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JUAN JARAMILLO IS ENDORSED BY REVERE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WOMAN, STACEY RIZZO FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Revere elected officials continue to rally behind Revere's Juan Jaramillo for State Representative of the 19th Suffolk District.

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On Thursday, Feb. 18 the four candidates — (clockwise from top-left) Valentino Capobianco, Alicia DelVento, Jeffrey Turco and Juan Jaramillo, faced off in a debate held via Zoom and broadcast on RevereTV's cable channels and YouTube. See story on Page 9.

Four candidates vie for state rep. nomination

By Cary Shuman

In most elections in Massachusetts, candidates have several months to meet with residents, hold campaign events, and get their message out to the voters, especially in spring and summer when the warm weather arrives.

But in the March 2 Democratic Primary for the Nineteenth Suffolk state representative seat previously held by Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, the four candidates, Juan Pablo Jaramillo of Revere, and Jeffrey Turco, Valentino Capobianco, and Alicia DelVento, all of Winthrop, have had approximately two months – in the middle of a typically cold Boston winter - to conduct their campaigns.

So it's been a sprint to Special Election Day, and the candidates have waged spirited, non-stop efforts to convince voters in Revere and Winthrop that they are the one who should be the next representative for the district on Beacon Hill.

Revere Election Commissioner Diane Colella said the interest in the state representative primary is significant, based on the number of residents who have registered and already cast their ballots in the election.

Colella reported that 137 Revere residents have cast their votes by mail and 74 by absentee ballot. From Jan. 1 to Feb. 10, there are 282 new registered voters.

"That's a really good showing," said Colella. "There's a great interest in this election. I think all of

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Capobianco releases statement on accusations

In response to recent accusations, candidate for State Rep. Valentino Capobianco has released the following statement.

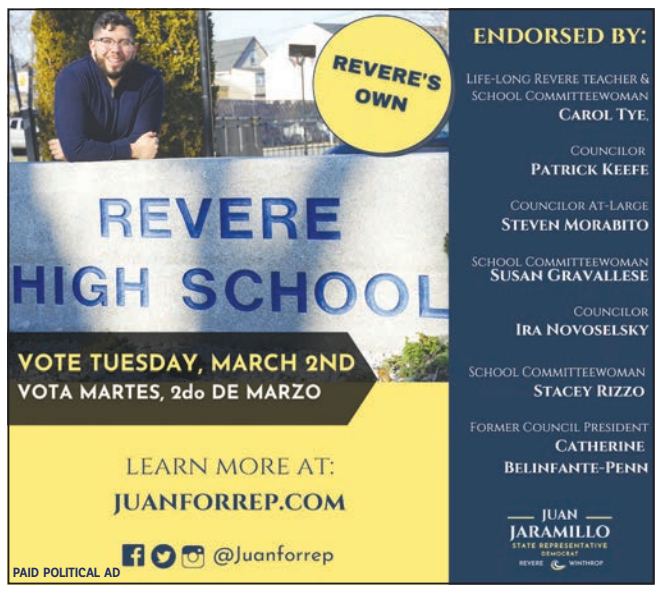
"I am running for State Representative for the same reason I ran for the Democratic State Committee and Winthrop School Committee — to do as much good as I can for as many people as I could. The large number of people who have chosen to honor me with their support in this contest demonstrates that while not perfect, I clearly have accomplished at least some of that goal, and for that, I am genuinely proud.

I know that politics can be a blood sport but I remain incredulous of the false and outrageous allegations that have suddenly been dropped on me. In the last 6 hours, two completely untrue and ridiculous accusations have been made about me in high school. I would have been 15 or 16 at the time, and these things simply never happened.

It is deeply personally embarrassing to see some dumb college behavior also be raised – I will own my own mistakes.

It was not predatory. I was overly enthusiastic texting someone I had a crush on. That is the juvenile behavior of a nerdy kid. In hindsight as an adult, I know that.

I'd like to think that despite any personal embarrassment this story brings to me, the people of this district who know me will decide that I can still do more for their families and our community over the next two years than can any of the other candidates running. If that is the case, I'd be honored and humbled to become their voice and their vote on Beacon Hill."



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RPS to return to in-person learning March 8

By John Lynds

When Revere Public School (RPS) Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio read the motion Monday that paved the way for RPS students to start returning back to school it was music to the ears of parents and students. RPS students have been learning remotely since the COVID-19 pandemic hit last March and have been eager to return to school.

The School Committee

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TURCO ENDORSED BY REVERE POLICE

Revere Patrol Officers Association Renee Kephart, Executive Board member with Candidate for State Rep. Jeffrey Turco. Turco, a Revere native, has received numerous endorsements from various public safety organizations throughout the state, including the Revere Police Dept. See story on Page 5.

Arrigo launches $250,000 program to provide relief to Revere restaurants

By Cary Shuman

The city held an information session with local business owners Monday to discuss Mayor Brian Arrigo's innovative pilot grant program to provide relief to Revere restaurant owners.

Up to 10 restaurants in Revere will be selected to participate in the program that will award $250,000 in grants.

"We know that this industry has been among the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Arrigo. "Over the past few months my team and the Office of Planning and Development have been working to find a way to support these small businesses. These grants will not only help restaurants continue to operate in a

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NEWS BRIEFS

REVERE WORKS COALITION AWARDED $100,000 BY URBAN AGENDA GRANT PROGRAM

The Revere Works coalition, led by The Neighborhood Developers (TND), was awarded $100,000 by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development through the Urban Agenda Grant Program. The funded project's main goal is to build a continuum of soft skills, computer literacy and computer skills training programs. It will leverage in-kind support from the City of Revere, laptop lending libraries housed at Revere Community School and TND, and funding from the Massachusetts General Hospital and Massachusetts Health Policy Commission.

This grant is the third awarded to Revere Works through the Urban Agenda program, which helped seed the coalition of City departments, workforce training agencies, and educational providers serving Revere residents through coordinated workforce development planning, programming, and employer and community engagement. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, programing was focused on building the skills needed for employment in the travel and hospitality sector, and has since shifted to accommodate the new, post-pandemic demands of the workforce.

COVID-19 has accelerated the move to virtual hiring platforms, which require job seekers to be computer literate and possess basic English skills—a significant hurdle for the more than 25% of Revere residents who do not speak English fluently. Revere Works will build new bridges between organizations to formalize client referrals from one provider to another, and subsequently into jobs. For instance, job seekers who aren't eligible for Moroccan American Connections in Revere's (MACIR's) IT job training program will be referred to ESOL, computer literacy, or soft skills trainings to better prepare them for future enrollment. After completing these trainings, the job seekers would be referred back to MACIR. Additionally, job seekers could enroll in TND construction and building maintenance pre-apprenticeship program or other advanced training opportunities.

The training continuum includes:

- Women Encouraging Empowerment's ESOL, English, and job training classes;
- Revere Community Schools' advanced ESOL and computer skills classes,
- Moroccan American Connections in Revere's Tech Support Job Program and soft skills training, including internships and IT job placement;
- TND/CONNECT's soft skills training and one-on-one financial coaching; and
- A formalized referral system to move participants along the workforce development continuum.

The Revere Works coalition includes Women Encouraging Empowerment, Revere Community Schools, Moroccan American Connections in Revere (MACIR), TND/CONNECT, Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Community Health Improvement, and the City of Revere. The City of Revere has recently developed a Revere Works website that serves as a central hub for job seekers and employers. The website can be found at https://www.revere.org/revere-works.

GOV. CANDIDATE DOWNING RAISES $100,000 IN A WEEK

Former state Sen. Ben Downing raised $100,000 in his first week since launching his campaign for governor last Monday, with roughly three-quarters of those donations coming from people in Massachusetts, according to his campaign.

Downing, a Berkshire native who represented the state's westernmost district for a decade, last week became the first Democrat to officially enter the 2022 race for governor with Republican Gov. Charlie Baker still considering seeking a third term and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito waiting in the wings should Baker decide two terms are enough.

The substantial first-week haul for Downing is a promising sign for Democrats, as the 39-year-old was able to raise in one week nearly a quarter of what the party's 2018 nominee raised in all of 2017, a full year before the election.

MVES RECEIVES $5,000 GRANT FOR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) recently received a $5,000 grant from the Everett Citizens Foundation in support of the MVES Social Engagement Program.

"Thanks to the grant from the Everett Citizen Foundation, the Social Engagement Program has been able to reach out to many lonely and isolated seniors in the community and provide them with friendly conversations and feelings of social connectedness which is vitally important during these challenging times," says Social Engagement Program Coordinator Linda Cornell.

Open to MVES consumers, the Social Engagement Program is designed to help improve the health and well-being of isolated older adults in the community by providing meaningful social connection—whether it be through regular visits (when safe to do so), telephone calls, or email.

"Fostering closer relationships between the City of Everett and local organizations like MVES, who provide direct support and services to our residents, is precisely the reason I pushed for the establishment of the Everett Citizens Foundation. Since its inception, the ECF has provided grants to 50 local organizations and I want to thank the members of the Board for their diligence and our partners at Encore Boston Harbor for their financial support," said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

"The ability to engage socially is vital to the health and wellbeing of individuals. We are inherently social beings. I am very proud that the Everett Citizens Foundation voted to provide financial support to MVES's Social Engagement Program," said Matthew Lattanzi, Esq., Staff Support to the Everett Citizen Foundation.

The Everett Citizens Foundation was established by the Host Community Agreement between the City of Everett and Wynn Resorts that was approved by the voters of Everett in 2013. The Foundation receives an annual payment of $250,000 from Encore Boston Harbor, which is distributed among local groups, associations, and programs with important City initiatives.

If you are interested in knowing more about Mystic Valley Elder Services' Social Engagement Program or other programs, please visit mves.org or call 781-324-7705.

REVERE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVES PLAN FOR HYBRID LEARNING

The Revere School Committee voted to approve a plan for Revere Public Schools to enter a hybrid learning model, which will gradually return students to classrooms beginning the week of March 8. The proposal was negotiated with the Revere Teachers Association and impact bargaining will continue throughout the week. Revere Public Schools students have been learning remotely as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic since March 13, 2020.

"We've been working for months to give our students the opportunity to get back in their classrooms, and it feels great to be able to deliver this news to all the families who have been waiting a long time for some relief from the challenges that have come with this extended period of remote learning," Mayor Arrigo said. "On behalf of the Revere School Committee, I want to thank Dr. Kelly and her team, and the many members of our school community who have contributed to our efforts that have brought us to this point."

Under the approved plan, families will have the option to allow their children to continue to attend classes in the remote model or transition to the hybrid model. School principals will be communicating specific details to their respective students in the coming days as they prepare plans to begin hybrid learning.

"We know that people have many questions and our team is working on them collaboratively with our teachers during impact bargaining," said Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly. "Despite our desire to share more information, we can't just yet, and we will be sharing new details as soon as we're able. I'm thrilled that we have made this progress and parents will now have the opportunity to do what is best for their children – whether that is hybrid in-person learning or full remote. We are confident that the safety measures we have in place will support as smooth a transition as possible but we also realize that change brings challenges and we will fine tune procedures as we move forward. This is why we are focused on a gradual return."

Over the summer of 2020, more than 120 community members came together to provide input for a reopening plan for Revere Public Schools, which has served as the foundation for the plan approved today while adapting to the latest guidance from public health officials and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Beginning on March 1, athletic programming will also resume and extracurricular activities will follow.

TSA SEEKS TO HIRE OVER 6,000 AIRPORT SECURITY SCREENING OFFICERS

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is launching recruitment efforts nationwide to fill over 6,000 Transportation Security Officer (TSO) positions by summer 2021.

"TSOs are a critical first line defense in securing our nation's commercial air transportation system," said Melanie Harvey, acting Executive Assistant Administrator for TSA's Security Operations. "Each day, our officers screen hundreds of thousands of airline travelers ensuring they arrive at their destinations safely. We expect to screen a higher number of travelers regularly by the summer months and will need additional officers to support our critical mission."

Based on anticipated seasonal travel trends in the months ahead and the progress of COVID-19 vaccinations for the general public, TSA has launched national efforts to recruit new employees in support of screening operations at approximately 430 airports nationwide. Targeted recruitment, virtual job fairs, and opportunities in dozens of cities have already been announced for individuals seeking part-time and full-time opportunities. Benefits include access to medical coverage, vacation and sick leave, and retirement plans. TSA is committed to a diverse, equitable, and inclusive work environment and encourages individuals of all backgrounds to apply, including military veterans and persons with disabilities.

TSA seeks those who want to take the initial step into a rewarding federal career and support TSA's critical mission of protecting our nation's transportation systems. A "Day in the Life of a TSO" video is available to learn more about our mission essential security screening position. To view open positions for TSOs around the country, visit TSA.gov/TSO.

DEVELOPER WITHDRAWS PLANS FOR TWO REVERE PROPERTIES

The City Council voted Monday to allow a Wakefield developer to withdraw two proposals that sought the Council's permission for the modification and change of use of residential properties at 7-9 Dehon St. and 1540 North Shore Road.

Attorney Kari-Ann Greene, an associate at D'Ambrosio Brown LLP, represented the two firms, DCM Realty and D and M Development, respectively, on the proposals.

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SPOTLIGHT

RevereTV has been working hard to continue collaborating with Revere Elder Services and the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center in order to provide more senior programming on television. The latest project is a cooking show that will be aimed at highlighting community members and the food culture of Revere. The show is called "What's Cooking, Revere?" The pilot episode was recorded last week and featured Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Hinojosa and his wife, Marie-Elena Hinojosa. Tune in to the RevereTV Community Channel to watch the Hinojosas lead you through making a recipe they took from Sixteen Magazine in 1987 for one of their first dates. You can also view all future "What's Cooking, Revere?" episodes on RTV YouTube.

"That's Sketchy!" is back. This is an instructional drawing show for kids put on in partnership with Revere Recreation. Some kids join the class as they are taught live through Zoom in the recording. The sketches are typically of popular cartoon characters, and this week features Baby Yoda! If you want to learn how to draw Baby Yoda, watch "That's Sketchy!" on the RevereTV community channel or on YouTube.

RevereTV facilitated and aired the State Representative Democratic Candidate Debate presented by The Revere Journal last week. The four official democratic candidates running in the upcoming special election for the 19th Suffolk District Representative seat formerly held by Bob DeLeo participated. If you missed the debate as it aired live on the RTV Government channel last week, you can still view it as it replays throughout the week. The debate can be watched in full at any time on the RevereTV YouTube page.

If you're looking for RevereTV on your television at home, you have to have either Comcast or RCN to access the channels. The RTV Community Channel is 8 and 1027 on Comcast and 3 and 614 on RCN. All government content is played on the RTV Government Channel which is 9 on Comcast and 13 and 613 on RCN. All RevereTV produced content is posted to the RTV Facebook and YouTube pages to be viewed at any time.

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Revere chooses Perkins and Eastman as architects for new high school

By John Lynds

At a Revere Public School (RPS) Committee meeting RPS Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly announced that the design selection panel, which includes Dr. Kelly, Mayor Brian Arrigo and School Committee member Stacey Bronson Rizzo, has selected an architect to design the new Revere High School.

"The work to bring a new high school is progressing," said Kelly. "The Mayor, Committeewoman, Bronson Rizzo and I are part of the designers selection panel and we met on February 2 with the team from Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). I'm pleased to say that we selected Perkins and Eastman as our designer for the new high school."

Kelly said that the city's project manager is currently working with Perkins and Eastman and the city to establish a contract.

"Hopefully at our next committee meeting, we have to make sure the contract gets executed, or shortly thereafter they will be able to present to the committee," said Kelly. "Some ideas that they have are big picture ideas that made them a front runner from the other applicants so that's really exciting that we're moving forward with that."

One hurdle said Kelly is picking a location for the new high school.

"The firm will help us first finalize where this high school is going to be," said Kelly. "That's going to be the big question that'll drive the rest of the questions that come after that."

Perkins and Eastman beat out three other firms for the chance to design the new Revere High School. "We are really excited to work with Perkins and Eastman. In the end, they were one of the highest ranked design firms we interviewed," said Kelly. "They presented innovative ideas for a variety of sites and did extensive research into the Revere context. They have a focus on diversity which is really important to us and their status as a national company provides insight on progressive trends in school building structures."

Kelly said their aesthetic focuses on universal design to meet the needs of all learners in Revere.

Perkins and Eastman have worked on several local projects including Essex Tech, Boston Arts Academy, and Taunton High School.

"These projects demonstrate their local understanding and ability to work effectively with the MSBA," said Kelly. "Students were obviously center in the school design samples they showed us which was really exciting and aligned with our philosophy of education. It is a very exciting next step in this process, which we hope will serve and galvanize the entire community for many decades to come."

In April the MSBA voted to authorize inviting the City of Revere to collaborate with the MSBA in conducting a Feasibility Study to build a new high school in the city.

Revere was one of five school districts chosen by the MSBA on April 15 with the others being the Town of Brookline, the City of Haverhill, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, and the Town of Webster.

The vote by the MSBA came on the heels of a vote by the Revere City Council to approve a $2 million appropriation to begin the Feasibility Study to build a new high school in the city back in February 2020.

In 2018 Revere Public Schools cleared a major hurdle during a MSBA board meeting. At that meeting the MSBA board voted to invite Revere and ten other school districts that filed Statements of Interest (SOI) this year to take part in the eligibility process that could ultimately lead to grant money to build a new high school here.

Councilor McKenna seeks answers on short-term rental enforcement policy

By Cary Shuman

Stating in her motion that "we owe it to our residents to take control of these unacceptable situations and hold the property owners accountable," Ward 1 Councilor Joanna McKenna called for the City Council to request Mayor Brian Arrigo to enforce the short-term rental ordinance that was approved on Sept. 1.

McKenna said in the last two months she received "two major complaints" about incidents at short-term rental properties.

"It's not fair that these long-standing Revere residents have to live next to these Airbnbs, especially if it's an absentee landlord owner," said McKenna.

The councilor told her colleagues that there was recently an incident on Summer Street, "which is a thickly settled residential area where they had a gigantic number of 20-year-olds that had a gigantic party."

"It wasn't safe. No one was wearing masks. The police had to be called and an ambulance had to take a kid away," said McKenna.

She said she wants to hold the absentee landlords accountable. "The city has to step up and do some processing of [these incidents," said McKenna. "Right now we have an office – it's an Airbnb office – but it's not staffed."

McKenna did not elaborate on where the actual office is located or which city department oversees the office.

"We have an ordinance that's been on the books since September and nothing's being done so far," said McKenna, adding that there are 250 Airbnbs in the city, mostly located in Beachmont, an area she represents on the Council.

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso pointed out that in the short-term rental ordinance it states that the properties must be "owner-occupied."

"If that's not being enforced, then what good is us going and creating legislation that would be beneficial to our community, if we don't enforce it," said Guinasso. "I agree 1,000 percent with Councilor McKenna. We should be paying attention to this and we're not."

Guinasso suggested the possibility of hiring personnel to enforce the city's ordinances and issue fines, "or we look like a bunch of buffoons. We're sitting up here creating ordinances and no one's paying attention. But more importantly no one's enforcing it. You hit them in the pocketbook, they listen."

Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe said, "These are the quality-of-life ordinances that we put through for our residents. Because that's who we take care of first."

Keefe said the city "is not protecting our "robust amount of hotels [because] we are not enforcing the short-term rental ordinance."

He would like to see the Council's priorities become the city's priorities and vice versa. "It needs to work hand and hand, so I guess I'm banging on the Mayor and his team to work on a solution to resolve this. Maybe there's one inspector who does a little bit of everything – the inspector checks on overnight parking, issues with housing, unlawful Airbnbs. We can multi-task."

Councilor-at-Large George Rotondo said he "applauds and supports" McKenna's motion.

The City Council unanimously approved McKenna's motion.

License Commission imposes conditions on Revere St. restaurant

By Journal Staff

The Revere License Commission held its monthly meeting last Wednesday during which the commissioners took up the matter of whether a local restaurant, Fajita's Bar and Restaurant at 46 Revere St., had violated the state's COVID-19 orders issued by Gov. Charlie Baker.

The restaurant's attorney, Cosmo Karalolos, appeared before the three-member commission and explained that the restaurant had closed at 10 p.m., per the COVID-19 regulation, but then the employees held a private birthday party for a co-worker after hours.

"There was no doubt that the restaurant was closed," said Korolos, though acknowledging that it was wrong to hold the party.

According to Commissioner Robert Selevitch, he went down to the restaurant on January 16 around 10:30 p.m., "and could hear music from inside." Selevitch said he knocked on the door and the bartender opened it.

Selevitch then said that he showed his Revere License Commission Identification Badge and noticed that people were not wearing masks and that alcohol was being served to the remaining workers. He also added that he took a few pictures of the event.

Commissioner Daniel Occena noted that since this infraction, Gov. Baker has amended certain aspects of the COVID-19 order, including the relaxation of capacity limits and other measures.

"This is not the first complaint for this place and any remedial action that you can do would be greatly appreciated," said Selevitch.

"It is up to the board to place strict limitations on the license," Commissioner Linda Guinasso noted.

Attorney Karalolos then laid out a four-step remediation plan before the board. The plan consists of: reaching out to each neighbor individually and addressing their concerns; posting a staff member at each exit at closing hour to ensure that patrons are quiet and orderly when leaving the premises; addressing the neighbors' concerns about finding debris from the patrons in the neighborhood; and lastly, not having any more private gatherings.

The commissioners noted that there have been no issues with the restaurant involving either the police or the Board of Health.

"The remedial measures seem appropriate," said Occena. "This is a good restaurant with good food. We should move forward and not address the January 16 restrictions as they have been rescinded."

"We cannot hold the restaurant accountable for everything," said Guinasso, adding that neighbors complained about nip bottles on the street, but pointing out that the restaurant does not sell or use nip bottles. "We should order a probation period."

The commissioners then voted unanimously to issue a three-month probation period that they will revisit at its conclusion.

In another matter, the commissioners gave their approval to Kevin Auto Sales at 1087R Broadway to perform motor vehicle inspection stickers. However, the business still needs to obtain final approval from both the Fire Department and the Inspectional Services Dept. before a full license can be approved.

The commissioners noted that the new owner of Kevin Auto Sales, Anthony Mafo, has cleaned up the premises considerably and expressed their hope that Mafo can get the final city certificates to operate his business fully.

The commissioners are seeking to have a full-time, on-site manager be named on the license for the Comfort Inn and Suites. Gary Saunders, the owner, initially was named on the license to operate the Hotel, Parking Lot, and Common Victualler Licenses, even though he is not full-time on the premises. Saunders primarily is at the corporate office in Boston and is at the Revere location for only one day per week.

Andrew Bednarzh, representing the owner, noted that he used Saunders's name, rather than that of the general manager who oversees the day-to-day operations of the hotel, on the license applications.

Guinasso expressed her concerns about having a manager who is not on the premises be the one who is named on the license.

Selevitch pointed out that having the manager whose name is on the license and who is on-site full-time "assures accountability."

Bednarzh said that the hotel will refile the licenses and henceforward will do everything by the book. The commissioners voted to allow the applicant to refile.

The commissioners voted to allow a revision in the seating capacity for Nick's Deli at 750 Washington Ave. The original application indicated a 72-seat capacity, but that number was a typo and should have been only 50 seats.

Commissioners also voted in favor of the transfer of the Common Victualler License to El Tipico Salvadoreno Restaurant at 227 Revere St. from Sabor Salvadoreno Restaurant.

The following license renewals were approved:

Common Victualler:

Hasbegu, Inc. d/b/a Glen's Roast Beef, 325 Bennett Highway; Happy Garden Revere, Inc., d/b/a Happy Garden, 80 Revere Beach Boulevard; and Bell Circle Associates, d/b/a Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Highway.

Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer:

Charlie's Auto Exchange, Inc., 655 North Shore Rd.; Touriya Aitelhadj d/b/a Wonderland Auto, 1176 North Shore Rd.; and Exotic Auto Group, Inc., 212 Everett St.

Parking Lot:

DTG Operations, Inc., d/b/a Thrifty Car Rental, 40 Lee Burbank Highway and Bell Circle Associates, d/b/a Comfort Inn & Suites, 85 American Legion Highway.

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BE SURE TO VOTE ON TUESDAY

This Tuesday, March 2, is Primary Election Day for the four candidates -- Valentino Capobianco, Alicia DelVento, Juan Pablo Jaramillo, and Jeff Turco -- for the Democratic nomination for State Representative from the 19th Suffolk District, which encompasses all of Winthrop and a large potion of Revere (Ward 1 -- Precincts 1 and 2; Ward 2; Ward 3 -- Precincts 2 and 3; and Ward 5 -- precinct 3).

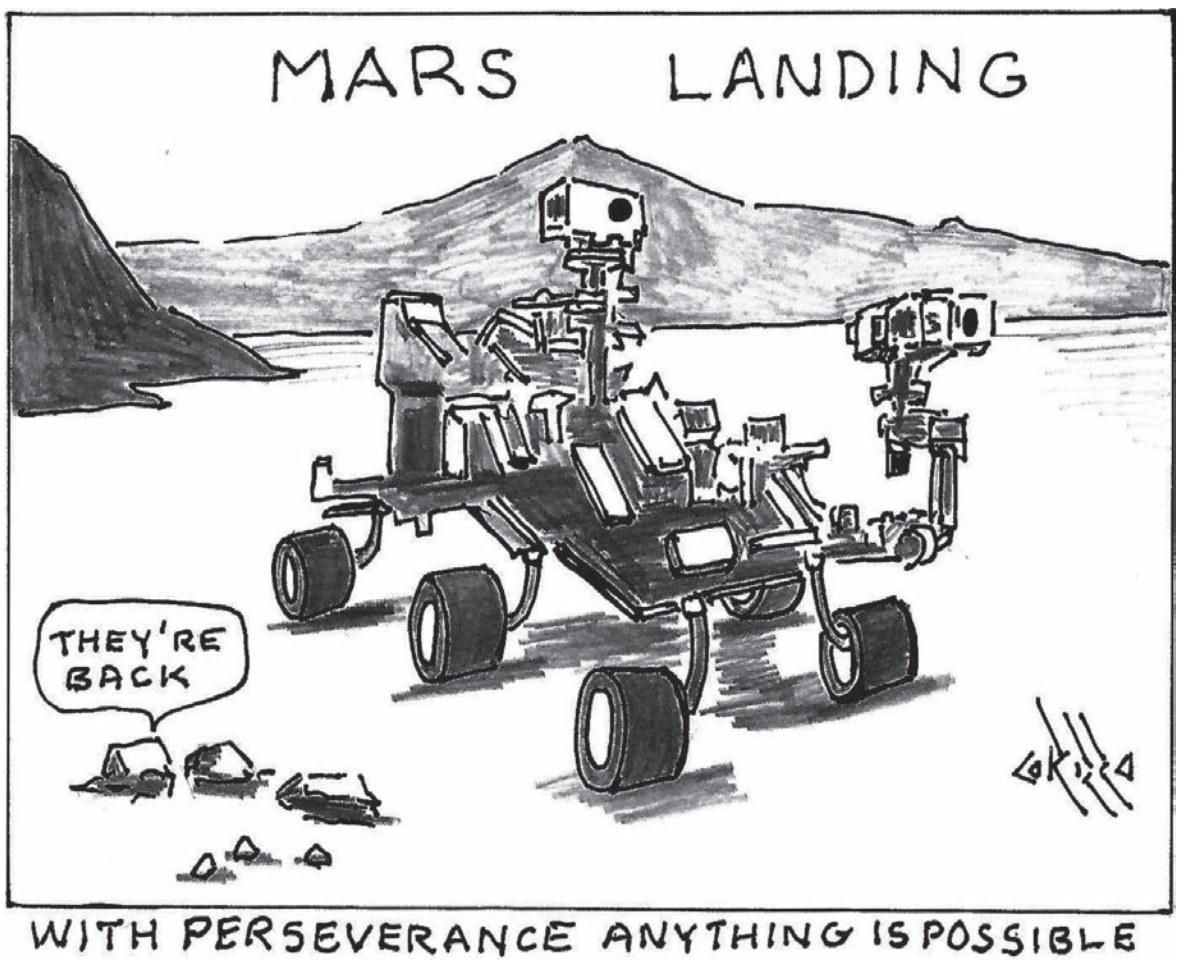
The opportunity for Democratic voters (Unenrolled voters also may vote in the Democratic Primary) from the 19th District to choose a new State Representative literally is a once-in-a-generation event. Bob DeLeo held the seat for 30 years and before him, Alfred Saggese was the State Rep. for 16 years.

We would note that Jessica Giannino, the State Representative from the remainder of Revere, encompassing the 16h Suffolk District, recently was elected to her first term in November. Seldom has it been true in the history of Winthrop and Revere that our delegation in the Mass. House will represent generational change to such a large extent.

Although all of the candidates on the ballot on Tuesday are Democrats, this past week's debate highlighted the differences between the four candidates on many issues and provided voters with an opportunity to make a judgment as to which candidate would be the most effective in representing our district's interests on Beacon Hill.

In addition, Democratic voters should keep in mind that there will be a final election in four weeks on March 30 in which the winner this Tuesday will face Republican and Unenrolled (Independent) candidates.

Tuesday's primary election is a rare opportunity for voters of our district to bring new leadership to the State House. We urge all Democratic voters in the 19th district to take the time to vote this Tuesday.



MAYOR ARRIGO'S MESSAGE OF THANKS -- AND HOPE

Mayor Brian Arrigo's State of the City address was unprecedented in many respects.

Not only was it the first State of the City speech to be delivered remotely (via Zoom and Facebook Live), but it also marked a departure in its tone and substance from the usual State of the City speeches to which we have become accustomed over the decades.

To be sure, the mayor discussed the accomplishments of his administration of the past year and his desire to implement his policies and programs in the year ahead.

But what we most admired about Mayor Arrigo's thoughts and words was his focus on giving thanks to the countless thousands of local residents and city employees whose brave and selfless efforts have helped Revere endure the pandemic over the past year and who still are doing so today.

In addition, Mayor Arrigo's soaring oratory squarely made it clear that he is mindful that the destiny of our city and our residents inextricably is interwoven with the national discussions about the injustice and lack of opportunity facing large segments of our society -- and that he is committed to making Revere a community that is inclusive for all of our residents.

As the mayor acknowledged, the past year has been the most difficult to face our city and our nation in many generations and he did not downplay the challenges that continue to lie ahead.

But Mayor Arrigo's message of optimism should inspire every resident to feel confident that that we will emerge from the pandemic stronger than ever -- and that Revere's best days lie ahead.

AN UNFATHOMABLE NUMBER

When COVID-19 first came into our national consciousness more than a year ago, it was just a blip on the news. The prospect that a viral bug originating halfway around the world would alter every aspect of our lives seemed inconceivable.

And even if the virus did come here, America was not some third-world country. We had confidence that the world's best medical care system and scientific minds would work together to prevent something as seemingly trivial as a mere virus from overwhelming our nation.

But one year -- and 500,000 American lives -- later, that which was unimaginable has become a nightmarish reality.

To be sure, the unprecedented incompetence and outright malevolence of the previous administration contributed substantially to amplify and worsen the problems brought on by the pandemic.

But even in a best-case scenario, the virus would have upended every aspect of our lives. Although the politicization of the virus contributed to our nation's suffering, the pandemic still would have caused death and economic turmoil to an unprecedented extent.

The official count of 500,000 COVID deaths was surpassed this week. Let's hope that as we move forward and as the daily numbers of deaths and hospitalizations continue to decline, we have learned that despite our high-tech lifestyle, we are no match for Mother Nature.

The pandemic has exposed many problems in our country, including the inadequacy of our health care system, especially for minority groups, and the danger of politicizing scientific information.

Hopefully, we have recognized our multitude of mistakes and we will make the necessary investments in our health care and pandemic detection systems to ensure that we will be ready for the next pandemic.

As the philosopher succinctly put it, those who do not learn from the past are condemned to repeat it.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

This winter has not been a particularly difficult one for us in the Northeast, although February has been colder and stormier than January.

But with temperatures reaching the 50s by the middle of this week, there is the feeling that spring is just around the corner.

We realize that "spring" is a relative term for those of us living on the Massachusetts coast, but undeniably the onset of warmer weather will provide more opportunities to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine after months of being cooped-up amidst our pandemic quarantines.

Spring traditionally symbolizes rebirth and rejuvenation. That thought is especially meaningful in the spring of 2021.

Hopefully, the coming of spring and the availability of mass vaccinations will enable all of us to emerge from our cocoons and allow us to return safely to our pre-pandemic lives.

LETTER *to the Editor*

UNHEARD CRIES

Dear Editor,

We're a charitable Nation. We care for the poor, underprivileged, and help those who suffer. So, I ask: How can a caring Nation allow the killing of 6.2 million babies to continue, supported by government laws and tax dollars?

We've made strides to change racism, yet some still feel the sting of being judged for the color of their skin. Black Lives Matter re-protested this injustice that subtilty exists in parts of our society. Yet Black Lives Matter has been silent on the fact that more black lives are killed each year through abortion than any shootings by whites, blacks or police combined! In 2020, 14 black persons were killed by shootings, while 236,919 black babies were killed by abortion! Don't black babies' lives matter?

We care so much for some, yet discard the most helpless humans! We dismiss the fact that sex produces new life! It is ludicrous to think one can indulge in sexual activity and not run the possibility of creating another human life! Planned Parenthood makes a lot of money on abortion and selling baby parts! Women who undergo abortions often suffer physical and mental harm, and live with psychological scars for most of their lives! Do we care?

America stands for LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Deep within our soul, we know that without the right to life, all other rights don't matter! We must care enough to heed these unheard cries. Stop killing unborn babies! Start adopting instead.

Lucia Hunter

SUPPORTS DELVENTO

Dear Editor,

My name is Colleen O'Keefe, and I am a kindergarten teacher in Revere. There are several reasons why I think Alicia DelVento is the best candidate for our State Representative, but as a classroom teacher, her experience fighting for education is at the top of my list.

All our students deserve access to a high-quality education that meets each of their individual needs, and our teachers deserve to be heard as they navigate the challenges that come with delivering this instruction, particularly in a pandemic.

We need someone with the experience to fight for our students starting day one. Now more than ever, students' social-emotional needs are a top priority. Our next Representative must understand that ALL students deserve access to high-quality education, and must not be afraid to step into our schools and speak with the educators and leaders who do this work every day.

I am confident that Alicia DelVento is this person, and I look forward to giving her my vote on March 2nd.

Colleen O'Keefe

GUEST OP-ED

Making your funeral arrangements

Dr. Glenn Mollette

A good friend died recently. At the age of 80 all his life insurance had expired and his savings was spent. His family, financially, were living from week to week. His failing health along with Covid-19 put him in an Intensive Care Unit for days apart from his family where he died. His hospitalization brought more bills and financial hardship for those left behind. Needless to say, there wasn't any money to pay for a casket, embalming, plot of ground and a grave marker.

His young adult son put together their dire scenario and sent it out to everyone his family knew. Within a week 103 friends had given $20,300 to momentarily rescue this family from their perilous situation. It was enough money to buy a casket, embalming, a plot of ground and a small grave memorial marker.

Do you have 103 friends who would give $20 to $2000 each to pay for your burial expenses? I know I do not. Such an outpouring was a testimony to his life and the lives of so many he had touched. This story is a sad reminder that we must take prudent steps toward covering our burial/funeral costs.

I don't want my wife or children to have to figure it out after I'm dead. Often, we don't get a choice. We die way before we have time to make our final ar-

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Several Public Safety Union's endorse Jeffrey Turco for State Rep., 19th Suffolk

Special to the Journal

Last week, Jeffrey Turco received the endorsements of the:

Revere Police Superior Officers Union

Revere Police Patrolman's Union

Winthrop Police Patrolman's Union

Massachusetts State Police Commissioned Officers Association (MSPCOA)

Massachusetts Coalition of Police (Mass C.O.P.)

New England Police Benevolent Association

Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union (MCOFU)

Turco is running for State Representative, 19th Suffolk which represents Winthrop and part of Revere. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and a Special Election Primary is being held on March 2nd.

"Given the situation with police reform I feel it would be to our benefit to have the next State Rep. on our side during this fight," said Lt. Charles Callahan, Revere Police Superior Officers Union. "I feel that person is Jeff Turco, he is an attorney and is pro law enforcement. I have known him personally for over 20 years he is a family man and his values are in line with ours."

The Revere Police Superior Officers Union represents high-ranking officers of the Revere Police Department.

Jeff Turco is a local, family man that has the knowledge and experience to make difficult decisions during these unprecedented times," said Joe Duca, Revere Police Patrolman's Union President. "The importance of protecting communities is evident with his support for public safety occupations.

"I am writing to announce that the Winthrop Police Union MACOP Local 421 AFL-CIO has voted favorably to endorse Jeff Turco as our candidate in the upcoming election for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District," said Sgt. Arthur Hickey, Winthrop Police Union. "Jeff knows we are here to protect and serve the public but this can only be done if everyone has the same goal in mind. I know Jeff will be an advocate for police and correctional officers who maintain that Thin Blue Line that stops crime and chaos from occurring in people's neighborhoods."

"Jeff's leadership, experience and understanding of Public Safety is unparalleled, and the MSPCOA is proud to endorse your candidacy for State Representative.," said Bruce Hiorns, MSPCOA President.

The MSPCOA currently represents and acts as the exclusive bargaining agent for all Massachusetts State Police Commissioned Officers. Members include those that fall under the ranks of Colonel, Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Detective Captain, Captain, Detective Lieutenant and Lieutenant.

"I am pleased to announce that the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Coalition of Police has voted to endorse Jeff Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District," said John Nelson, Mass C.O.P. First Vice President. "It is important to have Jeff's commitment to public safety for the citizens of the Commonwealth. We look forward to his continued support of the Massachusetts Men and Women in blue who serve across our state."

Mass C.O.P. is the largest law enforcement union in the Commonwealth. For 40 years, they have focused on the welfare of Massachusetts police officers and 911 police dispatchers. They now represent over 4,000 members serving in more than 157 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

"Jeff Turco has the experience, the knowledge and the commonsense approach to properly represent those in his childhood home of Revere and his adopted hometown of Winthrop. Jeff Rosario Turco will bring the same vigor and commitment to Beacon Hill that he does as a former elected and appointed local official, as an attorney in the courtroom, and as a community activist and coach," said Gerald Flynn, Jr., New England Police Benevolent Association Executive Director.

"In the opinion of our Executive Board, Jeff Turco will fight hard for public safety and to improve the quality of lives for the residents in the District," said Kevin Flanagan, MCOFU Legislative Representative.

The MCOFU currently represents all employees in Bargaining Unit 4 of the DOC, Bristol County Jail and House of Correction CO's, the Plymouth County BCI and Communication Officers and the Dukes County Correction Officers.

"To even be considered by these brave women and men in blue is an absolute honor," said Jeff Turco. "A safe community is a healthy community. I truly understand the value of public safety and the issues that the members of all of these unions face. I look forward to working to mitigate the hazards of the job as well as the overall improvement of public service in the Commonwealth."

In 2005, Turco was the Special Sheriff and Superintendent of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and starting in 2006 was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the Agency. Since 2011, Turco has owned and operated the Law Office of Jeffrey Rosario Turco in Chelsea. Turco said, "I have the ideal blend of experience and professionalism, with the know-how to be a strong leader for his community in these most uncertain times."

Turco added, "working for my community has always been in the forefront for me, serving for two years as Town Council President in Winthrop and a School Committee member." Turco resides in Winthrop with his wife, the former Melissa Carbone, and their six children.

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rangements. This happens a lot. This is why we need to do it now or as soon as we can.

Another dear friend recently died very young. Her family was strapped for cash and went the rout of cremation. Cremation is costing between $2500 to $7500 depending on where you live. Not cheap. My Navy son said, "Dad, just cremate me and scatter my remains over the north Atlantic." I pray he lives to be a hundred and his grandchildren have to do that.

Some of you know my wife died back in 2002. Her funeral cost me about $10,000 and her grave plot was $600. I was cash strapped at the age of 47. I had nothing but medical bills and a house payment. I wasn't prepared for a funeral, mentally or financially. The only thing that saved me was a year before she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a good friend sold us small life insurance policies. He also talked us into paying extra for a disability wavier on the policy. The disability wavier was the only way I was able to maintain that life insurance policy which we used 13 years after he sold it to us. It was the only way I could have paid for that funeral, unless I could have borrowed more money on my house. This was doubtful because I already had a second mortgage on the house from trying to pay other medical bills. I would have been hurting and probably would have had to go the cheapest route available for her funeral. It was simply the grace of God and a wise insurance agent who saved us in that respect.

My mother and father in law both died recently and their funeral expenses alone were over $14,000 each. Fortunately, they had saved enough money to cover these costs. You can spend less and you can spend more of course. The question is do you want your family to have to figure it out? Sit down with a trusted funeral director and begin making preparations now.

Decide which route you want to go. Decide how much you want to spend. You can plan everything. Pick out everything. Most likely pay for everything. Just make sure you are dealing with a very trusted funeral director. Write out everything you want done including music, speakers and anything specific you want them to say. It's up to you of course. Make several copies of your wishes and what you have done. It's amazing how people lose stuff.

When we are dead, we won't care. We won't know, but we care now. I know most of us care about those we leave behind. This is one way we can help them to know how and what we want done and relieve their burden by making the arrangements ourselves.

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

"I grew up in Revere for 33 years, lived on Reservoir Avenue, then in public housing on Walnut Avenue and Cooledge Street.

I went to the McKinley School and I send my kids to the Immaculate Conception School right here in Revere.

For my entire adult life, I have been dedicated to helping the residents of our community, whether it be serving as the President of the Revere Beach Partnership or having served as a director of the McCarthy-Trifone Recreation Committee in Revere for more than fifteen15 years.

That is why I am running, and why I need your support in the upcoming Democratic Primary Special Election."

FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, THE CHOICE IS UNANIMOUS!

Revere Fire Fighters Local 926
Kevin O'Hara, President
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Vote Tuesday, March 2nd

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State Rep. Race Highlights

State Rep. candidate Juan Jaramillo shown with a large crowd of supporters during a stand out in Kimmerle Park in Beachmont.

Revere School Committeewoman Gravellese endorses Juan Jaramillo for State Rep.

Special to the Journal

Revere elected officials continue to rally behind Revere's Juan Jaramillo for State

Representative for the 19th Suffolk District. Earlier today, Revere School Committeewoman Susan Gravellese announced her endorsement of Jaramillo for the March 2nd special election. .

"I have known Juan since he was a student at Revere High School," Gravellese said of her endorsement,

"He has always been hard-working, dedicated, and community-oriented. Juan has demonstrated his passion and commitment to the City of Revere through numerous volunteer and community service activities and has continued that commitment throughout his professional career. As a lifelong Revere resident, Juan truly understands the dynamics of our community, that is why I am proud to endorse Juan

Jaramillo for State Representative for the 19th Suffolk District."

"I am honored to have the support of School Committeewoman Gravellese," said Jaramillo. "She has been a strong champion for our students, teachers, and parents, and I look forward to partnering with her to make sure that the Revere Public Schools receive the funding from the state that they need and deserve."

Revere Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky endorses Juan Jaramillo for State Rep.

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Revere elected officials continue to rally behind Revere's Juan Jaramillo for State Representative for the 19th Suffolk District. Earlier today, Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky announced his endorsement of Jaramillo Jaramillo for the March 2nd special election.

Novoselsky, a strong advocate for veteran programming on the Council, remarked, "Juan Jaramillo has been working for the residents of Revere and Winthrop his whole life in many aspects. As his Ward Councillor, I have worked with him as he has grown from a young outspoken person to an accomplished community leader that cares deeply for the people of this district. I am proud to stand by him as we look to send him to the State House as our next state representative for the 19th Suffolk District on March 2nd."

"I am honored to have the support of my dear friend Councilor Novoselsky," said Jaramillo. "I have had the honor to be his constituent and have first-hand experience with his commitment to the constituents he serves. Councilor Novoselsky works arduously for us in Revere and that's the same spirit that I look forward to bringing to the State House."

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Revere School Committeewoman Stacey Rizzo announced her endorsement of Jaramillo for the March 2nd special election.

"I have known Juan since he was in elementary school at the McKinley School, where I worked. He was always going to be a fighter for our city and showed it from a young age by the way he cared for and mentored his classmates, said Rizzo," I am delighted by the advocate Juan has become to strengthen our public schools and to help the most vulnerable in the community. We would be lucky to have him as our next state representative."

Rizzo represents the Revere Public Schools on the Board of Directors of the North Shore Collaborative and serves as the vice president of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

"I am honored to have the support of School Committeewoman Rizzo," said Jaramillo. "During my time at the McKinley School, Ms. Rizzo empowered me to serve the community by making me feel like I was part of it. I look forward to partnering with her to make sure that our district schools receive the funding from the state that they need and deserve."

Candidate for State Representative Juan Jaramillo.

Rizzo is the latest revere elected official to endorse jaramillo. He has also been endorsed by revere School committeewomen Susan Gravellese, Carol Tye; councilors Patrick Keefe, Steve Morabito, and Ira Novoselsky; and former council president Catherine Belinfante-Penn.

Jaramillo has also picked up endorsements from SEIU local 509, SEIU local 1199, SEIU local 32BJ, SEIU local 888, UNITE HERE local 26, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, The Boston Teachers Union, Mass Alliance, Progressive Massachusetts, and Act on Mass.

The 19th suffolk includes all of ward 2 in revere, along with precincts 1 and 2 of ward 1, precincts 2 and 3 of ward 3, and precinct 3 of ward 5.

The special election primary for the district, recently vacated by former House Speaker Robert DeLeo, will be held on tuesday, march 2nd, with the general election on tuesday, march 30th.

Jaramillo is the only revere candidate on the ballot.

Revere, Winthrop Firefighters unions endorse Jeffrey Turco for State Rep.

Special to the Journal

Last week, the Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 and the Revere Firefighters Local 926 endorsed Jeffrey Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and a Special Election Primary is being held on March 2nd.

"It's with great pleasure that Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 announces its endorsement of Jeffrey Turco for State Representative," said Eric Cusack, President, Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070. "We are excited for his leadership moving forward."

"There is no candidate in this race with a clearer understanding of the sacrifices first responders make," said Kevin O'Hara, President, Revere Firefighters Local 926. "Now more than ever, we need elected officials willing to stand up for those who work day and night to keep us safe. That is why Revere Firefighters Local 926 is proud to endorse Jeff Turco for State Representative."

Local 1070 and Local 926, both affiliates of IAFF, represent all fire fighters of the Winthrop and Revere Fire Departments.

"I'm very grateful to have received the endorsement of both Firefighter unions in the 19th Suffolk District," said Jeff Turco. "I will fight hard for public safety and to improve the quality of lives for the residents in the District, including those who selflessly protect our streets and keep us safe."

As a seasoned attorney with local roots, Jeffrey Turco is the ideal blend of experience and professionalism, with the know-how to be a strong leader for his community in these most uncertain times. In 2005, Jeffrey was the Special Sheriff and Superintendent of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and starting in 2006 was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the Agency. Since 2011, Jeffrey has owned and operated the Law Office of Jeffrey Rosario Turco in Chelsea. Working for his community has always been in the forefront for Turco, for two years he served as Town Council President in Winthrop and a School Committee member. Jeffrey resides in Winthrop with his wife, the former Melissa Carbone, and their six children.

Bernie Sanders endorses Juan Jaramillo for State Rep. of the 9th Suffolk District

Jaramillo is the first candidate to earn a national endorsement

Special to the Journal

Juan Jaramillo's campaign to represent Revere and Winthrop in the State Legislature received a massive endorsement from United States Senator Bernie Sanders one week before election day on March 2nd.

In a statement endorsing Jaramillo, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders said, "I'm endorsing Juan Jaramillo for state representative because, when he gets to the state house, he will put the working people of the 19th district before the needs of special interests and the wealthy. He's seen up close as a union leader that the working class is right now living in great desperation, and we need to address the pain and suffering they face. He's building a grassroots movement to win, and I'm proud to support him."

"For decades Bernie Sanders has been fighting for working class Americans and inspired millions of young people to take back their country from the rich and the well connected," Jaramillo said. "I am one of them and I could not be more humbled by his trust in me to continue that fight for you. This movement is for the workers of Revere and Winthrop. Together we can recover from COVID-19 stronger, guarantee healthcare for every person in the commonwealth and create thousands of good paying union jobs that will build a green economy that works for all of us."

Jaramillo is standing out as the grassroots candidate heading into the Democratic primary on March 2nd after recently earning endorsements from the Massachusetts Teachers Association, SEIU Local 509, SEIU Local 888, SEIU Local 1199, SEIU Local 32BJ, UNITE HERE 26, and the Boston Teachers Union.

The Democratic party primary for the special election for the 19th Suffolk district covers Winthrop and parts of Revere (Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 3.)

Juan Jaramillo earns endorsement from union representing essential workers

Endorsement from UFCW 1445 bolsters Jaramillo's case as the leading working class candidate

Special to the Journal

Juan Jaramillo's campaign to succeed Speaker Bob DeLeo received another big boost

after earning the endorsement of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1445 on Monday. Local 1445 is among the largest affiliates of the UFCW in Massachusetts representing tens of thousands of workers in retail, industrial laundries, warehousing, health care, and the expanding cannabis industry. The vast majority of the membership are considered essential workers.

In a statement endorsing Jaramillo, UFCW Local 1445 said, "UFCW Local 1445 is proud to endorse Juan Jaramillo. Our local represents unrecognized essential workers in many industries and services. Juan's organizing experience and personal background is exactly what we need in Beacon Hill."

"The members of Local 1445 have been at the forefront of this pandemic. Stocking the shelves in our super markets and making sure the most vulnerable communities in Revere and Winthrop had food to get by. They've always been essential which is why I proudly stood by then during their contract negotiations a few years ago, I'm honored to have their support."

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State Rep. Race Highlights

DelVento earns endorsement of State Education Leader, former Commissioner of Massachusetts Child Care Services

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The Alicia DelVento for State Representative campaign is proud to announce she has earned the endorsement of Ardith Wieworka, former Commissioner of Massachusetts Child Care Services. Ardith Wieworka and Alicia DelVento released the following statements to accompany the announcement:

"There is so much at stake in this election for public education in Winthrop and Revere," said Alicia DelVento. "As our next State Representative, I want to pick up where I left off in the House of Representatives, fighting and delivering for our schools, our kids, and our teachers. I am proud that so many of our educators in Winthrop and Revere are part of this campaign, and I am excited that a leader like Ardith has joined our team."

"Alicia will prioritize the issues that matter to families: quality early education and after school care so that families can work, secure in knowing their kids are safe and learning," said Ardith Wieworka, former Commissioner of Massachusetts Child Care Services. "Leadership needs to be demonstrated: Alicia has done just that."

Supporters of Alicia DelVento's campaign for State Representative hold signs at Kimmerle Park in Beachmont.

DelVento earns endorsements from EMILY'S List and Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus

The Alicia DelVento for State Representative campaign is proud to announce that she has earned the endorsement of EMILY'S List and the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (MWPC).

"I am excited to welcome to our movement the two leading organizations helping women in the Commonwealth run for office: EMILY's List and the Massachusetts' Women's Political Caucus (MWPC)," said Alicia DelVento. "Strong women built our community. Not only are they our local leaders -- such as Councilors Tracey Honan and Barbara Flockhart, leaders in their fields, and frontline workers helping the Commonwealth fight back from COVID-19, they are our mothers and our families. They power our campaign, and on March 2nd, I hope to take the first step towards making sure the women of the 19th Suffolk have a seat at the table in the House of Representatives for the very first time."

State Rep. candidate Alicia nDelVento speaks with a constiuent.

Candidate for State Rep. Alicia DelVento gives little Jace Delaney a fist bump on the campaign trail.

"EMILY's List is excited to endorse Alicia DelVento for the Massachusetts House," said Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's List. "Raised on Winthrop's water tower hill, the granddaughter of a union laborer and a war refugee, Alicia has deep roots in her community and strong ties to educators, nurses, and essential workers. After working for four years as committee staff in the Massachusetts House, Alicia has the critical experience to serve the people of Winthrop and Revere and will fight to increase public school funding, protect women's access to reproductive health care, and advocate for working families."

The Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (MWPC) released the following statement with their announcement: "We are proud to endorse Alicia DelVento for the Massachusetts House 19th Suffolk District seat. A Winthrop native, former House staffer, and public health policy wonk, she is ready to serve."

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Mass Teachers Association and Boston Teachers Union endorse Juan Jaramillo for State Rep.

Special to the Journal

Juan Jaramillo's bid to represent the 19th Suffolk District continues to pick up steam with the endorsements of the widely respected Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) and the Boston Teachers Union (BTU). This support from our educators boosts Jaramillo's grassroots campaign 13 days from the Democratic Primary being held on March 2nd and sets him apart as the best candidate to champion Revere and Winthrop public schools, teachers, and students.

"I'm a proud product of the Revere Public Education system, and I know that investing in our public schools is critical to helping Revere and Winthrop students reach their fullest potential," Jaramillo said. "With the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting learning and teaching, it's essential that public education is fully funded, that reopening plans center the most vulnerable students, and that educators and staff are safe and supported. I'm honored by the trust that teachers in Revere, Winthrop and throughout the Commonwealth have placed in me and am ready to work with the MTA and BTU as my partners. We live in one of the richest states in the country, and our public schools will get the investments our students and teachers deserve if our state's wealthiest residents, corporations, and suburbs pay their fair share in taxes."

"The Massachusetts Teachers Association is proud to recommend Juan Jaramillo to represent the 19th Suffolk District," said Massachusetts Teachers Association President Merrie Najimy . "Juan has a proven record of supporting and empowering working families in Revere and Winthrop. He understands from his personal experience in public education, and as a leader in the labor movement, that strengthening public schools and colleges and the rights of workers are central to advancing racial and economic justice in our communities. Now more than ever, we need champions like Juan at the State House. Educators know that we can always count on him to have our backs."

Deb Cherry, a Revere High School Teacher and graduate said that "As a high school student, Juan demonstrated leadership skills, concern for others, and a curiosity to learn. He displayed leadership as class president, student representative to the Revere School Committee, as well as to the MA Department of Secondary and Elementary Education. His strong social conscience and desire to question the status quo make Juan who he is, a leader and change agent."

Juan has been a tireless advocate for education justice and labor rights for many years, both in the State House and through his work at SEIU 32BJ. He speaks highly about the impact our public schools have had in his life, affirming the notion that when we invest in our students, we set them up for success. Juan is committed to fully funding our schools with a great sense of urgency because he knows the impact it will have on the most marginalized students and families if we don't. We are excited to support him as he advocates not just for educators, students, and schools, but also for an equitable COVID recovery to rebuild an even stronger Massachusetts," said Jessica Tang President of the BTU,

Jaramillo is building the strongest coalition of state and local support in the race to succeed Speaker DeLeo, having already secured local endorsements from Revere School Committee Member and former Superintendent Carol Tye, Revere City Councilor Patrick Keefe, Revere City Councilor Steven Morabito, Former Council President Catherine Belinfante-Penn and Revere School Committee Member Susan Gravellese.

Further, he is the only Revere candidate on the ballot for the Democratic Primary.

The Democratic party primary for the special election for the 19th Suffolk district is on March 2nd. Go to juanforrep.com/voting to find your local voting location. The district covers Winthrop and parts of Revere (Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 3).

Juan Jaramillo earns endorsements from leading environmental advocacy groups

350 Mass Action and Sunrise Salem become the first climate action groups to endorse in 19th Suffolk race

Special to the Journal

Juan Jaramillo's campaign to represent the coastal communities of Revere and Winthrop in the State Legislature received another big boost after becoming the first candidate to receive endorsements from environmental advocacy groups 350 Mass Action and Sunrise Movement Salem. 350 Mass Action is a statewide volunteer network working to combat the climate crisis by eliminating our dependence on harmful fossil fuels. Since its founding in 2016, the group's primary focus has been to elect climate champions and end the influence of fossil fuel special interests over the political process. Sunrise Movement Salem is part of the larger Sunrise Movement that is working to transform our economy by creating millions of well-paying green jobs while saving our planet from the harmful impact of climate change.

Jaramillo is standing out as the grassroots candidate heading into the Democratic primary on March 2nd after recently earning endorsements from theMassachusetts Teachers Association, SEIU Local 509, SEIU Local 888, SEIU Local 1199, SEIU Local 32BJ, UNITE HERE 26, and the Boston Teachers Union.

"I'm proud that our campaign's commitment to climate justice is being recognized with these massive endorsements," Jaramillo said. "Our coastal communities are facing unprecedented challenges from climate change. As our state representative, I would focus on building infrastructure that protects us from flooding, holding large institutions, like Amazon and MassPort, accountable for noise, air, and water pollution, and create a green state economy that invests in Revere and Winthrop by creating good-paying jobs that allow all working people to afford basic life necessities like housing, food, and saving for their retirement."

The Democratic party primary for the special election for the 19th Suffolk district covers Winthrop and parts of Revere (Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 3.)

REVERE *THROUGH THE YEARS*

10 years ago
February 23, 2011

The HAVEN program at Mass. General conducted activities at Revere High School last week to shine a light on Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week. Several events took place throughout the week, with the interactive play called 'Remote Control' being featured on Friday afternoon.

The Revere Police Patrol Officer's Union has issued a statement this week indicating that they are fully behind a coordinated multi-union effort to help the city reduce health insurance costs.

The "underground" Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) church community in Beachmont received the first piece of good news they've had in years concerning their shuttered church. "For the first time we're encouraged," said John Verrengia, who has led the fight to re-open the Beachmont church. "We've been discouraged the last seven years, but the latest news is very encouraging." That latest news includes the Vatican-ordered re-opening of suppressed, or closed, parishes in various parts of the United States. Many of those parishes were in the same situation as Our Lady of Lourdes, and had been closed for years. The Archdiocese of Boston closed OLOL in 2004 when numerous parishes across Greater Boston were shuttered. While many of those parishes tried to fight with a vigil or direct action, OLOL accepted the closure. However, they took a legal fight to Rome, joining six other parishes in Boston. In Rome, they presented a Canon Law argument to several hierarchies of the Church.

Hall Pass, I Am Number Four, and Just Go With It are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
Feb. 28, 2001

The Boston Sunday Globe real estate section featured an article on the 17-room Victorian mansion Gardner Cuthbertson House on High St. that is listed for sale for $599,000.

Construction of the new Whelan School could begin this summer.

The appointment of Chamber of Commerce Pres. John Verrengia to the Board of Assessors by Mayor Thomas Ambrosino still is in limbo because of a dispute between Ambrosino and the City Council.

Fire Chief Dan Doherty said the recent rash of injuries to firefighters, including a heart attack and two severe back injuries, is the worst he's seen in his years with the Fire Dept.

The Wedding Planner, Hannibal, and Down to Earth are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
Feb. 27, 1991

The City Council adopted a motion by Councilor George Caporale to organize a group of financial advisors composed of members of the business and banking communities to help the city navigate through the current fiscal crisis that has been brought on by the national recession.

The School Committee has voted to order School Supt. Rocco Malfitano to launch an all-out investigation to determine the residency of students in the school system in order to eliminate students who do not live in the city. School Committeeman Peter Martino said that the average cost for a student in the Revere schools is about $5000 and out-of-towners are placing a burden on local taxpayers.

The Next Door Theatre will open its production of Godspell on March 9.

White Hen Pantries is holding a fundraiser in support of our troops in Operation Desert Storm to benefit the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

The Doors, The Silence of the Lambs, and Sleeping with the Enemy are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
Feb. 25, 1981

The sanitary sewer improvement project is expected to prevent 22.5 million gallons of infiltration and inflow daily, thereby saving the city a substantial amount of money on its sewage costs.

Residents of Malden St. and Washington Ave. voted by a 2-1 margin in favor of a new design plan that would create one-sided parking and safer travel lanes at a meeting of the Community Development Office.

The Licensing Commission once again had the topic of pinball machines on the table at its meeting last week.

Many RHS students were winners of awards at the recent Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards contest.

Clint Eastwood stars in Any Which Way But Loose at the Kincade Theatre in Winthrop.

50 years ago
Feb. 25, 1971

Mayor George V. Colella, asserting that his administration is committed to fiscal economy and austerity, has submitted a budget of $15,175,890 to the City Council, an increase of $1,662,856 over last year's budget.

Alan Arkin stars in Catch 22 at the Parkway Plaza Theatre.

60 years ago
March 2, 1961

The Revere School Committee voted to name Dr. Albert Fulchino as the new Revere High Principal and Dr. Murray Satz as Asst. Principal. The moves came immediately after the committee accepted the resignation, effective August 1, of Robert O'Keefe as RHS Principal. O'Keefe has been serving in that post since the death of Dr. Augustine Whelan last January. Fulchino has been the supervising principal of the Paul Revere school district.

The School Committee also voted to appoint William J. Hill as supervising principal of the Whelan School.

Thieves looted the business course classrooms at Revere High and made off with 24 typewriters valued at $2305.

Both the junior and senior Color Guards of the Immaculate Conception Drum and Bugle Corps won first place in a CYO competition Sunday at Holy Family Church in Rockland.

James Dean, Natalie Wood, and Sal Mineo star in Rebel Without a Cause at the Revere Drive In. Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr star in The Grass is Greener at the Revere Theatre.

70 years ago
March 1, 1951

A large turnout of city workers is expected at Monday's City Council meeting when City Manager Edward Monahan will explain why he is opposed to across-the-board pay raises of $200 for city employees. Monahan himself reduced his own salary from $12,000 to $10,000 to show how drastic the city's finances are, but the City Council voted against changing the ordinance that would have done so.

Revere resident John Christoforo, who is serving in the Navy as a Lieutenant, junior grade, in Japan, and who has been to Korea, writes home that Allied forces will not yield any ground to the Red Chinese who have entered that war.

Miss Rita MacKenzie of Revere and her dancing partner, Joseph D'Orio, captured first place in the 1951 New England roller skating dance championship held in Hartford, Conn., Their large trophy is on display in the Revere Skating Arena.

World heavyweight boxing contender Rocky Marciano will be the guest speaker at the Sports Night of the St. Anthony's Holy Name Society Monday evening.

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis star in At War With the Army at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

80 years ago
Feb. 27, 1941

Mayor Raymond Carey presented his budget of $2,202,170, which is $191,600 less than last year. Carey's budget also includes the restoration of the 10 percent pay cut which was imposed on all city employees at the height of the Depression almost 10 years ago.

The legislative Committee on Metropolitan Affairs heard pleas from local officials for funds to make improvements to Revere Beach.

A report by the U.S. Department of Commerce shows that retail sales in the city have increased by 25 percent since 1935 and by 12 percent since 1929. There are 859 employees in the city's 455 retail establishments who are paid wages of $697,000. The 90 grocery stores were the most numerous of the various retail establishments in the city.

Ginger Rogers stars in Kitty Foyle at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Mayor George Colella and Sen. Francis Doris, along with veterans, and residents gather at the Revere Post VFW on Bennington Street in Beachmont for the dedication of the Revere Post VFW 940 Park in 1981.

2021 POLLING LOCATIONS IN REVERE

Below is the official list of polling locations for the upcoming March 2nd Special State Primary for the 19th Suffolk District.

WARD	PRECINCT	NEW LOCATION	NEW ADDRESS
1	1	BEACHMONT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL	15 EVERARD STREET, GYM, ENTRANCE ON BENNINGTON ST.
1	2	BEACHMONT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL	15 EVERARD STREET, GYM, ENTRANCE ON BENNINGTON ST.
2	1	GARFIELD MAGNET SCHOOL	176 GARFIELD AVE, GYMNASIUM
2	2	GARFIELD MAGNET SCHOOL	176 GARFIELD AVE, GYMNASIUM
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2	3A	GARFIELD MAGNET SCHOOL	176 GARFIELD AVE, GYMNASIUM
3	2	ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH	250 REVERE STREET, BINGO HALL, REAR ENTRANCE
3	3	ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH	250 REVERE STREET, BINGO HALL, REAR ENTRANCE
5	3	REVERE HIGH SCHOOL	101 SCHOOL STREET, GYMNASIUM, REAR ENTRANCE

Councilor Keefe withdraws motion to hire an additional parking officer

By Cary Shuman

Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe prides himself on his constituent services, no issue too big or too small to get involved in the heart of the discussion and always working toward a rapid response.

During pre-COVID-19 times, Keefe's community meetings at Luberto's Bakery were special, signature events that allowed residents to meet directly with him – and enjoy some of those delicious Italian pastries and coffee.

Ward 4 residents had reached out to Keefe during the past two months about the city's new overnight public regulations. They weren't pleased with the lack of consistent enforcement and Keefe decided to make a motion that the city hire an additional overnight parking enforcement officer.

That's a motion with lofty ambitions because, for one, it would add a full-time position to the city's budget.

But after hearing Revere Parking Director James Rose's thorough explanation about his proposal and listening to Rose's reasoning that he had sufficient staff to enforce the regulations citywide, Keefe withdrew his motion before the City Council was set to vote on it Monday night.

"My intention in increasing the amount of enforcement for the overnight parking program was cut and dry, and responsive to the needs of my constituent base," said Keefe. "I didn't think it needed a whole lot of explanation.

"However, I could see where the director of the department (Rose) felt it could have been communicated in advance," continued Keefe. "I have the utmost respect for the job Director Rose does. So if he says he's good, then I rust him, hence my withdrawal. If a time comes and he feels differently, I'll be the first one to push for more support his way."

Wage Theft Prevention Ordinance co-sponsored by Councilors Morabito and Giannino passes

Special To The Journal

Monday night The Revere City Council passed a Wage Theft Prevention ordinance submitted by Councilors-at-Large Steven Morabito and Jessica Giannino. The new ordinance will put policies in place to deter wage theft.

Councilor Morabito issued the following statement:

Thank you to my colleagues on the City Council for supporting this ordinance I submitted, by unanimously voting favorably for the ordinance.

Also, thank you, Councillor Giannino, for collaborating and co-sponsoring this ordinance with me.

Every Revere resident is at risk for wage theft. This type of theft is the illegal practice of not paying workers with wages or benefits that are rightfully owed to an employee. This occurs when employees are not properly paid for all work performed,

Councilor Steve Morabito

Councilor and State Rep. Jessica Giannino.

when an employee is paid less than prevailing wage, when an employer intentionally misclassifies an employee, or when employers refuse employees overtime compensation. Wage theft is covered under the Massachusetts Fair Labor Standards Act and under Federal Law.

A Wage Theft Prevention ordinance will establish wage theft prevention regulations in the City of Revere. This will set the required standard in regard to all bids and proposals for the provision and delivery of services within the city. This will apply to every new contract and every renewal term of contract after July 1st 2021.

This ordinance will also protect our city's capital and lessen its liability, by not doing business and not paying prospective contractors and vendors found in violation of these Fair Labor Laws. Our distribution of city funds and taxpayer dollars should never support unethical, and unlawful employers that manipulate and treat employees unfairly.

Going forward, this city ordinance will help law-abiding and honest businesses wanting to do business with our city, by not having to compete with dishonest and unlawful businesses and contractors who typically can take part in the public bid process for city work.

Wage theft disproportionately impacts women, people of color and those foreign-born, looking to make it in our great country, called America (as my mom and dad did when they came here from Italy).

Also, wage theft commonly affects industries that are labor-intensive and pay by hour. It impacts workers in construction, agriculture, restaurant, janitorial, supermarket, hospitality and retail industries.

Our city is filled with hard-working people, therefore it is only right to put Wage Theft Prevention Policies in place that encourages fair labor, deters wage theft, helps honest businesses, and protects workers' rights, city capital and taxpayer dollars.

State Rep. candidates do well in virtual debate

By Cary Shuman

The Revere Journal and Revere TV co-sponsored a Democratic State Representative Candidates Forum for the Nineteenth Suffolk District on Feb. 18.

Candidates Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Jeff Turco, Valentino Capobianco, and Alicia DelVento participated in the forum that was broadcast on Revere TV.

Stephen Quigley, president of the Revere Journal and the Winthrop Sun-Transcript, served as moderator for the forum.

The four candidates were impressive in their performances at the forum, articulating very well their responses to the four questions posed by Quigley and an additional question from each candidate.

The candidates also delivered opening and closing statements.

The four candidates were very respectful and professional during the forum, focusing on their own accomplishments and record of service in the communities of Revere and Winthrop and the local and regional issues they would address if elected to the House of Representatives.

The candidates also effectively delivered opening and closing statements.

The Democratic Primary for the seat previously held by Speaker Robert A. DeLeo is this Tuesday, March 2.

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the candidates are working very hard. We're constantly getting absentee and vote-by-mail ballots and voter registrations – to me, that shows the candidates are doing a great job."

Colella said voters in nine precincts will cast their ballots at one of the four polling locations in Revere: the Beachmont School, Garfield School, St. Anthony's Church (Bingo hall, rear entrance), and Revere High School. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Paul Caruccio of Winthrop is unopposed in the Republican Primary for the seat. Richard Fucillo Jr. of Winthrop is running as an Unenrolled candidate. The general election is Tuesday, March 30.

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safe manner but also create a strong foundation for the City's long-term economic recovery."

City Planner Tech Leng, Business Liaison John Festa, Transportation Manager Julie DeMauro, and Business Stability Officer Cesar Calderon of the Planning and Economic Development Department led the session that was broadcast virtually. Close to 300 business owners received an invitation to participate in the heavily promoted effort.

Festa welcomed the business community to the City of Revere's COVID-19 Restaurant Recovery Grant Program.

"Today our team will explain the program in detail, the goals and objectives, the eligibility requirements, the documentation needed to apply, and the actual application that you will have to fill out," said Festa.

DeMauro explained to the attendees the application process, meticulously going through each portion of the application that was shown on-screen.

"It is a pilot program and we want to make sure that people have access to it, so we're encouraging everybody to apply that meets the criteria," said DeMauro.

Spiros Stogiannis, owner of Easy Pie, asked about the determining factor for the funds that will be allocated. He said during the course of the pandemic, he has been allowed a maximum capacity of nine diners at his popular restaurant.

Festa said the determination will be made bases on sales figures from the past two years, the seating capacity of the business, and other factors.

"We want the business to continue so we're trying to be helpful in terms of doing it in a capacity for making the judgment based on numerous factors," explained Festa.

Jodenne Scott, an official at Margarita's Mexican Restaurant that has a location on American Legion Highway inside a hotel, said she was "a little slightly disappointed that you're not allowing chains to be able to be a part of your pilot program."

"We're just as affected (by the pandemic) as everybody else," added Scott.

Festa responded, "We're trying to really focus on small, family-owned or independently owned that have been severely impacted from this. With various chains, it's a different makeup, a different element so we'll probably have it in the future, but at this particular time, this is the criteria that was set forward on this pilot program."

After Scott noted that Margarita's has 17 restaurants total, but only in Revere. Festa then suggested to Scott that she should submit an application "because you're saying that it's one particular entity" and her business (Margarita's) is in a different category than traditional chain restaurants.

A business owner asked the panel who was going to make the decision on the grant applications.

"It [the decision] is going to be determined by the Planning and Development that you see here today and Maggie Haney and Michael Wells of the City of Revere as well," said Festa.

Overall, business owners were very pleased with the helpfulness of the panel and the idea itself of helping them during challenging financial times due to the ongoing pandemic.

Applications for the pilot program are due Feb. 28.

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OBITUARIES

William Jay Strong, Sr.

Retired Revere Fire Fighter

RFD retiree William "Billy" Jay Strong Sr. of Revere died on February 16 at the age of 80, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Chelsea on June 25, 1940 to the late Leonard and Eva (O'Brien), Bill joined the US Navy on his 17th birthday and traveled the world until his honorable discharge in 1961. Upon his return to Revere, Bill worked in the Boston Naval Shipyard until his appointment to the Revere Fire Department in 1968. He was a proud firefighter until his retirement in 1997. During his tenure, he received many commendations and was an invaluable member of the department. He was also a member of Revere American Legion Post 61 and Mottolo VFW Post 4524.

Bill was the beloved husband of 35 years to Patty Reilly Strong, devoted father of Elizabeth Strong of Revere, Leonard Strong of Pittsburgh, PA, Susan Strong and her fiancé, Scott Horner of Marlborough, and the late William J. Strong Jr of Morgantown, WV; cherished grandfather of Athena Strong Tucker and her husband, Evan, Nicholas Albano, Dylan Strong, Sarah Horner and Ryan Horner; dear brother of Robert Strong of Maine, Helen McKinnon of Revere and the late George Strong, Walter Strong and Leonard Strong. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Monday, February 22 followed by Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in William's name to the Greater Boston Food Bank, 70 South Bay Ave, Boston, MA 02118 or at GBFB.org. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com

David Kelly

Retired Revere Police patrolman and three-time Exalted Ruler of Revere Lodge of Elks

Funeral Services and Interment were held privately due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic for Retired Revere Police Patrolman David J. Kelley, 80, who died in the loving care of his family in Saugus on Friday, February 12 following a long illness.

David was a lifelong Revere resident. He was educated In Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1958. He joined the Revere Police in the 1970's in the city he loved. His career spanned over 30 years of service before retiring. He was an active member of the Revere Lodge of Elks #1171 where he made many lifelong friends and happy memories and was a three-time past Exalted Ruler and an Honorary Life Member. His best memories were always spent with his family, whom he loved deeply.

The beloved son of the late Norwood and Loretta (Theodore) Kelley, he was the loving father of Diane D. Danca and her husband, Frank of North Andover, John J. Kelley and David P. Kelley and his wife, Michelle, all of Revere, Melissa L. Sheppard and her husband, Matthew and Christian C. Kelley and his wife, Wendy, all of Saugus; dear brother of the late Robert B. Kelley and his surviving wife, Eleanor E. "Sissy" Kelley of Revere; adored grandfather of five grandchildren and one great granddaughter. He is also lovingly survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The staff at Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals are most honored to have assisted the family in completing funeral arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Marie Rose Teresa Cavallaro

April 24, 1918 — February 9, 2021

Funeral Services and Interment were held privately for Marie Rose Teresa Cavallaro of Revere who passed away peacefully in her home on February 9 at the age of 102.

Marie was born in Revere where she spent most of her childhood.

After high school, she met and married her husband, Patrick Cavallaro from Lawrence. They lived in Massachusetts and Connecticut with their young children and eventually settled in New Jersey to raise their family. Throughout her life, Marie was involved in her community participating in numerous organizations in Massachusetts and New Jersey.

As a young woman, she served as secretary for the Republican Party of New Jersey. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Marie remained active in her later years in the Boston area and never let the Boston weather get in her way. She thoroughly enjoyed her Taiichi and yoga classes sponsored by Massachusetts General Hospital and was an avid Mahjong player. Marie also served as vice-president of the Golden Age Club of East Boston and was a member of the Anna Defranzo Club of East Boston.

She was also involved with the VFW Auxiliary of Revere and the Red Hats.

The beloved wife of the late Patrick Cavallaro, she was the devoted mother of Patricia Ann Nardone and her husband, Leo Nardone and the late Roger Lee Cavallaro and mother-in-law of Doreen Saulnier; cherished grandmother of five granddaughters, five step-granddaughters and fifteen great-grandchildren; dear sister of the late Mildred Spallone, Michael, Anthony and Raymond Spallone. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

Marie was a grandmother, mama and friend to many. She was a gregarious woman who shared her decades of life experiences, wisdom, sense of humor and strength from her deep faith with everyone she met. Marie's family is grateful to the many people who provided support and care for her including the hospice team from Care Dimensions, the home health care teams from Right at Home, Metropolitan Home Health and Mystic Valley Elder Services. Their compassion and determination to provide care for Marie in her home during the pandemic was exemplary. Additionally, the family thanks the Mass General team for decades of superb health care and services that provided Marie the ability to live a long and full life.

A special thank you to Megan for her incredible commitment to Marie and to Branka and Jake, their daughter Sara, and son, David for their unwavering support, care and love for Marie.

In lieu of flowers, Marie requested donations be sent to the ALS Association – Massachusetts Chapter, 685 Canton Street, Suite 103, Norwood, MA 02062 (www.als.org) in memory of her son, Roger.

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

Phyllis Picardi

Of Wakefield, formerly of Revere

Phyllis (Barrasso) Picardi, 91, of Wakefield, formerly of Revere, passed away on Monday, February 15 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers.

She was born in East Boston on July 14, 1929, the daughter of the late Armando and Margaret (Finno) Barrasso. Phyllis grew up in East Boston, later settled in Revere and has been a Wakefield resident for the past 25 years.

She was the beloved wife of the late Nunzio J. Picardi, the loving mother of Margaret Maccaro and her husband, Edward, Brenda Picardi, Robert Picardi and Ernestine Picardi, sister of Armand Barrasso, Elizabeth Tripari and her husband, Anthony and the late Nicholas and Gennaro Barrasso; cherished grandmother of Robert Picardi Jr. and great grandmother to Bria Picardi.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Florence Church, 47 Butler Ave.,

Wakefield on Thursday, February 18. Services were in the care of the McDonald Funeral Home, Wakefield.

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My Son Eric, How is it possible it is nine years since you left this earth and entered heaven ? Yes, years go by but memories you made for 29 years as my son will last the rest of my lifetime. Yes the joys,and the tears were all so worth it, I was truly blessed to be your Mom and you were my gift from God .

Thank you my son Eric for being you and while I am forever now an angel Mom my love for you continues . As I so believe Love never dies between a Mom and her son . Missing you today as all my days until we are reunited in God's infinite time. I look forward to heaven because I believe you are waiting there for me.

Missing you today and always Eric
Love your forever Mom Lois X0 X0 X0

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Michael Church

A kind and gentle soul with a big heart

Michael C. Church of Salem, 64, a kind and gentle soul with a big heart, passed away peacefully on February 7.

He was born March 14, 1956 in In Palo Alto, California to the late Bernice Sweeney Church. He was the father of Michael Jr., Seneca Bryson, Patrice Bryson, Natasha Bryson, Christina, John and Mark Church. He also leaves behind his grandson, Adrian. Michael was the brother of Luke E. Church of Maine and Bernice Kehoe of Boxford and the late Marielen Kehoe, John Church, Raymond Church and Maureen Scott. Michael is also survived by his best friend, Neil Donovan of Salem. He was the beloved friend of the late Judy Bryson and the uncle of several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

All services were privately held under the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons ~ Bruno Funeral Home.

John Gipson

MWRA retiree and Patriot Taxi dispatcher

John T. Gipson of Revere died on February 20.

John was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran. After his service, he went to work for the Commonwealth of MA Water Department, now known as the MWRA. After retiring from the State, he worked as a dispatcher for Patriot Taxi.

The beloved and devoted son of the late John and Catherine (Mckenna) Gipson, he was the dear brother of William Gipson of New Hampshireand Sandra Guarino of Revere and loving uncle of William Gipson and John Guarino. He is also survived by many loving grand nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial visitation will be held In the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Saturday, Feb 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. followed by a prayer service and Military Honors at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Covid-19 restrictions and procedures are in force and masks and social distancing are required while in the funeral home. Due to capacity limits please make your visit brief, so others may enter the funeral home.

Rocco 'Rocky' Carapellucci

Co-owned Heidi Place's, a convenience and sub shop in Beachmont

Rocco L. "Rocky" Carapellucci, 82, of Revere, passed away on February 17 after a short battle with cancer.

Rocky was born on August 28, 1938 in Boston. He worked for Malden Mills and later Cranberry. In 1983, he met Mary Dedrick, his partner for the last 37 years. Together they have one child, Heidi Carapellucci.

They later opened Heidi Place's, a convenience and sub shop, in Beachmont.

Rocky was predeceased by his first wife, Lorraine Baldassari of Malden and daughter, Tamina White of Salem. He is survived by Mary Dedrick of Revere and his children: Heidi Carapellucci of Revere, Richard and Brenda Carapellucci of Everett, Lisa Carapellucci of Salem, Robyn and Enver Kolpachnik of Billerica, nine grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Baker announces plan to eliminate remote learning for elementary schools by April

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday announced that the state has a goal of getting elementary school students back into the classroom full-time by April.

"I think we all know that when COVID hit last year, just about this time, teachers, staff, and students experienced an incredible disruption to their daily routines in school," Baker said, "and ever since, have been adapting and adjusting to the challenges that came with the pandemic."

Baker said that districts across the state have made adjustments to help their students adapt to the challenges put forth by the pandemic, "but I think we all agree there's no substitute for in-person learning, especially for kids in elementary school," he said.

"Our administration has been clear for months that the best place for kids is in the classroom," Baker said.

He said that Jeff Riley, the Commissioner of the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, began a process on Tuesday with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education" to get more kids back into the classroom full time by phasing out remote-only learning in April" and allow students, beginning with elementary school students, to attend classes in person Monday through Friday.

Baker said that the process would begin with students in elementary school, and that the state "hope[s] to be moving ahead soon," he said. "We know the pandemic's been difficult on everyone, but it's been really tough on kids and their parents as they struggle to be out of the classroom and detached from their teachers and their peers."

Approximately 80 percent of the state's school districts are currently providing some sort of in-person learning, whether it be a hybrid model or fully in person, Baker said.

"Districts with in-person learning, regardless of how high COVID transmission is in their community, have seen few, if any, examples of in-school transmission," Baker said. He said that with "proper mitigation strategies" and compliance with protocols, "schools across the Commonwealth have been able to safely welcome kids back to the classroom for many months now."

However, about 20 percent of the state's school districts are still fully remote, which translates to about 400,000 kids, Baker said, "most of whom haven't been in a classroom since March [of last year]."

Baker said that students' "social, mental, and emotional well-being has been significantly impacted" by being out of the classroom.

"The science is pretty clear on this one: there are now dozens of reports from all over the world that it's safe to be in school, and doctors and public health experts, including Dr. Fauci, all agree that getting kids back in school needs to be a top priority," Baker said.

He said that the state has "committed funding, resources, and supports to schools and districts to return to classrooms."

Commissioner Riley said he would "take a phased-in approach to returning students to the classroom, working closely with state health officials and medical experts."

He said he would work first to return elementary school students to in-person learning, "with the plan likely extending to middle school grades later in the school year and possibly high schools as well."

Parents who do not wish to send their children for in person learning will not be required to do so, and they can remain learning remotely through the end of the school year, Riley said, adding that "there will be a waiver process for districts who may need to take a more incremental approach," Riley said, adding that fully remote schools could first transition to a hybrid model.

Baker said that "with COVID cases and hospitalizations continuing to decline and vaccines well underway, it's time to set our sites on eliminating remote learning by April and starting with elementary schools." He said the state will continue to ramp up vaccine distribution as much as possible and open more mass vaccination sites statewide.

Department of Early Education and Care adopts innovative parent co-pay model for families receiving child care subsidies

Staff report

The Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) adopted a new, first-in-the-nation, parent co-pay model that will dramatically reduce child care payments for families receiving state subsidies by exempting family income up to the federal poverty level. The Board of Early Education and Care approved a parent co-pay schedule that will reduce the average co-payment for families from 10% to 2.4% of their overall monthly income. This change marks a substantive step forward in EEC's efforts to make child care more accessible and affordable to families across the Commonwealth. Since March 2020, EEC has fully covered the cost of co-payments for families receiving state subsidies during the current public health crisis, totaling more than $43 million. Over the last year, EEC worked with the Urban Institute, a national organization with expertise in child care subsidies, and with other family and child care provider advocates to develop the new co-pay model. Under the leadership of Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy – who was appointed in August 2019 - the fee scale is the first in the country to address the impact of co-payments on the lowest income families by creating the federal poverty level exemption. "This progressive reform will not only provide relief to most families that are eligible for child care subsidies, it will also ensure consistency and fairness in parent contributions as their income rises," said Education Secretary James Peyser. Co-payments are based on a percent of each family's income above the poverty threshold that ranges from 4% to 15% of eligible income, and parent co-pays will only be required when a family's income rises above the threshold. The percentage of families in Massachusetts required to pay a co-pay is expected to drop from 72% to 58%, and 98% of these families will now pay a co-pay of 7% or less than their overall income, the federal benchmark of child care affordability. The new model uses a co-pay schedule built on 28 incremental income ranges by family size, spanning incomes from 100% of the poverty threshold to 85% of state median income, which is the maximum income eligible for child care subsidies under federal regulations. When considered as a percent of families' full income, co-pays are expected to range from <0.01% to 12% of a family's full income for the vast majority (99%) of families above the poverty threshold. Co-pays for siblings are also charged at a discounted rate. EEC will build an online calculator and develop additional technology to support implementation of the new parent co-pay schedule. EEC licenses 6,700 child care providers, with capacity to care for 200,000 children aged birth to 15 years old. EEC provides child care subsidies that support approximately 55,000 children each month.

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members unanimously accepted the proposed schedule as negotiated between the School Committee and the Revere Teachers Association Associated that a phased return to school for students will begin the week of March 8.

"With the hybrid learning and teaching model families will have the option to allow their children to continue to attend classes in their mode model or transition to the hybrid model," said D'Ambrosio reading the motion.

The week of March 1 will be professional development for all educators and on March 4 and March 5 classes will not be held for students.

However, the week of March 8 students in life skills programs, including students and sub-separate Autism Spectrum Disorder programs will return to school buildings.

"These students shall attend the class "in-building" every day that there is "in-building" instruction," read D'Ambrosio. "The week of March 15 students in small learning group classes shall return to the buildings. These students shall attend "in-building" class every day that there is "in-building" instruction."

The week of March, 22 approximately half of the students in early childhood through grade 12 will begin to return to the buildings for in-person learning.

"These students shall attend class "in-building" (learning) every other week depending on their cohort placement," said D'Ambrosio. "The week of March 29 the remaining, approximately half of the students in early childhood through grade 12, shall begin to return to the buildings."

These students will attend class in person every other week depending on their cohort placement.

"We've been working for months to give our students the opportunity to get back in their classrooms, and it feels great to be able to deliver this news to all the families who have been waiting a long time for some relief from the challenges that have come with this extended period of remote learning," said Mayor Brian Arrigo in statement after the vote. "On behalf of the Revere School Committee, I want to thank Dr. Kelly and her team, and the many members of our school community who have contributed to our efforts that have brought us to this point."

Over the summer of 2020, more than 120 community members came together to provide input for a reopening plan for Revere Public Schools, which has served as the foundation for the plan approved today while adapting to the latest guidance from public health officials and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Beginning on March 1, athletic programming will also resume and extracurricular activities will follow.

"We know that people have many questions and our team is working on them collaboratively with our teachers during impact bargaining," said RPS Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly. "Despite our desire to share more information, we can't just yet, and we will be sharing new details as soon as we're able. I'm thrilled that we have made this progress and parents will now have the opportunity to do what is best for their children – whether that is hybrid in-person learning or full remote. We are confident that the safety measures we have in place will support as smooth a transition as possible but we also realize that change brings challenges and we will fine tune procedures as we move forward. This is why we are focused on a gradual return."

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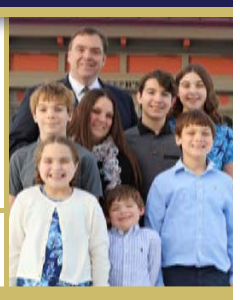

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Power of Know Club members in 10 to 12 grade wanted to show RHS teachers some appreciation. "They do so much for us, let's do something for them" said one of our students. Students had earned $1000 dollars helping DPH with surveys and agreed to beautify all 6 RHS staff bathrooms with these funds. The bathroom beautification included new art and decorative elements. The most important piece, which will be added soon, is a message board with appreciation messages from students. Here is what one student had to say:

"Teachers and staff, there are no words to even begin to describe how much I, and all your students appreciate you. All your care, patience, thoughtful consideration, dedication, and love for what you do is what is transforming the lives of the people around you, and changing the world. Thank you for being brave and continuing to work hard doing something no one else has ever done before. You are always in our hearts.❤" Camila

Our Power of Know Freshmen Club Members sent beautiful valentines to the 280 senior residents at Jack Satter House. Students worked for 4 to 8 hour each, to personalize frames with loving details.

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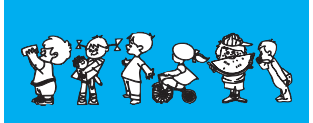

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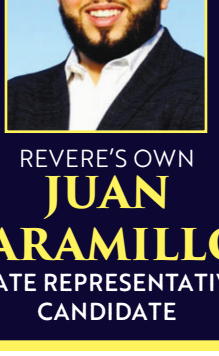

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Sports

RHS SPORTS *ROUNDUP*

BOUDREAU, DAY TO CAPTAIN RHS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

The Revere High boys basketball team announced their captains on a Zoom meeting last week in the hope that the team might have a season.

Head coach David Leary and assistant coaches John Leone and Bob Sullivan have been conducting these meetings every couple of weeks throughout this time off -- it has been a full year since the group has been able to meet in person as a team because of Covid-19 -- in order to keep the team's camaraderie and morale upbeat.

"Obviously, this has been tough on everybody, administrators, teachers, coaches, and most importantly, the kids," said Leary. "Nothing about this has been normal, but we wanted to vote captains and be prepared if we are lucky enough to play."

Thirteen returning players and the three coaches cast their votes and the results were basically unanimous that Class of 2021 seniors Dillan Day and Calvin Boudreau will be the team captains.

The honor for both Dillan and Calvin came as no surprise to Leone, the program's JV coach and the Revere Recreation Department's sports director. "These two guys have been leaders since I have been around them, and this group of seniors have been winners as a group throughout that time," said Leone, who has been coaching the tandem since fourth grade in the travel program and who noted that as eighth graders, they won the prominent Shamrock Tournament in 2017 with Day and Boudreau as their leaders.

Day, a four-year varsity player in the program, was honored by the nomination by his teammates.

"I just want to thank you guys for believing in me as one of our leaders," Dillan said. "This is probably one of the best things that's happened to me in sports."

Calvin Boudreau.

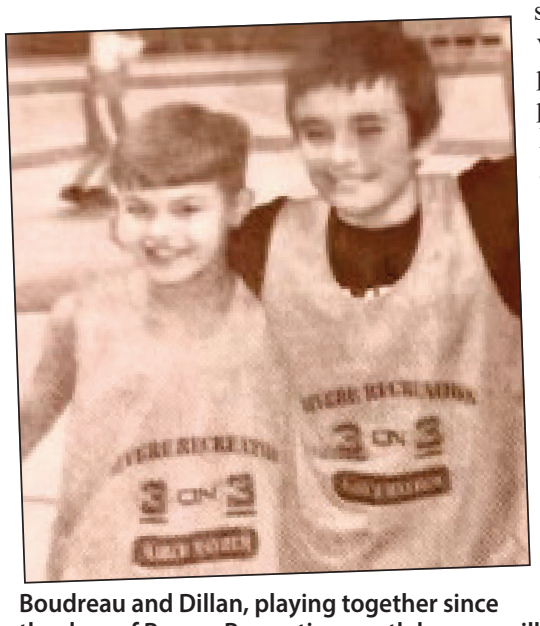
Dillan Day.

Boudreau will be a two-year varsity basketball player and, with this selection, has now been voted captain for three sports, football, basketball, and baseball, by his peers.

"It is a great feeling that my friends and teammates have so much trust in me," said Boudreau. "It's an honor to be chosen."

All of the Revere High students and athletes were waiting anxiously to hear the results from the School Committee meeting that was set to take place this past Monday to decide how and when in-person learning and athletics can safely return.

"I think from Mayor Arrigo on down, the City of Revere has done all they can to try to keep our community safe," said Leary. "A lot of people have sacrificed a lot this past year, but I think there is a light at the end of the tunnel and I really hope we can give these kids a season. I am very happy and proud for Dillan and Calvin, and if they give us the go-ahead for a GBL season, we will certainly be ready."



Boudreau and Dillan, playing together since the days of Revere Recreation youth league, will captain the 2021 RHS boys basketball team.

RHS SPORTS *THROUGH THE YEARS*

10 years ago
February 23, 2011

The Revere High girls basketball team completed a perfect 20-0 regular season with a pair of victories this past week over Lynn Classical and Peabody. Tuesday's encounter with Classical was Senior Night for the six Lady Patriots, Morgan Jenkins, Marissa Parent, Ashley DeFraia, Melissa Adreani, Kat Prince, and Cassandra Zullo, who were playing their last regular season game in an RHS uniform. After trailing 28-23 at the half, Revere answered the bell after the intermission with their patented formula that soon dissolved any thoughts that Classical may have had of an upset. The Lady Patriots delivered their version of shock and awe by a margin of 20-7 over the next eight minutes en route to a 65-51 win. Northeastern Conference Player of the Year (by acclamation) Morgan Jenkins led the way with 20 points, followed by Gena Restiano

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A GRAND FINALE

D'Itria leads St. Mary's girls basketball team to CCL Cup

By Cary Shuman

St. Mary's High School girls basketball coach Jeff Newhall said that Nicolette D'Itria is one of the most fundamentally sound players he's ever coached in his career.

D'Itria, senior guard from Revere, has also consistently displayed what many consider the most important facet of a basketball player's game: the ability to connect on long-range shots. From former UConn great Diana Taurasi to current UConn freshman Paige Bueckers, it's the high-percentage accuracy – especially in key situations in games - that separates the best players from their opponents.

On Saturday in the Catholic Central League championship game (CCL Cup) against Fenwick, D'Itria put on a show in the third quarter. The 5-foot-6-inch guard swished 3 three-pointers in a sizzling stretch of individual excellence to help St. Mary's build a 39-16 lead.

Fenwick staged a rally in the fourth quarter, but it was D'Itria's 15 points overall, four assists, and seven rebounds that proved to be the difference in St. Mary's 46-40 victory at the Tony Conigliaro Gymnasium in Lynn.

Fittingly, D'Itria scored the final point of the game (and her high school career) on a free throw with four seconds left.

Newhall said D'Itria "stepped up big" during the key juncture in the game.

CCL CHAMPIONS: St. Mary's High School basketball star Nicolette D'Itria holds the Catholic Central League Cup championship trophy after Saturday's game against Bishop Fenwick. Also pictured are Assistant Coach Tim Spinney of Revere and freshman guard AJ Hyacinthe of Revere.

"Nicolette's baskets in the third quarter were probably the sequence that won the game for us," lauded Newhall. "She played well all game but the three 3s right in a row – that's when we made our run."

St. Mary's finished its season with a 20-3 record, the most wins by any team in Massachusetts.

Newhall thanked D'itria and the other St. Mary's seniors, Maiya Bergdorf, Alyssa Grossi, Pej'ae Parent, and Van Nguyen, for their outstanding leadership. All told, D'itria and Company produced more than 80 victories and multiple league, North sectional, and Eastern Mass. championships, highlighted by the 2020 state title. Many observers felt that this year's St. Mary's team was destined for a return to the Garden and a repeat as state champion, but the MIAA canceled the State Tournament due to the pandemic.

D'Itria leaves St. Mary's as a four-year starter and one of its most successful players ever. Future induction into the school's Hall of Fame is a certainty, but she has college basketball – and many more three-pointers - in her immediate future at Endicott.

"It was awesome to beat Fenwick in our home gym for the CCL championship – it's just a great way to end off your senior season," said D'Itria. "I had a great five years with Coach Newhall, Coach [Tim] Spinney and all the coaches. Every team was different and amazing and it was good to make new friends each year."

Nicolette is the daughter of Mike D'Itria and Tami D'Itria. Her brother, Anthony, is a member of the St. Mary's High School boys varsity basketball team.

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WEEKLY CRIME *Report*

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

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

0034: Suspicious activity on Summer St. The officer restored the peace.

0049: Parking complaint on Arcadia St. The officer provided assistance.

0217: Disturbance at Mountain Ave. and Barrett St. The officer issued a citation to a 41 year-old Revere man for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.

0229: Noise disturbance on Arcadia St. The officer filed a report.

0250: Unwanted person on Broadway. The officer provided assistance.

0910: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Reservoir Ave.

0913: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage on Walnut Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1138: Blocked driveway on Haddon St. The MV was moved.

1210: Citizen complaint on Endicott Ave. The officer filed a report.

1254: B&E into a building on Oak Island St. The officer filed a report.

1440: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Furlong Drive. The MV was towed.

1444: Unwanted person on Squire Rd. The officer restored the peace.

1453: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Crescent Ave. The MV was towed.

1515: Domestic disturbance on Harris St. The officer restored the peace.

1517: MVA with property damage at No. Shore Rd. and Mills Ave. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1518: MVA on American Legion Highway. Officers arrested John Santosuosso, 41, of Everett, for the criminal offenses of operating a MV while under the influence of drugs and negligent operation of a MV.

1530: MVA at Endicott and Atlantic Aves. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1538: MVA with property damage on Squire Rd. The officer will file a report.

1550: Parking in a handicapped spot on Crescent Ave. The MV was moved.

1551: A MVA was reported on School St.

1632: MVA at Broadway and Cushman Ave. The officer will file a report.

1637: MVA with property damage on Pearl Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1658: Hit-and-run MVA with property damage at Endicott Ave. and State Rd. The officer filed a report.

1711: MVA on Washington Ave. The officer issued a citation to a 35 year-old Malden man for the criminal offense of operating a MV with a suspended license.

1714: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Revere St.

1719: MVA on American Legion Highway. The officer will file a report.

1738: Disturbance on American Legion Highway. The officer filed a report.

1741: Shoplifting on Squire Rd. Officers arrested Nicholas William Hutchins, 26, of Saugus, on two outstanding warrants and for the criminal offense of shoplifting by asportation.

1743: MVA with property damage at Sargent St. and Washington Ave. the officer will file a report.

1808: An officer provided assistance to another agency on Thornton St.

1901: A hit-and-run MVA was reported on Chamberlain Ave.

1950: Parking complaint on Glendale St. The officer provided assistance.

2017: Disabled MV on Lynn Marsh Rd. The officer provided assistance.

2029: MVA on Revere St. The officer issued a citation to a 77 year-old Revere man for the criminal offense of leaving the scene of an accident in which there was personal injury.

2125: Suspicious activity on Squire Rd. The officer provided assistance.

2236: Domestic disturbance on Hauman St. The officer restored the peace.

2309: Noise disturbance on Reservoir Ave. The officer filed a report.

MONDAY, FEB. 8

0821: Disabled motor vehicle (MV) on Cushman Ave. The officer filed a report.

1101: Violation of a 209A order on Hichborn St. The officer provided assistance.

1156: Disabled MV on Squire Rd. The MV was moved.

1236: An officer provided assistance to a citizen on Arcadia St.

1339: A 209A order was served upon a Washington Ave. resident.

1535: Lost/found animal on Garfield Ave. The officer provided assistance.

1544: A MVA on Ward St. was referred to another agency.

1621: Disturbance on Beach St. The officer filed a report.

1628: Unwanted person on VFW Parkway. The officer filed a report.

1645: An officer stopped a MV on Suffolk Downs Rd. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1648: MVA on Squire Rd. the officer provided assistance.

1651: A repossession company reported the repo of a MV on Roughan Rd.

1804: MVA on Overlook ridge Drive. The officer filed a report.

1824: MVA on Charger St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1841: Threats on Crest Ave. The officer filed a report.

1937: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Ward St.

2026: MVA with property damage at Brown Circle. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

2056: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Ward St.

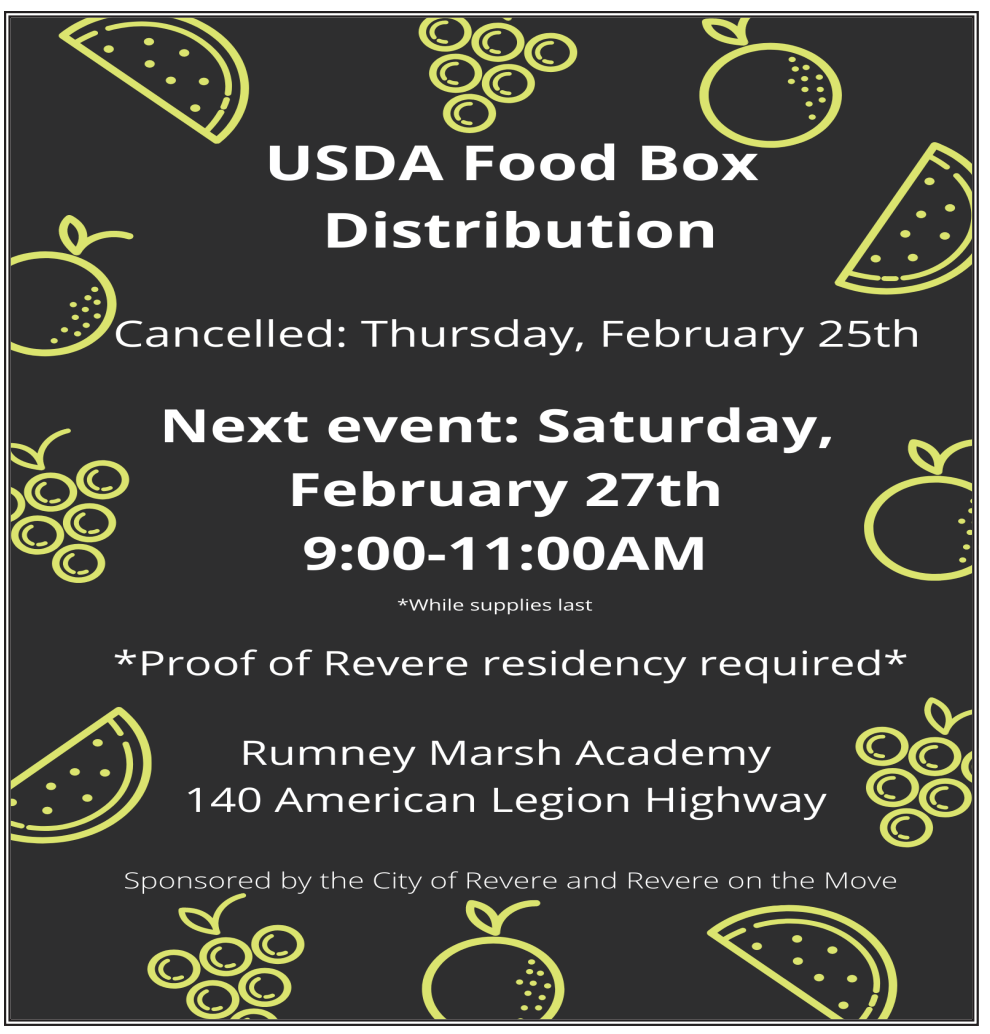
2128: Domestic disturbance on Charger St. Officers arrested a 57 year-old Revere man on an outstanding warrant.

2212: The trespass tow of a MV was reported on Ward St.

2217: Lost/found property at Ward and Charger Sts. The officer filed a report.

ONE FINAL SALUTE

Revere Fire fighters salute the flag and hearse as the late William Jay Strong, Sr., a retired Revere Fire fighter passes by the Central Fire Station on Broadway.



CONSTRUCTION *UPDATE*

Construction look-ahead through March 6, 2021

This is a brief overview of construction operations and traffic impacts for the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work, temporary ramp and street closures, and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

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

ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone is in the median. All 3 travel lanes are open during the daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

There are no local street closures scheduled for this look-ahead period.

WORK HOURS

Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m. – 1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND: Installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Completion of new bridge deck and placement of bridge barrier will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

For more information about the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project, please visit the project website. mass.gov/tobin-bridgechelsea-curves-rehabilitation-project.

COMPLETED WORK

All remaining work is within the Chelsea Viaduct portion of the job. Work has begun on the reconstruction of parking lots underneath the Chelsea Viaduct.

North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project

The foundations for the new North Washington Street Bridge are currently under construction.

All traffic is now on the temporary bridge with work underway to construct the new permanent bridge.

There will be police details in both Keany and City Square during peak traffic hours.

For more information about the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project, please visit: mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

TRAVEL TIPS

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

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

LOCAL STUDENTS *EARN ACADEMIC HONORS*

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LOCAL DEAN'S LIST STUDENTS

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2020 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following Revere students have met these requirements:

- Kelly Arango, Business Management
- Ally Ciano, Graphic Design
- Melissa Garcia, Business Management
- Kiana Napolitano, Accounting

Endicott College offers doctorate, master's, bachelor's, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites in Boston, online, and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.edu.

ROJAS-MERCHAN MAKES DEAN'S LIST AT RIT

Angela Rojas-Merchan of Revere was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 Fall Semester. Rojas-Merchan is in the film and animation program.

Undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credits of traditionally graded coursework; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," NE, D, or F; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 18,600 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

The university is internationally recognized and ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ANNOUNCES FALL 2020 DEAN'S LIST

The University of Maine recognized 4,133 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2020 semester including Vito Grillo of Revere. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 2,670 are from Maine, 1,366 are from 38 other states and 97 are from 35 countries other than the U.S.

Due to the unusual and challenging circumstances faced this semester amid the global pandemic, the university has modified its Dean's List policy for the fall 2020 term. The requirement that students earn 12 calculable credits to be eligible for Dean's List has been waived. Instead, students will be eligible 1) if they earned Dean's List recognition in spring 2020 and have placed all of their fall 2020 courses on pass/fail; or 2) if they have earned a minimum GPA of a 3.5, regardless of the number of credits taken, in fall 2020.

Sports Years //

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with 17 and Marissa Parent with 13. That brought Revere to 19-0 with only Peabody, a long time rival of the Lady Patriots going back to when both schools were in the Greater Boston League, standing in the way of a perfect season. With Jenkins under the weather and Peabody playing a box-and-one on Restiano, Revere was not at its best from the outset. However, they hung tough and never allowed Peabody to achieve the sort of momentum that might have proved fatal to a perfect Lady Patriot season. With the score at 44-42 in Revere's favor in the final two minutes, it was Peabody that cracked under the pressure. DeFraia hit a key basket and Caitlyn Caramello sank two clutch free throws to provide some separation. The final outcome of 52-44 in favor of the Lady Patriots showed once again that they know what to do to win the close ones. RHS head coach Diana DeCristoforo and her crew now await the announcement of their opponent in the opening round of the Division I North Sectional. The Lady Patriots will be seeded No. 1 with their 20-0 mark and will enjoy at least one, if not two, home games in the opening rounds of the tourney.

The Revere High hockey team fired on all cylinders Saturday evening to skate away with an 8-3 victory over Salem at Cronin Rink. Dale Paradise, assisted by Peter Marino, gave Revere a 1-0 lead and Marino also lit the lamp, with assists to Drew Lauria and Paradise. Pat Bartol, assisted by Marino and Paradise, then scored, followed by another goal by Marino (assists to Bartol and Paradise) and another by Paradise just 12 seconds later (assists to Bartol and Marino). Paradise added two more goals and Joe Corbett completed the Revere rout at 12:35. However, the Patriots fell short in their bid to qualify for the state tourney with a 7-1 loss to Winthrop, the top team in the Northeastern Conference. Marco Mazzarelli potted the lone Patriot tally with 21 seconds left in the game.

The Revere High boys basketball dropped a 74-56 contest to Lynn Classical. Greg Cabral led the Pats with a 19 point effort and Sean Quiroz reached double figures with 12 points. In a 57-54 loss to Chelsea, Trae Weathers led the Pats with 22 points and Quiroz hit for 12.

Friday was Senior Night against Peabody to honor departing seniors Weathers, Cabral, Paul Norton, Frank Colleran, and D.K. Khalieng. The Pats easily had handled Peabody in their first encounter, but this time around Peabody prevailed by a 76-66 margin. Weathers came through with a tremendous game, pumping in 29 points and pulling down 18 rebounds. Cabral also forwarded a fine effort with 19 points. Weathers needs 30 points in the final two games of the year to reach the mark of 1000 career points. If Weathers can reach the 1000 point plateau, he will become only the second RHS boys basketball player to do so, the other being Sal Bottari, who did it in his career in the late 1980s.

Junior Michael Fitzpatrick took eighth place in the 600 meter run at Friday's Division 1 State Meet at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center to earn a point and a medal for the RHS boys indoor track team. Michael's time of 1:24.83 also qualified him for a spot in Saturday's All State Meet. "Fitzy is ranked No. 18 in the state," noted RHS head coach Jack Mosko.

20 years ago
Feb. 28, 2001

The RHS hockey and boys basketball teams are awaiting their seeding and opening-round pairings for the upcoming state tournament.

30 years ago
Feb. 27, 1991

The RHS hockey team finished the season with a record of 2-13-1 after a 9-0 loss to Everett in the season finale.

The RHS girls basketball team dropped a 63-46 decision to 19-1 Peabody in the season finale. Kim Hyland and Nicole Anzuoni, the only seniors on the team, led Revere with 14 points each. The girls finished the season with a 6-12 record.

40 years ago
Feb. 25, 1981

Steve Kirklys shattered the old GBL record of 6.8 in the indoor hurdles event with a time of 6.5 at the recent All League Meet. Robert DeSisto won the 300 yard run in 35.0 and Paul Maiorano won the 1800 run in 2:22.4. On the girls side, Diane Weeder won the two mile in 11:26.7.

50 years ago
Feb. 25, 1971

Local sports fans will have a lot to look forward to in the coming week as the three local sports teams, the RHS hockey and basketball teams and the Immaculate Conception High basketball team, all have qualified for post-season play.

The RHS hoop team qualified for the Tech Tourney for the first time since 1953 with wins over Quincy and Medford, which knocked them from the Tech, and finally over Somerville, 71-61, which was Somerville's first loss in the GBL in three seasons. RHS head coach John "Buddy" O'Neil's team received a Class A bid and finished the year with a 14-3 record. Billy Noel led the team in scoring with an average of 18.9 ppg.

Coach Bob Caruso's Immaculate Conception High team received a Class D bid for the first time in nine seasons with a 12-5 record. The team's leading scorer is co-captain John Kwiatek.

The RHS hockey team under coach Richard Champa had to win or tie all of its seven remaining games in order to qualify for the EMass Hockey Tournament and accomplished that mission to finish with a record of 10-5-5. Sophomore left wing Bob Mulcahy led Revere in scoring this season and was the only sophomore named to the GBL all star team. Revere will meet Catholic Memorial in the opening round of the tourney.

60 years ago
March 2, 1961

The Revere High hockey team ended its season with a 3-1 loss to Malden to conclude its 1961 campaign with a mark of 1-12-1. In a 3-3 tie with No. Quincy, Bill Bixby scored two goals and Bill King scored one for Revere.

The Revere Rangers Little League team shown following a game in 1981.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Molina, Adan O	Flores, Manuel A	309 Crescent Ave	$660,000
XXXVII Dehon LLC	37 Dehon Street RT	37 Dehon St	$1,350,000
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2021 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Brian Arrigo delivered his 2021 State of the City Address during a virtual broadcast on Thursday, Feb. 11.

In his remarks, Arrigo reflected on "the incredible work done by so many to help the city rise up and overcome the unprecedented adversity of 2020 caused by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Arrigo also spoke about the optimistic outlook for the City of Revere.

"Revere stands poised to build on the shared values that have brought us together and provide a solid foundation for every person in our city," said Arrigo.

And in a President John Kennedy-like quote of eloquence and succinctness, Mayor Arrigo added, "The hardships of 2020 will not thwart our progress. They will accelerate it."

Arrigo thanked his family, his wife, Daveen, and their sons, Joseph and Jack, telling them that "you have brought joy and comfort amid sadness and uncertainty – and you've given me the strength to make the most of each day in the mayor's office.

Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe, who served as Council President during 2020, was impressed by Mayor Arrigo's message of hope and optimism and the technical aspects of the broadcast itself.

"Revere's State of the City Address was another first for our community," said Keefe. "Delivered on Zoom and not in person, I was amazed at the production values with participation and the look-back at the year we had in Revere. The Mayor's team put in a great plan.

"I felt hope and resiliency was the message – a light at the end of the tunnel is near. And in my opinion, the address was highlighted by the amazing and resilient Revere High students. They truly inspired me," said Keefe.

Following is the text of Mayor Brian Arrigo's 2021 State of the City Address:

"It truly feels like a lifetime ago: several hundred people, none wearing masks, filled the auditorium of the Susan B. Anthony Middle School. I stood elbow-to-elbow with our elected officials as we committed to four more years of progress, and to work together to manage the challenges that come with growth and prosperity.

We even embraced and shook hands when it was all over.

It was a night filled with optimism for the limitless opportunity of our city.

No one in that auditorium could have imagined that just twelve months later, isolated from each other and longing for a return to a way of life that we once took for granted, I would deliver our State of the City address via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Thanks to many months of practice in front of our computer screens, I do still have the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the elected officials who have joined us virtually tonight and continue to work on behalf of our residents --

I'm also joined tonight by my family, watching from home. Daveen, Joseph and Jack - you have brought me joy and comfort amid sadness and uncertainty -- and you've given me the strength to make the most of each day in the mayor's office.

Indeed, this year has tested our faith as we've confronted the greatest challenge of our lifetimes. COVID-19:

- has crippled parts of our economy
- left many in poor health or without jobs,
- exposed ever-widening inequity among neighbors,
- and has taken the lives of too many of our friends, colleagues, and loved ones.

As we faced these challenges, our country also became engulfed in a painful reckoning with our failures to achieve racial equity and justice. We grieved the senseless and violent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery – and our country's long history of racial injustice and violence against Black people.

Our hearts broke again.. last month when the symbol of our democracy came under attack – and the very worst of our country played out on our television screens.

And while adversity overshadowed this past year, it also illuminated our collective strength. Our resolve. Our compassion. And our devotion to one another.

...this virus that has upended our lives will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Our health depends on all of us to do simple but vital acts like social distancing and wearing a mask.

Tonight, as we reflect on the past, we can also look confidently toward the future. Not in spite of -- but because of -- what the last year has taught us. Revere stands poised to build on the shared values that have brought us together and provide a solid foundation for every person in our city.

To pursue decent employment, good health, quality housing, and opportunity.

The hardships of 2020 will not thwart our progress. They will accelerate it.

Before we look to the future, however, we must accept, as a community, the truth that this virus that has upended our lives will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Our health depends on all of us to do simple but vital acts like social distancing and wearing a mask. Even as we work to vaccinate our residents, we must remain vigilant and endure the sacrifices necessary to protect our neighbors, our families, and ourselves.

When Covid-19 barreled into our lives last March, we braced for something none of us had ever experienced.

Tonight, on behalf of our entire city, I offer my deepest gratitude to the countless people who stepped up, putting others – and our city – before themselves and their own families' needs.

Undaunted, our city staff rose to every challenge. They committed the hours and the energy required to undertake all of the new work that a global pandemic requires, and they have done it now….for nearly a year.

Every day, I witnessed my colleagues perform tasks that went above and beyond their duties.

Revere was one of the first cities in the Commonwealth to mobilize an Emergency Response Team to coordinate a comprehensive response to the pandemic. Made up of leaders across departments functioning as one team, and with the support of dozens of volunteers and staff, our ERT created plans and executed.

To oversee case management, testing, and contact tracing

To provide PPE and supplies,

To support our students and teachers,

To shift city services online,

To help prevent evictions and foreclosures,

To aid our business community, and to protect our most vulnerable populations.

To the seventeen hundred public servants that have joined us in this work -- Thank you.

For the past year we have been at war with Covid-19. And as Minnah and Ivan pointed out, heroes have emerged. It would be impossible to name all of the volunteers, community leaders, and residents who we have enlisted in the battle.

Our community-based organizations joined us to improve, and amplify our response. They make up our Community Response Network, organizing to help with food, supplies, and housing, ensuring outreach to all our residents, in their native languages, and providing neighbor checks and assistance as so many dealt with financial and health crises. It was their counsel that led to the formation of our COVID Ambassador program, a model for how cities can truly meet their residents where they are, and better serve them.

Our faith leaders have acted as a trusted resource -- What started as an informal monthly conversation on Saturdays to provide public health guidance has laid the foundation for interfaith collaboration and acceptance that will help us heal together.

Our Volunteers, hundreds of them, of all ages and backgrounds, raised their hands to fill in the gaps. In response to a staggering need for food and basic supplies, they worked outside for hours at a time in heat, rain and snow to provide hundreds of thousands of pounds of food to our residents who needed support - even making door-to-door deliveries to our seniors, families and residents in quarantine.

They joined us to team up with the First Congregational Church's Food Pantry to meet the growing demand, and to help them move the pantry operations - not once but twice - to serve more families. In 2020 the church provided more than 13,000 meals to nearly 5,000 Revere families, a fivefold increase over 2019.

Our school nurses, who have always provided exceptional care to our youngest residents, stepped into new roles as community-wide disease trackers and advisors to people of every age. They put their vacations, their time with their families, and the rest of their lives on hold, to comfort those who had just lost a loved one, and communicate the critical importance of unprecedented public health restrictions. Now they have stepped into a new role as vaccinators. When other communities said "We can't do that." Our public health team asked - "When Can we Start?"

One person I am compelled to recognize by name is Dr. Nathalee Kong. Less than a year after her appointment as chair of the Board of Health, she was thrown into the middle of a massive public health crisis. We consistently relied on her expertise, advice, and judgment to chart our course. In the same way that she provides comfort to so many of our residents in her office on Ocean Ave, Dr. Kong responded with patience and compassion. She has been our most vital connection to trusted medical information.

...since the pandemic began, the city has hosted more than fifteen hundred Zoom meetings

As the pandemic tore through our local economy, many Revere businesses were forced to close or scale back their operations, suffering devastating loss. Our Economic Development team rushed to their aid, providing Emergency Small Business Grants to over 100 businesses to help them retain employees and obtain the supplies and services they needed to adapt. I'm proud to share that 70% of that grant money was awarded to woman, minority, and veteran-owned businesses, historically the most underserved and most likely to encounter barriers to success.

At the same time, we doubled down on our commitment to local workforce development. Alarmed by extraordinary unemployment rates, staff worked with area leaders to create Revere Works. This coalition of technical experts, workforce training agencies, and educational providers are offering Revere residents coordinated workforce development programming through employer and community engagement.

As we closed out 2020, Revere had achieved the state's most substantial decline in unemployment in the entire Commonwealth.

We will build out a citywide food truck program to engage local entrepreneurs and activate public spaces… spaces that will be host to additional COVID-safe community events

From my first day in the Mayor's office in 2016, it has been my priority to modernize city hall to better serve our residents. Over the past five years we have:

- overhauled archaic computer systems.
- created an interactive website where residents can conduct city business at their convenience.
- And we've centralized constituent services in our 311 office.

All this was done to make city services accessible to ALL residents, no matter their age, no matter what neighborhood they live in, or where they called home before joining our community.

Our efforts paid off when frequent, clear communication with residents was more important than ever, and when face-to-face interaction with City Hall was severely limited.

During 2020:

Our 311 call-takers answered three times the number of calls they did in 2019.

"Paper only" forms became accessible online, and in 2021 we plan to make just about every interaction with city hall easy to access from anywhere, at anytime.

When Covid-19 closed municipal meetings to the public, we were readily equipped to switch to remote participation and interaction.

Indeed, since the pandemic began, the city has hosted more than fifteen hundred Zoom meetings, welcoming nearly fifteen thousand participants.

Our new email and text messaging systems provide regular updates directly to thousands of subscribers.

And today – we are announcing the launch of Engage Revere – an easy to use online tool that will allow our residents to frequently share their feedback with us on a broad

Shovels are in the ground at Suffolk Downs. And by the end of 2021, we will begin to see the formative stages of construction of this transformative new neighborhood

APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

THE HEAT & FROST INSULATORS UNION LOCAL 6, BOSTON,
JOINT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

Applications will be accepted from March 1 to March 31st.
They will be available on our website, www.insulators6.org beginning March 1st.
Print and complete an application. Mail the application to the address listed in the instructions. To apply you must meet the following requirements:

Be 18 years of age or older by June 1, 2021.
Be a high school graduate.
Possess a current, valid driver's license.
Reside within the jurisdiction of Local 6.
Own a reliable vehicle

Note: Copies of the following documents must be submitted with your application:

1. Valid, current driver's license (No photo ID's)
2. High school diploma, GED certificate or a certified, sealed transcript showing your graduation date.
3. You must also submit a non-refundable aptitude testing fee of $25.00. Only checks or money orders accepted, made payable to " Local 6, J.A.C."

TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION/JOB SITES: Mass., Maine, New Hampshire & Rhode Island (Driver's License and Reliable Vehicle Necessary & Required).

TERM OF APPRENTICESHIP: Four (4) years. 160 classroom hours and 1800 job site hours per year.

TESTS: General Aptitude Test and Interview; Mandatory Pre-employment Physical Exam and Drug Test.

The Heat and Frost Insulators Apprenticeship Program will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years old or older. The Heat and Frost Insulators Apprenticeship Program will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30," 29 CFR § 30.3(c).

range of topics. We are committed to doing an even better job of listening, and acting on your ideas for our city.

When Covid-19 forced our Senior Center, our Youth Center, and our Library to close our teams pivoted to maintain services - and in many cases became conduits of hope.

At the Library, staff created a new website, virtual programming and curbside pickup. Meanwhile, the library building itself underwent long-awaited repairs.

At the Senior Center, we maintained a vital connection to isolated residents – prioritizing calls for supplies, food, and reassurance - all while creating new programming in partnership with Revere TV.

Our Recreation Department found new ways to engage our youth through COVID-safe programming. And they helped deliver both the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus to every street in Revere, while also taking on more serious roles - like distributing supplies and supporting our 311 team.

As Covid-19 tightened its grip on our city, we saw a distressing increase in homelessness. Our dedicated Veterans Services and Substance Use Disorder offices tackled the formidable task of reaching those in desperate need of service and support. Their work, quite simply, saved lives… and we cannot thank them enough for their efforts.

And so, in a year of unprecedented volatility, we adapted. And we were able to do so because of the quality and the dedication of our team, which has crafted new and bold ways to deliver for our residents.

Next month, we will unveil a comprehensive Workforce Development Plan that charts a course for strategic partnerships, capital development, and skill-building pathways for the next ten years.

The work to bring city government into the 21st century doesn't happen overnight. It doesn't just happen online and it's not only in response to COVID-19. It's happening in our streets, in our parks, and with the people who serve you every day.

By supplying our Public Works and Water and Sewer Departments with the equipment and personnel they desperately needed, neighborhoods that were plagued by flooding, after even mild rainfall, have seen the difference that cleared, functioning storm drains can make.

...in a year of unprecedented volatility, we adapted. And we were able to do so because of the quality and the dedication of our team

In 2020, after nearly six years of wrangling with state and federal agencies, we cleared the Eastern County Ditch for the first time in anyone's memory. This project, funded through the new development on Ocean Ave., unclogged a major drainage outlet for the entire eastern half of our city. In 2021, plans are underway for similar work at Green Creek.

Our public safety departments have also been strengthened with additional personnel, equipment, and training.

Within weeks, we will see the beginning phases of construction of a new Point of Pines fire station, fulfilling a decades-long dream for residents of Ward 5.

And Chief Callahan has begun his leadership of a Police department that will continue to deliver quality, modernized police services that put our community at the center, and exceed all standards in training, policy and professionalism.

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To our first responders - on the front lines of our response to the pandemic, and who put your own health and your own lives on the line for us each and every day - thank you.

While the pandemic certainly undermined many parts of the economy, Revere continues to grow and realize new development.

Amazon began operations at the former Necco site on American Legion Highway and quickly became the city's leading private employer, providing hundreds of new jobs, and millions of dollars in new commercial tax revenue.

Shovels are in the ground at Suffolk Downs. And by the end of 2021, we will begin to see the formative stages of construction of this transformative new neighborhood

New hotels opened on Revere Beach Parkway and American Legion Highway

And the construction of a third new hotel abutting the Wonderland T station is well underway.

In a matter of months, the south end of Revere Beach Boulevard and Ocean Avenue will become home to new residents and a new restaurant… that will bring life back to a stretch of property that sits just steps away from the ocean.

And shortly, I will submit to the City Council a Master Plan for the transformation of the City's RiverFront District. This

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Mayor Brian Arrigo

underutilized section of the city will be revived by development that includes upgrades to Gibson Park, the establishment of a community boating center, and the redevelopment of a former tow yard. The RiverFront project will include innovative technology to address area flooding and traffic while creating recreational space in an area long overlooked.

Revere's reputation has soared and attracted the attention of businesses with strong regional and national reputations. Our exceptional location, sound financial condition and steady leadership has us well-positioned to attract tourists, business travelers and new investment when the pandemic subsides.

We will ensure that Revere residents are the first to reap these benefits using innovative workforce training and resources.

The pandemic has magnified the significance of a safe, healthy, and stable home.

Last week, 51 affordable units became available by lottery, with 34 committed for Revere preference. More than 400 of our Revere residents applied for those 34 spots. The need for affordable housing has never been greater.

As part of my administration's effort to aid vulnerable homeowners and renters, this year we will propose the formation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund….to coordinate sustained public and private resources and support critically important affordable housing programs and services for all residents.

We will continue to ensure our residents have access to training and jobs. Next month, we will unveil a comprehensive Workforce Development Plan that charts a course for strategic partnerships, capital development, and skill-building pathways for the next ten years.

And we will continue to prioritize economic development programs that give small business owners the opportunity to originate and grow here in Revere. We will build out a citywide food truck program to engage local entrepreneurs and activate public spaces…. spaces that will be host to additional COVID-safe community events and outdoor seating this summer. And with state funding, we will develop economic recovery strategies for our Broadway Business District.

As we strive to lay the groundwork for an equitable recovery from this public health and economic crisis, we bear witness to raw and bitter divisiveness across our country.

Revere is not immune to these challenges, but we are committed to assuring all our residents that unity in our city is not just a spoken ideal, but it is our never-ending purpose. And we will continue to take action to promote these values.

In 2020, we re-established our Human Rights Commission, which has begun its work to advocate for equity and justice for every person in our city. I'd like to acknowledge and thank our commission members - for their willingness to lead and participate in difficult conversations and their dedication to the tremendous amount of work that lies ahead.

The work of our Human Rights Commission is echoed in the School Department's Equity Advisory Board. Our schools are focused on increasing diversity among staff, changing structures to ensure all students have access to high quality course work, and working with school based equity teams to dismantle existing structures that marginalize some students.

And while these efforts embody official structures to combat inequity….

the duty lies within each and every one of us.

Our young people, especially, demonstrate the personal responsibility and the courage required – to stand up for change, to voice different opinions, and to send a clear message – that Black Lives Matter. It is through their work, to organize and protest peacefully – that gives me hope for our future.

I now want to take this opportunity to speak directly to all of our students and families.

Working together, Revere will thrive as never before.

I know that so many of you have suffered greatly over the last year. And while the anger and anxiety that surrounds remote learning continues to hang over our heads, I am here tonight to say that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

In partnership with Dr. Kelly, our School Committee and the Revere Teachers Association, I want you to know that we will do everything in our power to get our kids back into their classrooms where they belong -- because we can ALL agree that our students deserve the best, and as each day passes, it is getting safer and safer to make this happen.

The efforts of teachers, transportation workers, administrators, food service workers, custodians, paraprofessionals, social workers, guidance counselors, translators and family liaisons...to help students and families traverse this pandemic...do not go unnoticed. Your work will ensure a better school system going forward.

The end of this pandemic is near and we will return our focus to the issues and challenges that existed long before COVID-19 highlighted them.

As I speak, our public health team is working day and night to get our most vulnerable residents vaccinated. We are actively reaching out to our residents through phone banks, text messaging, emails and direct mail to help arrange for their vaccination. Members of our vaccine hotline team have spoken directly with two thousand of our seniors over the age of 75.

On the other end of the line, we can hear the relief, the appreciation, and a belief that brighter days are ahead.

Covid-19 will one day be a part of history.

There will be a new day when we will again share smiles and hugs and all of our favorite pastimes. There will be gatherings of friends and family. And celebrations. Lots of celebrations

There also will come a day when we will unveil a suitable memorial where our community can stand together to honor those we have lost to this pandemic.

Our collective perseverance, our good will, and our courage will see us through.

I know this will happen because I have seen, right here in our community, the way our people rally to help each other and advocate for each other and sacrifice for each other. Yes, while the pandemic has highlighted the fractures, it has also directed our focus to where our efforts are needed most and where we can be most effective. And those efforts have become our mission.

Our recovery is underway. We go forward now, every one of us, resolute to stand together, regain our health, and mend what has broken.

Every morning I see the sun rise and shine its first rays on our city, and I am hopeful.

I make the promise to my family and to all of you that we will never stop in the face of a challenge. We will work tirelessly and together to assure everyone that our City will be a beacon of inclusion, unity, and growth.

Working together, Revere will thrive as never before. This is the state of our City.

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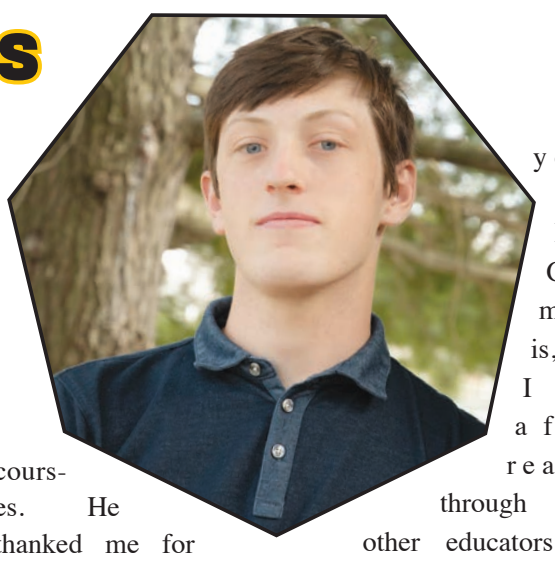
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By Amy Chamberlain **Guidance Counselor**

Kasey Cummings



Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Character is higher than intellect". While Kasey's intellect is noteworthy, it is his character that sets him apart from the rest. I have had the honor of working with Kasey since he was a freshman.

He is not what you would expect by looking at him. While he is a fierce competitor on the athletic field, he is one of the kindest students off the field. You can see it in his eyes and in the way that he treats other people, that he is genuinely a nice person. This isn't surprising given the amazing family he comes from.

Some might look at Kasey and think that he has it "made" because he is smart, popular and athletic. But Kasey has also known tragedy. This fall Kasey's father passed away after a month's long battle with cancer. He was diagnosed last spring and passed away in October. There wasn't much time for the family to process his illness and death. Let alone this was all happening during the middle of a pandemic!

Given his father's tragic passing, I was shocked to see Kasey walk through the doors the morning after his father's passing to come in and take the "In School SAT". He said he just wanted to be around his classmates and in school because it made things seem more normal. Unfortunately, our community has been hit particularly hard and we have been in a full remote learning model since March 2020. Going through this trauma without his support system and the routine of going to school has certainly made the grieving process more challenging for Kasey.

I think his coming in to take the SAT also speaks to his level of commitment to his studies. As you can see from his transcript, Kasey is a very good student. When I heard his father was sick this summer I asked him if he wanted to reduce his course load since he had registered for three AP courses. He thanked me for the offer, but was insistent on taking the classes he waited four years to take.

I could go on for days about what an exceptional young man Kasey Cummings is, but I think after reading through what other educators have to say about him in their recommendations, it will become abundantly clear how special he is. It is an honor to offer him my highest recommendation.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By Nina Cassinello

Allison Casper

Compassionate, empathetic, hardworking, and understanding are the qualities that make up some of the best teachers, when I think of the embodiment of those qualities the first person I think of is my teacher Mrs. Casper. She runs the Writing Center at Revere High School, and on paper the objective of the Writing Center is to support students of all abilities and backgrounds in using the writing process to clarify their thinking, communicate, and to be creative. However once you step inside of the Writing Center, after being warmly greeted by Mrs. Casper, you realize it's so much more. My first semester in the Writing Center was last year, I got to work closely with Mrs. Casper and not only did she show genuine care for my well being and academics, but she also looked at me as her "equal." Despite whether they were the students she saw everyday who are labeled the "coaches" and work to provide writing assistance and feedback to other students at RHS, or the students seeking the feedback, she managed to treat them all the same. Her selflessness and kindness are admirable. For students like myself that Mrs. Casper teaches every day, she exemplifies the qualities she hopes all of us have while coaching peers one on one in the classroom and just in everyday life.

Mrs. Casper is constantly trying to benefit all types of students at Revere High School. When it comes to seniors applying to college, she is always offering to provide feedback on college essays, writing college recommendation letters, and helping her own students with the whole college process. She is continuously giving students, such as myself, the support they need to get through school, whether it be in person or online. And she doesn't hesitate to give us advice on college and stress the importance of being hardworking now because it will benefit us later in life, even if some of us have a tendency to be unmotivated.

I can always count on Mrs. Casper to improve my writing and speaking skills, but more importantly, I can count on her to give me honest opinions and a sense of confidence, and I know so many other students can say the same. She never fails to ask us individually at the beginning of class how we are doing. Every time she asks, "Nina how are you doing today?" I know that she genuinely cares about how I am doing and I know I can be honest with her. She will talk to me about my day, and give me advice when necessary.

She's always there to talk to, share my accomplishments with, give Netflix recommendations to (even though she never has the time to watch it), talk about what we did over the weekend, or even discuss current events/issues in the world and our city.

Working with Mrs. Casper last year and this year has been one of the best experiences of my educational career. I look forward to seeing her and being in her class every day because what we build in the classroom isn't just a small community, it's a family, and I have Mrs. Casper to thank for that. I have so much love and respect for Mrs. Casper, and I know so many others do as well.

SENIOR CLASS OF 2021 UPDATES

Upcoming events:

Over the span of the next months, we will be:

- ❒ Hopefully start thinking of our spring and graduation plans
- ❒ College decisions have started to come out! Exciting time for our senior class!
- ❒ Running a number of restaurant fundraisers
- ❒ Student athletes are starting to prepare for sports seasons!!

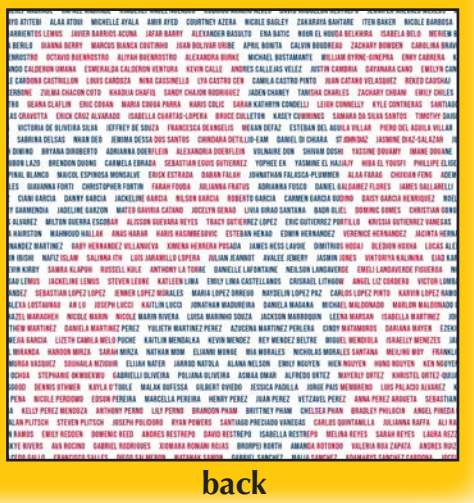
Over the past month, we:

- ❒ Started a GoFundMe Page!

  Scan the code to the right to visit the GoFundMe and Donate!

- ❒ Sweatshirts got delivered

Senior sweater front



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Make sure to follow @rhs_studentco2021 on Instagram and @RHS2021council on Twitter for more information and updates!

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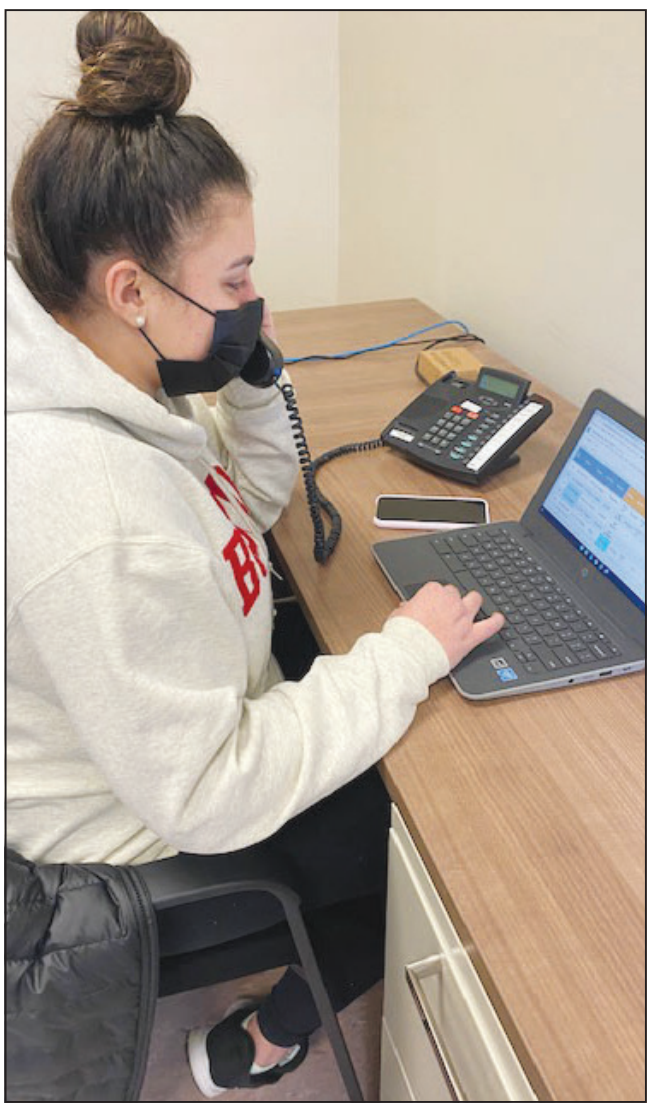
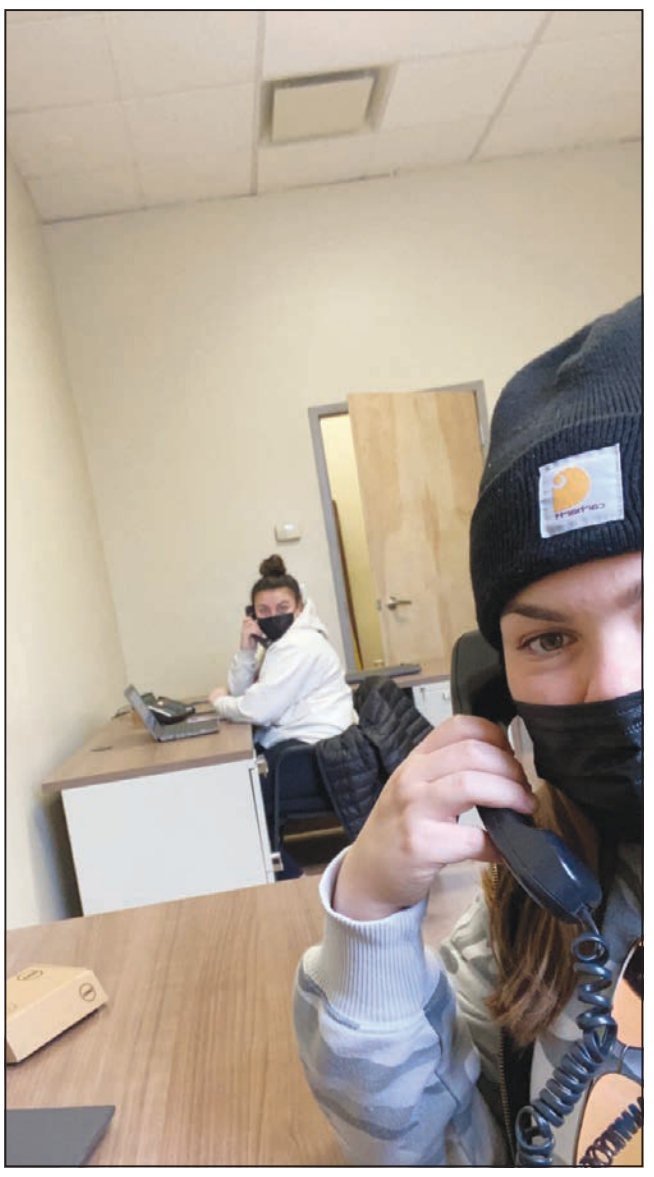
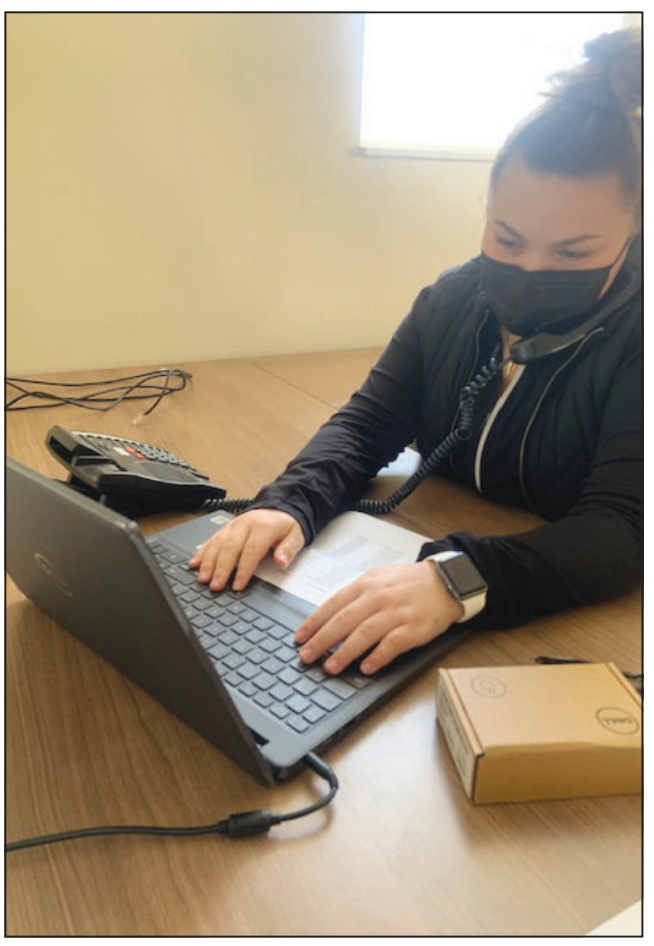
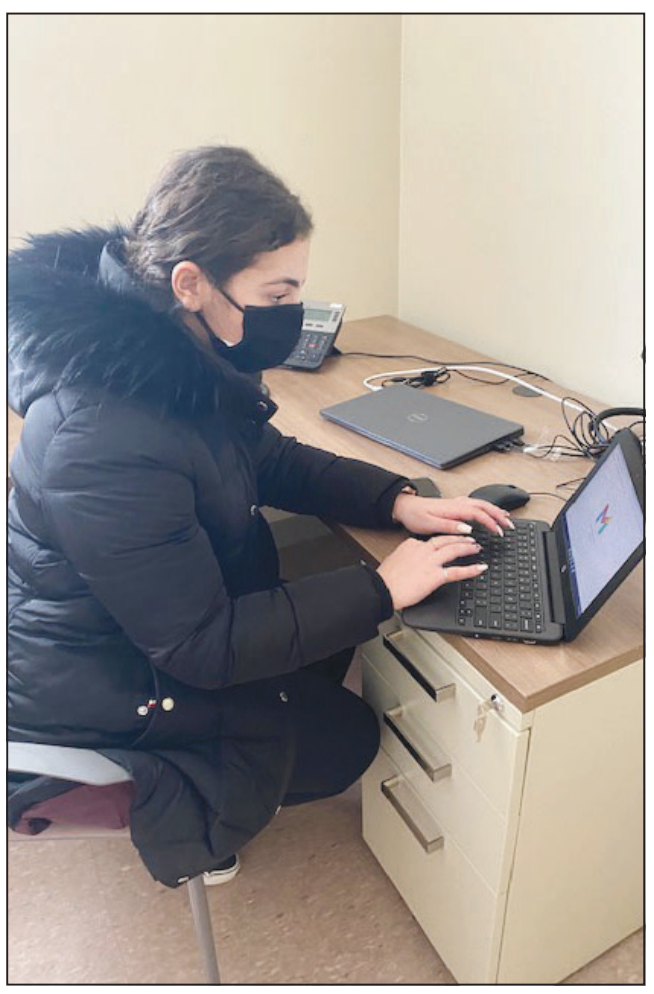
SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

Recently, members of the RHS CLass of 2021 volunteered their time with the City of Revere to reach out to senior residents to ensure that they are aware of the vaccines being offered in Revere for those eligible among other COVID related information beneficial to the senior residents.









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NEWS FROM AROUND *THE REGION*

SIXTY CANDIDATES APPLY FOR DIVERSITY DIRECTOR JOB

CHELSEA - More than 60 candidates applied for the new Diversity Director position within the City of Chelsea – a new department that will have high-level status and will be charged with making City government more inclusive and welcoming.

It's a department proposed by City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Councilor Leo Robinson last summer in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, and in response to a list of demands from young people in Chelsea. Earlier this year, the City put together a Hiring Committee chaired by City Attorney Cheryl Fisher Watson. That Committee is currently interviewing candidates, and reportedly has some great options.

Fisher Watson said they had approximately 60 applicants and the Committee has reviewed all 60 applicants. They were ranked and from those rankings, six or seven were interviewed.

The goal will be to forward three applicants to the City Manager for the final hiring decisions.

Councilor Damali Vidot, who is on the Committee, said she was excited about the pool of applicants.

"We have some amazing candidates and we've narrowed it down now to a couple of folks," she announced at the Feb. 8 Council meeting.

A decision is expected in March.

•MORE MARIJUANA LICENSES

Council President Roy Avellaneda has proposed to increase the number of marijuana licenses from four to six in the City. While there was trepidation at first for the new industry, Chelsea has embraced it and already has one recreational marijuana store operating since November. Others are expected and Avellaneda said he hopes they can explore capping the number at six and not four.

"In light of some of the delays because of marijuana expansion, I feel this warranted consideration," said Avellaneda.

However, Councilor Calvin Brown warned caution on the matter, and said an increase in licenses for marijuana outlets was not what voters approved some years ago on the ballot.

"When the voters went to the ballot in 2016, it passed in Chelsea," he said. "There were certain expectations of what that meant. Now, to do this is something we need to pay attention to because it goes beyond the intent of the law when we voted on it…We need to slow down on this."

Councilor Damali Vidot disagreed and said the marijuana question passed easily in Chelsea, perhaps as much as 10 percent, and she said there is an appetite for local people to try to get into the industry. To do so, they need more licenses.

"For Black and brown and immigrant communities this is a chance to build equity and affluence," she said. "This is an opportunity to level the playing field. I don't think we're necessarily moving too fast."

Councilor Todd Taylor said one thing to consider is those that invested in the City and already opened, thinking that there would only be four competitors. With more competitors, he said, that makes their license potentially less valuable.

"The concern I have is adding additional licenses and whether it might affect people who have already invested in a license and a business that's open," he said.

The matter will be brought up again at a future meeting.

•TAX ON ROAD SALT

Council President Roy Avellaneda also proposed at the Feb. 8 meeting a tax on road salt coming out of the Eastern Salt complex on Marginal Street.

He proposed a Home Rule Petition that would allow Chelsea to charge something like 1 percent or less on the sale or transfer of a quantity of road salt. It would be levied on any company with salt storage in Chelsea.

It was moved to a Subcommittee on Conference.

•STOP WASTING FOOD

Councilor Giovanni Recupero was quite bothered during the meeting Feb. 8 about many people he sees taking food from the local food pantry relief efforts, and then throwing most of it away.

He encouraged those that don't need the relief food not to take it if they only plan to waste it. He said the problem is much larger than many would expect, particularly in his district.

"Please, if you get food, don't throw it away," he said. "I've been seeing food boxes that people get thrown in garbage cans. I'm in favor of giving out food to those that need it. I'm not in favor of wasting it. Give it to someone that needs it."

•IN THE CHAMBER?

Councilor Leo Robinson said he was only trying to ask a simple question of those that have been helped by the City's Business Relief Fund, but apparently it's a question others don't support.

At the Feb. 8 meeting, Robinson asked that the City gather responses about Chamber of Commerce membership amongst those that have taken assistance from the City's business fund. He said he simply wanted to know if they were members, or if they had joined since getting the City help.

Both Councilor Damali Vidot and Council President Roy Avellaneda objected, and said the Council and City had no authority to promote the Chamber of Commerce.

"I don't see anything wrong with them asking if it's only for informational purposes," said Councilor Todd Taylor.

"I think it's a very simple question to ask," said Robinson.

The matter was voted down 7-3.

REP. RYAN LANDS CHAIRMANSHIP

CHELSEA - State Rep. Dan Ryan was appointed to his first chairmanship position late last week by House Speaker Ron Mariano, with the veteran representative taking the lead on the House Election Laws Committee.

Ryan has served for his first several terms on important committees, such as transportation, but gaining a role as a chairman indicates somewhat of a promotion within the legislative body.

Ryan said this week he knew it was going to be a very busy Committee, with a lot of hearings and testimony to be heard given the changes to the voting and Elections systems during COVID-19. The future of those changes, and any new alterations, will likely be hashed out in his new Committee in the coming months.

"I want to thank Speaker Mariano and his leadership team for putting their trust in me to take on this important role," he said. "The COVID pandemic has certainly tested our resolve as a country and Commonwealth. This past year has laid bare the fragility of many sectors of society. However, out of necessity, we have also pulled together to test some ideas that have been around for a while. Early voting, no-excuse absentee voting and other forms of ballot access initiatives were very popular. It will be a lot work right out of the gate to refine these processes for this year's elections - as well as for the long term. We need to ensure that elections are safe and fair with as much access to the ballot box as reasonably possible."

Due to the anticipated agenda of the Committee, Ryan was not assigned to any other Committees as a member in the coming session.

TDM HEADS TO CITY COUNCIL

EVERETT - After more than a year of discussion about Transportation Demand Management (TDM) within the City's development process, and several months of presentations to the Planning Board, the Board approved a recommendation to adopt a TDM plan – sending the matter now to the City Council for potential passage.

The TDM was proposed and discussed in early 2020, and even before, as development in Everett began to ratchet up and both the City and the development community looked for predictability in regards to parking, traffic and transportation.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria has endorsed the plan that his Administration has proposed via Transportation Director Jay Monty – something that is central to his philosophy of pushing public transit so there could be more density in the buildout along Everett's main corridors.

"The whole premise here is we want the Site Plan Review process to take a holistic look at the transportation impacts," said Monty. "Zoning in most communities use parking and traffic as a proxy for transportation impacts. The two are kind of conflicting. The more parking, then the more traffic. It becomes a vicious spiral where there's more parking, more traffic and then more impacts. That's what the mayor has been saying the last several years now."

The TDM plan works where it gives developers and the City more choice.

Monty compares it to a menu in a restaurant. The developer still has some choice as to what they will choose to mitigate the transportation impacts of their project, but the City sets the menu and what is offered. In that way, there are no surprises and the plan set forth by the developer must be approved at Site Plan Review by the Planning Board.

The items in the plan would be different for every development, depending on the impacts, the size of the development and the location of the development, he said.

"Every project is different," he said. "The 600 on Broadway for example has lots of amenities, good transit and bike and bus lanes that can be used to mitigate. The needs of that will be different from 1090 Parkway, or the Stop & Shop site, where the transit isn't that great… This allows the developer to say what's best for them and their project. Then we work with them for the best plan."

The TDM proposal takes parking and transportation out of the hands of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and puts it within the Site Plan Review process. That allows zoning to focus on zoning, he said, and the Planning Board to work on transportation and predictable impacts and mitigation.

"We really designed this so the Zoning Board had skin in the game," he said. "It gives them more discretion and more power to shape a project…This allows the Planning Board to look at it in a much greater level and produces a project that has mitigated all concerns."

The matter will have to go through the City Council process, but the Planning Board has recommended passage. If it does pass, Monty said he will be very interested in seeing how the first few applicants use the process and shape it.

An accompanying piece about codifying residential parking stickers – which have been not allowed for many new developments – is still being reviewed in the Planning Board.

CHANGES AT OLD WOOD WASTE SITE APPROVED

EVERETT - The Planning Board on Feb. 8 approved a minor modification to the newer plan for the old Wood Waste site, a 600-plus unit residential community build on the construction waste yard, and paved the way for the project to start very soon.

Greystar Development's Tammy Copson was at the Board on Feb. 8 for a minor modification to make sure the former conditions on the approvals jived with what the plan is now on paper. The changes clear the path for a potential construction on the site of 650-units of housing in two, six-story buildings with 9,000 sq. ft. of retail space.

Copson told the Board that the 57 conditions on the permit that was given more than two years ago needed some updating so that everything was understood and clear.

"We wanted to clarify some edits of the conditions," she said. "

"(The project) will most definitely start if we can get everything cleaned up," she said.

Greystar, the largest residential apartment developer in the world, got involved with the project last summer after taking it over from the former Wood Waste ownership, under Billy Thibeault.

Planning Board member Leo Pizzano pointed out that once the project gets under construction, it's going to be a very confusing situation. That's because there are going to be multiple projects under construction at the same time.

Greystar will like start first, but the 18-month construction period will likely overlap with Grossman Properties' massive project at the Stop & Shop and Block properties' residential project on Second Street.

"That will be three massive projects and a fourth on Vale Street that are going to be going all at once and the residents

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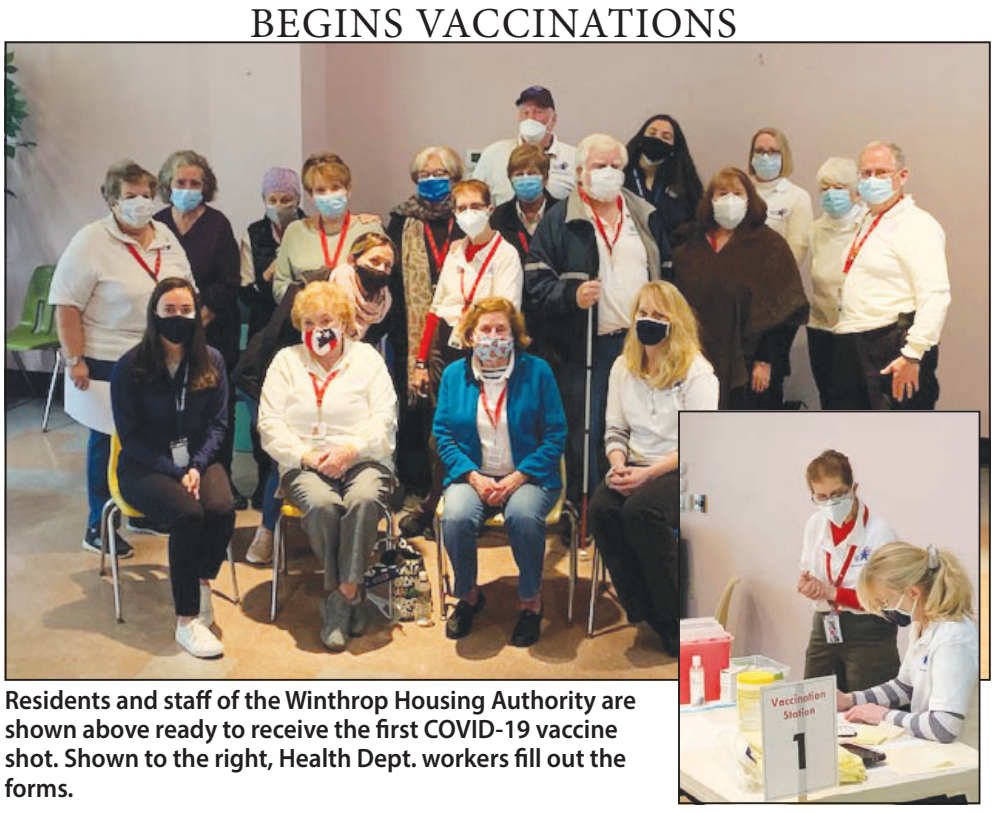
WINTHROP HOUSING AUTHORITY BEGINS VACCINATIONS



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at The Pioneer are going to be wanting to get out of there," he said. "I keep saying that."

The matter was approved 5-0.

•BLOCK PROPERTIES

Block Properties made their second official appearance at the Planning Board on Feb. 8 after a trip there in January for a full presentation. The residential project at Second and Vine Streets was informally introduced to the Board, though, last October.

In January, the development team had appeared before the Board and had a thorough presentation. However, a technology snafu didn't allow all Board members to get questions submitted.

The team was back for those questions on Feb. 8.

The plan is to demolish two industrial buildings on Vine and Second Streets in the Commercial Triangle near the City Line with Chelsea. They hope to build a six-story building with 320 units of apartment housing with 4,000 sq. ft. of retail space and a parking garage. The project meets most all zoning codes, and only needs to complete the Site Plan Review process.

The City has been working on transportation issues and stormwater issues with the development team, and that continues. The developer has ceded a portion of the property fronting Second Street to be used for the Silver Line extension when and if it comes to be. Meanwhile, Block Properties will likely be one of the first groups to work through the new Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan approved by the Board last month.

An Activity Use Limitation (AUL) for pollution on the site is likely to be filed in the coming months, allowing the developer to provide 5 percent Affordable Housing rather than the usually-required 15 percent.

REP. MADARO APPOINTED BOARD CHAIR

East Boston - House Speaker Ronald Mariano appointed Rep. Adrian Madaro as Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

This is Rep. Madaro's first chairmanship since being elected to the House in 2015. Madaro previously vice-chaired the Joint Committee on Transportation.

The Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery considers all matters concerning behavioral health, mental illness and substance use disorder, including prevention and early intervention, treatment and recovery services as well as homelessness.

The committee oversees the state's Department of Mental Health and the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity to work on issues that change people's lives, that save lives, that really makes an impact on our communities in East Boston and the Commonwealth," said Madaro. "If you think about it there's no family that I know or can think of that hasn't been touched on either mental health issues and or substance use issues so this is an incredible opportunity to really do some good."

Madaro was instrumental in the past to secure state funding for the development and administration of a program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances through the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. The program closed services gap and ensured treatment councilors were able to cover the critical hours of night and weekend shifts with the hopes that this coverage could be the difference needed in preventing overdoses and encouraging treatment for addicts. He also secured state funding to focus efforts on mental health through the Health Center and how it pertains to substance abuse disorders.

"Most recently we worked on that issue for Telehealth to make sure those types of services are covered under Telehealth during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," said Madaro. "As a former board member of the Health Center and later as a state representative we've worked very hard trying to bolster those types of services for our community. That's another reason why I'm really excited to have been named chair of the committee because it allows us to amplify and enhance the work that began right here in our own backyard statewide."

With the recent opening of a recovery support center in Eastie, Madaro said there needs to be more focus on long-term support services.

"That is something I've heard a lot of folks in the recovery community talk about," said Madaro. "The one thing about substance abuse and recovery is that it's almost never ending. This is an issue that touches young people, whether it's mental health or substance use, old people, veterans, there's public safety implications, there's public health implications and then it goes into the judiciary system when you think about drug court or mental health court. So the breadth of policy that we can work on is really incredible and it just presents such an amazing opportunity to make a positive impact in our community and, more broadly, throughout the state."

Out of the gate Madaro said he plans to meet with key stakeholders in the mental health and recovery communities.

"We're starting to line those meetings up now," he said. "Not only with statewide players but also the players and stakeholders right in our own backyard. That would certainly include places like the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen volunteers, which are frontline service providers for people dealing with these challenges. It would also include North Suffolk Mental Health, the Health Center and anyone else who does that type of social service where people are dealing with those types of challenges. I really want to roll up my sleeves and help--whether it's the issues that my Senate Co-Chair is facing down the Cape or whether it's the issues we're dealing with here in East Boston. I really wanted the opportunity to dive into substantive policy that impacts people's lives and that's exactly what I'm going to get to do on this committee. I'm just thrilled and grateful to Speaker Mariano for the appointment and excited to work with my colleagues on the committee to do some impactful work here in the state."

DOLORES LAMATTINA, LONGTIME CITY EMPLOYEE, DEAD AT 85

EAST BOSTON - Dolores LaMattina, a longtime former city employee of the Paris Street Gym and Pool known for her warmth and dry sense of humor, has died.

Mrs. LaMattina who, as a single mother, raised four successful boys including former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, died on Wednesday, February 10 surrounded by her family. She was 85 years old.

Mrs. LaMattina was born and raised in East Boston and attended East Boston. Mrs. LaMattina spent her entire life living at Drake Place just off Chelsea Street around the block from the Paris Street Gym and Pool. There Mrs. LaMattina raised her four boys--Sal, Robert, David, and John.

Sal would become City Councilor while David and Robert opened up a successful karate studio in New Hampshire. John would go on to have a successful career in Boston's restaurant industry and worked at high end restaurants like Morton's and Strega.

"She made sure we kept in line," said Sal LaMattina. "At an early age she got us involved in the Social Centers, the Salesians Boys & Girls Club and Paris Street. We grew up poor. I'm so amazed that she raised four boys in a little house with four on Drake Place. She gave us all a really happy childhood. We never knew we were poor because she was always so generous. I find comfort that my brothers and I had a beautiful mother who loved us so much. She taught us love and respect not only to our family but with others."

Mrs. LaMattina worked at Macy's for many years before making a career change in 1990.

From 1990 to her retirement in 2013 at the age of 77 Mrs. LaMattina worked the front desk at the Paris Street Gym and later at the Paris Street Pool's front desk.

When her son, Sal, was elected to the City Council Mrs. LaMattina became the de facto Mayor of East Boston and the Paris Street Pool her City Hall.

"Everyone would come to her," said Sal LaMattina. "They go down to the pool and see my mom if they needed help, if they needed housing, if they needed a job, if they needed some other assistance and she'd call me with a list of names of people I needed to help."

Sal LaMattina said his mother was always very generous and always wanted to help people.

Her granddaughter, Liana LaMattina, a former Chief of Staff for Rep. Adrian Madaro and current Assistant District Attorney prosecutor said her grandmother always had the biggest heart she's ever known.

"Every Sunday she would cook Sunday Dinner, make a gravy and it was pretty much an open house," said Liana LaMattina. "Anyone could come in and get some food... friends, neighbors...that's just the type of person she was. She was always so caring and compassionate. I remember at the (Paris Street) Gym there was this stray dog that was always outside and every day when she went to work she would bring him leftover food, kitchen scraps, bones, hotdogs..anything she had. She was a beautiful person."

LITERACY DAY GALA PLANNED FOR MARCH 18

LYNN - No one could have predicted the heights that the Lynn Celebrate Literacy Day Gala would reach in the past 10 years, not even Saritin Rizzuto, one of the founders of the event.

A vice president at Metro Credit Union, Rizzuto said that to have more than 300 guests attend the gala each year is an extraordinary show of support from the Lynn community for the committee's efforts to promote literacy and education.

The gala event is usually held on the roof deck of the All Care Visiting Nurse Association building during the summer. The view of Lynn and Nahant is spectacular from the well-known building located across the street from North Shore Community College.

The committee intends to celebrate its decade of accomplishments at a kickoff event held virtually on March 18 at 6 p.m. The actual gala itself will be held in September.

Mayor Thomas McGee, who has been a strong supporter of the event since his days as Lynn's state senator, will deliver the opening remarks. The keynote speaker will be Jamie Zahlway Belsito, former congressional candidate.

The 2020 recipients of the Excellence in Literacy Leadership Awards, Lynn school teacher Magalie Torres-Rowe, executive director and founder of Latina Center MARIA, and Sheila O'Neil, president of the Lynn Teachers Union, will reveal at the kickoff event which local non-profit organizations will be receiving the $500 scholarships that the committee donates in their honor.

"Each year we recognize individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond to educate the public about literacy in the Lynn community," said Rizzuto.

Rizzuto said she is proud of the volunteers who serve on the Celebrate Literacy Day committee including her Metro Credit Union colleague Diana Moreno, whose family has also been a leader in the advancement of the sport of soccer in Lynn.

"They have been dedicated individuals that have really taken time out of their busy schedule to commit to celebrating Literacy Day," credited Rizzuto. "This committee so instrumental in making the event a success."

OFFICIALS REPORT DECREASE IN NEW COVID CASES

WINTHROP - The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified Town officials of thirty-six (36) additional confirmed positive cases of the virus in Winthrop since our last reporting on Feb. 11. This brings the total number of cases up to 1,919, with 35 deceased, 47 in isolation and 1,837 recovered.

The Winthrop Public Health will be offering assistance to those who may have difficulty registering for the Covid vaccine.

Anyone in need can call the EOC number at 617-539-5837 or email eoc@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Winthrop Stop the Spread Testing Information

Indoor Testing Now Available By Appointment Only

151 Pauline St: Located in the Old Middle School Gymnasium next to Larsen Rink

Testing Hours can be found on https://app.beacontesting.com/login.

Please register online at https://app.beacontesting.com/login to see available appointment slots.

(617) 741-7310

https://app.beacontesting.com/login

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

• Individuals age 75 and older are eligible beginning February 1, 2021.

• Visit https://www.town.winthrop.ma.us/home/news/resources-residents-75-scheduling-covid-19-vaccine-appointments for more information

• Currently the vaccine supply is very limited and dependent of federal allocations.

• The Winthrop Health department does not have vaccine available and do not expect vaccines for at least 3-4 weeks (also dependent on how many doses the state receives)

• All appointments are made online for state-sponsored sites.

• If you are looking for a vaccine appointment, we suggest two things.

1.Contact your primary care provider; because of the limited supply they may not be doing distributions currently.

2. Look at state-sponsored sites that may have vaccine doses available. Not all sites will have appointments because of the limited supply.

For the most up to date information on vaccines in Massachusetts, go to:

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions

Stay Informed!

The Town encourages everyone to stay informed regarding COVID-19. The following websites are recommended for the most updated information:

Town of Winthrop COVID-19 resource page: WinthropCOVID19.com

Town of Winthrop Official Website: www.town.winthrop.ma.us

Massachusetts Department of Public Health: www.mass.gov/covid-19

Massachusetts 2-1-1 general COVID-19 information: Click here or dial 2-1-1 (24/7)

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov

The best way to contact the Public Health Department is by email at COVID19info@town.winthrop.ma.us

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TrapKing's 'From Feral to Fancy' TNR fundraising cat photo contest

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What do you get when you team up rapper-turned-trapper Sterling "TrapKing" Davis with the world's largest cat organization, two top pet healthcare brands, and 10 well-known internet purrsonalities? A CFA Virtual Cat Competition destined to turn 11 lucky kitties into mini-celebrities!

Cat owners can enter their cats in the competition. Spectators can enter and vote on their favorite cats now through February 26 and the judges will announce the winners on Facebook February 27 and 28.

Davis is an African American cat rescuer dedicated to Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), widely considered the only humane way to stop cat overpopulation. It's endorsed by the Humane Society of the United States, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the American Humane Association, and many other progressive animal welfare organizations.

TrapKing's From Feral to Fancy TNR Fundraising Cat Photo Contest offers cats everywhere the chance to compete for 100 prizes with their photos. "I love how CFA realizes that rescue, shelter and feral cats are just as beautiful as the fancy pedigree ones," said Davis recently. Top winners in each of the competitive categories will enjoy photo appearances in New York City's Times Square! Proceeds from the event will go to Davis' nonprofit, TrapKing Humane Cat Solutions, which will use the money to teach cat rescuers the basics of TNR.

CFA is partnering with Davis because of his exemplary work in bringing diversity to the animal world. "It's no secret the cat scene is dominated by white women, and Sterling brings a message of acceptance and compassion. He's trying to bridge the racial divide between the cat world and the black community," says Desiree Bobby, CFA's Marketing Director. Davis is known for his motto, "You don't lose cool points for compassion." The show is also sponsored by the brands ZYMOX® and Oratene®, veterinarian recommended solutions that have been helping pets have healthy ears, skin and mouths for over twenty years.

The event is part of CFA's Companion Cat World Program, reflecting the organization's mission to enhance all cats' lives. Kitty contestants can choose from 11 categories, including the Main Event, Me & My Cat Lady/Cat Daddy, Beautiful Eyes, Gotcha! Day, Cats in Costume, Outdoor/Adventure, and Cats Looking for Fur-ever Homes. The judging lineup includes well-known cat influencers NathanTheCatLady, SunglassCat, Adventure Cats, "Catification" designer Kate Benjamin, Two Crazy Cat Ladies and Pet Behavior Expert Arden Moore, plus many more. You can learn more and enter at https://vcc.cfa.org/trapking2021/.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Will dispose of the following abandoned and or junk motor vehicles
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Ref#: 6663
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Make: Mazda
Model: CX-9
Color: Black
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Ref#: 1HWA63 (MA)
Year: 2001
Make: Jeep
Model: Wrangler
Color: Maroon
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Ref#: 6939
Year: 2008
Make: Nissan
Model: Altima
Color: Black
Lic: N/A
VIN#: 1B7HL38X92S553315
Ref#: 7034
Year: 2002
Make: Dodge
Model: Dakota
Color: Grey
Lic: 11MC80 (MA)
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ATLANTIS TOWING
851 BROADWAY
REVERE MA 02151
781-485-1800
*****ABANDON VEHICLE AUCTION********
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF MASS G.L.c. 255, SECTION 39A THE FOLLOWLING VEHICLES WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF ON 02/25/2021 8AM. AND WILL BE SOLD ON OR AFTER THAT DATE TO SATISFY THEIR GARAGE KEEPERS LIEN FOR TOWING.
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2003 JEEP #1J4GW48S93C588469
2019 INFINITY #JN-1FV7EL5KM440169
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2011 RR #SALFR2BN-7BH221905
2007 BMW #WBAVC73237KP34947
2017 TOYOTA #2T3R-FREV6HW568470
2012 MASE #ZAM-45MLA9C0066190
2012 FORD #1ZVB-P8AM8C5242639
2/10/2021, 2/17/2021, 2/24/2021
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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice
City of Revere
Approved Loan Order
BEACHMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT DESIGN AND PLANNING SERVICES
ORDERED: That the City of Revere appropriate the amount of sixty thousand ($ 60,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of design/planning services for the replacement of boilers at the Beachmont Elementary School, located at 15 Everard Street, Revere, MA 02151, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which City of Revere may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of School Committee. To meet this appropriation the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City of Revere acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Revere incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Revere and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City of Revere and the MSBA.
In City Council February 8, 2021
ORDERED on a Roll Call: Councillors Giannino, Guinasso, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Powers, Rotondo, Serino, Visconti, and Council President Zambuto voting "YES".
Attest: Ashley E. Melnik, City Clerk
Approved by: Mayor Brian M. Arrigo
Date: February 16, 2021
2/24/21
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice
City of Revere
Approved Loan Order
FY21 Capital Improvement Program Bonds
ORDERED: That $5,875,000 is appropriated to pay costs of the following capital improvements: including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.
FURTHER ORDERED: That any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.
FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this loan order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.
In City Council February 8, 2021
ORDERED on a Roll Call: Councillors Giannino, Guinasso, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Powers, Rotondo, Serino, Visconti, and Council President Zambuto voting "YES".
Attest: Ashley E. Melnik, City Clerk
Approved by: Mayor Brian M. Arrigo
Date: February 16, 2021
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU21C0022CA
In the matter of:
Jazmin Alexis Smith
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jazmin Alexis Smith of Revere, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Jazmin Alexis Johnson
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/11/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 26, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate
2/24/21
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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice
City of Revere
Approved Loan Order
LINCOLN SCHOOL DESIGN/PLANNING SERVICES FOR REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AND DOORS
ORDERED: That the City of Revere appropriate the amount of sixty thousand ($ 60,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of design/planning services for the replacement of windows and doors at the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, located at 68 Tuckerman Street, Revere, MA 02151, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which City of Revere may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of School Committee. To meet this appropriation the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City of Revere acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Revere incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Revere and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City of Revere and the MSBA.
In City Council February 8, 2021
ORDERED on a Roll Call: Councillors Giannino, Guinasso, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Powers, Rotondo, Serino, Visconti, and Council President Zambuto voting "YES".
Attest: Ashley E. Melnik, City Clerk
Approved by: Mayor Brian M. Arrigo
Date: February 16, 2021
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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF REVERE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
INVITATION FOR BIDS
STREET SWEEPING SERVICES
MUN-2021-1004
Sealed bids to furnish all labor and materials for STREET SWEEPING SERVICES for the City of Revere, Department of Public Works, will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts prior to 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 11, 2021, immediately after which the bids will be opened and read publicly.
Specifications and contract documents will be available beginning Thursday, February 18, 2021 electronically from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi at mpiccardi@revere.org. Revere City Hall office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM and Fridays, 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM.
Each bid submitted to the City of Revere must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond, money order, cashier's check, certified check, or treasurer's check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company, in the amount of six thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars ($6,750.00). Checks must be made payable to the City of Revere.
The City of Revere as the awarding authority, may accept any bid or portion of a bid, waive any informality in a bid, order more or less of any item, investigate the ability of the vendors to honor a bid, select a vendor who does not submit the lowest bid and award all contracts as shall be considered in the best interest of the City of Revere.
It is the policy of the City of Revere to take positive steps to maximize the utilization of minority business enterprises in all activities administered by this agency.
Bidders must hold their bid prices for thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.
This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B
Michael A. Piccardi
Purchasing Agent
2/24/21
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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 40 Chapter 131 of the Massachusetts General Laws (Wetlands Protection Act) that the City of Revere Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing via remote participation on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM upon the application (Notice of Intent) of The McClellan Highway Development Company, LLC for Suffolk Downs Redevelopment Building R-9. A copy of the Applicant's "Notice of Intent" application will be available at the Department of Planning & Community Development at Revere City Hall Monday through Thursday 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM.
In accordance with an Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020 by Governor Baker, the public hearing as advertised will be held remotely.
Remote meeting participation information will be published on the Conservation Commission agenda at least 48 hours in advance of the public hearing, not including weekends or holidays at www.revere.org/calendar. Alternatively, commentary on this public hearing may be submitted in writing to nmoulaison@revere.org or by mail to Office of the Conservation Commission, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.
Nick Moulaison, Sr., Chairman
Revere Conservation Commission
2/24/21
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LEGAL NOTICE

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW NOTICE
The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) is reviewing the proposal(s) listed below for consistency with its enforceable program policies. Project proponents have filed a statement and accompanying information with the CZM Office certifying that their proposal is consistent with these policies. This information is available via email from the CZM Office. Written comments may be submitted to the CZM Office within twenty-one days of the publication date of this Environmental Monitor, currently scheduled for on or about February 24, 2021, or as otherwise noted below. Send email copies of your comments to robert.Boeri@mass.gov.
Anyone having technical questions regarding a particular project should contact the reviewer listed at the end of each notice below.
Anyone having questions regarding the public comment process, or having comments on any project listed below should contact:
Robert L. Boeri, Project Review Coordinator
Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800
Boston, MA 02114 robert.boeri@mass.gov
Global Companies LLC of 140 Lee Burbank Highway, Revere, Massachusetts is proposing to renew the draft NPDES permit MA0000825 to discharge treated stormwater into receiving waters Chelsea River and Sales Creek. Contact Todd Callaghan at todd.callaghan@mass.gov.
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
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(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU13P1115EA
Estate of:
Anthony D. Pittelli
Date of Death 04/13/2013
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment has been filed by Frank J. Andreottola of Saugus, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Frank J. Andreottola of Saugus, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/26/2021.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 23, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
2/24/2021
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Gov. Baker signs $16 Billion Transportation Bond Bill

Staff report

Gov. Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, and Acting MassDOT Secretary of Transportation Jamey Tesler joined legislators, municipal leaders, and other stakeholders in a virtual ceremonial signing of the $16 billion Transportation Bond Bill legislation.

This legislation was signed into law on January 15, and authorizes funding across all modes of transportation to support and facilitate the ongoing continual efforts of MassDOT and the MBTA to invest in and modernize the Commonwealth's transportation system.

"The Transportation Bond Bill builds upon our Administration's ongoing commitment to create a 21st-century mobility infrastructure that will prepare the Commonwealth to capitalize on emerging changes in transportation technology and behavior," said Governor Charlie Baker. "MassDOT and the MBTA have continued to implement widespread improvements throughout the transportation system and this new bond authorization will further support capital investment planning to rebuild, modernize, and expand the capacity of the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure."

The legislation includes nearly $5.1 billion to continue modernizing the MBTA, $100 million to improve the pavement condition on state numbered municipal roads, $50 million to ensure municipalities have resources needed to continue efforts to build 'Complete Streets' infrastructure to encourage the public to travel more on foot and by bicycle. The bill also includes $70 million for the Municipal Small Bridge Program and expands the use of designated bus lanes and transit signal priority through two new grant programs. Additionally, the bill authorizes the MBTA to use well-established procurement methods such as Job Order contracting for smaller projects.

The bill also responds to the needs of municipal partners by reauthorizing or creating five funding partnerships to supplement and complement the Chapter 90 program, and reauthorizes the popular Municipal Small Bridge Program and Complete Streets Program. In addition to local bottleneck reduction program already mentioned, a third municipal funding initiative would improve the condition of roadways by authorizing $100 million for a municipal pavement partnership program to help cities and towns care for state-numbered routes that are locally owned.

Highlights of the Transportation Bond Bill are as follows:

- $4.4 billion for use as funding for Highway federal aid projects
- $3 billion for Transit System Modernization Investments (MBTA)
- $1.25 billion in Non-Federal Aid for use as funding in Highways projects that are not eligible for federal funding
- $1.25 billion for the new Next Generation Bridge program
- $70 million for the popular Municipal Small Bridge Program
- $50 million for the popular Complete Streets program
- $20 million for 'public realm' COVID-related Shared Streets and Spaces program
- $100 million for a new Municipal Pavement program for pavement projects on locally owned but state numbered roads
- $100 million in four new programs to provide financial assistance for municipalities seeking to improve infrastructure, such as bus lanes or bus signal prioritization projects, and connectivity
- $350 million for the Cape Cod Bridges approaches project
- $825 million for South Coast Rail
- $595 million for Green Line Extension
- $89 million for Aeronautics Division
- $760 million to support the Regional Transit Authorities and Rail & Transit's Mobility Assistance Program and Rail improvements

Construction Zone Speed Limits that allows posting of speed limits in construction zones and doubling of speeding fines for violations.

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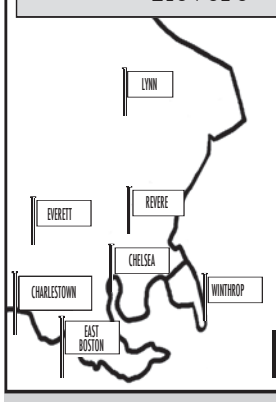

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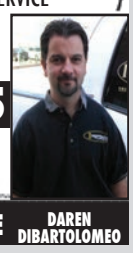

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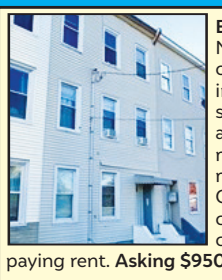
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Revere residents and members of Revere Youth in Action stand out on Shirley Avenue.

Revere Youth in Action joins statewide rally calling for youth jobs and justice at State House

Special to the Journal

On Thursday, February 20th Revere Youth in Action (RYiA) co-sponsored I Have A Future's Youth Justice Rally. It drew together hundreds of Massachusetts youth leaders under the banner of "Injustice was never normal." Over two dozen young people from Revere Youth in Action and Revere youth leadership programs attended. The day-long rally had both in-person and virtual events.

RYiA organizer and media justice fellow, Somaya Laroussi , age 20, co-emceed the in-person state house rally, saying in her opening, "Injustice was never normal. It is just now being recorded more, documented more, and forcing people to bear witness and take action. We must address the underlying issues the pandemic has exposed and demonstrate that Black Lives Matter. As young people we demand action on youth jobs, education justice, juvenile justice and housing justice. "

Youth speakers then laid out their demands. These included a call for education justice, delivered by RYiA organizer and public health fellow, 20-year-old Chaimaa Hossaini, "We need passage of the I Am Bill for equitable access to menstrual products in schools and other institutions and the Act Relative for Healthy Youth that will provide medically accurate and age appropriate sexual education. And our public schools need the promised funding from the Student Opportunity Act" Hossaini also thanked US Senator Elizabeth Warren and US Representative Ayanna Pressley for their congressional advocacy for student debt relief and called for state house action towards debt-free college.

The coalition's other demands included supporting legislation to increase funding for the Youthworks summer jobs program to $23 Million, and $6.4 million for school to career connecting activities, shifting in-school resources from policing to counseling, increasing juvenile record expungement, and ensuring stable and fair housing justice in Massachusetts through eviction sealing, rent control and right-to-counsel in eviction proceedings.

RHS junior and RYiA organizer Anthony Insogna said of attending the event "I felt empowered to create change and bring ideas discussed back to our city. There was a strong sense of community among youth activists." He went on to say "I know how important the YouthWorks jobs are for my friends and I and want increased funding. " The YouthWorks summer jobs program puts young people to work for the City of Revere and community organizations while receiving workforce training Savannah Hart, 21, RYiA's senior community organizer summarized the day, "As young leaders of color and immigrant youth from Revere it's important for our Representatives to hear from us, not only about issues impacting us in our city, but also impacting youth across the state."

RYiA looks forward to meeting with the Revere State Delegation in the Spring to voice their support for these youth justice policies, and thank them for their past, present and future support of young people.

The I Have a Future's Youth Justice Rally at the State House last Thursday.