to commit a felony.

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Adrien Martinez of Revere

Emily De Jesus Kolsky of Revere

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### RESIDENT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Baylee Flemming of Revere has been named to the Dean's List for the 2020 fall 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.

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Robert Cobb, a Nichols College student from Revere achieved, Dean's List status for the fall 2020 semester at Nichols College, which ended in December.

The Dean's List and

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promote career advancement for today's professionals.

### LOESER NAMED TO SNHU DEAN'S LIST

Jason Loeser of Revere has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2020 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

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# Planning Board approves Suffolk Downs project

By Cary Shuman

The Revere Planning Board gave its unanimous approval to the McClellan Highway Development Company and the HYM Investment Group's sub-division plan for Phase 1R of the Suffolk Downs redevelopment project at its Jan. 12 meeting.

The initial phase of the project is located closest to the Beachmont MBTA station. The Phase 1R parcel of land will be subdivided into lots where new buildings will be built, along with roadways that will support the infrastructure for those buildings.

HYM, headed by Founding Partner and Managing Director Thomas N. O'Brien, plans to turn the site of the Suffolk Downs racecourse into a mixed-used development with commercial office space, housing, retail stores, restaurants, a hotel, and open recreational space.

Among the other plans displayed in the renderings on screen at the Zoom meeting was an amazing outdoor theater/entertainment area that is believed to be unprecedented in the region.

Michael Barowsky, HYM vice president of development, with the assistance of civil engineer Jeff Heidelberg, manager of urban development at Beals and Thomas, gave a brief overview of the Suffolk Downs project.

Barowsky said HYM acquired the Suffolk Downs site in May, 2017.

"We do have master plan approval from the City of Revere, the City of Boston, and at the state level," said Barowsky. "Part of the site is in Boston and part of the site is in Revere. In total we were approved for 16.2 million square feet. This is a very large project that's going to take 20-30 years to build out. However, we are starting the first stage of the development on the Revere side."

Barowsky said that Revere has already approved special permits for 5.6 million square feet of land.

"The way that breaks down is approximately 50 percent is residential and 50 percent commercial (office, retail, and hotel)," said Barowsky. [The residential portion of the project] will be a mix of apartments, senior housing, and condominiums."

Planning Board member and former Ward 2 Councilor Cathy Belinfante Penn asked about the expected groundbreaking date for the first phase of the project in Revere.

Barowsky responded, "We're planning on break-

ing ground this summer, probably around June or July."

Barowsky said the entire site consists of approximately 160 acres, with about 40 acres reserved for open space. The open space system will consist of a large central common, an outdoor theater, and generously sized plazas (one is adjacent to the Beachmont 'T' station).

## Penn, Jaramillo ask further about height restrictions, transportation

New members Catherine Penn and Juan Pablo Jaramillo raised some other pertinent questions about the project.

Penn requested information about the height restrictions for the buildings that will be a part of the first phase of the project.

"There will be some shorter buildings, if you will, that are seven to eight stories in our initial phase and there will also be some taller buildings up to about 170 feet," responded Barowsky. "The building that's closest to the 'T' station is a three-story building that will be a boutique-office building with ground-floor retail and residents."

"So one hundred seventy feet which would be about 17 floors. Would that be an apartment building?" asked Penn.

"Yes, that would be a residential apartment building with ground-floor retail and restaurants," responded Barowsky. "Our goal is to bring in very exciting, new retailers and restaurants because we want people to visit the site, we want people to live here, and we want people to work here. We are also setting aside 10 percent of our retail for local establishments in Revere and East Boston."

Jaramillo asked about the potential for employees and residents to rely mostly on buses for transportation within the Suffolk Downs property.

"In the main roads, has there been planning around how we encourage public transportation access to the site – has there been planning around expanding into bus lanes which will make the project more accessible and make it easier for the working people that are going to be living there?" asked Jaramillo.

Barowsky replied that "the development will be starting at the 'T' stations (Beachmont and Suffolk) with the idea that we want the 'T' stations to be the front door to the site."

Further responding, Barowsky said, "As the site gets built out over time, we're going to have

an on-site shuttle system [in the other phases of the project that are farther away from the 'T' stations]."

Barowsky also anticipates that there will be shuttles from the Suffolk Downs site to North Station, South Station "and three to four other key transportation hubs in the area."

## Deveau concerned about traffic exiting from site at Suffolk Downs

Ed Deveau said his primary concern from the very beginning of the plans for the development of Suffolk Downs has been and still is "the traffic impact in Beachmont (Donnelly) Square."

"I think every step of the way I've pointed out the fact that whatever can be done in terms of the engineering and the strategy of traffic flow, it needs to be designed so it leads away from Donnelly Square rather than into it," said Deveau.

Deveau reasoned that "given the way Route 1A currently is," people exiting the Suffolk Down site will most likely try to go through Donnelly Square and head toward Boston, rather than going left toward Route 1A.

"What's being done at Route 1A that's going to incentivize people from this project to go that way rather than through Donnelly Square?" asked Deveau, adding that he wanted to see actual projected numbers for the potential increase in traffic.

Barowsky responded to Deveau's concerns, stating that "We are putting a lot of work into the Phase 1 traffic mitigation."

"There's a lot of work being done up and down the Winthrop Avenue corridor," said Barowsky. "We're also doing a lot of work at Donnelly Square up to Harris Street and we're also making some improvements on Route 1A North and [Route 1A]

South, too. So there's a lot of work we're doing, all of which, of course, costs a lot of money."

Deveau seemed to infer that he would like a traffic study done by the developer, HYM Investment Group, to determine the projected number of vehicles that will be traveling to and from the Suffolk Downs site each day "given the current design and strategy."

"Those [traffic] numbers need to be out there," advised Deveau.

## McKenna talks about traffic mitigation efforts

In an interview separate from the Planning Board meeting, Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, whose district houses the entire Revere portion of the Suffolk Downs redevelopment project, addressed HYM's planning and community process which she said included numerous discussions with HYM officials about traffic in Beachmont

Square.

"The HYM Investment Group has run an extensive planning and community process at Suffolk Downs over the past three years with more than 450 community and stakeholder meetings," said McKenna. "As a result, they are making significant investments in the early phases of the redevelopment and have worked with Revere and MassDOT to mitigate any concerns about Donnelly Square traffic."

"In fact, HYM is investing over \$41 million into offsite traffic mitigation and upgrading 30 intersections over the lifespan of this monumental redevelopment. Suffolk Downs is an incredibly important project to the city of Revere, as it is creating much needed jobs and commercial tax revenue, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with HYM on these improvements," concluded McKenna.



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CHELSEA - The Chelsea City Council voted unanimously to name a street in honor of former Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Josh Kraft.

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson sponsored the motion that will name an area between Maverick Street and Congress Avenue adjacent to the club, "Josh Kraft Way."

"Josh Kraft came to Chelsea and helped affect Chelsea youths in a positive, uplifting manner," said Robinson. "He was able to deliver a state-of-the-art Boys and Girls Club facility to Chelsea that has benefited our youth in so many ways. His leadership of the club was exceptional. The naming of this street is a fitting honor for a someone who was outstanding leader in our community for many years."

Kraft served as the founding executive director of the Chelsea-based club for 15 years, leading the way for the construction of the new \$11.2 million clubhouse on Willow Street. He is stepping down as the president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston after a distinguished 30-year association with the organization.

Mark Robinson, chair of the JGBC Breakfast Series, said of Josh Kraft Way, "What a great and deserving honor!"

Robinson added, "Josh's legacy is beyond his leadership and the Chelsea Clubhouse. His positive impact on the lives of hundreds of children who passed through The Willow Street Clubhouse and their families is generational for it will multiply to the thousands for years to come. The Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea would not have happened without Josh and Chelsea will forever be the beneficiary."

John Montes, program director at the JGBC, had the opportunity to work with Kraft at the local club

for 20 years. He said he is excited that there will be street named in honor of Kraft.

"This is an amazing tribute to Josh," said Montes. "He has done so much for this community that I could not think of anyone more deserving of this honor."

Josh Kraft is the son of New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and the late Myra Kraft. Josh is the president of the New England Patriots Foundation.

### CHELSEA FUNERAL FUND ALMOST DEPLETED

CHELSEA - With five requests to the Chelsea Funeral Fund since Dec. 30, including one of Jan. 11 for a COVID-19 death, Father Edgar Duarte of St. Luke's Church warned the City Council that it is in danger of being depleted very soon if no action is taken.

The Funeral Fund was established originally in June to help residents provide a burial for unexpected deaths during the COVID-19, and many from community organizations and City government have referred those in need of funeral money to Father Edgar and the Fund. Families are able to access \$1,700 for referrals, and Father Edgar most of the time donates his services to officiate over the burial.

Father Edgar said there had been 12 families that have been helped at a cost of \$20,000 since COVID-19 hit, but he said there has been a major uptick in requests since the end of 2020 and the Fund is in danger of running out of money.

"The objective of the fund is to help residents provide a dignified burial of their dead in the worst of times," he said. "One issue that concerns me now is since Dec. 30 the number of referrals has been increased greatly in a short time."

He said there were two referrals last week, and two the previous week. On

Monday, La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega sent over another referral for a 60-year-old man that recently died of COVID-19.

"At this time, the Fund was started with \$22,000 and is left with \$8,000," he told the Council. "With this man referred today, it will be left with a little over \$6,000. We are very concerned that at this pace and with the increased mortality rates because of COVID-19, our Fund will dry up before our regular fundraising efforts can replenish the Fund."

Father Edgar and Councilor Judith Garcia put an order before the Council to provide \$25,000 of City funds to help replenish the Funeral Fund.

That effort was moved to a Second Reading at the City Council on Monday night, with much support from Councilors – including Councilor Damali Vidot.

Vidot said after having spent an hour talking about a \$300,000 project to beautify the downtown, things like this just seemed so much more important.

"There are dire needs out there like this," she said.

"We have a responsibility to help Father Edgar, who is doing the Lord's work literally," she said. "I feel what he has done is immeasurable and we should support him."

Garcia said the Fund is quickly getting depleted, and compared to other expenditures for COVID-19, it's a very small amount.

### LIFE-LONG EVERETT RESIDENT CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

EVERETT - For 90 years, Grace Harris has been representing her City with the utmost faith and...well, grace.

Living in her childhood home on upper Broadway since she was 5, Harris celebrated her 90th birthday at the Glendale Methodist Church on Sunday, and then with a small ceremon-

### NEW SUPERVISORS AT CHELSEA PD



Congratulations to the CPD's newest Patrol Sergeants - Star Chung (First Asian American Female Sargent), Paul Marchese (son of CPD Officer Ed Marchese - Ret.) and Jay Guido (son of former Revere Police Chief Jim Guido - Ret.).

"The City is extremely lucky to have such great new supervisors," said Chief Brian Kyes.

ny at her long-time home on Broadway Monday.

She turned 90 on Monday, Jan. 11.

"On Sunday they had a party for me at church and we all stayed six feet away from each other," said Harris. "We had some cake, and I am so grateful that I got many cards from all my friends and family. My cousin came up from Rhode Island on Monday with his wife, and my nephew was here too."

Harris grew up in Everett, living on Reed Avenue until she was 5. At that time, the family moved to a home in the 900th block of Broadway that her grandfather had owned.

She attended the old Lafayette School, the Parlin and graduated from Everett High School. For most of her working life, she was a professional underwriter for John Hancock in the insurance industry. Her father was a US Postal Service worker in Boston for his entire life, and her aunt worked at the State House.

"Everett has always been a good city to live in," she said. "Living on Broadway, it was always easy to get the bus out of here and get to work in Boston."

The joy of her life, she said, has been music.

Since a very young age, Harris has sang in the Glendale Methodist Church choir, and still continues to do that to this day. She always has enjoyed going to Symphony Hall in Boston and taking in the many concerts performed there as well.

"I just sang a solo of 'Silent Night' for Christmas at another church," she said. "I started into music just on my own. I started out in the choir when I was very young. I still love music a lot and I like classical and jazz."

Harris said she also has traveled extensively to England, Spain and Italy. One place she never got to go, though, was France. She hopes that maybe she can make it there in the next few years.

"I always wanted to go to France, but never made it there," she said. "In Italy, I remember riding the gondola and they played guitar and sang. In England, I went up the Thames to Windsor Castle."

Her caregiver, Linda Gaffney, said she is a "saint" and loved by many

in Everett at her church and within her circle of friends.

City Councilor Gerly Adrien also said she has been blessed to know Harris, and wished her a Happy Birthday this week as well.

"Happy Birthday, Grace, who has been blessed to be on this earth," she said. "May God continue to bless her and give her great strength. I know she is loved by so many, including Everett resident Linda Gaffney. Thank you everyone for making her feel very special for her birthday."

The governor has until Thursday night to sign the Home Rule.

### PROMOTIONS AT ZUMIX

East Boston. - Zumix's Jenny Shulman's decision to leave Zumix in December after eight years as the popular East Boston youth music nonprofit's Director of Programs has led to the promotions of three longtime Zumix alumni and staffers.

"We are so excited to finally get to share three announcements," said Zumix in a statement. "After eight years of service, Jenny Shulman will be passing the baton to Corey DePina, an alumnus of Zumix and a staff member since 2002."

Shulman announced in September that she would leave Zumix. She finished her tenure at the end of December and DePina will now assume the role of Director of Programs.

DePina started with Zumix as a student in the program's second year of existence back in 1992. DePina came back as a staff member in 2002.

"Corey is a musician, community advocate, and award winning teaching artist," said Zumix. "In 2019, Corey received the Black Excellence on the Hill award from the State of Massachusetts Black and Latino Caucus for both his role at ZUMIX, and as the founder of the Fogo Project, which is working to build a music school and recording studio on the island of Fogo in Cabo Verde where his family is from."

Zumix's Kadahj Bennett will be stepping into DePina's former role of Songwriting and Performance Manager.

Bennett joined the staff in 2019 as the Instrumental Music Manager, and

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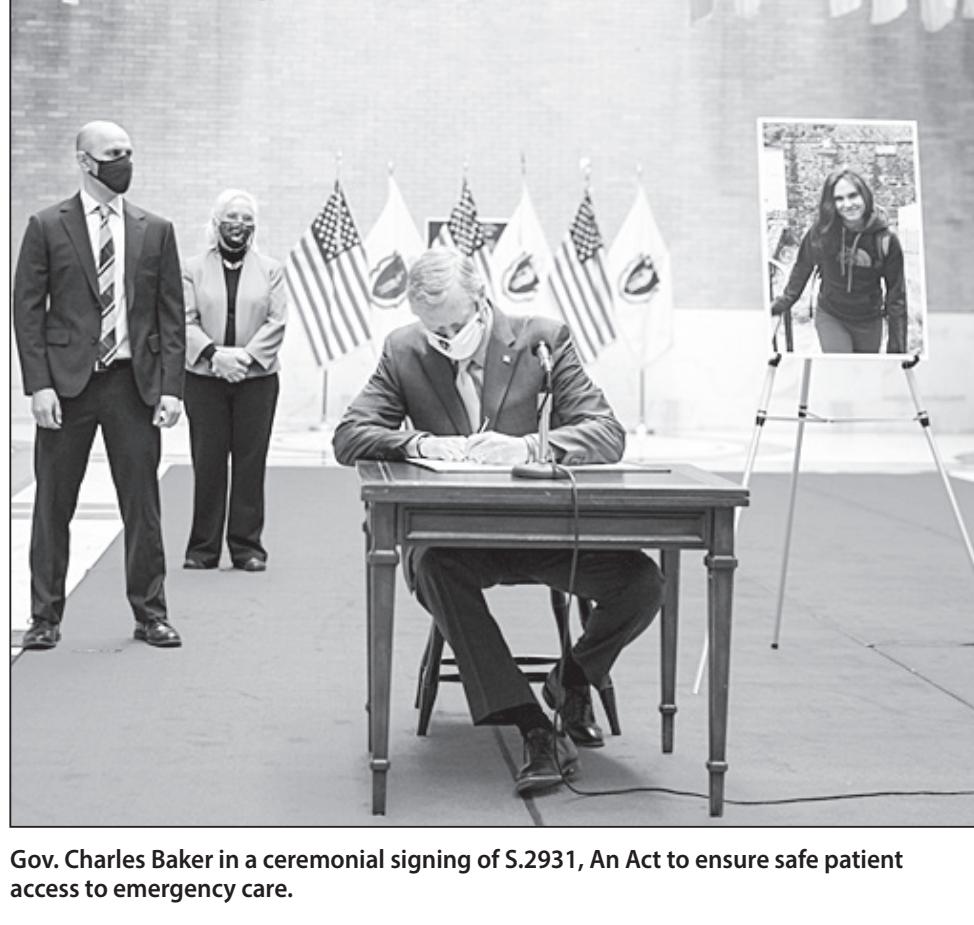
**BAKER SIGNS SAFE PATIENT ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CARE ACT**

On Friday, Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito participated in a ceremonial signing of S.2931, An Act to ensure safe patient access to emergency care.

Named in memory of Laura Levis, Baker and Polito were also joined by Laura's husband, Pete DeMarco, members of her family, and Sen. Pat Jehlen.

"I signed 'Laura's Law' to safeguard against future tragedies occurring just steps away from hospital emergency departments," said Baker. "In the wake of her tragic passing, Laura's husband, Pete, undertook an exhaustive effort to honor her legacy and protect others from similar fates. After months of collaboration and hard work with legislators, including Senator Jehlen and Representative Barber, I am proud to sign Laura's Law and celebrate her memory in a meaningful way."

The new law would implement minimum criteria and standards that ensure safe, timely and accessible patient access to the entrances of Massachusetts hospital emergency departments. These regulations will require that entries must be clearly marked, easily accessible and properly monitored by security when appropriate. Additionally, the Department of Public Health will convene a working group on patient access to hospital emergency rooms or departments to report on and make recommendations to inform these policies. In 2016, Laura Levis died of an asthma attack



Gov. Charles Baker in a ceremonial signing of S.2931, An Act to ensure safe patient access to emergency care.

outside of an area hospital when she was unable to locate an accessible entrance to the emergency room.

**STATE AWARDS ANOTHER \$78.5 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO BUSINESSES**

The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$78.5 million in awards last week to 1,595 additional small businesses in the third round of grants through the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation.

To date, the Administration has awarded close

to \$195 million in direct financial support to 4,119 small businesses out of a \$668 million fund set up to support small businesses across the Commonwealth.

Additional grants will be announced in the coming weeks for thousands of additional businesses.

"Understanding how significant the need for financial assistance is, we've taken important steps to ensure these resources are directed toward the businesses that have historically been at a disadvantage even before the pandemic, or are located in communities, especially Gateway Cities, that have suffered disproportionately because of this virus," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "I'm grateful for the partnership with

MGCC to provide this important assistance, and I look forward to the coming weeks when we can award even more support for the economic sectors that are most in need."

Representing key industries that have been especially impacted during the pandemic, restaurants and bars, personal care, retail, and health care businesses received the highest number of individual grants this round. These industries have been particularly hard hit during the pandemic. Other grant recipients include women owned businesses, businesses in Gateway Cities, businesses in underserved markets and businesses that have previously received no other forms of financial assis-

tance.

The new Grant Program Application Deadline was Friday night, Jan. 15.

**BAKER-POLITO ADMINISTRATION RE-FILES UNEMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION**

The Baker-Polito Administration re-filed unemployment insurance legislation initially filed last month. The Governor's legislation aims to sustain unemployment benefits and provide an estimated \$1.3 billion in unemployment insurance relief to the Commonwealth's employers over two years. In addition to a two-year unemployment insurance tax schedule freeze, the legislation also proposes financing measures designed to ensure the solvency of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and that federal borrowing that has occurred is repaid in a responsible and affordable manner.

The main provisions of this legislation include:

1. Short Term Employer Tax Relief through a two-year tax schedule freeze. Current Massachusetts unemployment legislative statute requires the employer tax schedule to increase from schedule E to schedule G. This would cause an average per employee tax increase from \$539 to \$866 – a nearly 60-percent increase over the previous year. Remaining on schedule E for 2021 and 2022 slows annual employer contribution growth from \$539 average per employee costs in 2020 to \$635 in 2021 and \$665 in 2022.

2. Authorization for the issuance of special obligation bonds for the purposes of repaying federal advances. In order to fund the unprecedented increases in demand on the unemployment system in Massachusetts as a result of COVID-19, the Commonwealth has received federal cash advances. Through the issuance of bonds, the Commonwealth will be able to ensure positive trust fund solvency to enable the continued payment of benefits. The utilization of capital markets also allows Massachusetts to avoid paying punitive federal tax increases on employers regardless of their experience rating if federal advances are not repaid by November of 2022. Bonds issued will be supported by an unemployment obligation assessment and will not be general obligations of the Commonwealth.

3. Establishes an employer surcharge on contributory employers. In 2020 all federal advances taken to pay benefits are interest free. However, interest on federal advances will begin to be charged beginning in January of 2021. The first interest payment is due in the Fall of 2021 and it cannot be paid from the state unemployment trust fund, per federal law. To fund interest payments on repayable advances, the legislation also establishes a separate fund to house surcharge proceeds. The passage of this provision authorizes the Department of Unemployment Assistance to make this assessment but does not require the surcharge if interest is waived through future federal legislation.

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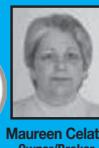
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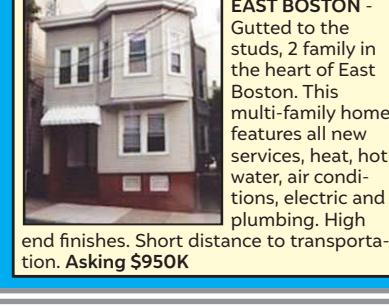
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## FRESH AND LOCAL

### Local honey

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The need to restock our supply of local honey caused us to make both our first and last visit to a local farmers market during 2020. The jars in our pantry had dwindled down to one. That led us to take a walk to the market and see if we felt shopping there could be safe, if Foppema's Farm was there, and if they had a supply of our favorite honey. With positive answers to all our concerns, we were soon resupplied.

Over the years, honey has become our sweetener of choice for many reasons. The local honey we buy is less processed. Buying honey from a local orchard is another way of supporting the local foodshed and has a lighter environmental footprint. Most of all, we prefer the taste.

If you would like to take

a deep dive into understanding honey, we recommend reading the chapter on it in "On Food and Cooking: The Science and Lore of the Kitchen" by Harold McGee. He scans 10,000 years of honey history, explains honey creation from the bee gathering nectar, the beekeeper's care of the hives, and processing the product. In his best scientific mindset, he clarifies the differences between honey and other sweeteners.

He explains why honey can be a better choice for baking. "It can be substituted for sugar—1 measure of honey is considered the sweetening equivalent of 1.25–1.5 measures of sugar, although the amount of added liquid must be decreased because honey does contain some water. Because it is more hygroscopic, or water attracting, than table sugar, honey

**Honey Is Not for Everyone**

will keep breads and cakes moister than sugar will, losing water to the air more slowly, and even absorbing it on humid days. Thanks to its antioxidant phenolic compounds, it slows the development of stale flavors in baked goods..."

#### Crystallized Honey

Some people wonder if crystallized honey is safe to eat. It is. Crystallization is a sign that your honey is not only safe, but also has not had some of its flavor and goodness removed. Solidified honey will quickly liquify when you spread it on toast or spoon it into a hot cup of tea. If you're mixing it into a cold drink, just melt a bit in hot water or microwave just as much as you plan to use. But, leave your main supply in its unadulterated crystallized form.

**Honey Is Not for Everyone**

Fortunately, we've had only positive results from adding honey to our diet. Friends, knowing we are big honey fans and wanting to keep us supplied, have added new samples of local honey to our pantry. All of them are hits with us.

However, our final visit to our local farmers market last fall was to buy a few

The website Healthline.com has warned, "Note that you should not give honey to children under the age of 1. This is because raw, unprocessed honey has a risk for botulism in infants. Also, some people who have a severe allergy to pollen can experience a serious allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis after eating honey. This can cause extreme difficulty breathing. Others may experience allergic reactions such as itching or swelling of the mouth, throat, or skin."



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extra jars to tuck away for the winter. While we are extremely happy that this area has more and more choices for local honey, we wanted to have plenty of our favor-

ite on hand.

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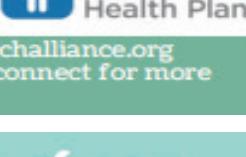
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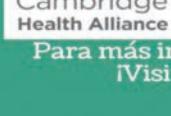
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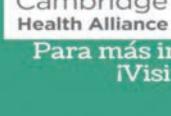
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