

Zoning Board fails to show in big vote on The 600 project

More than 100 young professionals show up in support, for naught

By Seth Daniel

Zoning Board (ZBA) meetings are important business, but they are typically not well attended, and certainly not a place where the young and hip converge.

But on Monday night, a decidedly young and diverse crowd of more than 100 professionals, workers and long-time young residents converged on the ZBA to support The 600 residential apartment building project on Broadway – and to make their voices heard about the need for more middle-income rental apartments in that same mold.

However, there was one group that didn't show up. That group was the Zoning Board.

The Board, after moving the meeting to the Parlin Library at the last minute with little notice, could not get more than four of seven members to show up – leaving petitioners like Ricky Beliveau and John Tocco little choice but to defer the vote until January. Member Mary Geraci announced after a 35-minute delay that three of the members not there had personal emergencies that kept them from coming to the meeting.

That left a sour taste in the mouth of many in

the audience, a significant number who were at a public meeting for the first time and wearing red 'I Support The 600' T-shirts and hoped to be heard that evening.

With a crowded house for only The 600, the ZBA could have heard the presentation Monday night without voting, and listened to testimony of those in the audience – both for and against - but chose to defer the presentation and the testimony to a later date.

"It's always disappointing to step on the field and not be able to play," said Tocco afterward, one of the principles on The 600. "However, we appreciate the huge show of support from the community which motivates us to keep forging ahead. We are so excited for this project and what it will create in the heart of Everett and look forward to our presentation to the full board."

Some of those in the audience had a connection to Tocco, or worked at Encore and lived in Everett, but others simply came on their own accord.

Tyler Cao, a real estate agent who lives in Everett, said this is the kind of project Everett needs to attract young people, and keep the current young people that live here.

Having brought 10

young professionals with him, he said that is the future of the city.

"I work and live in Everett," he said. "Over the past two to three years, all the young professionals you see here tonight have moved to Everett. What is going to bring up the value of our community in Everett is young people, and we're competing to keep them here and get them here. We are competing for urban professionals that will move the city forward. We have plenty of traditional multi-family units, but we don't have these middle luxury units. The only thing is The Pioneer, but that really doesn't feel like Everett."

He said he worked with 12 or 13 Encore executives moving to the area as the resort prepared to open, and only one of them chose to live in Everett due to the lack of housing stock and the lack of appeal in the downtown and Broadway corridor.

"Only one of them bought here out of like 13," he said. "The reason why is the downtown corridor isn't cute or charming like Melrose, and it doesn't feel urban and vibrant like Somerville. The ship has sailed on cute and we have to get to vibrant. This project is the first of its kind. We need 20

more of these."

The project features more than 80 apartment rental units with 37 parking spaces, and to keep rents down, few of the amenities that one sees in a luxury building. For instance, instead of a fitness center in the building, the developers are touting the City's Wellness Center just two blocks down the street as an amenity. Likewise, they have partnered with the ownership of The Square Deli to operate a café and full-service restaurant on the ground floor. It's a building that is marketed to the young professionals, and to empty nesters that are downsizing, Tocco said.

That group does not seek to own cars or want parking spaces, he said. That's a sticking point for some neighbors near the development, who are worried they will be inundated by parkers who don't have a space within the development.

To curb that fear, Tocco and Beliveau have promised not to allow residential

parking stickers for residents of The 600 and they have also pledged to charge extra for parking spaces.

All that was not on the floor Monday, but if a quorum can be had on Jan. 6 at the ZBA, it will likely be discussed in full.

•TREMONT STREET SUB-DIVISION

In other matters, GTA owner Greg Antonelli rolled the dice with only four members there for the ZBA and put forth his request to subdivide lots on 110 Tremont St.

One side of the current lot is being developed into 46 residential units in a rehabilitated building that has been on the property. The other side remains commercial/industrial and isn't developed.

"I don't know what's going on the left side, but some day it will be developed," he said. "Right now I'm just trying to clean up some lot lines and make two lots, with the right side remaining residential and the left side remaining in-

dustrial."

Ann Moran, who lives across the street, said she supported the measure, and added that Antonelli bought the property from her four years ago and has been a good neighbor. She said he always shovels for her and helps her when need be.

The ZBA voted 4-0 to allow the subdivision.

•In other matters, the Board voted 4-0 to allow Wynn Design and Development to withdraw their proposal to combine several lots on Lower Broadway and create a snow farm. After looking at the cost, the resort decided not to move forward with the matter.

A proposal 31-33 School St. was moved from the table, and no one showed up to speak on it for the third meeting in a row. Given that, the Board voted 4-0 to deny the request.

All other matters on the agenda were continued into January due to the lack of members present.

Councilor Capone positive about Boston Market Terminal sale

By Seth Daniel

Councilor Fred Capone this week signaled his support and enthusiasm for the sale of the Boston Market Terminal in his ward, saying that solving the culvert issue will be a major step in solving flooding issues throughout the ward.

"It's great to hear, but when you see it, it is real," he said. "We will do our share and Chelsea is looking to do their share as well...I'm excited to hear of a property owner coming in that wants to fix the culvert, that is great. Between us all, it's a multi-faceted approach. If we can get that addressed, we can also finally address the secondary flooding that has been at-

tributed to the culvert."

Capone said he isn't worried about the new investment and use of the property, which The Davis Companies has said would be a distribution center potentially for food, but likely for last-mile distribution of products as well.

"There was a lot of discussion about the investment and distribution," he said. "That's consistent with the historical use. If that's the plan, that would likely mean very little change to the area. If they are putting distribution in and will also address the culvert, then that's a good thing...If they decide to do something else, it would have a much different impact."

He said he looks forward to working with the devel-

oper and the City to address the culvert and the secondary flooding too. He also said he'll be keeping an eye on this development and many other.

One of his key concerns at the moment is making sure that development doesn't overtake the City's infrastructure – meaning schools, roads, sewers and drainage.

"As a rule, we need to keep an eye on all development and it come back to being cognizant of the pace of construction and whether our infrastructure can keep up with it," he said. "That's not an anti-growth statement. I think growth is necessary, but it has to be controlled growth."

Winter Flower Bomb looks to highlight Everett Square bus stop

By Seth Daniel

Building upon the scent success of the first bus stop Flower Bomb last year, the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) effort and Mayor Carlo DeMaria are looking to capitalize on the excitement during the winter season.

Today, Dec. 18, BRT officials and Mayor DeMaria will be at the bus stop on Broadway/Chelsea to showcase the Winter Flower Bomb – another creation

by Krissy Price at the bus stop based upon a palette of winter plants. Mayor DeMaria and BRT officials will hand out hot chocolate, hot cider, candy canes and other treats as they tout the benefits of BRT in Everett and beyond.

"Broadway is one of Greater Boston's highest-potential transit corridors, so it's important that we not only prioritize but really celebrate our buses and the people who ride them," said Mayor DeMaria. "I urge everyone who rides the bus to speak up for more improvements and BRT, and if you haven't ridden the bus lately, you should! The experience may be a pleasant surprise."

Adrian Gill, of Ad Hoc Industries, is serving as the creative director for the BRT initiative and said the Winter Flower Bomb will be a way to generate excitement for something that typically isn't exciting – waiting for the bus.

"We really thought the last Flower Bomb was super successful and we wanted to try to do a winter version that could stay up longer," he said. "The last one was only up three days because of the nature of fresh-cut flowers. This one will be made with dried flowers and will stay up at least a month. That's the big difference between the two of them. Because this one will go in over the winter, it's going to have more

of a winter super-feel to it."

Gill said Price would be using dried flowers, birch branches and LED lights at night.

The idea isn't just to delight in the beauty of seasonal flowers, but to generate excitement for the bus and the idea of enhancing it with BRT improvements like dedicated bus lanes and level boarding.

"It's really going to be a cerebral thing and the reason why we chose this idea for a Flower Bomb is because flowers are a universal sign of giving and crosses all barriers – whether class, politics or language," said Gill. "No matter what, we can all speak with the language of flowers. We thank the mayor and how much he has already done. Now we can bring something exciting to public transportation. It's good to do something celebratory with BRT. It's not only the metrics. Any time we can improve the experience for bus riders, it's a good thing."

"There are only so many times you can go to the public and talk about BRT before it becomes boring," he continued. "Now we have an opportunity to talk about level boarding and other BRT concepts with an interesting frame – flowers."

The event on Wednesday, Dec. 18, will take place at 11 a.m. in Everett Square.

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p.m., the future of the Everett Public Schools will come down to whomever can garner five votes.

"We will go around and call out the three names of the candidates and if one of them reaches five votes of the School Committee, then I will call the candidate and see if they're interested in negotiating a contract," said Chair Tom Abruzzese.

Abruzzese said it will be an historic moment for the community and the schools.

"It really, really is an historic moment," he said. "It's amazing to think of the timeline and I can't thank people enough for their

participation. People spent all day Saturday (Dec. 14) with the four candidates. On the one hand, it was grueling, but at the same time it was invigorating hearing these professional people talking about what it means to them to be superintendent of schools. It's a very, very exciting time. It should be a great night."

The one development this week in the search was the withdrawal of Stewart, who has accepted a superintendent post for the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District. He was chosen unanimously in a vote of that School Com-

mittee on Monday night, Dec. 16.

"We knew this might happen," said Committee-man Frank Parker. "I'm really happy for Todd and I think he's going to be a great superintendent there."

Abruzzese said it speaks to the quality of candidates they have to choose from.

"To me, this is what happens when you have quality people," he said. "There's going to be competition. There are a lot of school districts looking for superintendents. I'm extremely happy for Todd and I'm happy with the three others that are left in our search."

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munity-oriented, bilingual, open to feedback, professional and communicative.

Tahiliani, at least on paper, appears to fit the bill. She has worked as an administrator and educator for Boston Public Schools (BPS) for two decades, and is currently the Assistant Superintendent for its Office of English Language Learners (ELLs). In addition to teaching certificates, she has a master’s degree from Harvard and is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in urban education leadership.

“I am unbelievably privileged to be considered as a finalist,” she said to a small crowd in the high school’s auditorium.

In her introduction, Tahiliani spoke about what qualified her to run a district with such a high number of English Language Learners (ELLs). She explained that she herself had been an ELL while growing up in Memphis, Tennessee, the daughter of Indian immigrants. After college, she then went on to teach English as a Second Language, English Language Arts, and inclusion in middle and high schools for 15 years. She has worked for the ELL Office of the BPS since 2016.

“In Boston we have 26,000 current and former English Language Learners,” said Tahiliani. “In our department, we oversee teams that support instruction for ELLs, and translation and interpretation for the district.

“One thing I’m most proud of with the [ELL] population is the increase in parent engagement and access,” she continued. “Our parent engagement activities have tripled. We have [also] reappropriated funds for our ELLs in order to best support our students.”

Tahiliani discussed her

doctoral dissertation, which explores teaching students with limited or interrupted formal education. ELL students often fall into this category, as education in the country of origin may be limited and immigrating to a new country can cause a significant disruption in studies. She said that part of her job involves explaining to immigrant parents what American education looks like, what their rights are and how they can advocate for their students.

Tahiliani said she chose to apply for the Everett position because the racial demographics are similar to Boston’s, but also because EPS has demonstrated an investment in the arts and technical vocational experiences.

“Those experiences make [students] more well-rounded, marketable, and open to different career and college opportunities,” she said. “It’s important for us to be exposing them to as much as we can.”

Tahiliani also said she was drawn to the close-knit nature of the EPS community. On that note, she added that she could empathize with the district’s hesitation to accept a candidate from the outside. BPS has had two superintendents in just two years, and a previous one from Los Angeles.

“With an incoming person, the anxiety is palpable. I would not want to disrupt [your stability],” she said. “I would want to learn and build on what you’ve done here and help the district progress.”

When questioned how she would handle being embroiled in Everett’s energetic local politics, Tahiliani said her “thick skin” made her uniquely suited to tackle it head-on. She explained that part of her current position is to engage with different stakeholders

such as City Councilors; people from DESE; the Department of Justice’s Office of Civil Rights; and attorneys from the Multicultural Education, Training and Advocacy.

“Politics are hard, but nothing is as hard as teaching,” said Tahiliani, adding that managing a classroom of children with diverse needs and personalities is similar to balancing the interests of multiple stakeholders.

School Committee Chair Thomas Abruzzese asked Tahiliani how she planned to balance being a full-time superintendent of schools while also pursuing her doctorate. She said that she has been successful so far in balancing the demands of a full-time job with her personal life, which includes raising two young children. To maintain equilibrium, she only takes one class at a time and said she is willing to put her studies on hold in order to fully transition into the new position.

Regarding her management style, Tahiliani said collaboration and communication were key. She alluded to using this approach to solve problems, from addressing a negative work climate at one of the schools to implementing new classroom practices at the district level.

“It’s important to tap into the knowledge that [senior employees] have, to draw on the expertise of people who have been there,” she said. “I like to engage with everybody, making your team feel like a community. It would be my hope to join your community.”

Tahiliani’s public Q&A can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube. In addition, she invites members of the public to email her at priya-tahiliani@icloud.com with any additional questions.

The candidate was also asked how he would tackle the many political liaisons required of the position. One of the roles of the superintendent is to answer to various stakeholders, including City Hall, City Council and the School Committee.

“We would not be able to do what we could without Mayor DeMaria and Council. We would have to work together,” said Flanagan. “The role of superintendent is to communicate the message. We would need to use distributive leadership to develop the message together. I can be the lead in communication and collaboration.”

Flanagan explained that he has experience liaising with community interests in Providence, which previously had a mayoral-appointed school board. His collaborations with the mayor’s office resulted in the expansion of Pre-kindergarten and summer learning opportunities in the public schools.

One educator asked Flanagan how he planned to support the Everett Public Schools’ historical investment in cost-free extracurricular opportunities for students including athletics, arts and advanced placement testing.

“I believe in a well-rounded education,” he said. “It’s important for students to have things that get them excited about coming to school and will help them get into college. It creates a well-rounded community and it’s an incredibly important thing to maintain for Everett.”

Flanagan’s public Q&A and his full résumé can be viewed on the Everett Public Schools website.

Mystic Valley Elder Services holds toy and coat drive for those families in need

The holidays are synonymous with toys. It is a joyous time for most. But, for struggling families, it can be a time of stress and anxiety. Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) recently held a toy drive where employees would donate toys to charitable organizations. The nearly 100 donated toys were divided between ABCD and the Salvation Army in Chelsea. As temperatures fall this holiday season, we can’t forget about those struggling to stay warm. MVES staff also donated new and gently used winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, etc.) to Mission of Deeds.

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essen-



Pat Hansen, RN, of Mystic Valley Elder Services donates some toys toward the agency’s Toy Drive. The toys went to ABCD and the Salvation Army in Chelsea.

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Search Committee’s short list. His experience includes more than 20 years of working as a teacher, special educator and administrator. Since 2016, he has worked as the Chief Academic Officer of the Providence Public Schools in Providence, RI, which is currently under a five-year state intervention. He possesses master’s degrees in special education and educational administration and has completed the necessary requirements to work as a public school administrator in the state of Massachusetts.

“I really appreciate spending time with you today and getting to see all the schools,” said Flanagan to the modest crowd.

In his introduction, Flanagan talked about growing up in a black neighborhood in Washington, D.C., at a time when the city was also experiencing a rise in immigrants from Spanish-speaking countries. He said that having diverse friends taught him a lot about the racial disparity in access to quality education. Flanagan also mentioned coming from a family of educators, adding that he hopes to follow in the footsteps of a grandfather who was a superintendent of schools.

Flanagan said he was drawn to Everett because he was impressed by recent developments in the district. He was particularly inspired by Sen. Sal DiDomenico’s efforts to get increased funding for the district and said he looked forward to seeing how school officials would make the best use of it. Flanagan said he was also encouraged by studies showing that young people growing up in Everett have a greater success rate than the national average.

“There’s such opportunity here in Everett and I personally want to be a part of that,” he said.

Flanagan said that if he were to become the new superintendent, he would adopt a three-pronged focus: shared responsibility; equity and excellence; and family and community partnership.

“It’s important to build systems so that multiple people in an organization have an opportunity for leadership,” he said, expanding on his idea of shared responsibility. “Leadership starts with teachers in classrooms. They are an important group to empower, to be able to be a part of decision-making at the school and district levels.”

Flanagan said that in his experience as an administrator, all of his strategic and cultural planning was done in lockstep with teachers.

When it comes to problem-solving at the school or district levels, Flanagan urges an “urgency without hurry” approach, recognizing the seriousness of the situation without taking action simply for action’s sake.

An audience member asked the candidate how he would handle coming into a district that is wary of outsiders.

“I get the anxiety. There are issues of trust. Trust-building is about doing what you say you’re going to do,” said Flanagan. “I would build relationships right away. I would talk to people about my goals and then develop shared goals for the district. I would start with a 100-day plan of measurable targets, like a certain number of classroom observations and town hall meetings.”



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GUEST OP-ED

Christmas is still special

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Make a mental decision that Christmas is going to be great. Our world exists in the space between our ears known as our brains. We can dread or hate something or just decide it's going to be wonderful.

Faking it is not always easy. We can fool people some of the time, but we can't fool everyone all the time. The hardest person you actually have to fool is yourself. Sometimes we can fool ourselves for awhile, and it's never fun fooling ourselves for a long period of time. Sometimes it's necessary to fool ourselves briefly if we need to convince ourselves of something in order to survive.

For example, if you are going to be in a big gathering for Christmas there is probably going to be one or two obnoxious or ridiculous people in the crowd. You may already dread seeing them. Just convince yourself it is okay and that people are different and no one is perfect. Just decide to let ungratefulness, weird or negative comments roll off your back. You can override stupidity with Christmas cheer for a day. Just remember this is only for a day or two.

Also, this Christmas will not bring back any past Christmases. There will

be an empty chair or maybe several empty chairs. It may be tough and depressing when we think about how Christmas was a few years back. Christmas will never be the same for those of us missing loved ones and tears often come. Go ahead and cry but determine you won't spend all Christmas day crying. As you remember the past remember what it is about that person or Christmas you miss and hold tight to that joyful remembrance.

Keep in mind that this Christmas is still special because you are here in the world to celebrate the occasion. Whoever the people are in your life today hold them close and be merry together.

From the Old Testament the people of God were instructed by Joshua to "Hold tight to God, your God, just as you've done up to now." (Joshua 23:8) For all of us holding tight to our faith, our family, our friends and our life's values.

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Encore Boston Harbor numbers rebound in November under better odds for slot players

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor increased its gross gaming revenues (GGR) in November, and took in more money on slot machines due to better odds for players, according to numbers released Monday by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC).

The biggest news for the numbers in November at Encore was the movement on slot machines, which

had shown weakness over the summer months. Putting their slot payout above 92 percent for only the second time since opening, the casino took in \$286 million at the slots. That resulted in gross gaming numbers of \$22.7 million for the casino, which was the highest take to date on the slots at Encore and half a million dollars higher than last month's numbers.

Overall, GGRs came in at \$47.3 million and that was up around \$1.7 million

from October.

On the tables, the revenues were up from October's slide, coming in at \$24.5 million, but still down from the blockbuster opening numbers that reached as high as \$32.2 million in August.

The total wager number (slot coin in + table revenues) was again quite high, coming in at \$311.4 million.

November and December are traditionally slow months in the gaming industry, and have proven to

be so in Massachusetts at Plainridge and Springfield as well.

Springfield's GGRs dropped in November to under \$20 million, coming in at \$19.9 million. While their slot numbers have been consistent at around \$14 or \$15 million, the table games have continued to fall through the year. November had them at \$5.2 million.

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That rally for the internal candidates, which has included Mayor Carlo DeMaria and several other elected officials, has been frustrating for the Everett Education Coalition (EEC) – a group that formed in early 2018 to give more of a voice to parents, teachers and those not familiar with the educational system.

Member Jessica Gold Boots, a teacher in Malden who lives in Everett, said it the call for internal candidates by MacLaughlin and others is insulting to all the time spent by the Search Committee.

"I think members of the EEC, including myself, are very concerned that people on the Search Committee had given hours and hours and hours of volunteer time, energy and effort – and were diligently appointed to represent all walks of life," she said. "There were parents, teachers, a representative from La Com-

unidad, the police chief. When you're saying they didn't do it right, not only are you disrespecting them, but also you're disrespecting the process and reason why the School Committee voted to bring in the search firm (Massachusetts Association of School Committees).

"You can't create a Search Committee and then say it's not good because it's not the people I wanted," she continued. "I would say the same thing even if every single candidate named was an internal candidate. I would say these are 15 people from 15 different walks of life on the Search Committee... and they went through the resumes and did the interviews and know something I don't."

Member Josh Steinberg said he is happy with the process, and believes it has

been a win for Everett despite there being no internal candidates.

"I think the search has been great for the City," he said. "All of it has been done in public. It's great to be able to see more openness at the School Committee this year. This whole process has been accessible to the public and it's been televised..."

"I think this has all been done in good faith and in looking to move forward," he continued. "I wouldn't want to see that work go away."

Boots said the EEC and its membership supports the work that has been done by the Search Committee and the School Committee on the traditional search.

"Their voice vote for a superintendent is the way it's supposed to work," she said. "There were finalists and public interviews... That is all above board. We

want people to feel more involved in the process from start to finish. Anytime you have an opaque government process, it's not good for the residents... People keep inserting themselves into this process that weren't involved. I have never seen people who were not involved in the process get involved and tell a Search Committee they did it all wrong because, if it were right, it would be people from Everett... We really feel like Tom (Abruzzese) really tried to make the process as unimpeachable as possible and did a good job with it."

Said Steinberg, "I'm really proud of the work everybody has been doing, including the Search Committee, the School Committee, the Coalition and everyone coming together so Everett can move forward. I think we've accomplished a lot in the year."

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that has been done behind the scenes by the attorneys. It also usually sets a timeline for other hearings and a potential trial date.

Forestreire's attorney, Gerald Malone, has not responded to many calls for

comment on the case.

Victims, or their attorneys, have not been present in the court for the arraignment or status conferences.

Forestreire has been charged with the following crimes on three victims:

- Indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of 60.

- Assault and Battery.

- And, five counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of 14.



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DIDOMENICO FOUNDATION, MASS BADGE ORGANIZATION HOLD ANNUAL TOY DRIVE GALA

The DiDomenico Foundation and Mass Badge organization held a gala to celebrate their Annual Toy Drive. A tradition for 14 years begun by Mass Badge, a non-profit organization founded by police officers and members of the community in 1998, the

initiative looks to distribute the toys at more than 41 locations including schools and shelters in the area. Thanks to the tremendous support from the community, police, and elected officials, there will be more children enjoying a merry holiday season. Bravo.



Rachelle Bookman, Rachael Glass and Michael Dantone chat with Santa during the party – which was held at Anthony’s of Malden on Saturday night, Dec. 14.



Lori and John Wall.



James Koury and Torrey Ritchie.



Jeff and Edna Dedeo with Theresa Silva.



Mass Badge President Raoul Goncalves and State Sen. Sal DiDomenico with Mass Badge members Marcia Pretto, Geraldo and Maria DeSilva, Claudia Leite, Leada Barcilla, and Antonia DeSilva during the annual Mass Badge/DiDomenico Foundation Christmas distribution. This year, toys will be distributed to more than 41 locations in the area for Christmas.



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico (right) and his wife Tricia, with Lucy DePaula.



President of Mass Badge Raoul Goncalves (patrolman for Everett Police) and Joe Internicola, vice president and Revere Police sergeant, with Sen. Sal DiDomenico.



Manny and Landa Gavares.



Santa (center) with Mass Badge President Raoul Goncalves (right) and member Domenic Licata.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico with sons, Matthew and Sal, his wife Tricia, and Santa (center).



Laidiny Gencoglu and Liliana Zirpolo with Santa (center).



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico’s sons, Sal and Matthew, with his niece, Hailey Lavoie (center).



Mass Badge President Raoul Goncalves with Secretary Jose Amado, who is also a Boston Police officer.



Members of the DiDomenico Foundation with State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

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Sports

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY IN ACTION AGAINST REVERE

The Varsity Everett High Hockey Team traveled to Revere on Saturday Dec. 14, for the Revere home opener. Everett lost 5-0,



Aaron Hickey gets the puck away from the Everett goal.



Goalie DJ Schovanec made some great saves.



Brendan Currie fights for the puck.



Brendan Currie slams Revere's Matt D'Annolfo against the boards.



Max Brown tries to gain possession of the puck.



Dante Masucci fights to put the puck in the net.



Gil Bairos.



Cameron Cuoto.



Captain Brian Delorey skates the puck down the ice.



David Saia passes the puck.

EHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

SEIDE, JULES PACE EHS TRACKSTERS AT MSTCA WINTER FEST

A large contingent of athletes from the Everett High boys and girls indoor track and field teams made the trek to the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury on Saturday to compete in the Large School Division of the Winter Festival sponsored by the MSTCA.

Lucia Seide was the top finisher on the day for the Crimson Tide, taking second place in the 55 meter dash. Lucia stood in fifth place after the preliminaries with a time of 7.89, but bumped up to second in the finals with a sprint of 7.70. Her performance was second only to that of Chelsea High superstar Stephanie Simon, who won the 55 dash in 7.57.

Lucia also placed well in the long jump with a leap of 15'-1.5" that earned her a 15th place ranking. Simon won that event as well with a leap of 17'-4", a jump that outpaced the field by an amazing 15 inches.

On the boys' side, Clarence Jules was the top-finishing Crimson Tide performer, taking third place in the 55 dash with a clocking of 6.76. Clarence was remarkably consistent on the day, as he finished in third in the prelims with the same time of 6.76.

Greater Boston League sprinters grabbed four of the top seven places at the meet, with Medford's Tristan Howard taking first in 6.65 and two Revere boys in fourth and seventh spots.

Also turning in strong efforts for the girls were Jessica Santos, who finished 11th in the 55 dash in 8.09; Lakisha Kimon, who came across in 12th in the 55 hurdles; and Lyanne Murphy, who finished in 13th place in the 55 hurdles.

Other members of coach Jehu Cimea's Lady Crimson Tide who took part in the meet were Tanasha Johnson and Eduarda Bernardo in the 300 dash; Rejean Guillaume in the long jump; and Alyssa Hurley and Jegarza Aguirre in the shot-put.

For the boys, in addition to the third place effort from Jules, Ryan Vu turned

in a strong performance in the long jump, taking fifth place with a leap of 18'-4.5."

Brandon Previlon took eighth place in the 300 dash with a clocking of 38.31 and

John Smith Howell finished 13th in the 55 dash with a sprint of 6.7.

The boys' 4 x 200 quartet of Elijah Auguste, Samy LaMothe, Howell, and Jules grabbed eight place with their time of 1:42.69.

Other members of the boys' team who competed were: Justin King in the 55 hurdles; Eduardo Chaparro in the 300 dash and the long jump; Kago Gomes and Natinaeal Abebe in the 300; Arthur Rosa in the mile; and Fabrice Jacques, Brandon Ho, Ronald Cruz, Angel Torres, Zach Lamontagne, Alexander Velasco, Jaheim Simon, and Matthew Trill in the 55 dash.

Cimea's boys and girls squads are scheduled to open their 2020 dual-meet season this evening (Wednesday) when they make the short tip eastward down the Revere Beach Parkway to take on GBL rival Revere.

Get plugged in.

Learn about a proposed substation project in East Boston.

Eversource is in the process of finalizing the exterior design of the proposed East Eagle Substation, part of the Mystic - East Eagle - Chelsea Reliability Project. This project will improve the electric system in the Greater Boston area, so customers will continue to have reliable power to meet their growing energy needs. As an important part of the process, residents of the East Eagle community are invited to attend and offer aesthetic design feedback at an upcoming open house.

Open House:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Drop in between 5:30–7:30 p.m.
East Boston High School
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Keeping the lines of communication open is an important part of our work in the community. The open house is designed to give residents an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions about the next steps in the project.

For more information about this proposed project, please send an email to ProjectInfo@eversource.com, call 800-793-2202 or visit Eversource.com.

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MCLAUGHLIN CELEBRATION SHOWS LARGE NUMBERS, NEW FACES

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

By Seth Daniel

Councilor Michael McLaughlin’s decided win on Election Night in November was a surprise to many – not so much that he won, but that after a heated battle with many on the political establishment working against him, it wasn’t even a close vote.

After taking a breather from that intense race, McLaughlin held his first fundraiser and thank you party on Thursday, Dec. 12, and drew a new, fresh crowd full of folks he said were grass-roots supporters.

He reported that more than 200 attended the event at the 8/10 Bar & Grille, and that it was his first event of the year.

“During the election, I didn’t want to put people in an uncomfortable position given my election was so contentious, so I decided to wait until after the election to celebrate the win with my family and friends – as well as to celebrate the holidays upon us,” he said. “This was an opportunity to thank many individuals for putting their support and faith in me. It was noteworthy that I didn’t need to have any high-named elected officials fill the room for me. My support in the election and on Thursday night came truly from the residents and voters of Everett.”

That crowd reinforced what McLaughlin said has become his mantra, and was his campaign slogan too – that he is “Everett’s Independent Voice on the City Council.”

Though many were residents of the City, other guests included former Senate President Tom Birmingham.

Meanwhile, former Mayor, and current Councilor, John Hanlon did the

honors of introducing McLaughlin at the time. He said the party was simply a time to be grateful and celebrate.

Though it has been postulated by some that he might challenge for state representative in 2020, there were no such announcements Thursday night despite a full room of supporters. Later, he said he hasn’t decided on anything like that right now, and he is just preparing to go to City Hall to represent voters.

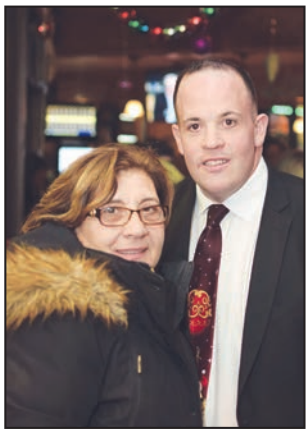
“There is a time and place for everything and Thursday night was to thank my family, friends and supporters for their belief in me as a city councilor,” he said. “It’s also to look forward to 2020 as a group. I rule out no decisions and never close any doors. For me, that kind of thing isn’t up to me. It’s really about what role I can serve the voters of Everett best – about what’s good for them and not what’s good for me.”

Come January 2020, McLaughlin told his supporters he will return to his seat on the Council as a voice for them – resisting the temptation to be an insider and go with the flow.

“The voters of Everett decidedly put their faith and trust in me to not be an insider, but to stand up for the issues that matter to them,” he said.



Councilor Mike McLaughlin and Councilor-at-Large elect, Gerly Adrien.



Councilor Rosa DiFlorio and Councilor Mike McLaughlin.



Paul and Irene Cardillo.



Councilor Mike McLaughlin, with 8/10 Bar & Grill Owner Richie Sasso, and Ralph Sacramone.



Michael Mangan, Rich Destefano, and Councilor Mike McLaughlin.



Ira McCleskey, Debbie Massaro, and Councilor Mike McLaughlin.



Lisa and Richard Collins with Councilor Mike McLaughlin.



Councilor Mike McLaughlin with the Antonelli Family.



Councilor Mike McLaughlin with Linda Maloney, Christine Ragucci, Richard and Louise Lisanno, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Constance.



Councilor Mike McLaughlin with friends.



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investment in its early educators – who are some of the most important teachers that children have over the course of their education. “Creating free, community-based pathways into teaching careers is critical to making affordable, high quality early education and care available to families across the Commonwealth,” she said.

This pilot program at the Social Centers is part of DeLeo’s ongoing priority of investing in early education and care and funded the program with \$1 million in the fiscal year 2020 budget passed by the legislature in the spring of 2019. Across the Commonwealth early education and care centers seek qualified workers and this program seeks to increase that pipeline by making accreditation classes accessible to teachers needing childcare and other services while they attend classes, which are also taught in Spanish and other languages.

COUNCIL APPROVES POLLING LOCATION CHANGES

REVERE - The City Council approved a request from Election Commissioner Diane Colella seeking to move the Ward 4, Precinct 2 polling from the Central Fire Station to the Immaculate Conception Church.

Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe began the debate on the issue by stating that he was in favor of the change after discussing it with his constituents and considering other locations.

“The Immaculate Conception Church seems to be a really nice location. It’s pretty central. There’s parking and there’s really no disruption during the polling times,” said Keefe.

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito asked about moving the original polling place out of Ward 4 and in to Ward 1.

“We cannot find any other place [in Ward 4] that is suitable,” responded Colella.

Morabito inquired whether “if it would make more sense to combine two Ward 4 precincts” and have all those voters cast their ballots at the Lighthouse Nursing Home.

Colella said the Lighthouse has a small parking lot just for staff and visitors “and we already explored that avenue and it just wouldn’t work for us.”

“I just think it’s a bit confusing to move it [the polling location] out of the ward,” said Morabito.

Colella said her office will be sending a postcard to every voter who will be affected by the change in polling location.

Morabito asked about possibly having all voters in the city cast their bal-

lots at Revere High School. Colella said she intends to come before the City Council at a later date with a proposal about consolidating the locations of polls.

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers asked about the early-morning use of the Immaculate Conception Church parking lot by parents transporting their children to the Immaculate Conception School. He also mentioned the use of the lot by voters who cast their ballots at the Youth Center.

“Is the parking lot with all this going on going to be adequate [on Election Day]?” asked Powers

“Even sharing the lot with the people from the Youth Center and the parents dropping off their children, we’d still be in a better position that we are currently [at Central Fire Station],” replied Colella.

Councillor-at-Large Tony Zambuto suggested having the voters who currently cast their ballots at the Youth Center also vote at the Immaculate Conception Church.

Colella told Zambuto said she would like to make one polling location change at a time before considering his suggestion.

Council President Arthur Guinasso felt that Zambuto’s suggestion “requires more conversation” but (addressing Commissioner Colella), Guinasso added, “I do think, this is something for the future, when you do decide to have a conversation with the police chief [about polling locations], I think the City Council membership should be there.”

PATCH PRAISED FOR SERVICE TO COUNCIL

REVERE -The best was truly saved for last at Monday night’s Council meeting as Ward 6 Councillor Charlie Patch gave his farewell address as a member of the Revere City Council.

Patch’s distinguished service to the city covers 44 years. He preceded his 12 years on the Council with 32 years as a Revere Police officer. Prior to that, Patch nobly served his country as a U.S. Marine during the Vietnam War.

“I missed Woodstock, but I got to see Bob Hope,” said Patch, who was serving in Vietnam while the famous music festival was being held in New York in 1969.

With his wife, Laurie, sons, Billy, Chucky and David, daughter-in-law, Noel Mandell-Patch, and grandchildren, Danny, Ava, Sadie, and Abigail, watching proudly in the Council Chamber, Patch humbly accepted a standing ovation from his colleagues and spoke from the heart about his accomplishments

“Thank you, Mr. President [Arthur Guinasso], he began. “I’m really sorry

that I have to leave you and the rest of my colleagues, but it was time for me to step down. I wanted to do it tonight because next week I know is going to be a very quick meeting and I wanted my grandchildren and children to come here and see me in action.”

He called his time on the Council “12 years of good memories,” stating that his position on the Council was “a new career for me,” following four years in the U.S. Marine Corps and 32 years in the Revere Police Department.

Patch said he worked with three mayors, Tom Ambrosino, Dan Rizzo, and Brian Arrigo, in the past 12 years. He said Revere’s new schools, the new Harry Della Russo football stadium, and the new fields at Griswold Park located in Ward 6 are accomplishments in which he takes great pride.

“It took quite awhile [at Griswold Park], but we now have one of the best facilities around,” said Patch.

He credited city project planner Elle Baker for her work in North Revere in helping to build a new park on Salem Street. Speaking about his vote for the development of the former Shaw’s Supermarket sire, he praised “the great Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna who filled the shoes of two other dear friends of mine, [the late] Jimmy Kimmerle and [the late] Richie Penta.”

Patch noted how honored he was to cast a vote for “my dear friend, Ashley [Melnik], the city clerk – one of my best votes ever. Thanks for your help over the 12 years.”

In closing, Patch said, “I love my family and there’s going to be time to spend with them. I’m going to miss all of you [on the Council]. Thirty years as a cop, 12 years as a Revere city councillor, I think it really is time to you. I’ll be around. I love Revere. I think Revere is going to be very successful in the future and I want to wish Brian Arrigo good luck in his next four years.”

The second standing of the evening rained down on Charlie Patch.

Councillors praise Charlie Patch

“You are going to be missed by each and every one of us,” said Council President Arthur Guinasso, thus beginning a parade of accolades for retiring City Councillor Charlie Patch at Monday night’s meeting.

“You certainly were a great friend throughout it all,” continued Guinasso. “Whenever you were on the opposite side of an issue, you were always a first-class gentleman.”

Following are the other councillors’ comments:

Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino said to Patch, “You’re my ward councillor and it’s been a pleasure working with you as a colleague but it’s even better to get to know you as a friend. “I can remember when I first got elected, my grandfather would tease me and anytime we wanted the sidewalk fixed or something done, he’d say, ‘I’m going to call Charlie Patch, I’m calling my ward councillor’ and he always did and you [Patch] always got it done. Thank you for everything you’ve done for me and for my family and for the city and the people in Ward 6. You always speak from the bottom of heart and you always do the right thing for your residents and those are really admirable qualities.”

Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe said. “I think of you much like a father. You’ve been a really great partner on the Council. You’re very much like my

father – you’re no-frills, you don’t have to come with lots of words, but when you say what you say, you mean it. I admire the way you came in after being a police officer for many years. I really admire the way you left – you’re a man of your word and your family is a reflection of that.”

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna said, “I want to say thank you because you’ve always had my backand you rolled with the punches with me. I love you and you’re one of my best friends up here. I’m going to miss your support and your presence alongside of me on this Council.”

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito told Patch, “You’re a friend, a colleague. Earlier you mentioned a vote about the [school] lottery and you got criticized. Each of us know whether you vote in favor of something or against something, you get criticism. One thing no one can criticize is your selfless character – you have dedicated 44 years of honor and integrity to this country and this city. No one can ever take that away from you. I commend you on your years of service and I wish you the very best retirement.”

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he and Patch share “a lot of the same lifelong thoughts.”

“We’ve gone through a lot and you’ve been a stalwart not only for your ward and the city but for your family. It’s been a pleasure to work with you and I’m glad I can call you a fellow veteran. I say, congratulations, mazel tov, enjoy your family and the holidays.”

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers thanked Patch for “supporting myself and my endeavors in Ward 5.”

“On behalf of the people of Ward 5, I can’t thank you enough. You were always there no matter what it was. Sometimes it gets very contentious in this City Council Chamber, but you were always there, you always had my back even when we disagreed. There was never any animosity. And one other thing I’m going to remember about Charlie – any time I would come to this meeting without a pen, you could always look to Charlie and say, ‘Do you have an extra pen?’ and I always knew he always did because I sold him so many.”

Councillor-at-Large Tony Zambuto noted Patch’s service in the U.S. Marines and the Revere Police Department.

“I got to learn a lot about you and your character and think of you as a friend today and I honor that friendship,” said Zambuto. “I honor your service as a Marine and I honor your service as a police officer – some of the things that I

respect more than anything else in life. And your service as a city councillor, you’re always true to yourself and true to your constituents. I got to know a man that I have tremendous respect and I’m going to miss you up here as a colleague and a friend.”

COUNCIL ADDRESSES CONCERNS WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT

LYNN - The City Council came face to face with Waste Management representative Ed Pacek to address concerns of poor work quality on behalf of the residents. The meeting between the Council, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, Andy Hall, and Pacek came as a result of numerous complaints from residents throughout the city.

Ward 2 Councillor Richard Starbard admitted that the inconsistent trash and yard waste pickup is like nothing he has ever seen before.

“Over the past several months, I’ve sent out 18 emails to Ward 2 residents, all related to pick-up delays,” said Starbard, who initially thought the delays were a result of the windstorms in October. “The problem has only gotten worse since then and leave bags have been sitting out in the rain and snow for weeks.”

According to Pacek, the initial delay was a result of a miscommunication with the schedule. After a schedule had been published and sent out to residents based on the previous calendar year, the yard waste route was run the week of Thanksgiving instead of the following week when residents expected. In turn, residents waited until the week after Thanksgiving to put yard waste out, causing a light load the previous week, and a delayed pick-up the next.

“Unfortunately, we didn’t notice that there was a week that had changed from one year to the next and we built our schedule based off of what the year before was,” said Pacek. “We didn’t do our due diligence by looking at the calendar in advance and we will certainly do that in the future, instead of requesting a change midstream like we did.”

According to Councilor Starbard, Waste Management’s work looked more like missed streets and random missed houses, on dates when the residents expected their yard waste to be picked up. Starbard, along with his fellow councillors, compiled lists of missed houses to present to waste management and there were no improvements. One truck was seen picking up yard waste on

the odd side of a two-way narrow street, and not returning to collect the even side of the street.

“There is really no rhyme or reason to what is going on,” said Starbard.

According to Pacek, one of the challenges with yard waste pickup is that it’s difficult to gauge. Unlike trash and recycling, yard pickup is an add-on service with drivers who aren’t always familiar with the route. The volume varies and the assets remained fixed, so some weeks, the fixed two trucks are enough to get the job done, and other weeks the DPW needs to be notified so another truck can go back out the next day to collect the rest.

While the delay in yard waste pickup was what propelled the conversation, several other complaints arose over Waste Management’s lack of service over previous months.

Council President Cyr said that this was the worst service he’s seen it in his 16 years as councilor.

“In addition to missed trash and yard waste pickups, I don’t like the condition of some of the vehicles that are coming into the city, leaving oil stains on the roadways. In my neighborhood today, the truck was doing a decent job but there was oil all over the street. If it’s on my street it’s on other streets. Also, a few weeks ago, a driver drove over my trash barrel and just went on to the next house, without even stopping.”

Cyr went on to present a video captured by a resident, which showed a driver whipping a barrel over a snowbank and breaking it, before promising the resident he would receive a new barrel, which never arrived.

“This is very concerning to me and it’s not the values that we encourage,” said Pacek. “I advise everyone to let us know when something like this comes up because we can’t address it if we don’t know.”

In response to the complaints, Pacek is offering an additional week of yard waste pickup, which started on Monday, December 9, and will be completed on Saturday, December 14. The bonus week will require the company to pick up yard waste on every single street in the city.

“We realize the frustration that everyone here, as well as the residents, have experienced. This week will be of considerable cost to us, but we value the relationship we have with the city and would like to keep it.”

To receive real-time calendar and city updates, including trash, recycle and yard waste schedules, please sign up for the Lynn City Rave Mobile Safety App.

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Everett High Billiards Club up and running for fourth straight year

By Shawn Waterman

The Everett High School Billiards program is up and running strong for a fourth year in a row, with more and more students interested this year than ever.

Shawn Waterman was the original founder of the Everett High School Billiards Club that began in November, 2016. The Billiards Club has averaged about 35 students each session for the past three years. Waterman was granted enthusiastic permission from Everett's Interim Superintendent Janice Gauthier and High School Principal Erick Naumann to run this program for a fourth consecutive year.

Waterman immediately recruited 40 potential players for this year.

This year's club began on Dec. 7 and will conclude on March 1. The club meets for eight Sundays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Amazin Billiards in Malden. The students arrive around 10:45 a.m. for complimentary bagels, donuts, and drinks for breakfast that are donated by Mazin Shooni.

Shooni is the owner of Amazin Billiards in Malden. Amazin Billiards now has 12 nine-foot pristine Brunswick gold crown V pool tables. They have magnificent lighting and provide professionally polished pool balls. Two of these tables were just recently added to accommodate more players. Amazin Billiards provides a wonderful envi-

ronment for high school kids who want to play billiards, and it does not allow smoking and/or alcohol.

Shooni is a world-class 3-Cushion Billiard Champion with a record number of tournament wins. Former president and long-time Board of Directors of the United States Billiard Association, Shooni is currently president and founder of the 3-Cushion USA league. With the assistance of one of his mentors, Kevin VanStry, Shooni was able to fulfill his dream of opening Amazing Billiards, a room dedicated to the professional player and observing strict sportsmanship rules. He is thrilled to have the chance to introduce his sport to the young enthusiasts of Everett High School (EHS).

This year's EHS Billiards Club currently consists of 40 Everett High School students, and 18 of these students are returning from last year with a pool cue and case they earned previously. The cues and case were donated by Predator pool cues. Waterman plans on giving out more pool cues and cases to those students with perfect attendance for this year's program; no student can receive a second pool cue, though.

We will be holding a very competitive EHS billiards tournament for a third consecutive year starting January 12, 2020. Everett High School senior David Meninger was the winner

of last year's EHS billiards tournament. The kids who played in last year's tournament were very enthused and excited. This tournament consisted of both boys and girls with no handicap. The girls held their own, because Janice Perez-Gomez, a current senior, made it all the way to the semi-finals.

Shawn Waterman and Steven Blake both currently teach at Everett High School, and they have been the club advisors since the birth of this program that started in December 2016. Shawn Waterman currently plays in an eight-ball league for North Shore Billiards Association; his team from the Lynn Franco won the 2018-2019 championship. Waterman was the captain of this team, and he won every playoff match to put his team "Rack & Roll" on the top to win the Johnny

Marco Cup.

Tom McGonagle, a 1968 graduate of Everett High, is the club pro for Amazin Billiards. He has been playing pool for a total of 56 years and said coaching the youth of EHS is a way of giving back to the game he loves and the people from his hometown. For the past four years, McGonagle has volunteered to teach the students from Everett High School the proper mechanics of the magnificent game of billiards. He is the author of a novel, "Right on Cue", in which the plot centers around the pool table. In 2016, he was inducted into the New England Pool and Billiards Hall of Fame in Providence, R.I.

McGonagle won the BCA National championship in the Super Senior Division in Las Vegas in 2010.

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



Oliur Rahman worked on his billiards skills on Sunday with classmates from Everett High School during the first day of billiards this term. More than 40 students showed up at Amazin Billiards in Malden to practice and prepare for upcoming tournaments.



Joseph Dang practiced billiards on Sunday morning.



Brisa Portillo prepared for a game of billiards.



Mohamed Gaal of Everett High School practiced.



Assistant Coach Steve Blake demonstrated a technique to Gabriel Silva



Teacher Shawn Waterman assisted Javier Solares during the billiards club meet.



Jessica Lemus learned about billiards with fellow Everett High School classmates.



Thomas McGonagle, of Amazin Billiards in Malden, looked over as Angela Aquino practiced her shooting technique with a plastic bottle.

MVRCS athletes earn CAC All Star status

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School is pleased to announce 24 student-athletes attained Commonwealth Athletic Conference (CAC) All-Star Recognition for the fall of 2019, including several from Everett.

Eagle athletic squads enjoyed productive and successful fall seasons as the volleyball and boys cross country teams captured CAC titles while the boys and girls soccer teams, along with volleyball, qualified for MIAA state tournament play. At this point, since 2007, MVRCS teams have taken home 49

CAC titles and will look to make it 50 and counting this winter as the swimming program aims to make it a lucky 13th consecutive conference title in a row. In addition, to the accolades senior Lukas Drahos, who earlier in the fall become the first Eagles boys or girls soccer player to net 100 career goals was named CAC Most Valuable Player.

- Football: Haleytom Chataigne (Everett), and Jmael Felisier (Everett).
- Boys Soccer: Gabe Costa (Everett), and Josh De-souza (Everett).
- Girls Soccer: Isabel Ospina (Everett).

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Middlesex Probate And Family Court 208 Cambridge St. Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. M19C0713CA

In the matter of: Alexander Peter Morales Aguilar A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Alexander Peter Morales Aguilar of Everett, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Alexander Aguilar Lopez Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family

Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/20/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 04, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 12/18/19 EV

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BOARD OF APPEALS 484 Broadway Everett, Massachusetts 02149 (617) 381-7445

To Whom It May Concern.: This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM, Connolly Center 90 Chelsea Street, Everett, MA 02149. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition.

Whereas a petition has been presented by: **Property Address: 92 Malden Street. Map/Lot: L0-05-000040 Person Requesting: Fernando Lopes 92 Malden Street. Ev MA02149**

To the said Board of Appeals, The owner/applicant proposes to change the use of the existing single family dwelling constructed prior to 1926 to a two (2) family dwelling within the Dwelling district located on a 5020 sf lot with 40' of frontage. There is a proposed 2 1/2 story addition at the rear of the structure with dimensions of 33.8' x 22.4'. The existing lot frontage of 40' is nonconforming.

Reason for Denial: Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Violations: Appendix A Section 4(b)(2) - Requires the lot area for a two family dwelling to be 7000 sf. The lot area of 5020 sf containing a single family dwelling is conforming to zoning. The use change to a two family requires a lot area of 7000 sf. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of appeal.

Mary Grace - Chairman Roberta Suppa - Clerk Board of Appeals December 18, and December 24, 2019

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Property Address: 243 Chelsea Street Map/Lot: K0-03-000018 Person Requesting: Mr. Joseph J. Savage 243 Chelsea Street Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, The owner/applicant proposes to renovate an existing single family house, built in 1903, and convert it to a two-family residence. The existing 5000 sf lot is located in a Dwelling District. The lot and structure are nonconforming as to setback/s and lot area.

Reason for Denial: Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Violations: Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b)Dimensional Requirements (2) b. - requires a lot size of 7000 sf for a two family structure. Applicant must seek relief in the form of a Special Permit and a finding pursuant to Section 3 General Requirements line (6) as follows: "Pre-existing, non-conforming structures or uses may be extended, altered or changed in use, providing that such extensions, alterations or changes of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals and after a public hearing, a finding by the Board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure. "

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OBITUARIES

Josephine Cravotta

Worked for City of Everett and Everett Public Schools

Josephine T. “Honey” (Pensavalli) Cravotta of Everett died on Dec. 14.

Honey graduated from Everett High School in 1956 and worked for the Everett Public Schools and the City of Everett.

She was the beloved wife for 60 years to Salvatore S. Cravotta, loving mother of Camille Pensavalli of Everett and David J. Cravotta and his wife, Margaret of Peabody; daughter of the late Ignazio and Edith (Mattuchio) Pensavalli and loving sister of Domenic and Frank Pensavalli and the late Camille Simione. She is also survived by her three cherished grandchildren, David, Ashley and Anthony as well as by many loving nieces and nephews.

Her Funeral will be held from the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main St., Everett on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass



at St. Anthony’s Church, Everett at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting Hours are today, Wednesday only, from 4 to 8 p.m. Complimentary valet parking Wednesday evening at Main St. entrance.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Honey’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For more information: 1-877-71-ROCCO or roccofuneralhomes.com.

Guiseppe Amico

Hardworking member of Laborer’s Union Local 22

Giuseppe Amico of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away Dec. 12 at the age of 86.

Giuseppe came to the United States with his family in August of 1971, residing in East Boston before settling in Revere in 1983. In 1978, he proudly became a U.S. citizen. He was a hard working laborer in the Local 22 Laborer’s Union.

Giuseppe was an avid gardener, always sharing his homegrown vegetables with friends and neighbors. He took great joy in helping raise his grandchildren. He enjoyed going for walks on the beach with his wife, and spending time sharing stories with friends. His love for his wife of 56 years was immeasurable.

Born and raised in Sicily, Italy to the late Michael and Antonina (Natale), he was the beloved husband of Matilde (Giambra), cherished father of Antonella Cucuzza and her husband, Carmelo of Revere, Sal

Amico of Revere and Joseph Amico and his wife, Elizabeth of Pea-



body; adored grandfather of Angelo Cucuzza and his fiancé, Britney, Melissa Cucuzza and her fiancé, Paul, Joseph Cucuzza, Kathryn Amico and Joseph Amico; dear brother of the late Grazia, Josephine, Michael, Antonio and Assunta Amico.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons ~ Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. At the family’s request and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Giuseppe’s memory to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452. To leave a message for the family in the guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Anna Mary Norton

Earned her angel wings

Anna Mary “AnnaMay” (Mitchell) Norton, 80, of Chelsea earned her angel wings on Tuesday, Dec 10 surrounded by love and her favorite music, after a long, courageous battle with Alzheimer’s.

AnnaMay was the daughter of the late Arthur and Anna (Marsh) Mitchell of Chelsea. She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Robert H. Norton, Jr. and his wife, Amy of Cape Neddick, ME and Amy Pendleton and her husband, Everett of Medford; her god-daughter, Catherine Fagan and her husband, Vincent of Medford; her grandchildren: Connor J. Norton, US Army Sgt, Cameron T. Norton, Anna G. Pendleton and bonus, grand-daughter, Catherine A. Fagan. She is also fondly remembered by her long time spouse Robert H. Norton, Sr. of Everett as well as many nieces and nephews and their families. She is survived by her dear sister, Catherine Mitchell, her brothers, Charles and Roy Mitchell and was predeceased by her brother, Arthur Mitchell. AnnaMay’s family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to the dedicated nurses and staff of the VNA Assisted Living facility (Alewife Brook Park) and Courtyard Care Center (Medford) for their



kindness, compassion, and respect shown at all times; to her dear friends Dolly and Diane, who were so devoted in their friendship and lovingly stood by her during her journey.

A Celebration of Life Mass to honor AnnaMay’s life is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 11. 2020 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Parish, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions in Anna M. Norton’s memory may be made to The Alzheimer’s Association, whose mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research to provide and enhance care and support for all those affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Donations may be made on-line at www.alz.org or mailed to the Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

To place a memoriam in the Independent, please call 617-387-9600

Richard “Dick” Buonfiglio

Of Revere



Richard “Dick” Buonfiglio, 85, of Revere, died recently.

He was the son of the late Pasquale “Patsy” and Theresa (Discenza) Buonfiglio, father of Laura J. Fitzpatrick and her husband, Rick and Lisa J. Oosterman and her husband, James; brother of the late Paul N. Buonfiglio and the late Dr. Ronald Buonfiglio and his surviving wife, Irma, Patricia Fiore and her husband, Ernest and Linda Villiotte and her husband, Richard; stepfather of Michael Shaw; grandfather of Sarah and Sean Fitzpatrick and

step-grandfather of Ethan, Jeffrey and Stephen Shaw and brother-in-law of Marie (Tangusso) Buonfiglio. He is also survived by his former wife, Marilyn F. Clarke and by many, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Per Dick’s request, there is no visitation. Arrangements are by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons ~ Bruno Funeral Home. Donations may be made in Dick’s memory to the Shriner’s Hospitals for Children or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinsons Research. For guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Ronald Gallant

Chelsea Police Dept. retiree



Ronald Gallant, Ret. CPD, died on Dec. 11 at the age of 72.

Born in Everett on Jan. 15, 1947 to the late Paul and Gertrude (Spellman), he was the dear brother of the late Paul A. Gallant, cherished uncle of Paula Burns and her husband, Richard of Florida and is also survived by his loving great niece, Kelsi Burns of Florida.

Ron proudly served his country in the United States Army. He retired from the Chelsea Police Department after 29 years of service. He liked his trips to Florida and enjoyed playing cards. In his freetime, you would find him on the lake fishing or in the woods hunting. Ron was a member of the Beachmont VFW and the French Club.



Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ron’s name to The ALS Association, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 37022, Boone, IA 50037-0022. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

CHURCH News

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

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Aridou returns following intensive research project to WPI

Isaiah Aridou of Everett, a member of the class of 2021 majoring in civil engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research project in Boston. The project was titled An Assessment of the Preference of Urban Residents for Green Space. In their project summary, the students wrote, “The goal of our project was to identify types of green space that urban residents prefer in their communities and how their preferences can promote

climate change resiliency.” At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university’s 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and

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people of different backgrounds-all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today’s global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application.” About Worcester Polytechnic Institute WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle

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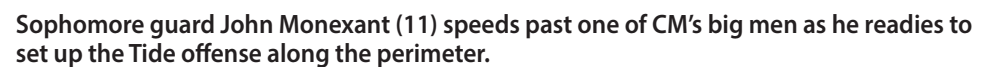
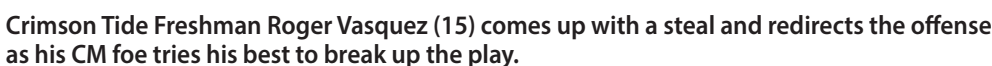
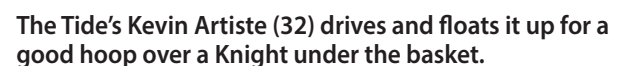
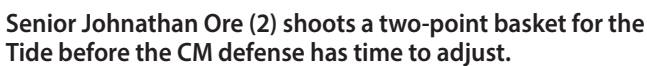
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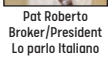
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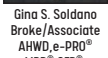
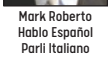
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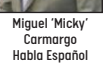
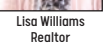
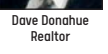
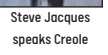
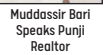
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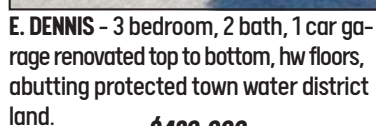
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