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The next meeting for The Patriot Club that is located at 90 Patriot Pkwy, Revere will be held on November 12 Tuesday at 12:30. A head count will be taken for our December Party. "

### BCBS SPONSORS FREE BLUEBIKES RIDES ON ELECTION DAY

To help reduce transportation barriers as residents head to the polls, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross") is offering free Bluebikes Day Passes on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. The Bluebikes Day Passes provide unlimited complimentary two-hour classic bike rides and free ebike unlocks (a per-minute charge will apply for ebike usage after the unlock) for the duration of Election Day. Riders can access this offer by entering code BCBSMAVOTE in the checkout section of the Bluebikes App.

The initiative aims to provide voters with a convenient and accessible transit option from Bluebikes' 500 stations across 13 municipalities, including Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown, while supplies last. Voters can visit <https://account.bluebikes.com/map> to find the closest station to their polling

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## FRIGHT NIGHT



Shown above, Danielle Guarente, Maria Marchetti, Elijah Reed, Nicole Hegner, Hunter and Ivy Guay, Gina Ballantine, Madison MacLellan, Jakob Forestier, and Renee Izzo pictured during the Revere Fright Night held at Rumney Marsh Academy on Oct. 27. Shown left, Leopold, 3, and Cameron Murphy playing with bubbles See more photos on Pages 4 and 5.

## APPRECIATION

### Cosmo DiLiegro, Owner of Cosmo Pools

By Cary Shuman

Cosmo Louis DiLiegro, a well-known and highly respected businessman who built a legendary swimming pool construction company in the city, died on October, 23, 2024. He was 96.

Employed in the excavation business, Mr. DiLiegro built a pool in his own Keaney Street backyard for his children, and he soon founded Cosmo Pools in 1970 at the age of 42.

"My father built a pool for us kids. He saw how



Cosmo DiLiegro

much we enjoyed it, and then he started building pools for other people," said Mr. DiLiegro's son's Michael DiLiegro, who collaborated with his older brother, John DiLiegro, to help their father Cosmo achieve an impeccable reputation for the work done by Cosmo Pools, redefining the art of in-ground pool construction in the process. His wife, Jane, and daughter Patty,

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## Ban on the sale of recreational marijuana to stay in place

By Adam Swift

Recreational marijuana sales will remain prohibited in Revere, at least for the time being.

Monday night, the council approved the recommendation of its legislative affairs subcommittee to place the proposed

repeal of the ban on recreational marijuana sales on file.

Over the past month, opponents of the marijuana sales repeal have organized and made their displeasure with the proposed measure known to the council.

At the subcommittee

meeting, Councilor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, who introduced the original motion and has been a staunch advocate for retail marijuana sales in Revere, asked that the motion be placed on file. While the motion is dead

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## BELLE ISLE HARVEST FESTIVAL



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Fredy Vargas, Cindy and Christopher Garcia, Courtney Dusvitch, Ryder Brennan, and Zion Green decorating pumpkins during the Belle Isle Harvest Fest held on Oct. 20. See more photos on Page 10.

## Council begins discussion on extended terms

By Adam Swift

Several city councilors are looking to extend council and school committee terms from two to four years, beginning with the 2027 municipal election.

The motion was introduced at Monday night's meeting by councilors Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Marc Silvestri, Joanne McKenna, and Council President Anthony Cogliandro. The council voted to take up further discussion of the potential home rule petition at a future meeting of its legislative affairs subcommittee.

"Since the day I got elected, the first thing I said is why do we have two-year terms?" said Guarino-Sawaya.

With the two-year terms, Guarino Sawaya said councilors can get work done for the first year, but spend the second year campaigning for re-

election.

"I can't do what I have to do for everybody, for all my constituents in two years, I need four years," she said. "I would like to put it in conjunction with the mayoral election."

Cogliandro highlighted a number of the potential benefits of longer terms, including greater stability and continuity in government and stronger relationships between elected officials and the residents.

"Longer terms can reduce voter fatigue from frequent elections, and I think everybody in this city understands what I mean when I say voter fatigue," said Cogliandro. "There have been so many special elections."

Longer terms can also give elected officials more time to tackle ongoing issues without the interruption of frequent election cycles, he said.

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## Polls open for Election Day on Tuesday

By Adam Swift

Polls are open in Revere from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The presidential election tops the ballot, with Democratic nominee and Vice President Kamala Harris facing off against former President Donald Trump.

In addition, there are a number of contested races for state and local office, as well as five state ballot questions.

Information about where residents are registered to vote is available on the city's website at [revere.org](http://revere.org).

There are separate ballots for the 16th Suffolk and the 19th Suffolk state representative districts in Revere. In the 16th Suffolk, incumbent Democrat Jessica Giannino is running unopposed for reelection, while in the 19th Suffolk, incumbent Democrat Jeff Turco is likewise running unopposed.

As of Monday, Revere Election Commissioner Paul Fahey said the city had approximately 1,100 early voters in person since Oct. 1. The city has also received about 3,800 early vote-by-mail ballots, for a total early vote of

4,900 as of Monday.

There are currently 32,616 registered voters in Revere but Fahey said he expected that number to increase a bit after the city processes all applications received by the Oct. 26 deadline.

Turnout in the 2020 and 2012 state elections was approximately 68 percent, while turnout in the 2016 state election was approximately 72 percent, Fahey said.

In other contested races on the ballot, Incumbent Democratic U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren is being challenged by Republican John Deaton, incumbent Democratic State Senator Lydia Edwards is facing a challenge from Republican Jeanna Marie Tamas.

There is a race to fill a vacant Register of Probate position between Democrat Stephanie Everett and Independent Mohamed Bah.

The state ballot questions include giving the state auditor the ability to audit the legislature, eliminating the MCAS test as a graduation requirement, allowing rideshare drivers to unionize, allowing the medical use of psychedelic drugs, and increasing the state minimum wage for tipped workers.

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# Update on Lead Service Line Programs in the City of Revere

Special to the Journal

The City of Revere is proud of its commitment to removing lead services from homes and providing safe, clean drinking water to residents. To remain in compliance with Federal and State mandates, the Water, Sewer and Drain Department recently completed a comprehensive investigation of service lines.

Revere's Water Department completed more than 200 excavations in a two-month period from August to October, including 22 lead service line replacements. Various contractors also helped complete an additional 26 replacements. From November 2023 to October 2024, the City removed 80 lead service lines. Service line replacements will continue until the City of Revere is completely lead free.

"Quality infrastructure is critical to the health and wellbeing of our City," commented Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr. "Our Water, Sewer, and Drain Department is going above-and-beyond in their efforts to mitigate the impacts of lead service lines. We are working to levy the financial burden of service line

replacements from our residents, by continuing these free replacement programs."

"I'm extremely proud of the hard work completed by the Water Department to investigate and remove lead services," said Superintendent Chris Ciaramella. "It was a group effort that demonstrates our commitment to removing all lead services from the City's infrastructure. Our efforts will continue as we strive to make the City of Revere lead free."

Residents with a lead, galvanized, or unknown service line material will receive a mail notification before November 15, 2024. There is also a map on the City webpage where residents can search an address and see what the service line material is. Residents who receive a service line replacement will get detailed instructions how to properly flush the line. They will also receive a pitcher filter and a six-month supply of cartridges.

All questions can be directed to Assistant Superintendent Anthony Gulizia at [agulizia@revere.org](mailto:agulizia@revere.org) or 781-808-6444. Residents can also email [waterquality@revere.org](mailto:waterquality@revere.org).

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"I also want to state that our fellow elected officials on the school committee have reached out in favor of this, as well," said Cogliandro. "I know this is going to take a lot of work to get done; this starts here but by no means finishes here. This has to go to the mayor, has to go to the (state) house of representatives and then the senate, so it's a long process."

Cogliandro also noted he would not be opposed to the issue going before voters on the ballot.

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto said he didn't mind having a discussion on the issue, adding that he could be in favor of extending terms to three years, but not four.

"Not many other cities have a four-year term for city councillors, and

I think there is a reason behind that," said Zambuto. "But that is for a later discussion, and I certainly will enjoy having this debate on what way we move forward with this."

Several residents spoke against extending the terms to four years at Monday's meeting, noting that it could decrease accountability for elected officials.

"I believe it is important for checks and balances that the council stay at a two-year term," said Vivian Catano.

Catano said the councillors are elected to represent the people and that they are more likely to remain on their toes if they have to face the voters every two years.

## Cosmo // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

also worked with him on the pools business, doing bookkeeping.

He worked full time into his 90s, and if Cosmo pools was installing your pool you would be seeing him there daily observing the operation hands on. Every morning you could see him getting in his pickup at 5:30 a.m., heading to get his first cup of coffee — he swore that McDonalds had the best.

Mr. DiLiegro was known for his incredible work ethic and for his traditional manner, developing a relationship of trust and loyalty with his customers through personal, one-on-one encounters.

"He had a pen and a little notebook in his top pocket, and a pocket full of cash," fondly recalled Michael DiLiegro. "All of our business was word of mouth. We built pools

quickly and safely. He always gave a decent price, and he gave his customers a good job. People loved his work."

### A beloved father and grandfather

Cosmo DiLiegro met Jane Swicewood, a Chelsea woman, in the late 1940s. They would share 73 years of marriage.

Cosmo and Jane presided over a close-knit family that was enriched beautifully by their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"My father had a long, happy, full life," said Michael. "He used to write special songs for each grandchild. My father was an amazing guy. He loved being with his family."

Those warm and memorable gatherings included Cosmo arranging New Year's Eve celebrations at

the Continental restaurant in Saugus.

"And every Friday night, we would go to China Roma," remembered Michael. "My daughter, [grandchild Nanci DiLiegro Haas] really enjoyed the food at China Roma so he would take us there. They had a great relationship."

Cosmo also enjoyed being an observer and participant in the Revere political scene.

"He loved Revere and was always involved in Revere politics," said Michael. "He was a building inspector in the city for many years. When he was an inspector at the end of his career, they gave him a computer, and he never even plugged it in. There were no computers. He helped a lot of people as a building inspector, too."

Cosmo had a profound

personal connection to his Italian heritage and was a big fan of Frank Sinatra, one of the greatest entertainers of all time.

"He had a room in his home dedicated to Frank Sinatra," said Michael. "His favorite actors were Al Pacino and Robert DeNiro. My father was very, very proud of his heritage."

Cosmo was also a major contributor to local organizations, especially the Patriot Civic Club where he was served as president.

Cosmo Louis DiLiegro made a positive impact on many lives in Revere. He will be greatly missed by friends and family.

"My father was old-school," said Michael. "Those days are gone. He was just a good man. Everything was about family to him. He was my idol."



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**SPOTLIGHT**

The Revere Beach Pumpkin Dash was an amazing community event that celebrated Fall with fitness and fun! Runners of all ages joined in whether racing for a personal best or enjoying a leisurely jog with family and friends. This all happened at Revere Beach and RTV caught some highlights. Laughter, camaraderie, and vibrant autumn vibes made it a day to remember! Watch RevereTV's video from the event on the Community Channel and all social media outlets. Follow @RevereTV to watch highlights from the Pumpkin Dash and short clips from all community events covered by RTV.

The Revere Public Schools Italian Heritage Month Celebration program is now airing on the RTV Community Channel and will be for the next few weeks. Through this program, the Revere Public Schools gives Italian American students, staff, and caregivers extra recognition and celebrates the food, dance, stories, and culture of the city's Italian population. The show includes familiar faces from the Revere school community. Follow along during the cooking segments and learn how to make eggs in purgatory and tiramisu! This full program is posted to YouTube and you can find the individual cooking segments on Instagram as well.

The Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center celebrated Halloween with Revere's seniors last week at St. Anthony's Church. Relive the fun from this Halloween Party every day at noon for the next few weeks. Seniors got to enjoy food, dancing and the live entertainment of Alan Labella. The full recording is also posted to YouTube to view at your convenience.

RevereTV attended two ribbon cutting ceremonies last week. The Department of Conservation and Recreation worked with the City of Revere and Revere's state delegation to transform Sullivan Park. This revitalized recreational park is at the corner of Revere Beach Boulevard and Revere St. Watch the opening ceremonies and hear about all that went into the rehabilitation of this area that is now available for public use. Right around the corner on North Shore Road, Perros Paisas is a new restaurant offering Colombian style hotdogs and more. Watch these ribbon cutting ceremonies at various times on the Community Channel and on YouTube.

## DISPLAYING HALLOWEEN SPIRIT



This home on Cushman Terrace truly showcases the spirit and festiveness of Halloween with its scary collection of characters and its creative decorations. Halloween is celebrated each year on October 31.

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location.

The system is municipally owned by thirteen cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts, jointly managed by the Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville and the Town of Brookline, and

operated under contract by Lyft.

As the title sponsor of Bluebikes, Blue Cross is committed to increasing access to the polls. A study conducted by professors at Harvard University and Boston University found that lack of access to a car is a significant obstacle to voting and decreases turnout.

"During this election season, we are dedicated to eliminating transportation barriers so every citizen can exercise their right to vote," said Jeff Bellows, vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs at Blue Cross. "Bluebikes offers a convenient and accessible transportation option for residents across Metro Boston, particularly for those in underserved and underrepresented communities who may face challenges getting to their polling places. We encourage everyone planning to vote on Election Day to take advantage of our complimentary Bluebikes rides."

Blue Cross has served as Bluebikes' title sponsor

since May 2018 and remains committed to supporting and extending bike sharing in Greater Boston as a safe, sustainable and accessible public transportation option through its partnership

with the municipal owners of Bluebikes and Lyft.

Those interested in a free Bluebikes Day Pass on Election Day can download the Bluebikes App or visit [bluebikes.com](http://bluebikes.com) for more information.

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# A Doggie Dream Realized

## Crowdfunding campaign launched for total transformation of Fitzhenry Dog Park

Special to the Journal

Exciting news is on the horizon as a long-held dream of community members is finally coming to fruition: the total transformation of Fitzhenry Dog Park. This project is a collaborative effort led by passionate residents, supported by the City of Revere, The Neighborhood Developers (TND), and TDI Partners.

To kick off this much-anticipated renovation, a crowdfunding campaign has been launched with an initial goal of raising \$5,000. These funds will be allocated toward key enhancements that will significantly improve the park experience for both dogs and their owners. The crowdfunding funds will combine with the \$45,000-\$200,000 committed by the City of Revere towards site improvement and engineering to unlock a \$50,000 matching grant from MassDevelopment.

Organizers are seeking donations to enhance the dog park with essential items such as a dog agility course, shade structures, benches, waste stations, water fountains, and safety measures like fencing and lighting. Contribu-

tions will improve park functionality, comfort, and aesthetics, creating a better environment for dogs and their owners. Your support is crucial in making the park a safer and more enjoyable space for the community.

"The transformation of Fitzhenry Dog Park showcases the incredible commitment of Shirley Ave residents to create welcoming spaces in their neighborhood. We are proud to support this long-standing dream of the community and are excited to help raise the funds needed to bring it to life. It's wonderful to see residents coming together to make this park a fun, playful gathering place for everyone who loves dogs," said Rafael Mares, Executive Director of The Neighborhood Developers.

"For years, Ward Two residents have taken their dogs to a patch of grass in Fitzhenry Square, with a long-term goal of creating an official dog park. The City of Revere is thrilled to commit funding through our CDBG, upwards of \$200,000 to enhancing and attracting a more pet friendly neighborhood. Through a crowdfunding

effort, if \$5000 are raised, The Neighborhood Developers (TND) can unlock an additional \$50k in grant funding for this project. We are grateful to TND for their advocacy, and are grateful for anyone who can participate in this important effort and hope to see a greener pastures for our four-legged friends", stated Mayor Patrick Keefe.

"Since 2022, MassDevelopment has been working to accelerate economic development in Revere's Shirley Ave neighborhood through our Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) program for Gateway Cities," said MassDevelopment Deputy Director and Senior Executive Vice President Marcos Marrero. "As part of this effort, we worked with local partners to help spearhead the City of Revere's new participatory budgeting process, which demonstrated significant public support for a new and improved Fitzhenry Dog Park. MassDevelopment looks forward to further supporting the park renovation with a \$50,000 grant and helping create an attractive district amenity for all who live, work, and visit here."



Revere residents enjoying a day of fun at Fitzhenry Square, capturing joyful moments with their dogs during a free photo shoot. The day featured light refreshments and an engaging envisioning activity for the revitalization efforts.

### How to Help:

1. **Donate:** Every contribution, no matter the size, brings the initiative closer to its goal.
2. **Spread the Word:** Sharing the campaign on social media and with friends and family can help reach potential supporters.
3. **Get Involved:** Community members are invited to join upcoming meetings to learn more about the project and ways to contribute.

Stay tuned for updates on the crowdfunding campaign and the exciting developments at Fitzhenry Dog Park. To donate and learn more about the project, please visit <https://www.patronicity.com/>

### FitzhenryPark

The Neighborhood Developers (TND) is dedicated to creating strong neighborhoods in Revere, Chelsea, and Everett by enabling community members to secure a stable home, achieve economic mobility, and determine their own future. TND's comprehensive services include housing assistance, one-on-one financial and career coaching, and support for accessing critical public benefits, such as RAFT, SNAP, and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Committed to community building, TND also focuses on leadership development, supporting residents to advocate for themselves

and their neighbors, and has helped improve a number of public spaces in the Shirley Ave neighborhood.

MassDevelopment, the state's development finance agency and land bank, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. During FY2024, MassDevelopment financed or managed 349 projects generating investment of more than \$3.5 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 22,426 jobs and build or preserve 1,754 housing units.

# Board of Health discusses recreational marijuana dispensaries

By Journal Staff

The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, October 24, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Dr. Drew Bunker, Kathleen Savage, and Viviana Catano were on hand for the session, as well as Director of Public Health Lauren Buck, Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services Michael Wells, and Board of Health Clerk Paula Sepulveda

Buck presented the Public Health Communicable Disease monthly report. She noted that the incidence of communicable diseases in the city during October was very low, as was the case across the state. She said there were 11 suspected cases and one confirmed case of Hepatitis B in the city.

There also were 40 confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Buck said that avian flu is an issue throughout the country and is spreading in the wild bird population. She specifically urged those who keep chickens in the city to make sure they are taking precautions to protect their flock.

Buck made note of the many recalls of ready-to-eat meat and other products, including ready-to-eat waffles, some of which have been stocked in Massachusetts grocery stores. There have been nationwide recalls of food products because of listeria outbreaks since the summer that have killed 10 people and hospitalized dozens of others.

Buck also made note of the e-coli outbreaks traced to McDonald's quarter-pounders sold in some western states that killed

one person and hospitalized nine others.

Wells presented the Inspectional Services monthly report. He said that ISD issued 170 certificates of fitness for housing units; performed 37 reinspections; and investigated 13 interior complaints. In the food department, ISD performed 37 routine food inspections, 17 reinspections, one complaint inspection, one pre-opening inspection, and one temporary food inspection.

In the exterior sanitation division, agents issued 51 citations for accumulation of trash, litter or debris; three for carts out at improper times; 41 for overflowing dumpsters; 386 for improper placement of trash and bulky items; seven for junk heaps; three for multiple unregistered vehicles;

three for rodent harborage; two for improper signage on public proper; 13 for improper storage of garbage and trash; and 35 for overgrown vegetation.

The board conducted a Notice of Violation appeal from Saeid Hoseinzade, at 838 Winthrop Ave. Building Commissioner Louis Cavagnaro told the commissioners, "This property has been a problem for a while now and has an illegal bedroom on the first floor."

Mr. Hoseinzade said he has owned the property for three years. "It's an investment property and I have tenants there," he told the board. He said that his previous tenants had used the room in question as a bedroom, but he said he

was not aware that it was being used as a bedroom by the current tenants and that he specifically told the new tenants that they cannot use the first-floor room as a bedroom.

He said that one of their children uses the room as a game room, not as a bedroom, and that he put

it into their lease that they cannot use that first-floor room as a bedroom.

"Whenever the city wants to come in and schedule an inspection, they can come in and see that it is not being used as a bedroom," Hoseinzade said.

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## Marijuana // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

for now, according to legislative affairs Chair Paul Argenzio, councillors could move to place the item back on the council agenda before the end of the current legislative session on Dec. 31, 2025.

With the repeal of the ban now on file, Silvestri said he hopes there can be a more in-depth discussion of the issue in the coming months.

"I think it is vital to recognize that through economic tough times that social programs and recreational services are the first to (get) cut," said Silvestri. "The tax revenue generated from cannabis would not have been a panacea, but could have provided a steady source of income to help support our community when we needed it most. Our duties extend beyond merely maintaining our elected positions or handing out plaques, we must resist the temptation to allow

the loud minority to dictate our actions or shape our decisions based on misperceptions.

"It is essential that we remain steadfast in our commitment to the broader needs of Revere residents."

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley cast the lone dissenting vote in subcommittee to place the motion on file.

During the full council meeting, Kelley said she wanted to see the full council take a vote on the motion so that the residents could see where each councillor stands on the issue.

"We have an incredible amount of residents who have worked incredibly hard to make sure their voices were being heard in their opposition to any repeal of this ban," said Kelley.

By putting the motion on file, Kelley said the residents would not have the

opportunity to have their voices heard during the council meeting.

By placing the proposed repeal on file, Argenzio said the issue is currently dead and the prohibition on recreational marijuana sales will remain in place. However, Kelley noted that the issue could be brought back before the council.

Kelley also made a motion that requested the city send out a robocall to all residents if a motion to repeal the recreational marijuana ban is put back on the agenda before the end of the current legislative session.

The motion was tabled so the council could get more information from the city's finance director about the cost of a robocall and if it would need to be placed into the ways and means subcommittee for a recommendation.

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## REVERE FRIGHT NIGHT AT THE RUMNEY MARSH ACADEMY



Isaiah, as Spiderman, and Bella.



Besse, 8, Anees, 7, and Lelea, 2, posing with a demon in a graveyard.



Nicolas Cierro, as Iron Man, and Persephone Diaz as Miss Kitty



James and Latisha Goggin pose in a graveyard.



Theo, as Harry Potter, and Melissa Tecci.



Mariana and Samantha Abad Garcia as Thing 1 and Thing 2.

Photos by Marianne Salza

The City of Revere and Revere Parks & Recreation presented Fright Night at Rumney Marsh Academy on October 27. Members of the community lined the parking lot with spooky, fanciful, and

magical-themed vehicles to hand out candy to families during the trunk-or-treat event. Children also received pumpkins, ran through smoke-filled bubbles, and enjoyed a corn maze bouncy house and haunted mansion.



Genesis Hernandez, Emily O'Donnell, and Sofia Valasquez.



Maria Lopera, and Andres and Matteo Gil.

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Joanne McKenna, who lives next door to the property, addressed the board. "Our neighborhood has endured an illegal rooming house with large parties until 2 or 3 at night," said McKenna, who is the councilor for Ward 1, but who noted that she was speaking in her capacity as a resident, not as the ward councilor. "There have been 16 police calls and warnings from the Fire Department about open fires. If there is a fire, a number of houses will go up in flames."

McKenna also alleged that smoke detectors have been removed to permit the tenants to smoke. "This was a really quiet neighborhood, but people come in at all hours of the night with mattresses and refrigerators," McKenna added. "This house is

inundating the neighborhood. We have senior citizens who have lived there for 40 years. He's been fined and it went to court and the court upheld it. I know that at least 15 people are living there. Some are related, but others are not."

However, Bunker noted that the only issue before the board pertained to the use of a room on the first floor as a bedroom.

Although it was not clear from the outset of the hearing exactly what that issue was, it eventually became apparent that the actual matter before the board was an appeal by Hoseinzade of an order from the Building Dept. to remove a wall in the alleged first-floor bedroom in order to ensure that it cannot be used as a bedroom. A failure to

remove the wall, which Hoseinzade said could be expensive, could result in fines from the city if it is determined that it is being used as a bedroom.

Catano and Savage voted to reject Hoseinzade's appeal of the Building Department's order, with Bunker voting to uphold it.

The board then took up a discussion of recreational marijuana retail establishments in the city. Revere presently permits medical marijuana retail businesses, but does not allow the so-called recreational establishments. However, the City Council is considering allowing recreational marijuana businesses, which are in every community surrounding Revere, to open in the city.

Buck began the discussion by noting that the purview of the Board of Health is to provide recommendations to the City Council in the event that

the City Council were to consider granting licenses for non-medical marijuana establishments.

Catano immediately jumped into the discussion.

"I want to talk about my concerns," said Catano. "We already are inundated with tobacco retailers, of which we have 48 in the city, as well as a high number of alcohol retailers and 84 liquor licenses. While I genuinely understand that we need to balance our city budget, I feel like my role is to consider both the benefits and the costs."

Catano, who has worked in the substance abuse prevention field for a number of years, noted that high school students in a survey indicated they were using marijuana for self-medication purposes to address their anxiety. She pointed out that because human brains are not fully developed until the age of 25, there is great potential for permanent

damage to young people's brains if they use marijuana.

"My concern is that young people will start using these substances, which are much stronger than they were in the past. Young people have a low level of perception of the harm," Catano said. "What will be the real cost if we allow this?"

Bunker, who is a medical doctor, added "I've seen cases of cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome (CHS is a condition that leads to repeated and severe bouts of vomiting that results from long-term use of marijuana). Marijuana can be abused. When it is used daily, it can be a problem and I've seen mental health issues."

Savage, who was unsure of the legal age for purchasing marijuana, asked that question and was informed that the age to be able to purchase from a dispensary under state law is 21, not 18.

However, City Councilor at Large Marc Silvestri pushed back against the board's views.

"A newly-published study showed that from 2011-2021, there was a significant decrease in youth marijuana use, contrary to common public opinion," said Silvestri. "Youth polling showed that the use of cannabis halved in the 10-year period in states where it became legal."

"You have stigmatized the users of marijuana and have put out false data," Silvestri continued, in a sharp and pointed disagreement with Catano. "You should be giving facts, and not just opinions."

Silvestri further noted that allowing recreational

marijuana establishments will decrease the black market availability of marijuana to young people.

Ward 4 City Councilor Paul Argenzio also spoke, citing some misconceptions on what the issues are. "The City Council is not repealing a 'ban' on marijuana," said Argenzio. "There is no ban on any Revere resident using recreational marijuana, which is permitted by state law. What we're doing is looking at dispensaries."

"Revere residents are just taking their money and going to dispensaries in neighboring communities," Argenzio said. "The other cities and towns surrounding us are benefiting from our residents' money. We're looking at allowing a dispensary that will generate tax revenue."

Echoing a point made by Silvestri, Argenzio further added, "Colorado has seen a dramatic reduction in marijuana use by youth because they have taken it off the black market, making it harder for children to obtain it."

The last piece of business for the board was the approval of licenses for a Temporary Body Art Establishment for Let Er Rip, LLC. & Boston Harley-Davidson and for a Body Art Individual License for David Martinelli. Buck noted that the temporary licenses, which will be exercised for one day per month over the coming year, have been approved in the past both for the establishment and for Mr. Martinelli. The board unanimously approved the issuance of both licenses.

Bunker announced at the conclusion of the meeting that the board will not be meeting in November and December.

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Jonatas, Cara, Monica, Bianca, and Lucas Grehs, 3.

## ZBA approves variance for 56 additional rooms at new Squire Rd. hotel

Special to the Journal

The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday evening, October 23, in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber. Chair Michael Tucker and fellow members Aklog Limeneh, John Lopes, James O'Brien, Arthur Pelton, and alternate Peggy Pratt were on hand for the session.

The first matter on the agenda was a request from 1784 Holdings, LLC, of Scottsdale, AZ, requesting a six-month extension of

the one-year exercise period of the variances that were granted by the ZBA to enable the razing of an existing garage facility and the construction of a new, 5-story, self-storage facility with associated parking, pedestrian access, and vehicular access drives at 195 American Legion Highway.

Larry Beals from Beals Associates spoke briefly about the request. "Basically, we just need a little more time to finish the project," Beals said. There were no opponents and the ZBA unanimously approved the extension.

Next up was an application from Cody Gardner, 193 Rice Avenue, who came before the board requesting "a special permit from the ZBA pursuant to Revere Revised Ordinances (RRO) Section 17.40.040 to enable the appellant to modify an existing non-conforming two-family structure by constructing a 566 sq. ft. addition at 193 Rice Avenue."

Mr. Gardner appeared on his own behalf and was accompanied by his surveyor. The members had no questions for Gardner. Ward 5 City Councillor

Angela Gurarino-Sawaya spoke in favor of the request, noting that Rebecca Gardner has been a lifelong resident and that the Gardners are expecting twins, which is what necessitates their request for the addition.

There were no opponents and the ZBA unanimously approved the extension.

Zepaj Development, LLC, of 78 Mill Street,

Middleton, came before the board requesting "a variance of RRO Section 17.28.020 with respect to minimum parking requirements for apartment use in the General Business (GB) District to enable the appellant to construct a 48-unit residential apartment building with 42 parking spaces at 791 Broadway."

Mario Zepaj represented himself and presented an architectural diagram

of the project. He said the building will consist of eight studio, 36 one-bedroom, and four two-bedroom units and was asking the board to accept a modification to the original plan by eliminating the stacked parking component, which would have provided additional parking spaces.

Guarino-Sawaya spoke

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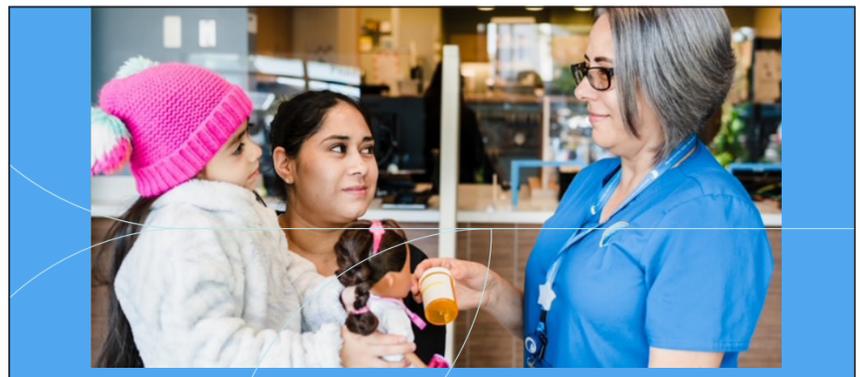
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# Forum

## EARLY VOTING ENDS THIS FRIDAY — ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 5

In-person early voting for the 2024 Presidential election is underway and will continue through this Friday, November 1. If you are unable to make it to your local city or town hall for early voting (the hours vary in each city and town), then you will have to cast your ballot on Election Day, which is Tuesday, November 5.

The past few Presidential elections have been hectic, down-to-the-wire contests, and this year's contest between Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump promises to be the same.

In addition, this year we have a contested U.S. Senate race, with incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren facing a challenge from Republican newcomer John Deaton. With control of the Senate being crucial for the parties and for the incoming president, the choice we make for our U.S. Senator will be significant -- and that alone is a reason to vote.

Voting is the only obligation that the status as a citizen of the United States imposes on any of us. The vast majority of people on this planet live in countries where they do not have the opportunity to cast a ballot for their elected officials.

Every citizen should take advantage of the privilege we have as Americans -- and get out to vote.

## THE FIVE BALLOT QUESTIONS

There are five questions on this year's ballot. All five of the questions involve complex changes to state law. We urge all voters to study the ballot questions and read the pros and cons of each. In sum, the questions are as follows:

-- Question 1 would change state law to permit the State Auditor to perform an audit of the state legislature. The proponents say that the change will enhance transparency of the state legislature's internal spending, while the opponents contend that the measure will violate the concept of the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches of government. In addition, it should be noted that a "Yes" vote almost surely will result in the matter being taken to the State Supreme Judicial Court to determine its constitutionality.

-- Question 2 would eliminate the MCAS test as a prerequisite for receiving a high school diploma in Massachusetts. The MCAS, which requires students to pass tests in English, math, and science in order to receive a high school diploma, has been in existence since 1993, when the landmark Education Reform Bill (which was spearheaded by the late Tom Birmingham when he was the State Senator from Chelsea, Revere, and Everett) became law. The proponents of this question assert that the MCAS is a one-size-fits-all test that does not really measure whether a student has achieved sufficient proficiency to merit receiving a high school diploma. Conversely, the opponents of the measure argue that the MCAS represents the only means for objectively evaluating every student. In addition, the opponents of eliminating the MCAS assert that the MCAS has raised educational standards in Massachusetts, which annually is ranked among the best public education systems in the country.

-- Question 3 would give Transportation Network Drivers (such as Uber and Lyft drivers) the right to form a union. Under the law as it stands presently, those drivers are considered to be independent contractors, not employees.

-- Question 4 would permit individuals to possess and grow their own psychedelic mushrooms and would provide for the sale of these substances at "licensed facilitators." In addition, the proposed law would establish a Natural Psychedelic Substances Commission that would regulate the sale of psychedelic products. Proponents cite the growing body of research that indicates that treatment with psychedelics provides benefits for those suffering from depression and PTSD. The opponents note that treatment with psychedelics needs to be highly-supervised by medical professionals, but the proposed law does not do so.

-- Question 5 would alter the compensation for tipped workers. The change in the law would affect workers most notably in the restaurant industry.

## THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**Dear Editor,**  
 I was fortunate to be selected by lottery for the Senior Tax Rebate program and was assigned to the Board of Public Health at Revere City Hall. I would like to take this opportunity to honor the

women of this extraordinary department for a terrific learning experience and for the work that they do to support the City.

The umbrella of the Board of Public Health is wide and embraces all facets of community health. Lauren, Paula, Hajar, Valentina, Samanta, Adrienne, Maddie, CarrieAnn, Nicole, Lori, Donna and

the rest of the crew thank you for what you do for the people of this community and for giving the City your all to make it a better place to live.

Your knowledge of all things related to public health is vast and unending. Your willingness to help all those that walk through the door, no matter the issue, is amazing. I

am humbled and honored to have worked with these "Superwomen"! It was an absolute pleasure. I appreciate your trust in me and am grateful for the experience. Wishing you every success in your future endeavors. Women strong!!!

May all good things come to you,  
**Christine Robertson**

## Police grant focused on domestic violence programs

By Adam Swift

A state grant will help the police department fund domestic violence efforts and community outreach programs, according to Police Chief David Callahan.

Monday night, Callahan updated the city council about the department's intention to apply for the annual Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$17,757.

"Basically, the money is used to assist with investigations involving

domestic violence-related matters," said Callahan. "There is also some educational outreach we do and other community engagement that is all focused on domestic violence matters. We work collaboratively with the Suffolk County DA's office, city officials, and also HarborCOV, which is a local victims' service agency that helps victims of domestic violence and assists them with alternate housing and things like that."

Unfortunately, Callahan said the police department

and HarborCOV have seen an uptick in domestic violence incidents.

"These services are definitely warranted to help victims and also to do other followup investigations that are in-person and assisting victims going to court," said Callahan.

In addition, the chief said some of the funding will help with community events and programs such as the National Night Out, the youth boxing club, and the Citizens' Police Academy.

Councillor-at-Large

Robert Haas, III asked if the grant would help fund the Police Athletic League basketball league.

Callahan noted that the department does not have as much money to fund Police Athletic League activities as it has had in the past, but that there is also another state grant that helps with some of those programs.

The application for the JAG grant is available to view in the police chief's office at 400 Revere Beach Parkway, Callahan stated.

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on behalf of the modification. "I was ecstatic when I heard that the stackers were being removed," said Guarino-Sawaya, who listed several reasons for her position, including safety concerns, the fire hazards posed by electric vehicles, and the reliability of stacker systems.

However, Christine Robertson of 187 Charger St., suggested to the board, "If you give this variance, you will be setting a precedent for other projects that have included stackers."

The board approved the modification by a 4-1 vote, with chair Tucker voting against it. The board added the condition that the tenants of the property will not be eligible for the city's resident and visitor parking program.

Next up was an application from Billiken Investments, LLC, 407 Proctor Avenue, requesting "the following variances of the RRO of the City of Revere to enable the appellant to subdivide existing Lot 557 at 87 Derby Road, into new proposed lots Lot A Derby Street and Lot B Derby Street for the purpose of constructing a new single-family dwelling on proposed Lot B Derby Street:

1. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum area requirement of 8,000 s.f. within the RB District for proposed lot B which is shown to be 4,364 s.f.;

2. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum frontage requirement of 80 feet for proposed lot A within the RB District which is shown to be 76.53';

3. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum front yard set-

back requirement of 20 ft. within the RB District for the proposed structure on proposed lot B;

4. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to minimum rear yard setback requirement of 30 ft. within the RB District for the proposed structure on proposed lot B;

5. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to the maximum principle building coverage requirement of 30% within the RB District for the proposed structure on proposed lot B.

Attorney Nancy O'Neil presented the application to the board. O'Neil said the lot is a "large corner lot and is well-suited to subdivision." O'Neil explained that there presently is a two-family home on the property, with sufficient parking, and the subdivision is being sought to enable the construction of a new single-family home that also will have sufficient parking.

There were no opponents and the board unanimously approved the application.

Sheri Murray, 41 Irving Street, Revere, came before the board to request "a variance of RRO Section 17.24.010(y) with respect to maximum height requirement of 30' to enable the appellant to construct a second floor with a walk-up finished attic on an existing two-family dwelling at 41 Irving Street."

Atty. Larry Simeone presented the application. He said the present building is a two-family building consisting of 1.5 floors and with the addition, it will reach a height of 32'. There were no opponents and the board unanimously approved the application.

The final agenda item was an application from 125 Squire Road Real Estate Holdings, LLC, Jewel Saeed, 55 Berkshire Street, Swampscott, "requesting the following variances of the Revere Revised Ordinances to enable the appellant to construct an additional 56 hotel rooms to the rear of a hotel currently under construction at 125 Squire Road:

1. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to rear yard setback.

2. RRO Section 17.24.010 with respect to FAR.

3. RRO Section 17.28.020 with respect to minimum parking requirements."

Lynn Realtor Lou Markakis represented the applicant. He noted that the site, which formerly was the location of Papa Gino's, consists of more than one acre and is permitted by right for a hotel.

"We have found the demand for hotel rooms is through the roof," said Markakis. He said that the original plans called for 100 hotel rooms and the new proposal will add 56 more rooms. The building will have the same height, with 75 parking spaces. Markakis said that the applicant has consulted with city officials and residents and has modified his original plans to address the various concerns of all involved, including parking, fire safety, and shadowing. He noted that the developer also has conducted a traffic study which indicates that there will be no impact from the addition.

Markakis further noted that the additional 56 rooms will generate between \$250,000-500,000 in hotel excise tax revenue for the city.

City Councillor Anthony Zambuto spoke in favor of the proposal. "I've been the biggest proponent of hotels for our city because they bring the biggest amount of revenue for the least amount of services," the veteran councillor said. "It's like a

gift to the city coffers and that's why I've always supported every hotel project that's come before the city. This particular project, with the extra 56 rooms, could generate as much as \$450,000 annually for the city with very little zoning relief needed."

Ward 5 Councillor Guarino-Sawaya also weighed in. "I'd like to echo what Councillor Zambuto said. This will bring in about \$400,000 in additional excise tax revenue. This is the best kind of commercial revenue for the city. It's awesome for the economy and it will employ a lot of people," Guarino-Sawaya said.

An adjoining businessman spoke in favor of the proposal, "This will be good for business," he said. Another proponent said the hotel will be good for the area.

A neighbor of the developer, who lives in Swampscott, said, "Mr. Saheed always does the right thing for the community. He has an impeccable record as a businessman and family man and has developed other hotels."

Robertson, a resident of Charger St. for 45 years, spoke in opposition to the request. "I have seen the growth of Squire Rd. over the years and have seen the increase in traffic, noise, congestion, and trash. Squire Rd. is not the place to allow businesses to enlarge their original proposals such as this. Squire Rd. is not the Atlantic City boardwalk. We endure this -- the traffic, noise, and littering. We don't need to add to the mess that we endure every day. Let them try to build their projects where they live and see how far they get. We should not allow developers to defecate here and enjoy their filet mignons somewhere else." said Robertson.

The board unanimously approved the application.

The next meeting of the ZBA is set for December 18.

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## NSCS CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Special to the Journal

North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS) celebrated 65 years of providing essential behavioral health services at its anniversary event on Oct. 17 at

Casa Lucia in Revere.

“For 65 years, we have been at the forefront of providing mental health services to individuals and families across the region,” said NSCS President and CEO Judi Lemoine.

“This is only possible because of our talented team and the incredible contributions from our community. We look forward to continuing to grow our programs and outreach to support even more people in great need of our services.”

The organization honored retired CEO Jackie Moore with the inaugural Legacy Award for her 17 years of leadership of NSCS and in the Massachusetts human services sector.

“It is such an honor to be recognized,” said Moore. “Every one of you brings your experience, heart, determination, passion and belief in recovery, which are important ingredients in the work we do. All of this brings hope.”

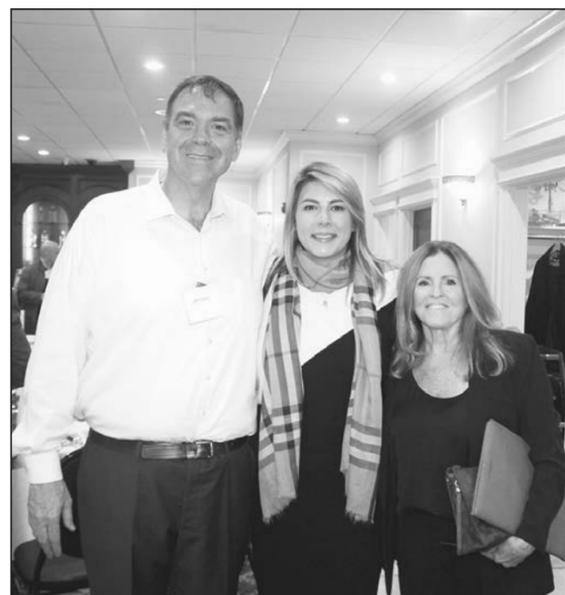
Maryanne Frangules, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR), received the Community Champion Award for her dedication to reducing stigma and promoting recovery.

“We have done so much with NSCS over the years,” said Frangules. “I am most grateful to have learned how to make an impact with our wonderful legislators so that we can make positive changes. We are all visible, vocal and valuable so that one day there will not be a stigma around recovery.”

Surrounded by community supporters and local and state partners, the event offered North Suffolk Community Services the opportunity to reflect on its accomplishments, honor its partners and raise critical funds for its early-childhood and family services, residential programs and outpatient clinics.



NSCS Board members, from left, Board Chair Virginia Todd, Charlene Nunez, Dr. Deborah Wayne, Cailie Clark, Liz Gruber, and Tom Ambrosino.



Rep. Jeff Turco, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and DCR Chief of Staff Kim Hanton.



Board Member Dr. Deborah Wayne, Orion Breen, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.



Chelsea Public Schools Chief of Staff and Equity Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, NSCS Clinician Carolyn-Boumilla, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and CPS Innovation Officer Malik Howshan.



Former NSCS Director of Diversionary Addiction Services Kim Hanton (right) presents the Community Champion Award to Maryanne Frangules, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR).



North Suffolk Community Services President and CEO Judi Lemoine and former CEO Jackie Moore.



Front row, Dan Maguire, Adrienne Sacco-Maguire, and Charlotte Ferrante. Back row, Rep. Jeff Turco, Tom Ambrosino, and Mark Ferrante.



Representing the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Assistant District Attorneys Amanda Corin, Sam Jones, Marc Thome, Hans Hysenaj, and Sheila Casey.



Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki and Chelsea Chief of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki.



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## Sylvia Buccilli

She embodied generosity, love and dedication throughout her life



It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of the radiant and vibrant Sylvia Buccilli, who left us on October 21, 2024, just a few months shy of her 94th birthday. Sylvia was born on January 4, 1931, in Woburn to her loving mother, Antonetta Rolli. She embodied generosity, love, and dedication throughout her life. Sylvia's legacy is a testament to these virtues, as she touched countless hearts with her unforgettable spirit.

Sylvia was a lifelong resident of Massachusetts. Originally from Woburn, she lived in Revere for many years before finally settling in Lynnfield, where her home was filled with love and joy. Her house was the heart of family gatherings, hosting pool parties, birthdays, and Christmas celebrations where everyone was always welcome.

Professionally, Sylvia was a talented bookkeeper who worked for Sozio Appliances. It was at the Ocean View Night Club on Revere Beach where she met the love of her life, Alfred Buccilli. Their marriage spanned 70 years and was not only a union of love but also of partnership. Together, they owned Sub Time, and Sylvia handled all the bookkeeping for their business. In addition to her professional life, Sylvia was a renowned baker, known for making trays of cookies and generously distributing them during the holidays.

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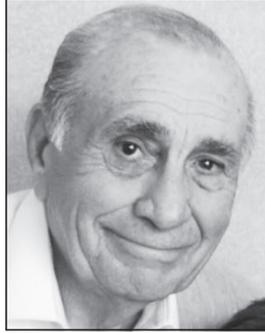
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O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help and show me where you are my Mother, O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days, then you must publish and it will be granted for you. Grateful thanks.

**Marion P.**

## Cosmo DiLiegro

His legacy of love and family will endure forever



With profound sadness, the DiLiegro family announces the passing of their beloved patriarch, Cosmo, who left this life peacefully on October 23, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on April 26, 1928, to John and Jesse DiLiegro in Somerville. Cosmo grew up in Revere and honorably served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II. Soon after returning from duty, Cosmo met and married the great love of his life, Jane Swicegood. The two were blessed to share 73 years of marriage. Over the years, they enjoyed spending winters in Florida, visiting Times Square, attending Mardi Gras, and taking a cruise to Italy.

Above all, Cosmo's greatest joy was always his family throughout his life, especially during the two years following Jane's passing. Cosmo and Jane lived in Revere where they raised their three children - John, Patricia and Michael. Their home was always filled with family and Cosmo constantly reminded them of the importance of family.

He was determined to fulfill the wishes of his three children. As a young father, he decided a backyard swimming pool would do just that. He installed the pool, his kids were thrilled, and "Cosmo Pools" was born. Cosmo always said that the best part of his business, which he successfully ran for 54 years using only a pen and pocket notebook, was making families happy.

Cosmo's love and admiration for his three children grew as he became a grandfather to six grandchildren. Cosmo loved nothing more than creating special memories that each of his grandchildren will forever cherish. He even wrote a special song for each that they would sing at the top of their lungs during "dates" with Grampa. Whether it was

trips to Miami or the toy store, Sunday dinner at home, Friday night supper at China Roma, New Year's Eve at the Continental, or a lesson on the greatness of Frank Sinatra, Cosmo instilled in each of his grandchildren a deep and everlasting love that made him a legend in their eyes and shaped the meaning of family for each one.

With the birth of his 12 great-grandchildren, Cosmo's pride only deepened. His adoration for each is evident in the framed pictures, insisting they be in 5 x 7 format, that line every inch of his house.

Cosmo is one of the last of a generation of truly great men. He played an active role in Revere Politics, worked as a building inspector for the city, served as a past president of the Patriots Civic Club, and was a current member of the St. Mary's Holy Name Society. His selflessness, generosity, and pride will live on in the family members he left behind. He held strong to the belief that "nothing means more than family." As we remember him, we recognize that nothing will ever mean more to this family than he.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Jane and he leaves behind his loving children: John and his wife, Patricia of Revere, the late Patricia Derosa and her husband, Kenneth of Revere, Michael DiLiegro and his wife, Lenore of Peabody; his grandchildren Danielle and Jeff Smith, John and Natasha DiLiegro, Jennifer and Shaun Lee, Michael and Stefanie Derosa, Krystal DiLiegro Patch and Glen Rodriguez, and Nanci and Robert Haas III; and his great-grandchildren: Tyler and Olivia Smith, Dylan and Brooke DiLiegro, Connor and Katie Lee, Ellie and Marlo Derosa, Ava and Abigail Patch, and Robert IV and Leni Haas. Cosmo will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love and family will endure forever.

A visitation was held on Sunday, October 27 at Paul Buonfiglio and Sons, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA. A funeral Service was held on Monday, October 28 followed by a Funeral Mass at Saint Mary's Church, 670 Washington Avenue, Revere. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

## Theresa Hogrell

Worked for many years at family business, Giannino Greenhouses in Revere



Theresa J. (Giannino) Hogrell, 93, of Revere, died peacefully at her residence on Tuesday October 22, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was the devoted wife of the late John "Jack" Hogrell with whom she shared over 42 years of marriage and who predeceased her in 2004.

Born in Revere in 1931, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Bellofatto) Giannino. She was raised and educated in Revere and attended Revere Public Schools. Theresa worked for her family's business, Giannino's Greenhouses in Revere for many years along with being a loving caretaker for both of her parents. She enjoyed gardening and traveling with her husband Jack to places up and down the East Coast, The Grand Canyon and many other destinations. An amazing cook, her home was always open to anyone to share a delicious meal. Family dinners, every Sunday, were a highlight each week for everyone and her eggplant parmigiana was always one of her specialties. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially her beloved grand-

children.

Theresa is survived by her loving children, John Hogrell, Jr. and his wife, Eliane of New Hampshire, Paul Hogrell and his wife, Kelly of Ohio, Theresa Hogrell of Revere and Elizabeth Henkel and her husband, Robert of North Carolina and her adoring grandchildren: John III, Jacob, Patrick, Michael, Abigail and Ja red. She is also survived by her sister and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Arrangements entrusted to SOLIMINE FUNERAL HOMES, Lynn. Directions and on-line guestbook at [www.solimine.com](http://www.solimine.com).

## Evelyn Leary

A woman of many talents, her wit and humor were as magnetic as her generosity



With a heart full of love and a spirit that was as vibrant as her personality, Evelyn M Leary, affectionately known as "Evie," danced her way through life with an unbridled passion for hard work, love and laughter. Evelyn left this life peacefully on October 25, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Boston on March 1, 1947, Evelyn brought joy to all who were lucky enough to cross her path. A graduate of Chelsea High school, Class of 1966 and a near lifelong resident of the City of Revere. Her legacy of love continues to live on in a community, where she resided and created a lifetime of memories.

Evelyn was a woman of many talents. Her wit and humor were as magnetic as her generosity. She was a dedicated employee for over 40 years at The Cambridge District Courthouse Middlesex County, where she worked as a Probation Service Case Supervisor. Evelyn's work didn't stop there she worked as a manager of the Wonderland Ballroom, started both a cleaning business, and a cosmetic boutique that she ran with her sister. Evelyn had an unmatched energy and work ethic. Evelyn worked to provide for those she loved - not out of necessity, but out of a profound desire to support her family. When not at work, she could be found twirling on the dance floor, babysitting for her grandchildren and many great-nieces and nephews. She was an avid collector of coins and commemorative artifacts. Evelyn's love for others was reflected in her work life and also in her passion for her family.

Evelyn's family was her world. She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Daniel J. Leary, and

their three children, Daniel Leary and his wife, Mary of Braintree, Erin Leary and David Carifio of Revere and Heather Leary and David Stankovski of Nahant. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, John (Jack), Drew, and Sophia Leary, her siblings, Veronica DeLeo, Ann Pope, Walter Lauinger and Mel Girlack along with many nieces and nephews. Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Evelyn Girlack and Walter Lauinger, and her sister, Eileen Carroll.

As we remember Evelyn, we are reminded of the verse from the Book of Proverbs 31:26, "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." Evelyn embodied this scripture, demonstrating wisdom, kindness, and love in everything she did.

In celebrating Evelyn's life, we invite you to share your memories and photos on her memorial page. As we mourn her physical departure, we also celebrate her spirit, which will continue to dance in our hearts forever.

A visitation will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Paul Buonfiglio & Sons Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere immediately followed by a prayer service at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. Friends and family are warmly invited to attend. For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

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# OBITUARIES

## Richard D. "Richie" Smith

Retired after 50 years of dedicated service to the City of Chelsea

Richard D. Smith, 69 of Revere, passed away on Monday, October 21st. at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Richard lived courageously battling G.I.S.T. for the past year.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Richard was one of four children of the late Joseph B. Sr., and Teresa E. (Francis) Smith. A resident of Revere, Richard was a longtime former resident of Chelsea where he attended local schools. He worked for the City of Chelsea beginning in 1974 as a Fire Alarm Operator, he was promoted to Chief Fire Alarm Operator in 1985 and was appointed as the Chelsea 911 Director in 1995. He served the remainder of his career as Senior Lead Dispatcher from 2003 until his retirement in 2019. After retiring he continued in a part-time capacity culminating 50 years of dedicated service to the City of Chelsea. He also worked for a period at Encore Casino in Everett.

In his lifetime, Richie enjoyed playing Ice Hockey and was an avid sports fan. He also enjoyed classic rock & roll music, collecting Chelsea Clocks and excursions to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun.

Richie is lovingly survived by his beloved life partner of over 30 years, Toni Tatarouns. He was the devoted father of Noelle Spagnuolo and her husband, Danny of Revere; dear brother of



Patricia Aniello and her husband, Joseph of Atkinson, NH and the late Joseph B. Smith, Jr., and Barbara Crowell and her late husband, Gordon; cherished uncle of Julie DiLeo of Medford, Joseph, and Mark Aniello of New Hampshire and adoring great uncle to Stephen DiLeo of Medford. He is also survived by his canine companion "Chelsea" along with many extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends gathered for visiting hours at the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea, on Monday, October 28th. Services concluded with a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere.

Donations in Richie's memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or online at [www.dana-farber.org](http://www.dana-farber.org)

We encourage family and friends to visit [carafafuneralhome.com](http://carafafuneralhome.com) to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

## RPD recovers ghost gun and narcotics during search warrant

Special to the Journal

Local detectives recovered narcotics, a privately manufactured firearm, also known as a ghost gun, along with magazines and ammunition following the execution of a warrant on Madison Street in Revere last week.

Members of the Revere Police Department Special Investigations Unit (SIU), Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, Everett Police Department, and North Metro SWAT executed a search warrant on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 42 Madison Street in Revere. The search warrant was issued after a narcotics investigation was conducted by RPD SIU with the assistance of the Winthrop Police Department.

"This case is an example of how focused, collaborative work by law enforcement does result in the removal of drugs and guns in our communities", said Revere Police Chief David Callahan. "Ghost guns' are untraceable fire-

arms that are a significant threat to public safety and those who possess them are intentionally skirting the Massachusetts gun laws. This is the first case in Revere, which will fall under the newly enacted Firearms Law, banning ghost guns.

"These investigations reflect our commitment to holding those in possession of these guns and dealing in narcotics accountable".

Timmy Hem, 29 of Revere, was arrested and

charged with the Illegal Possession with intent to Distribute class B (Crack cocaine), Illegal Possession with intent to Distribute class B (Suboxone), Illegal Possession of a Firearm without FID card, Illegal Possession or control of an untraceable Firearm while in Commission of a Felony, Illegal Possession of Ammunition without a FID card, Illegal Possession of a Firearm while in Commission of a Felony, and Improper storage of a Firearm.

## RHS seniors receive academic excellence award

By Melissa Moore-Randall

The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents has designed an award for academic excellence. These awards are awarded to high school students who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their high school careers. The M.A.S.S. Award of Academic Excellence is presented by the superintendent to a deserving student in each school district throughout Massachusetts. To be considered for the award, the student must be a member of the senior class with a cumulative GPA that places them in the top fifth percentile of their class.

Two Revere High School students, Erta Ismahili, Dayna Pham, and City Lab student Hemeli Canelas Cruz are this year's recipients.

Erta Ismahili is current-



RHS Senior and Class of 2025 Salutatorian Dayna Pham with Assistant Superintendent Danielle Mokaba.



RHS Senior and Class of 2025 Valedictorian Erta Ismahili with Assistant Superintendent Danielle Mokaba.



City Lab Senior Hemeli Canelas Cruz with Assistant Superintendent Danielle Mokaba.

ly the valedictorian of the Revere High School class of 2025. Academically, Erta has enrolled in ten AP and Dual Enrollment courses. She has expanded her academic rigor by being a student researcher in election analysis from Oberlin College as well. She has completed a junior internship at the University of Southern California. Her activities show how she cares tremendously about the Revere community. They include but,

not limited to: Speech and Debate Captain, Model UN President, Girls Tennis, Feminist Empowerment Movement, Student Senate Chair and RPS Equity Advisory Board. Erta has gained employment experience in the Revere Election Department and MGH Revere Cares. In addition, Erta has earned several Speech and Debate awards, Harvard Model Congress Best Delegate, RHS Poet Laureate and AP Scholar with

Distinction. After RHS, Erta hopes to continue her education at a competitive four year university.

Dayna Phan is currently the salutatorian of the Revere High School class of 2025. She has enrolled in 9 AP and Dual Enrollment courses throughout high school. In addition, she is currently enrolled in an Organic Chemistry Independent Study and a Writing Center Fellowship. Dayna's extra curricular activities include: Math Team President, Feminist Empowerment Movement Leader, Research Assistant at Northeastern's Learning and the Brain Lab. She is also the Co-Captain of the Tennis team and participates in the PRISM Science Club. Her community service experience includes 150 hours of volunteering at Tufts Medical Center. Dayna has earned the National Spanish Exam Bronze Medal and the President's Volunteer Bronze Service Medal. After RHS, Dayna hopes to continue her education at a competitive four year university.

Hemeli Canelas Cruz where she began her new journey to City Lab Innovation School three years ago, Hemeli chose to transfer from Revere High School. She expressed the interest of doing high school differently. As she begins her senior year, she has accomplished so much. She is ranked number 2 in her class, taken and completed 8 early college courses, and is currently participating in a biotech work based learning experience at BIO-GEN Community Lab. As to date, Hemeli has surpassed her community service requirement and completed 60 hours working with the Beachmont Elementary School and its students. Hemeli is always willing to lend a helping hand and advocate for herself and her classmates. She always wanted to do her best and be her best. Hemeli's post-secondary plans are to continue on her college journey by attending a four year college and eventually begin her career in nursing.

## Redgate announces Mila's at Gibson Point in partnership with restaurateur Michael Aldi

Special to the Journal

Earlier this week, Redgate, in collaboration with local restaurateur Michael Aldi, unveiled plans for Mila's at Gibson Point. This new dining destination will bring day-to-night coastal dining to the wellness-focused Gibson Point residences. Currently under construction and slated to open in early 2025, Mila's will offer residents and visitors a seamless experience from morning café vibes to an evening bar and lounge, all set against stunning waterfront views.

Located in the heart of the 291-unit Gibson Point apartment community, which is professionally managed by Greystar, Mila's will feature outdoor dining with panoramic views of the North Shore and the Boston skyline.

"Mila's will be a place for gathering and connecting, with both residents and the broader community enjoying its warm, welcoming atmosphere," said Damian Szary, Principal at Redgate. "We're thrilled to collaborate with Michael Aldi and his team again, and we're confident Mila's will become a centerpiece of the Gibson Point experience."

Aldi Companies, the team behind local restaurants such as Dryft, Fine Line, and VIVI's Tapas Bar, will bring their signature

nature community-driven dining concept to Mila's.

"Gibson Point offers a unique opportunity to create a space that meets the needs of modern residents while embracing the spirit of the community," said Michael Aldi, owner of the Aldi Companies. "We're excited to introduce Mila's as a place where people can connect—whether for a quick bite in the morning or a relaxing evening with a pizza and a cocktail."

Led by Executive Chef Adriano Silva, Mila's will offer an array of healthy and delicious options during the day, from fresh fruit juices and perfectly toasted bagels to grab-and-go meals that cater to those who work from home or are looking for a quick, on-the-go bite. As the sun sets, Mila's will transform into a contemporary lounge and high-end bar featuring artisanal cocktails, brick-oven pizzas and a curated menu.

Silva has spent nearly 20 years in the Greater Boston restaurant scene. Having started out at B&G Oysters, Sportello and The Butcher Shop, Silva became Executive Chef at Pier 6 in Charlestown in 2014, where he brought the restaurant to new heights, transforming it into one of Greater Boston's most sought-after food destinations. In 2019, Silva was appointed Executive Chef of Dryft

Revere, which he continues to oversee along with Aldi Companies' other restaurants including Fine Line, VIVI's Tapas Bar, and now, Mila's.

Before its official 2025 debut, Mila's will host pop-up events in Gibson Point's lobby, giving residents and locals a taste of what's to come with morning coffee and on-the-go snacks.

"We're excited to welcome Michael Aldi and his team to Gibson Point, and we look forward to opening Mila's at Gibson Point to residents and the Revere community," said Madeleine Risinger of Greystar, Community Manager at Gibson Point. "Mila's will bring a dynamic mix of options to Gibson Point. Whether it be an on-the-go coffee or a memorable evening meal on the water, Mila's will only further elevate life at Gibson Point."

Located at 1 Gibson Way, the 291-unit Gibson Point residential community located along Boston's seaside North Shore comprises a variety of studio, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom units. Outfitted with robust wellness-inspired amenities including cold plunges and an outdoor sauna, as well as a top-of-the-line fitness center, indoor/outdoor yoga studio, and a Zen Garden.

## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Gafanovich Rlty Mgmt LLC	O Broadway LLC	Broadway	\$275,000
Gassama, Alhagie	Hartman, Nicole J	10 Woodland Rd	\$29,500
J & J Pearl Rt	Fretwell, Michael	110 Pearl Ave #2	\$548,000
Tejada, Wilber B	Caldwell Equity Group LL	116 Waite St #47	\$495,000
Gassama, Alhagie	Hartman Barbara A Est	16 Woodland Rd	\$440,500
Valladares, Marvin R	Pierre, Marise	227 Malden St	\$835,000
Martinez, Bibiana A	Joseph, Joanne	24 Johnny Rd	\$775,000
Zemedkun, Tesfaye	Amico, Salvatore M	35 S Irving St	\$880,000
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### FRIENDS OF BELLE ISLE MARSH HARVEST FESTIVAL

Photos by Marianne Salza

Friends of Belle Isle Marsh held its Harvest Festival on October 20 at Belle Isle Reservation. Families enjoyed nature walks, learned about community initiatives and programs, and listened to live folk rock music performed by Billy Goodspeed. Children decorated pumpkins with wacky pipe cleaner hair and eyeballs, and had their faces painted. Families were also educated about animals at the Curious Creatures petting zoo,



Carlos and Dylan Rodriguez and Daisey Quintana.



Joanne Caputo-Carfagna and Misha.

and posed for fall photographs on a tractor.



Pru, Lisa, and Julia Schad.



Elvin Argueta with Noodle, Juan Argueta, Yesica Argueta, Despoina Lioliou, and Max and Gabby Argueta.



Payameh Seyhandr, Steve, Stevie, and Dave Gunning, with Pasta.



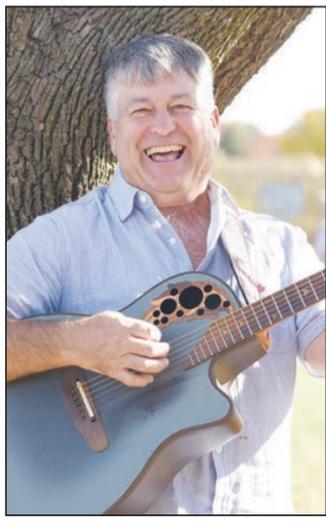
Andrew, 3, Katherine, and Liam Londono, 6.



Brendle, Erica and Franklin Witmer, 1 1/2, sitting on his father's shoulders.



Layla Gunning, Leilani and Maryam Hosseini Ghomi, and Payameh Seyhandr.



Billy Goodspeed performing folk rock music.



Ball python, Douglas, wrapped around the shoulders of Abdullah Jones.



Nancy St. George, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh board member, holding Chicken Nugget, the ferret.



Carolina Valdovinos holding her sugar skull-decorated pumpkin.



Donovan Cabell and Sheila Carideo.



Families interacting with a rabbit at the Curious Creatures petting zoo.



Veronica, Liana, Ayannah, and Aheli.



Families learning about ball python, Douglas.



Armando, Carolina, and Armando Valdovinos, and Maria Silva sitting on a tractor.

# Sports

## A True Patriot

### Revere coach Lou Cicutelli earns his 100<sup>th</sup> career victory

By Cary Shuman

Lou Cicutelli has worn the Revere High red, white, and blue colors proudly as an athlete and a head coach. His leadership, perseverance, and loyalty to the football program are being rewarded in a big away.

The Revere High football team held off Malden for a 24-14 victory last Thursday at Macdonald Stadium. It was the third consecutive victory for the surging Patriots – but more importantly, it was the 100th victory of Lou Cicutelli's career as the leader of the program.

Revere High School Director of Athletics Frank Shea personally congratulated Cicutelli on the honor, stating that there will be an official ceremony and banner to commemorate the historic achievement.

Cicutelli said he was humbled and grateful for the phone calls and oth-

er congratulatory wishes that he has received since entering the 100-victory club.

"It feels really, really good," said Cicutelli. "There are a lot of reasons. To do this in Revere is probably the biggest reason. I love our players. For me, with football, it's all about the opportunities that I had building relationship with the kids."

As a former athlete and a sports fan, Cicutelli understands the significance of milestones. In Revere, he joins only Silvio Cella, the former coach and athletic director, in the 100-win coaching annals.

"It meant a lot," said Cicutelli. "I wish my dad was around to see it, too. It was important to my dad [Mr. Louis Cicutelli Sr. passed away in June], he was always talking about it. He loved the fact that I coached Revere football. He looked forward to it."

Cicutelli said he's been "blessed to have had an



**A SPLASHY 100th:** Head Coach Lou Cicutelli gets an ice-water dousing during the post-game celebration of his 100th victory as Revere's head football coach. The milestone came in Revere's 24-14 win at Malden Thursday night.

outstanding coaching staff through the years."

"They're good guys and they put a lot of time in,"

said Cicutelli of the current staff that includes Ed Doris, Vin Gregorio, Jose Escobar, Jared Gordinas,

Oscar Lopez, and Brandon Brito.

Cicutelli said he was introduced to football

through Revere Pop Warner "where my favorite coaches were Mr. Feeney

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**CAUGHT IN A TRAP:** Quarterback Danny Hou (5) tries to find a way from between Malden's Dwayne Saintvil (20) and Kenny Megar.



**BOTH SIDES NOW:** Geo Woodard (1) got the job done on both sides of the line of scrimmage, racking up over 150 rushing yards and here teaming with Charles Dobre (89) to take down Malden quarterback Aiden Brett (3).



**GET BACK:** Mario Ramirez looks over his shoulder and finds Malden's Kevin Exilhomme grasping the back of his jersey.



**A SMILE 100 WINS IN THE MAKING:** Head coach Lou Cicutelli is all smiles as time ran out in Revere's 24-14 win at Malden Thursday night, the coach's 100th career victory.



**CAUGHT FROM BEHIND:** Mario Ramirez takes down Malden quarterback Billy Gavin.



**GAME SEALED:** Ayoub Gliel (10), Geo Woodard (1) and Reda Atoui (25) celebrate Gliel's sack of the Malden quarterback that sealed the game for Revere.

## RHS ROUNDUP

### RHS BOYS SOCCER TOPS MEDFORD, 3-2; RANKED #9 IN D-2

The Revere High boys soccer team put the finishing touch on its Greater Boston League (GBL) championship season with a 3-2 victory at GBL rival Malden last Tuesday.

Revere senior captain Angel Ortez put the Patriots on the board with his team-high 14th goal of the season, which was unassisted. Patrick Valentim reached the back of the Golden Tornado net for two goals, his eighth and ninth markers of the year. The first was unassisted and the game-winner was assisted by Ortez.

The win gave the Patriots a final league record of

11-1-2 (the one loss came via a forfeit to Medford because of five yellow cards), well ahead of second-place Everett, which had three losses and four ties.

The Patriots celebrated Senior Night on Friday evening under the lights at Harry Della Russo Stadium, but came up on the short end of a 2-1 decision to St. Mary's of Lynn, which is the 8th-ranked team in Division 3 with a 9-2-4 record.

Revere was scheduled to play its final regular season game yesterday (Tuesday) against another non-league foe, Central Catholic. Coach Manny Lopes and his squad then will await the announcement this Friday of their final seeding and first-

round opponent in the upcoming Division 2 state tourney. The Patriots were ranked #9 as of yesterday (Tuesday) morning and had been ranked #1 as of last Friday morning, by far the highest ranking ever achieved by a Revere boys soccer team.

Revere's high ranking will assure the Patriots of a bye in the first round of the tourney and a home game in the Round of 32.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL WINS FINALE TO QUALIFY FOR TOURNAY

The Revere High girls volleyball team punched its ticket for a Journey to the Tourney with a 3-0 victory over Winthrop in the Lady Patriots' final

match of the regular season. The win gave coach Emilie Hostetter's crew a 10-10 record, achieving the .500 mark necessary to qualify for the post-season.

Leading the way for the Lady Patriots in the win over Winthrop were Lea Doucette with six kills and Dayana Ortega with four kills. Shayna Smith served four aces and Samantha Indorato aced three serves against the Lady Vikings.

### RHS GIRLS SOCCER AWAITs TOURNAY FOE

Revere was awaiting word yesterday (Tuesday) of its seeding and opening-round opponent in the MIAA Division 2 state tournament.

Revere was awaiting word yesterday (Tuesday) of its seeding and opening-round opponent in the MIAA Division 2 state soccer tournament.

The Lady Patriots celebrated their Senior Night last Tuesday in appropriate fashion with a 7-2 victory over Malden, paced by a hat trick by Erika Mejia.

After a tight first half, in which Revere held a 1-0 lead on a goal by Fatima Esquivel on a free kick, the Lady Patriots exploded for six goals after the intermission.

Mejia, assisted by Kaylin Folgar Oliva, made it 2-0, and that was followed by goals from Nataly Es-

quivel (assisted by Mejia) and Sara Granados (with an assist from Sandra Torres).

After Malden dented the Revere net for two goals, Mejia (assisted by Torres), Fatima Esquivel (assisted by Nataly Esquivel), and Mejia (assisted by Torres) completed the Revere scoring.

"Overall, our regular season has had its ups and downs," said RHS head coach Ariana Rivera, whose squad ended up with a 9-7 overall record and 9-5 in the Greater Boston League, earning them a fourth-place finish behind GBL champ Somerville, Lynn Classical, and Medford.

"We have been trying to nail down a formation that

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The Revere High

### REVERE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL HOST WIFFLE BALL FUNDRAISER AT GRISWOLD FIELDS

Last Saturday morning the fields at Griswold Complex were filled with 20 4-man teams competing

at the 1st Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament. There were plenty of sponsors for the event, allowing the

players to take the field and enjoy a great day of fun, while at the same time raising funds for the program.



Councillor Bob Haas III with Larry DiRocco, Luigi Spinazzola, Alex Gorson, and Gui Grosco.



Board of Directors, Paul McCabe, Al Giorgio, Pennie Kalliavas, John Juliano, Mark Meeiros, and Matc Maisano.



DJ Black Blaze played popular tunes to keep the event lively and the crowd pumped up.



Mark Maisano at batting practice.



Isaiah Baires warming up Saturday morning.



Jacob Anbino with his dad, George.

### Football // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

and Mr. [Paul] Bright.”

Cicatelli played three seasons as a guard and linebacker in the Revere High football program for coach Silvio Cella. Two of Cicatelli’s current on-staff assistant coaches, Ed Doris (son of the late Sen. Fran Doris) and Vin Gregorio, were teammates.

#### A strong win over Malden

Geo Woodard was the offensive star in the hard-fought 24-14 victory over Malden.

Woodard rushed for 150 yards, a touchdown, and a two-point conversion. Running back Mario Ramirez and quarterback Danny Hou also excelled for the Revere offense. Charles Dobre had a two-

point conversion.

Cicatelli said the defense played well for all four quarters.

“We held Malden to two scores, and that’s a good overall effort,” said Cicatelli.

Cicatelli credited outside linebacker Ayoub Gliel, who made triumphant return to the team after being sidelined by an injury. “Ayoub made some great plays,” especially down the stretch. He sacked the quarterback twice in the fourth quarter.”

Yousef Benhamou led the defense in tackles. Freshman Reda Atoui had two interceptions.

“Reda is tearing it up on defense,” said Cicatelli. “He has 5-6 interceptions this season, which is re-

markable.”

“I’m really proud of this team,” said Cicatelli. “When you start 0-4, it’s hard. Kids can pack it in. They didn’t do that. They came to practice every day and worked hard to turn it around.”

Revere (3-4) plays Everett Friday (6:30 p.m.) at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium.

“That’s where I started my career,” said Cicatelli, a 1987 graduate of Northeastern University. “I coached with ‘Tank’ Agnetta at Everett for five years. Tank told me there was an opening for a physical education job at Revere High School, and that’s where it all began. He’s a great guy.”



First team to show, Nick Rupp, George Papalambros, Domenic Bellia, and Seth Sullivan.

### RHS Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

puts our players in a place for success. This is something we have to adjust to as a team on a game-by-game basis. Our success comes with communication and being disciplined enough to commit to our assigned zones on the field. We are excited and looking forward to some challenging competitors in the D-3 state tournament.”

The Lady Patriots wrapped up their regular season this Monday with a 4-1 loss at non-league opponent Haverhill.

#### STRONG SHOWING FOR RHS GIRLS AT GBL MEET

The Revere High girls cross-country team turned in a strong performance

in the Greater Boston League (GBL) Championship Meet last Wednesday at Medford’s Torbert Macdonald Park along the banks of the Mystic River.

The Lady Patriots tied Somerville and Medford for the GBL’s dual-meet championship, with all three schools compiling 6-1 records. Revere’s lone loss came to Somerville by a point in the season-opener.

“It was a tight race,” said RHS head coach Katie Sinnott. “We knew we would need to really tough it out for the championship race win. Medford took first and second places, but Somerville had a tight pack with five runners finishing in the top 14.

“That was too hard to beat,” Sinnott continued. “Somerville took the race, and we came in third. Despite that, the girls individually ran amazingly. Olivia Rupp, Valeria Quintero, Rania Hamdani, and Daniela Santana Baez all broke their personal race-pace records

“This is exactly what you want to do – run your fastest at the end of the season,” Sinnott added.

“Additionally, Olivia and Valeria earned league All Star Medals, with Olivia finishing 3rd and Valeria finishing 8th. Rania missed an All Star spot (which is awarded to the top 10 runners) by a mere three seconds.

“The girls gave the race everything they had and I am so proud of this team. We may be a small team, but we have a lot of heart,” said Sinnott.

The Lady Patriots will compete in the Frank Mooney State Coaches Invitational this Saturday (November 2) and in the State Divisional Race next Saturday (November 9).

- Individual Results:
- Olivia Rupp – 3rd overall – 17:57
  - Valeria Quintero – 8th overall – 19:39
  - Rania Hamdani – 11th overall – 20:08
  - Daniela Santana Baez overall – 23rd – 21:14
  - Emma DeCrosta – 33rd overall – 24:43

#### RHS FIELD HOCKEY TOPS ARLINGTON CATH.

The Revere High field hockey team wrapped up

its 2024 season this past week with three matches, highlighted by a 4-0 victory over Arlington Catholic on Saturday.

Lady Patriot goalie Sonia Haily earned the shutout with multiple, superb saves. Gemma Stamatopoulos scored twice and Isa Mendieta and Ana Kalliavas both scored as well.

“Kyle Lanes had a great game on defense, as well as Ava Morris,” said RHS head coach Alexandra Butler.

Last Friday the Patriots came up on the short end of a 5-2 decision at Everett.

“Our team played a great game and scored our first goal on an offensive corner,” noted Butler, with Stamatopoulos slotting the ball in the back of the Everett net. Mendieta scored the second Revere goal in the third period.

“Danni Randall did an excellent job at midfield, as well as Gigi Zierten,” noted Butler.

On Sunday, Butler and her crew trekked to Framingham to take on Ursuline Academy in a make-up of a game that had been postponed

because of a torrential downpour in September. Although the Patriots came up short, 5-1, Stamatopoulos scored the Revere goal to equal the RHS record of most goals scored in a season (16).

“Nicole Miranda and Jordan Martelli had a great game defensively,” added Butler.

#### CHAHID FINISHES 4TH AT GBL MEET

Revere High ace cross-country runner Youness Chahid capped an outstanding season with a fourth-place finish at last Wednesday’s Greater Boston League (GBL) Meet. Youness traversed the 2.75-mile course at Torbert Macdonald Park in Medford in 15:00. His fourth place showing earned Chahid a spot on the GBL All-Star squad.

Youness will run in the State Coaches Meet in Wrentham this Saturday and in the Divisional State Meet at Fort Devens next Saturday.

Noah Shanley ran the 1.75 mile JV race and came across the line in 27th position with a time of 13:49.

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## RHS SPORTS *Through the Years*

### 10 years ago October 29, 2014

The Revere High football team will make its first appearance in the post-season for the RHS grid program since the 1973 Super Bowl squad when the Patriots trek to Masconomet Regional High School for a first round contest in the Division 3 Northeast Friday evening. The Patriots, the eighth and final seed in the D-3 Northeast bracket with a 2-5 record, will have their work cut out for them when they meet Masco, the top seed with a 6-1 mark. The Patriots are coming off a 30-6 loss last Friday to Lynn Classical.

The Revere High boys soccer team, who punched their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney midway through the season, now is awaiting word of their seeding and opening round opponent after having completed their regular season games this past week. Coach Abdel Rhazi's squad concluded the 2014 campaign with a 1-0 win over Lynn English last Tuesday and a 4-1 loss to Peabody Friday to finish the year with a fine 8-5-3 record.

The Revere High girls soccer team completed its season this past week with a victory and a tie among its final three contests. In a 6-0 win over Cristo Rey last Monday, senior Danielle Fortuna scored her first career hat trick to pace the Lady Patriot offensive surge. Also reaching the back of the enemy net were senior

midfielder Immaculate Langat, freshman Gabby Ortez, and junior defender Joseline Argueta.

The Revere High girls cross country team competed in Saturday's Northeastern Conference League Meet that was held at Bradley Palmer State Park over a 3.1 mile (5K) course, finishing in fifth place out of the seven schools who fielded a complete team. The top finisher for the Lady Patriots was Hannah Fitzpatrick, who finished 29th overall in a time of 24:08. Suellen Guerreiro was the next Revere girl across the line in 24:37, followed by teammates Jaclynne Dion (36th in 25:10), Trisha Cheever (40th in 25:37), Hayley Mangino (41st in 25:43), Joanna Severino Perez (46th in 26:0), and Nicole Paddock (47th in 26:05).

The Revere High boys cross country team competed in Saturday's Northeastern Conference Meet held over the 3.1 mile (5K) course at Bradley Palmer State Park Saturday morning. Senior Salah Barhoum, the Patriots' leading runner all season, once again led his teammates across the finish line. Salah came home in a time of 18:50, which was good for 31st place in the large field. Fellow senior Christ Genty was the next Revere runner in 48th place in a clocking of 20:52. Senior Bounlaing Chea finished in 53rd position in 21:12 and senior Fredy Flores was 64th in 22:54.

### 20 years ago November 3, 2004

Thousands of Revere residents joined with the hundreds of thousands of Red Sox fans from throughout Greater Boston to celebrate the Red Sox' four game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series by lining the streets of Boston for the Sox' rolling rally aboard Duck Tour boats. The World Series victory was the Red Sox' first since 1918.

The Revere High football team fell to 4-4 on the season with a 28-21 loss to Malden at Macdonald Stadium Friday evening. The defeat ended a three-game winning streak for the Patriots. Jose Escobar rushed for 98 yards and scored two touchdowns and Emiio Digitale gained 159 yards on 11 carries. Quarterback Reggie Royster connected with Rob Ottolo for a 40-yard TD pass.

The RHS girls soccer team, playing in its last GBL game because Revere will be playing in the Northeastern Conference next year, defeated Somerville 4-1. Andrea Mazzarelli, Kendall Zullo, Christina Polsonetti, and Alex DeMattia scored the goals for the Lady Patriots, who earned their fifth win of the season, the most by an RHS girls' soccer team in the past 10 years, according to RHS coach Seve MacDonald.

Freshman Amanda Todisco finished in second place for the RHS girls cross country team in a loss to Arlington last week.

The Lady Patriots finished at 5-3 on the season. In the GBL Meet held at Torbert Macdonald Park, Todisco finished in 18th place.

Ryan Burke was the top Revere finisher at the GBL Meet Saturday, finishing in seventh place with a time of 17:40. In a win over Arlington a few days earlier, Burke led the way with a time of 15:09 over a 2.8 mile course. Mike Nickerson was third in 16:24 and Chris Porazzo was sixth in 16:46. Freshman Steve Armstrong finished seventh in 17:49 and Marco Cerrullo clinched the win with a 10th place effort in 17:54. The boys ended the season at 4-4.

### 40 years ago October 31, 1984

The struggling RHS football team was overwhelmed by Malden, 34-0, Saturday. Revere head coach John Miller's Patriots now have lost three straight games in which they have been outscored 104-6. Revere is now 2-5 on the season.

Medford handed the RHS cross country its first loss of the season, 22-35. Junior John Bruzzese was the top finisher for RHS head coach Frank Gallagher's squad in second place in 14:46. Junior David DeMattia was fourth in 14:50.

The RHS soccer team clinched its first-ever berth in the post-season state tourney in its 11 year history with a 3-2 win over a strong Chelsea team, which is in third place in the GBL, just ahead of the

Patriots. John Tenaglia scored his 16th goal of the season with five minutes to go for the game-winner. He also assisted on the other Revere goals by Joe Berk and Joe Aliano.

Recent RHS grad Carla Maniscalco, who helped lead the RHS girls tennis team to two state titles, has been named the Female Athlete of the Week at Holy Cross where Carla, a freshman, has compiled a 12-1 record for the Lady Crusaders in the fall tennis season.

### 50 years ago October 30, 1974

The Revere High football team shellacked Medford, 21-0, Saturday. Patriot halfback Frank Mucci once again ran roughshod over the opposition, rushing for 210 yards on 30 carries and scoring all three Revere touchdowns, one of which came on a 54-yard run from scrimmage. The Revere defense, led by Pete Cacciola, held Medford to just 98 yards of total offense.

### 60 years ago October 29, 1964

The RHS football team remained undefeated with a 22-13 win over New Bedford, the only team to have defeated Revere last year. Coach Silvio Cella's squad now stands alone atop the Class B standings. New Bedford looked as though it were going to repeat its 1963 triumph when it bolted to an early 13-0 lead, but Revere came roaring back with two touchdowns before

the half to move ahead, 14-13. Alan Drover made a spectacular catch of a pass from Jim DelGaizo for a key two-point conversion. Although De-Gaizo's passing was not up to par (6-for-19 for 64 yards), the Revere defense played a key role in the victory by stopping New Bedford the rest of the way after the initial New Bedford touchdowns.

Coach Ronnie Corbett's Immaculate Conception High football team upset undefeated and favored St. Mary's of Cambridge, 20-6. Mike Carabba connected with Bob Smith for a 28 yard TD and also scored on a seven-yard run. Bobby Browne ran back an interception 50 yards for the other IC score.

### 60 years ago November 4, 1954

Coach Silvio Cella's RHS football team dropped a 19-0 decision to Lynn English on a rain-soaked Manning Bowl field Saturday morning.

### 80 years ago November 2, 1944

The Immaculate Conception High football team was routed by St. Mary's of Brookline, 28-7, in a battle for first place in their division of the Catholic Conference. Sweeney tossed a short pass to Walter Nolan for the lone IC score.

The RHS football team, which had a week off this past week, will travel to Nashua, N.H., for a game Saturday.

# STUDENT SENATE STAR

# OCTOBER 2024

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## THE STUDENT SENATE STAR

The Student Senate Star (S.S.S) is Revere High School's very own spot in the Revere Journal, where student voice shines bright! Submissions will be open for our editions sent out during the last week of every month as we hope to increase visibility of youth voice in Revere. Whether its op-eds, poems, stories, or any other form of writing, we hope to showcase the unique perspective of students across the city. Some pieces will be signed by writers, while other pieces may be signed "Student Senate Star" to preserve anonymity. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, email [studentsenaterhs@gmail.com](mailto:studentsenaterhs@gmail.com) and/or reach out to our Instagram, [@rhs.studentsenate!](https://www.instagram.com/rhs.studentsenate/) Enjoy our fifteenth edition!

## WHO AM I?

"You don't speak your languages fluently? Oh so you aren't really from there then, are you."

This is a phrase that has been regurgitated to me countless times throughout my life. In a world strongly driven by cultural identity, language serves as a major role. For many people, the ability to speak their native tongue is what ties them to their roots. Whether that is to their family, their heritage, etc. For them, it's a reflection of who they are and where they came from. Yet for us, those who cannot speak their language, are forced to confront questions like Who am I really? Am I less Guatemalan because I don't speak Spanish fluently? Am I less Brazilian because I hardly speak any Portuguese? These types of questions follow us throughout life as a consequence of losing one of the main things that we are continuously taught to believe ties us to our culture. In a world in which time and time again, our identities are reduced to being defined by a single label, or in this case, language, a person who does not speak their language often finds themselves dealing with things like cultural alienation, guilt, and inferiority.

It can be argued that the main thing that contributes to these feelings is societal and familial expectations. To be Latina is to speak your language. This expectation is deeply rooted in many Latin American communities, where language is synonymous with heritage. When a Latina cannot speak her language, she may feel as though she is "not Latina enough," as if her cultural identity is incomplete or compromised. This is because the expectation of knowing your language is not only for the purpose of communicating, but also to bring families together.

Yet, for us, language was never an option. Some may propose the solution to just learn the language now. However, this isn't always a possibility. Perhaps it was because of our parents, seeking to shield us from the experience of growing up in an English dominated society

with an accent. Perhaps they didn't want any confusion for their children when it came to having to learn two languages instead of one. Perhaps they wanted us to integrate into society without a problem. Perhaps they were away too much, slaving away at their job to be able to provide for their children, to be able to teach their language. Perhaps we had no support system when trying to learn the language because our families were back in their home country.

However, the inability to speak our language does not erase our identities. The definition of being a Latina should not solely be based on the knowledge of language, but by our experiences, values, and connections. To be Latina is to carry the cardinal history of our ancestors, the weight of our parent's immigration, to have their resilience, and to have love for our family and community. Our inability to speak our language fluently does not negate these experiences. These are the things that truly connect us to the label Latina.

The idea that speaking Spanish is the sole key to a Latina's identity is truly ironic. Language, after all, is defined as merely a method of communication. It only accounts for one aspect of culture. Culture is not a monolithic thing. You can be Latina while embracing both Latin American and American cultures. Being Latina is about living fully who we are, whether we speak our language or not. The emphasis should not be on language, but rather how we live and experience things. Do we honor our families? Do we participate in traditions? These are the kinds of things that define us, not the words that we use.

- Delilah Hernandez, Student Senator

## COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

As the RHS Student Senate enters its third year, we have taken the time to refine our priorities. In line with this, we have renamed and regrouped our Committees! Enjoy the Committee descriptions below to get a better glimpse of what we're

working on.

### Engagement Committee

The Engagement Committee oversees direct communication for the RHS Student Senate, as well as inclusion, feedback, and awareness of school events/policy for both students and Revere as a whole. The Engagement Committee is directly responsible for event planning, community outreach, and social media, with specific focus on including the entire student body in Revere and beyond.

### Student Voice

The Student Voice Committee exists to provide swift and impactful information to the RHS community through communication between staff and students. The Committee is dedicated to outreach and information distribution, particularly through collaboration and publication. This will include communication with staff, students, councils, and those in the media.

### Safety & Wellbeing

Given the noticeable spike in violence, the Safety and Wellbeing Committee works to create a safe place in which students feel comfortable in their learning environment. The Committee is committed to empowering students by addressing unsafe conditions and creating long-lasting solutions for challenges within the student body, including mental health and safety concerns.

### Opportunities & Inclusion

The Opportunities and Inclusion Committee works to provide and coordinate resources for students in Revere Public Schools to create successful leaders, better the community, and encourage representation of diverse voices. We work to bring opportunities that would otherwise not be available to RPS students.

### RHS PATRIOT GOLF SENIOR NIGHT

The combined Revere High and Malden High Golf Team held their final match recently, and the seniors

were recognized for their dedication to the team.



Frankie Annunziata



Back Row L-R-Coach Brandon Pezzuto, Captain Jonathan Wells, Captain Bo Bogan, Joseph Alayane, Frankie Annunziata, Captain Chris MacDonald, Ryan McMahon, TJ Lynch Jr., Coach Mark Gagnon, Coach Rich Malatesta.



Senior Captain Jonathan Wells.



Coach Brandon Pezzuto, Senior Captain Jonathan Wells, Frankie Annunziata and Coach Paul DiPlatzi.



Senior Captains Bo Bogan (Malden), Chris MacDonald (Malden), Jonathan Wells (Revere).

## Top Healey environmental leader calls for reform at Massport

Special to the Journal

In a letter to the state's top environmental leaders earlier this month, AIR, Inc. (Airport Impact Relief, Incorporated) a local community airport environmental activist group, claimed that Massport, the agency which runs Logan Airport, is not doing enough to reduce the airport's environmental impacts. The group says that state lawmakers created Massport in the 1950's to run the airport and promote the economy, but that today Logan has grown to become a mega-airport which causes pollution and traffic impacts. They want the state and Massport to do much more to address these impacts.

review of Logan's operations, the state's top ranking environmental official Secretary Rebeca Tepper, head of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) agreed. Now, she is directing Massport to step up its efforts to reduce Logan's impacts. Pointing to rising passenger levels and pollution at Logan, the Secretary issued a strong directive to Massport to improve its environmental performance. Calling for improved reporting, community engagement, transparency, and performance, Tepper turned up the pressure on Massport, asking the Authority to address the health, air quality, and community impacts of Logan's operations. The Secretary also or-

dered Massport to plan additional pollution reduction strategies to address the growth of environmental impacts if passenger or flights outpace forecasts. This idea answers community requests for Massport to stop using inaccurate planning forecasts. Secretary Tepper gave Massport an extensive list of actions to take within the coming year to improve their future environmental performance:

- Identify additional pollution cutting measures for neighborhoods near the Airport
- Develop metrics to measure pollution and report levels in real-time
- Identify additional strategies to address increased pollution if passenger and operations grow more than their fore-

casts predict

- Participate in a working group which her office will create to:
- Identify ways to reduce Logan's public health impacts
- Develop air quality monitoring and pollution reduction programs
- Form partnerships to distribute air filters
- Create an idling reduction plan
- Simplify and improve the pollution reporting process

The Secretary also made helpful suggestions about how she would like to see Massport enhance public transparency and tracking of its environmental programming in their next report by presenting all of their pollution reduction programs in a single table which updates the

program's status and estimates their effectiveness. Air, Inc. believes this proposed system would make it easier to compare Massport's success at reducing negative environmental impacts with their stated goals. They say this system could also be used to trigger additional requirements if impacts aren't brought down. "Our technical experts believe this sort of system is totally feasible and we are eager to work with the Secretary's staff to help Massport implement the full slate of the Secretary's requirements," said Chris Marchi, AIR, Inc.'s long-time vice president. Marchi adds, "If these changes are implemented, opportunities for significant environmental improvements will be unlocked."

rihers at removing pollutants. Our work shows that an air quality improvement campaign could protect us from exposure to emissions which cause low birth weight, childhood asthma, learning disabilities, COPD, heart disease, cancer and many more public health problems. Asthma costs the average family in the US over \$3,000 annually. On top of the economic costs, a 2022 Boston College study shows a decrease of 3 IQ points amongst Boston students due to air pollution. We know from decades of research done around Logan that the impacts are far worse the closer you are to the source." Tengblad continues, "We are literally stifling every aspect of our children's future. We see patterns of health impacts amongst residents who have grown up around Logan Airport. To think that our kids might face the same - or worse - should give anyone pause. But Governor Healey has made climate and environmental justice a big part of her agenda, and elevating local perspectives and ideas as Secretary Tepper has proposed in state planning processes is the right thing to do. Honestly, it's about time that Massport starts helping out. This is definitely a big step in the right direction."

Sonja Tengblad, an East Boston resident and mother who leads the local chapter of Mothers Out Front, a group which has been leading the call for air quality improvements in and around East Boston since 2017, says there's a lot of work to do, but she's also eager to get started. She and other volunteers with AIR, Inc. and a coalition of local environmental and community services groups calling itself the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition have been researching air quality testing and filtration programs since 2017. "Our coalition which includes Mothers Out Front, Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH), the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, and many other community-serving not-for-profits, has been working on airport air quality solutions for years," said Tengblad. "We've monitored air quality in homes and classrooms and tested the effectiveness of air pu-

Although activists are encouraged that Secretary Tepper has acknowledged and embraced their suggestions, Gail Miller, the president of AIR, Inc. urges continued caution. "We're closer to our goals today. But we're still miles away." Miller says that the Secretary's requirement for Massport to work collaboratively with community stakeholders

### CITY EMPLOYEES TWINNING FOR HALLOWEEN WEEK



Employees at City Hall dressed up in matching outfits as twin to get into the spirit of Halloween this week.

# STREET DECATED IN HONOR OF JOHN PREVITE, FOUNDER OF PREVITE'S MARKET

Cary Shuman Photos

The City of Revere named a local street in honor of John Previte, founder of the popular Beachmont store, Previte's Market, during a dedication ceremony Saturday at Kimmerle Park.

The new street, Previte Way, was formerly Unity Avenue.

Longtime Revere resident Bruce Singer, who launched the effort to recognize Mr. Previte's loyalty, support, and generosity to his customers with the naming of a street in his honor, was the master of ceremonies. Ward 1 Councilor

Joanne McKenna co-chaired the event.

Mayor Patrick Keefe, former councilor-at-large Gerry Visconti (who introduced the motion to the City Council) former Ward 1 councilor Rita Singer (Bruce Singer's mother)

"When we talk about some of the history of Revere and a lot of the history of small towns, there was always that market that everyone knew, there was always that market that people gathered - they may have drunk coffee, bought lottery tickets, got their sandwiches or their belongings for the week,

but there was always that one market that stood out to support their neighbors and friends, even in tough times," said Keefe. "I can't think of a more dignified name [to change the street from Unity Avenue to Previte Way]. When you talk about the Previte family, it was exactly that - they unified this neighborhood."

"Previte's Market was my very first job," said Visconti, one of several former store employees honoring Mr. Previte and his family at the ceremony.

Councilor McKenna said the Previte family was generous to her family during its ownership of the store during her childhood. She also credited the family for hiring numerous teenagers to work in positions at the store. McKenna said she, in fact,



City officials, family, and friends pose for a photo underneath the Previte Way sign at the unveiling ceremony for the new street name.

worked at the store stocking shelves.

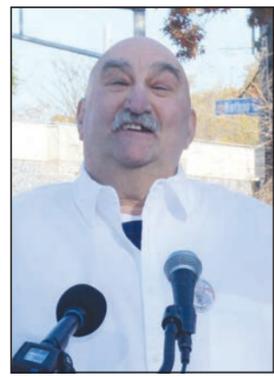
"This dedication to a family that was instrumental to the Beachmont neighborhood is a wonderful tribute to their generosity and kindness," said McKenna. "This street dedication is a reminder for all the people still living in Beachmont of

the huge impact you and your family had on this community."

Bruce Singer, who rose to the momentous occasion with his kind and articulate presiding over the tribute to his friend and neighbor, said, "Johnny Previte - do I have to say anything more? The Wizard of Oz once said, 'it's

not how much you love, it's how much you are loved."

"He's the classiest, iconic, generous, standup, honest, salt-of-the earth, family-loving patriarch - Johnny, they should have named the block after you," Singer told the large gathering. "It's on to Previte Way."



Bruce Singer, a longtime customer of Previte's Market, excelled in his role of master of ceremonies for the street-naming event in honor of John Previte and his family.



Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, a strong supporter of the street-naming proposal from the outset, speaks at the dedication ceremony.



Former Ward 1 Councilor Rita Singer said it was "an honor" to be a part of the Previte Way dedication ceremony.



John Previte with former employees of Previte's Market, Bob Connolly, Ken Griffin, and Ralph Carpinelli.



Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, former councilor-at-large Gerry Visconti, guest of honor John Previte, Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, and Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Ward 5 Councilor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Mayor Patrick Keefe, former Senate President Robert Travaglino, Rep. Jeff Turco, and Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky.



John Previte, with grandchildren, Nicholas Previte and Juliana Previte.



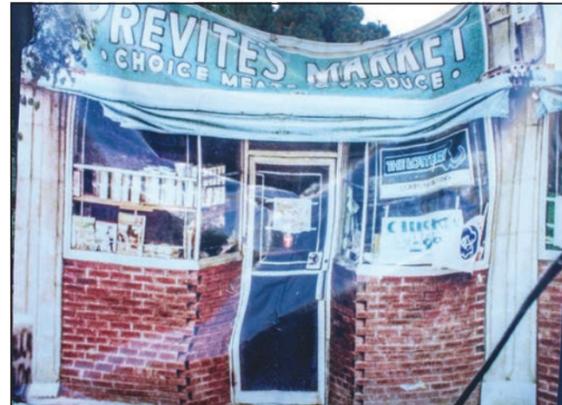
Michael McLaughlin, former Senate President Robert Travaglino, and Mayor Patrick Keefe.



The co-chairpersons of the ceremony, Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna and master of ceremonies and proposal originator Bruce Singer.



Bruce Singer, John Previte, and his sons, John Previte IV, Stephen Previte, and Chris Previte, pictured on the newly named Previte Way.



A banner on display at the ceremony picturing the former Previte's Market in Beachmont.

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#### FIRST LADY

Donna Wood Pruitt (above) is installed as the first woman president of the Revere Kiwanis Club. **COLOR PHOTOS, PAGE 18.**



#### NEW RECRUITS

Vinny Cammarata (above) enjoys the annual St. Mary's Holy Name Society spaghetti supper. Photos, **PAGE 10.**

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### LOOKING AT THE NEWS



George Bush (left), John Kerry and Saturday's 'Rolling Rally' through the streets of Boston. Need we say which of the three has provided the most excitement in recent weeks?

## We're in a Red state

By **JOSHUA RESNEK**  
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Our congratulations to the Boston Red Sox.

Their campaign to the championship was far more important than the campaigns waged by George Bush and John Kerry - and certainly, the Red Sox rush to the top showed how we are one nation, under God, indivisible and still in love with baseball.

Until this week, the Red Sox road to the world championship

kept us away from the presidential race.

The Red Sox saved us from ourselves and from our propensity to make predictions about elections, their outcomes and their meaning.

The Red Sox saved us from Katie Couric and James Carville, from Tim Russert and Chris Matthews, from Paul Begala and the bow-tied, hamstrung Tucker Carlson.

None of the above could have played for the Red Sox anyway, although Couric came the closest, dating Red Sox owner Tom Werner.

While the Texan and our man from Massachusetts toured the battleground states like car salesmen running around a showroom, we reveled in the joy of shocking the Yankees in the American League Championship Series and outclassing the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series.

While political junkies watched George Bush and John Kerry stumble to the finish line, Red Sox fans watched their team roll to its first

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### CITY COUNCIL

## Trash talk

### Officials move to find a solution to illegal dumping

By **SETH DANIEL**  
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Still up to their knees in the trash problem, city officials are in the midst of pounding out a solution that could take effect as early as Dec. 1.

Since a contentious change in the trash ordinance in July, the city has run across the problem of illegal dumping and people leaving bulky items such as mattresses and couches on the sidewalks. On Monday night, the City Council's Public Works Committee and the administration tied up a proposal to eliminate fugitive trash items from the streets and sidewalks.

"I spend 50 percent of my time on trash; it's gotten that bad," said

Nick Catinazzo, director of municipal inspections.

Catinazzo's department has spent the summer and fall on a well-documented mission of fining property owners who leave bulky items on the sidewalk after trash pickup. They have written thousands and thousands of dollars worth of tickets.

The problem stemmed from a change in the trash ordinance that stopped the curbside pickup of bulky items like mattresses, etc. in an effort to save the city some money. Residents were expected to cart bulky items to the City Yard on Charger Street once per month. That plan made for a mess, as many resi-

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### A LOUSY FORECAST



A.J. TERMINIELLO JR. PHOTO

Emilio Digitale looks for an opening in Malden's defensive front during Friday's Greater Boston League game at MacDonald Stadium. The Patriots were derailed by the Golden Tornadoes, 28-21, ending their three-game winning streak. The loss bumps Revere's record back to the .500 mark, at 4-4. For complete coverage of this week's game, turn to Page 20.

### THE ENVIRONMENT

## DEP inspections reveal hundreds of air quality violations

**JOURNAL STAFF REPORT**

State and federal environmental officials took matters in their own hands this summer and fall, showing up unannounced at the doorsteps of five local oil farms, and in the process eliminating the potential for several tons of air pollution.

Inspectors from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recently targeted tanker trucks and five bulk petroleum storage facilities in Chelsea, Revere,

East Boston and Everett for inspections of air pollution control equipment.

DEP found violations on 92 of the 226 tanker trucks inspected at the five facilities; and, of the 92 trucks cited, DEP found significant amounts of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the form of vapors leaking from 29 trucks due to inadequate or faulty seals. Trucks found to have leaking components were not allowed to exit the facility, but had their cargo of gasoline off-loaded, and were not allowed to re-load until the appropriate repairs

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*This year, we'll be taking a weekly journey through the pivotal headlines of 2004, revisiting the year's most significant events.*

*Join us as we explore these historic moments, one week at a time.*

## REVERE Through the Years

### 10 years ago October 30, 2014

The sun had barely risen Sunday morning, but shoppers were already wheeling out carts stocked with food, water, and other necessities after flooding the new Revere DeMoulas Market Basket well before the official opening hour. Revere shoppers, as well as folks from Lynn, Malden, Everett, and Winthrop, turned out in unbelievable numbers.

A good turnout is expected in Tuesday's state election, with the marquee matchup featuring Republican Charlie Baker vs. Democrat Martha Coakley for governor. Incumbent Governor Deval Patrick is not seeking re-election.

### 20 years ago November 3, 2004

Massachusetts U.S Senator John F. Kerry handily carried Revere and the rest of the state in Tuesday's Presidential election by a 2-1 margin. However, incumbent Republican President George W. Bush was re-elected by a small majority across the country, 50.7-48.3 percent, and in the Electoral College, 286-251.

City officials still are looking for a solution to the trash problem that has overwhelmed the city since a contentious change in the city's trash ordinance took effect July 1 which mandates that residents are responsible for disposing of their own mattresses, appliances, and other bulky items. However, residents have

responded by leaving these items on the city's sidewalks. Nick Catanzano, director of municipal inspections, has written thousands of dollars worth of fines since July 1.

State and federal environmental officials made an unannounced inspection of air pollution control equipment at five oil farms in the city and found violations in 92 of the 226 trucks they inspected.

Hundreds of Revere residents were among the thousands of Red Sox fans who took in the Rolling Rally to celebrate the World Series victory of the Red Sox in four straight games over the St. Louis Cardinals, the first world championship in 86 years for long-suffering Sox fans.

A news story in the Boston Globe reports that the NECCO factory in Revere has been an ongoing success story since the company moved its location from Cambridge.

Donna Wood Pruitt is the new President of the Revere Kiwanis Club, the first woman to hold that office in the local club.

### 40 years ago October 31, 1984

A large turnout expected to exceed 85 percent of the city's 23,057 voters is anticipated for Tuesday's Presidential election pitting incumbent Republican Ronald Reagan against Democratic challenger Walter Mondale. Only four times since 1940 has turnout for a Presidential election been

less than 90 percent in the city, with the lowest turnout being 77 percent in the 1976 election contest between Democrat Jimmy Carter and Republican Gerald Ford.

The City Council has approved a bond of \$550,000 for repairs to the Beachmont and Paul Revere schools.

Mayor George V. Colella and Congressman Ed Markey were honored by the city with presentations of Certificates of Merit, the highest award the city can bestow. After receiving his award, Markey honored Colella by saying, "George Colella is the best mayor in America."

The tables were turned on City Councillor William Bell, who usually is the hunter, but who became the hunted at Monday's Council meeting. Taking the shots at Bell was School Committee member Linda Santos Rosa, who said that she had tried to use the telephone in the city's clerk's office prior to a School Committee meeting, but charged that Bell and some of his cronies slammed the door in her face.

A news story in this week's Revere Journal informs residents that the drug combination that caused a local man to overdose last week is known as PACS, a combination of Tylenol with codeine and doriden.

### 50 years ago October 30, 1974

With no local contests in the election Tuesday, all eyes will be focused on the gubernatorial battle between Republican incumbent Francis W. Sargent and Democratic challenger Michael Dukakis.

Formal ceremonies for the dedication of the new Revere High School are set for Sunday afternoon in the 2200-seat field house. Gov. Francis W. Sargent, U.S. Senators Kennedy and Brooke, and Congressman Torbert Macdonald have been invited to attend.

The Revere Housing Authority once again is seeking to build an elderly housing complex on the corner of Winthrop Ave. and Harris St. However, as before, area residents are up in arms over the proposal.

Revere High graduate Professor Gene M. Lyons, son of Abraham Lyons of 49 Malden Ave., has been named associate Dean of Faculty at Dartmouth College.

### 60 years ago October 29, 1964

A turnout of 90 percent of the city's registered voters is expected for Tuesday's Presidential election between incumbent Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson and Republican challenger Barry Goldwater. The election also will be highlighted by a hot gubernatorial battle between Democrat Francis X. Bellotti and Republican John A. Volpe. A battle for the city's two state representative seats also looms with the Democratic nominees, incumbent Ray Carey and newcomer Joseph J.C. DiCarlo, facing Republican challenger Vincent P. Argenzio and a write-in challenger, incumbent Joseph DelGrosso, who was ousted in the Democratic primary. In addition, there is the big ballot question of whether the voters will choose to return the city government to a Plan B form, which features an elected mayor, or maintain the present City Manager

form of government.

A Revere man, Victor Fanikos, is one of 267 persons who have passed the Mass. Bar Examination. Fanikos is a 1957 grad of Revere High who graduated from Harvard and received his law degree from B.U.

The City Council has voted to study further whether to rezone certain lots of land on Derby and Squire Roads from a general residential district to a general commercial district.

The School Committee has voted to rent portable stands for Paul Revere Stadium to replace the grandstands that have been condemned by the Building Dept. Fans may now sit only on the portable stands that will be located opposite the grandstand.

Richard Burton and Ava Gardner star in Night of the Iguana at the Revere Theatre. James Mason and Sue Lyon star in Lolita at the Revere Drive In.

### 70 years ago November 4, 1954

Revere voters strongly favored Democrats all the way down the ballot in Tuesday's state election. There was a 76 percent turnout of voters compared to the 91 percent turnout for the Presidential election two years ago. In the race for State Senator, voters favored incumbent Andrew P. Quigley and in the contest for State Representative, local voters gave the nods to Harold Canavan and William H.J. Rowan. Local voters favored Democrat Robert F. Murphy by a 2-1 margin over Republican incumbent Christian Herter for governor, though Herter won state-wide. In the U.S. Senate race, Democrat Foster Furcolo handily won in Revere, but incumbent Republican Leverett Saltonstall won re-election state-wide.

City Manager Edward P. O'Toole and other city officials agreed that Operation Halloween was a great success, labeling the efforts to prevent mis-

chief by vandals as the best ever. There were no fires, no ambulance calls, and no vandals to school or other property. The only evidence of Halloween pranks was the sight of soaped windows on Broadway storefronts.

Jeff Chandler and Rhonda Fleming star in Yankee Pasha at the Revere Drive In. Tyrone Power stars in King of the Khyber Rifle at the Revere Theatre.

### 80 years ago November 2, 1944

Tuesday's Presidential election will feature a contest between Democratic incumbent Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is seeking his fourth term in office, and Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey. Both men have made many speeches on the radio, hurling charges and countercharges at the other. Both parties also have enlisted the support of movie stars and other prominent individuals for their candidacies.

City Treasurer and former Mayor Andrew A. Casassa, 57, passed away suddenly this morning. Casassa, who had been suffering from diabetes for some time, went to his office at the First National Bank of Revere, where he was president. However, he left shortly thereafter, complaining of a cold, and then fell ill as the day progressed.

Albert A. Romano, 23, who had been shot down during a daring, tree-top bombing mission of the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania 13 months ago and was captured, has been released from prison along with his crewmates and has returned to duty with the famous 389th Bombardment group. He also has received a promotion to lieutenant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Romano of 9 Haddon St.

Lucille Ball and Dick Powell star in Meet the People and Spencer Tracy stars in The Seventh Cross at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

## Reform // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

holds incredible promise, but it flies in the face of what Massport has actually done over recent decades. Miller continues, "I wholeheartedly embrace the Secretary's mandate that a Logan working group be created so that the serious issues be addressed such as mitigating air and noise impacts which are tremendous burdens on the communities close to the airport. We need to look at the health costs, not only the perceived economic benefits of the airport."

When asked about the history of Logan's treatment of adjoining neighborhoods, Miller said, "Back in the day, Massport had a horrible reputation. They just smashed their way through the com-

munity in the 1960's and 1970's, taking hundreds of homes and businesses by eminent domain, leveling three harbor islands and two urban parks including East Boston's Wood Island Park, an 83 acre Olmsted Park which anchored the northern side of Boston's Emerald Necklace. They also destroyed 2,000 acres of Boston Harbor to build the airport. Later administrations, mostly in the 1980's, tried to make amends by conducting sound insulation programs, building parks, and starting programs like Logan Express to cut traffic. And they got a global reputation for environmental leadership due to all that. But in the 1990's state politics shifted and a movement to curtail regulation

and shrink government took root. Massport abandoned their commitments and reverted to their old ways. They stopped listening to community perspectives, stopped pushing the envelope and began to avoid accountability. So today we're still far from where we need to be."

John Walkey, Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives at GreenRoots, a not-for-profit and long time leader in environmental justice and member of the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition agrees. "It's been a long road to get to the point where we are today, with the Secretary of EEA requiring Massport to finally enter into a true collaboration with surrounding community stakeholders. This is exactly what we have always wanted. Now we need to get it done and Massport needs to act in good faith, which is something we haven't really seen from them for a long time. But they have new leadership over there. The Governor and Massport Board appointed Rich Davey as the new Massport CEO just a few months ago. So we'll need to give him a chance to turn things around."

It remains to be seen whether community groups and Massport can make progress. But with Massport's most recent environmental filing reporting that passenger and operational levels at Logan are slated to rise significantly over the next ten years, the state's environmental brass are pushing them together to try, and activists say we can't afford to fail.

## MA Department of Public Health issues wildfire smoke alert in City of Revere

### Smoke from regional wildfires has led to air quality degradation

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Bureau of Climate and Environmental Health, has issued a Wildfire Smoke Alert in the City of Revere, following an ongoing wildfire smoke event affecting Eastern Massachusetts. The largest of the local wildfires encompasses over 100 acres in Salem, MA. These fires have led to degraded air quality in surrounding communities, including Revere.

Folks in Revere who are most at-risk include: Children under 5 and people over 65; pregnant people; people of color; people with pre-existing medical conditions such as heart disease, asthma, lung diseases, and respiratory allergies, and; people that work or exercise outdoors.

Concerned and at-risk residents are encouraged to take health and safety precautions during this wildfire smoke event, including: staying up-to-date on local air quality information; moving outdoor activities indoors; closing windows in homes and vehicles; using high-efficiency (HEPA) air filters in heating and cooling systems; speaking to a doctor about using asthma medications during the

wildfire smoke event; and using N95 masks for high-risk populations.

Lauren Buck, BSN, RN, Chief of Public Health for the City of Revere, commented: "Look out for your family members, friends, or neighbors who might be more at risk to poor air quality over the next few days. We urge residents who are at high-risk to stay indoors until the air quality improves."

### Revere Veterans' Committee

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Tickets for *The Addams Family* are on sale on Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 10:00AM ET and start at \$35. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#). Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets by filling

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## LEGAL NOTICE



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COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to Mass General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Revere Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., in the City of Revere Council Chambers on the second floor of the Revere City Hall, on a Notice of Intent by Daniel Tamayo and Monica Barrera located at 12 Pearl Ave. for a proposed 1.6-foot adobe stacked stone wall around of the yard of the house and the subsequent placement of a small fence, with the sole purpose of preventing the yard from flooding as happened last September 21.

Also, the construction of a separation wall of cobblestones. The application is on file and is available for public inspection in the Conservation Commission Office at 249R Broadway, Revere, MA on Monday through Thursday from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and Friday from 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Application and meeting information may also be obtained by contacting the Conservation Commission by calling 781-286-8185 or by emailing [concom@revere.org](mailto:concom@revere.org).

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 24 SM 003591 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Annette Pitrone a/k/a Annette I. Pitrone and to all persons entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq) NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Revere, numbered 57 Roosevelt Street, given by Annette Pitrone a/k/a Annette I. Pitrone and Michael Pitrone to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender", Meadowbrook Financial Mortgage Bankers Corp. and its successors and assigns, dated February 25, 2019, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 60839, Page 140, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 11/25/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 10/9/2024 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder 10/30/24 R

## LEGAL NOTICE



C-24-07

PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Section 17.40.020 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere that the Revere City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday evening, November 25, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber, Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 on the application of Judith Palomino, 942 Winthrop Avenue, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a special permit from the City Council to enable the appellant to convert a non-conforming mixed use structure comprised of two residential units and one commercial unit to a three-family residential structure at 942 Winthrop Avenue, Revere, MA 02151. A copy of the aforementioned application (C-24-07) is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, Revere City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and on Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Proponent/opponent testimony will be accepted in writing on or before November 19, 2024. Testimony can be submitted via email to [amelnik@revere.org](mailto:amelnik@revere.org). Attest: Ashley E. Melnik City Clerk 10/30/24, 11/06/24 R

## LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF REVERE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION FOR BIDS TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF SOILS BID NO: MUN-2024-1037 The City of Revere is soliciting sealed bids to furnish all labor and materials for the TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF SOILS for the Department of Public Works. The bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Revere, Massachusetts prior to 10:00 AM on November 14, 2024, immediately after which the bids will be opened and read publicly. Specifications may be obtained beginning Thursday, October 31, 2024 electronically from the office of the City Purchasing Agent, Michael Piccardi at [purchasing@revere.org](mailto:purchasing@revere.org). Revere City Hall office hours are Monday's 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday thru Thursday's, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday's, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF SOILS" and be submitted to the Office of the Purchasing Agent prior to 10:00 AM on November 14, 2024. 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 five percent (5%) of the total for year one (1) of the bid. Checks must be made payable to the City of Revere. The City of Revere as the awarding authority, may accept any bid or a portion of a bid, waive any irregularities and/or formalities, 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 adminis-

tered by this agency. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within thirty (30) business 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 10/30/24 R

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.C. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU24P2259GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Isaac T. Batista Of: Revere, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Eneas Batista of Revere, MA and Adelide Batista of Revere, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Isaac T. Batista is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Eneas Batista of Revere, MA and Adelide Batista of Revere, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/20/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal

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# DCR, city dedicate newly transformed Sullivan Park

By Adam Swift

While located on a prime piece of recreational real estate across from Revere Beach, Sullivan Park has not gotten the attention it has deserved over the years.

But that has changed, as last week the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) unveiled the results of a nearly \$3.5 million transformation of the park, turning an underutilized little league baseball field, into a vibrant recreational hub.

"Sullivan Park has a rich history in Revere from a former little league field, a place to eat a slice of Bianchi's pizza, and now as a revitalized hub of activity for the community," said DCR Commissioner and former Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo. "As a former Oak Island kid, I know firsthand how critical the investments we've made in this park are to Revere families and se-

niors, providing a space for safe recreation and better connecting the neighborhood with the beach. I look forward to bringing my family here and trying out the new game tables with my kids."

Current Mayor Patrick Keefe praised the efforts of the DCR under Arrigo's leadership to turn the park into an outdoor community center for all Revere residents.

"We are thrilled to have a revitalized open space in Revere, one that serves the diverse needs of residents and visitors from all ages and backgrounds," said Keefe. "Green spaces like Sullivan Park help generate community and a sense of belonging, whether it is fun or relaxation that visitors seek. Sullivan Park will provide a comfortable environment and enjoyable

play space, especially for our youngest and most senior residents and visitors of our beloved Revere Beach.

"This addition to Revere's waterfront will be a staple for generations to come."

The newly improved park features a range of diverse recreational opportunities designed to enhance the visitor experience and promote outdoor activities. Key features include a welcoming plaza with shaded seating, game tables, bocce courts, and walking paths. Fitness enthusiasts can enjoy new exercise equipment, while families and other visitors can take advantage of a spacious open lawn perfect for picnics and gatherings.

A newly installed shade shelter provides a cool spot for relaxation, and a water feature will offer fun and relief during the warmer spring and summer months. Additionally, the park incorporates native vegetation to enhance the area and promote climate resilience.

"I am proud to see Sullivan Park transformed



COURTESY PHOTO

City Councillor Robert Haas, III, State Representative Jessica Giannino, City Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Mayor Patrick Keefe, former State Representative Roselee Vincent, DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo, City Councillor Ira Novoselsky, City Councillor Anthony Zambuto, and State Representative Jeff Turco at the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Sullivan Park on Thursday, Oct. 24.

into a vibrant community hub that offers something for everyone," said State Representative Jessica Giannino. "This project is an incredible investment in the health and well-being of our residents, bringing outdoor recreation opportunities to families, seniors, and children alike. I look forward to seeing this park become a cherished part of Revere for generations to come, fostering connections and providing a welcoming



The new bocce courts at the renovated Sullivan Park.

space for all." State Representative Jeff Turco said the dedication of the 'new' Sullivan Park is a great day for the Commonwealth, the City of Revere and all users of Revere Beach.

"The park is beautiful and will benefit the public for decades to come," said Turco. "Special thanks to former Representative Roselee Vincent who earmarked the original funds which spearheaded this wonderful project."

Giannino, Arrigo, and Keefe also praised Vin-

cent for her dedication and leadership on the renovation project.

"I am extremely proud that one of my last official acts as a State Representative was to successfully obtain funding for the design and renovation of Sullivan field," said Vincent. "I would like to thank the DCR and our state delegation for carrying the ball across the finish line. The park is beautiful and will serve Revere's residents for generations to come."



DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo and DCR staff at Sullivan Park.

# White Cane Safety Day assembly teaches students the importance of accessibility and awareness

Special to the Journal

"Can blind people take a bath? How do blind people cook their food? Can they get married?" These were some of the thoughtful questions posed by curious fourth graders from

Sokolowski Elementary during their White Cane Safety Awareness Day assembly on October 21st. The event provided students with an eye-opening experience, offering insights into the lives of individuals who are blind

or visually impaired.

Held in recognition of White Cane Safety Day, celebrated annually on October 15, the assembly was designed to raise awareness about the importance of the white cane as a symbol of in-

dependence for people with visual impairments. White Cane Safety Day, established in 1964, highlights the rights of people who are blind or visually impaired to move freely and independently using this vital tool. In Chelsea, several members of the community, including students, rely on the white cane as part of their daily lives.

The event featured two key speakers from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. Mr. Joey Buizon, Director of Programs and Services, explained the significance of the white cane and offered students practical advice on how to interact with individuals who use one. His talk emphasized the importance of respect and awareness, teaching students what to do—and avoid—when encountering a person using a white cane.

Ms. Karen Nagle, a counselor with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, introduced her guide dog, Patty, to the students of Hooks Elemen-



Dennis, a Chelsea Public Schools student, presents Massachusetts Director of Programs and Services Joey Buizon with some CPS "swag" after he spoke at the assembly at the Sokolowski School.

tary on October 15. She demonstrated how Patty helps her navigate obstacles such as doorways, pathways, and stairs, emphasizing the vital role guide dogs play in maintaining the safety and independence of individuals with visual impairments. Ms. Nagle also stressed that when guide dogs are on a leash, they are working and should not be distracted or touched. She highlighted the importance of always asking the owner's permission before petting their dog.

The assembly, organized by Naomi Zobot, an Orientation and Mobility Specialist, and Vanessa Rosalan, a Teacher

of Students with Visual Impairments at Chelsea Public Schools, offered an invaluable opportunity for students from Hooks and Sokolowski Elementary Schools to develop greater empathy and understanding. Events like these help foster a more inclusive and respectful community by breaking down misconceptions about blindness and visual impairments.

As Mr. Buizon reassured the students, "Yes, people who are blind or visually impaired can live a life like their sighted peers too. I am happily married with kids, I can cook, and of course, I do take a bath."



Joey Buizon and Karen Nagle from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind speaking to Hooks School students on October 15.

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