

Wynn Resorts seeks \$350 million in capital amidst local, worldwide uncertainty

Mass Gaming votes to keep casinos closed until May 4

By Seth Daniel

As the COVID-19 pandemic has now hit Wynn Resorts in three locations – Everett, Las Vegas and China – the company announced a private offering on Tuesday to raise \$350 million in capital as uncertainty now and in the future unfolds.

On Tuesday, the company announced a private offering of \$350 million in senior notes that would be due in 2025, saying they would use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes and to pay related fees and expenses. Already, the company has said it would pay employees, full and part-time, their regular wages through May 15.

That comes also as uncertainty worldwide in their product is on the horizon

– something the company detailed in a filing Tuesday with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

“The COVID-19 outbreak has significantly increased economic and demand uncertainty,” read the filing. “The current outbreak and continued spread of COVID-19 could cause a global recession, which would have a further adverse impact on our financial condition and operations. Current economic forecasts for significant increases in unemployment in the U.S. and other regions due to the adoption of social distancing and other policies to slow the spread of the virus is likely to have a negative impact on demand for casino resorts once our operations resume, and these impacts could exist for an extensive

period of time.

“The extent of the effects of the outbreak on our business and the casino resort industry at large is highly uncertain and will ultimately depend on future developments, including, but not limited to, the duration and severity of the outbreak, the length of time it takes for demand and pricing to return and normal economic and operating conditions to resume,” continued the narrative.

Another key part in the form related to the high level of debt that Wynn Resorts carries for projects like Encore Boston Harbor, a new resort in Macau from 2017, and other major projects in Las Vegas – as well as the settling of very expensive, ongoing litigation in early 2019.

The company detailed that capital markets may not

be available in the months to come, and perhaps more certainly not in the terms they would find acceptable. Were they not to make the offering now, they seemed to indicate in the future they may not be able to pay their debts.

“To the extent COVID-19 adversely affects our business, operations, financial condition and operating results, it may also have the effect of heightening many of the other risks related to our business, including, but not limited to, those relating to our high level of indebtedness, our need to generate sufficient cash flows to service our indebtedness, and our ability to comply with the covenants contained in the agreements that govern our indebtedness,” read the filing.

Few companies have been hit as hard and as frequently by the pandemic as Wynn Resorts. In Febru-

ary, their Macau operations were closed for 15 days at a cost of about \$2.5 million per day. Even though gaming operations in Macau on March 20, visitation to the island gaming mecca is extremely limited. Many residents of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan have extreme limitations put on their entry into Macau and anyone not a citizen of Greater China (meaning most of the world) cannot travel to Macau still.

Of course, Encore Boston Harbor closed operations on March 15, and Las Vegas closed its casinos on March 17. Both are still closed until April 30 in Vegas and May 4 in Everett, and the company estimated it is costing \$3.5 million per day to keep those operations going.

Already, on March 25, the company announced that the Board of Directors and top executives – in-

cluding CEO Matt Maddox – would defer pay this year in exchange for stock in the company. Maddox agreed to defer all of his cash wages for the entire year, while others agreed to forgo between 33 percent and higher of their wages.

Those move were meant to offset ongoing employee and payroll expenses at the properties.

• In other news, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted unanimously in a teleconference meeting to continue the closure of all of its gaming licensees – including Encore Boston Harbor – until May 4. They agreed that it was important to be consistent with Gov. Charlie Baker’s dictate about keeping non-essential businesses closed until May 4.

The MGC agreed to convene in a meeting prior to May 4 to re-assess the conditions within the state.

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volume had actually gone down by one-third, but to counter the lower volumes was the fact that the acuity level is greater. I would say three-quarters, about 80 percent, of our patients are coming in sick. With that many presenting sick we have begun suspecting they are COVID-positive. The ICU has been full for over one week, including with continued admissions and transfers out.”

Just on Monday afternoon, Dr. Lai-Becker counted 10 new admissions on her chart that they are taking care of in the department. While they would have about five patients on a ventilator in the ICU during normal times, she said they have a dozen or more now that need ICU and ventilation care – a treatment that is the highest level of treatment for most hospitals. Most of that treatment is demanding a ratio of two patients to every nurse as a result of the overall surge to the ICU.

Dr. Lai-Becker said, in response to that, the hospital has expanded their ICU beds, using the post-anesthesia care unit as a make-

shift ICU – a place where normally patients recover from surgery. Right now, they have the appropriate space, but have been transferring patients to other places using ambulances when need be.

“When we don’t have a bed available here, we get people moved to our sister campus in Cambridge,” she said. “If those beds are full, we send them to a location that has a bed available... We have been lucky to be able to partner with the tertiary hospitals like MGH, BMC, Beth Israel, the Brigham and Tufts. They understand the challenges we face and understand why we are calling them for help; it’s because our ICU is full. They are wonderful and do what they can to help us out. Talk about a large, statewide and regional effort – that’s what that is.”

Pausing, Dr. Lai-Becker did confirm they have had several patients die from COVID-19 while in their care, but it was a painful topic for her and her staff as they don’t know how much more of that lies ahead. What they do know is that

the patients they are seeing are not exclusively the old and infirm that were talked about last month.

“About half of our patients seem to be in their 40s and 50s,” she said. “We are getting quite a number of patients in their 20s and 30s – not as many in their 20s. It is now not surprising to see someone here in their 30s. They come in and we know we’ll send the test and it will be positive. It’s been surprising that regardless of age, it’s very stark.”

She said they have been fortunate in that many of those patients can be treated and then sent home with home oxygen kits to help them breathe, and they can recover outside of the hospital setting and make way for sicker patients. That is a good reason for social distancing, and for people to stay in the home as much as possible. There is a direct correlation with not heeding those warnings, and the hospital being inundated with new and more critical cases. It is one of the few protections the public can provide for health care workers like Lai-Becker and her staff.

“It’s definitely the real world playing out,” she said. “It’s important to social distance and the better we do with that, the better we can have these resources around for everyone. Getting a large rush of patients right now might get us to a point where there isn’t enough ventilators or hospital beds. It’s something everyone is watching so closely in Massachusetts.”

Another way to help is by donating or making Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the health care workers. Dr. Lai-Becker said they were able to secure a large amount of N95 masks from the New England Patriots humanitarian mission that used the team plane to go to China and get more than 1 million masks for the state. However, as a community hospital sitting beside many large medical centers, they may not get all the supplies they need ahead of those larger hospitals. That is why she said they welcome and appreciate the community donations.

“We know there are a lot of makers out there and we welcome cloth masks, we welcome cloth gowns, and we welcome the tech savvy folks who are using 3-D printers...to make sure we have the respirators needed to protect us,” she said. “We’re really grateful for every glove, mask and gown and disinfectant we get. Every little bit makes a difference and as a community hospital, it’s wonderful...We’re not a big juggernaut. We’re not MGH.”

It is, in fact, the support of the community that has kept the staff going in the surges from the area communities like Everett, Chelsea and Revere – where their patient base mostly resides.

Small things, she said, like Everett Police Chief

CHA Everett working on innovative treatment to help slow COVID’s infection

Looking to find anything that might help the most serious COVID-19 patients, Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker of the CHA Everett Emergency Department said they have started a new protocol to try to slow the attack of COVID-19 on the lungs.

That possible treatment is simply put – the antidote for Tylenol poisoning – and it might be showing some signs of working.

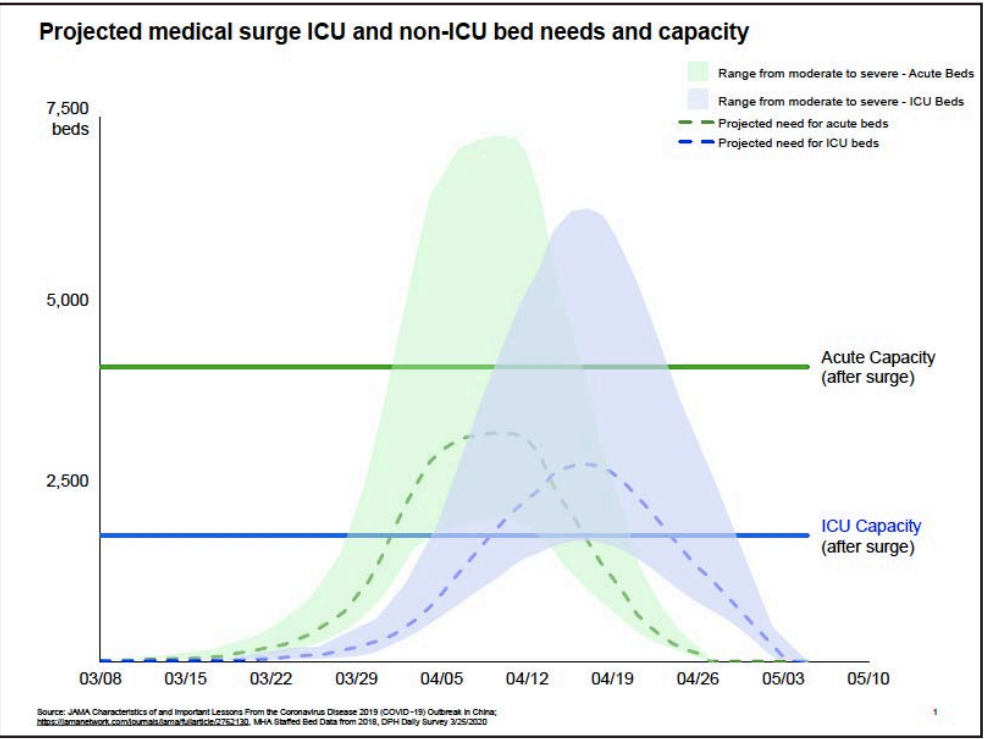
“We’re starting one new procedural protocol using a medium that we could be incorporating into a clinical trial study,” she said. “We are hopeful it’s helping these patients. It’s not been in the news a lot and it’s something we developed on the toxicology side.”

The treatment is a medicine that is used for Tylenol poisoning, and they hope it can help to stop the aggressive attack on the lungs in patients that fail to recover. When

COVID-19 attacks the lungs, she said it unleashes a “storm” of cytokines – which are small proteins that help cells communicate. Those proteins seem to inhibit the immune system of those that aren’t recovering, and there is hope that the antidote might slow that process and keep the immune system intact.

“Those who have COVID-19, about 80 to 85 percent don’t need a hospital and their immune systems are ok,” she said. “Those who are sick enough to be in the ICU, it seems to be their immune systems go awry. It starts attacking their lungs. The idea is this medicine might slow that down before it happens.”

There are no results right now, but Dr. Lai-Becker – who is also involved in the toxicology department – said they have hope for it to be useful.



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will extend the life of these masks that are so vital for healthcare workers who are on the frontlines.

Baker announced on April 7 that a new rapid testing site will open in conjunction with CVS in Lowell in and will use the new Abbott ID NOW™ COVID-19 test. CVS has created rapid testing sites in only two other states, Georgia and Rhode Island, so Massachusetts will be the third state to use these rapid testing sites.

Additionally, the New England Patriots plane also brought in over 1 million masks last week from China “in a humanitarian mission,” Sudders said.

Governor Baker Covid-19 Community Tracing Collaborative

Governor Baker announced on April 3 the creation of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) which will help mitigate the spread of the virus in the Commonwealth.

“This initiative is a collaboration between the administration and Partners In Health, and is the first of its kind in the nation, according to a release from the state. “The initiative will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients, and supporting individuals in quarantine, and builds on the efforts already under-

way from the Command Center to leverage public health college students to augment the contact tracing being done by local boards of health.”

“Enhanced contact tracing capability is another powerful tool for public health officials and health care providers in the battle against COVID-19,” Baker said. “Massachusetts is the only state in the nation implementing this type of programming, and this collaborative tracing initiative will break new ground as we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19.”

Partners In Health will be working with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Exec-

utive Office of Health and Human Services, and the contact tracing will be combined with increased testing efforts in the state.

Nearly 1,000 contact tracers will be reaching out to COVID-19 patients and those who they have been in contact with in an effort to contain the virus.

Massachusetts Covid-19 Relief

Governor Baker and First Lady Lauren Baker on April 6 announced the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund, which will support frontline workers and other communities who face issues like housing insecurity.

He said that the fund, which is administered by

Eastern Bank, was launched with a \$1.8 million anchor fund, and is now up to \$13 million as a starting point.

First Lady Lauren Baker said that the fund will also “partner with a network of excellent community foundations and local nonprofits who have deep roots in their communities.”

She thanked the “generous donors” to the fund, and as the need will continue to raise throughout the Commonwealth, “the sky is the limit for how much money we can raise,” she said.

Governor Baker said that as of Monday, about 76,500 people have been tested in the Commonwealth. He also said Massachusetts received 100 additional

ventilators from the federal government, and he has a commitment to increase that number over the next few days and weeks.

“This public health crisis continues to be one of the most challenging events the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has ever faced,” Baker said.

“The goal here is simple,” he said, referring to the fund, “to help those who are going to have the hardest time working through and dealing with” this crisis.

To read more about the fund and to make a donation, visit masscovid19relieffund.org.

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“We are now looking at a hotel in Revere (the Comfort Inn and Suites) that Mayor Brian Arrigo has secured with Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino,” he said. “We have set aside 100 rooms for the three communities. We would get the money reimbursed to us by FEMA. That would be a place for someone to recover after they are discharged from the hospital and maybe they have nowhere else to go...It’s a better situation than a large facility because there are private bathrooms and rooms.”

DeMaria said there are a lot of people in Everett and surrounding communities that were affected by the ongoing housing crisis and had no secure place to live. In Chelsea, Ambrosino was hit with a situation whereby a person was living with a family and tested positive for COVID-19. When that person was treated at the hospital and then released, the family didn’t want them to return to the home. That left the person out in the cold, and Chelsea began to look for other options. That led to the effort whereby all three communities began to plan for similar situations

that could come up.

“If we had someone come back and they couldn’t return to where they were living, we could be in the same situation,” he said. “It’s an option for us and it’s a better option.”

The City has also been surveying all of its assets over the last two weeks as well.

Mayor DeMaria said in a conversation with officials at CHA Everett, he learned that some health care workers were conflicted about returning to their homes – or perhaps couldn’t logistically get home between shifts. The issue had already led to a few nurses quitting their jobs.

To help give a temporary place for health care workers at the hospital, DeMaria and the Fire Department decided to coordinate on setting up a shelter for such workers.

“We thought about using Pope John (High School), but it would have been too difficult,” he said. “The Fire Chief said part of the FEMA disaster plan called for the Keverian to be used as a shelter. They toured it with the superintendent and it was perfect.

It’s been empty so far, but it’s in place for those workers if they need it.”

In addition to that, they are looking at all of the school buildings as a last-resort shelter or quarantine facility. They would need to identify one location to house those who are in isolation after a positive diagnosis, and they would need a second location to quarantine those exposed but not showing symptoms.

“We have school buildings that are empty now,” he said. “If we have residents that need services we will provide them. We’ll make sure when this is over the buildings would be cleaned and disinfected and safe for children. No one should have any concerns about that.”

In any case, such a scenario is still far off, and only a contingency plan if things spiral out of control. At the moment, Mayor DeMaria said the homeless population in Everett hasn’t had any problems, and the City has been partnering with Cambridge to provide that population services in Cambridge.

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to do something collaborative,” he said. “It’s been an effort with Somerville, Revere, Lynn, Malden, Chelsea and Boston. We’ve been having a daily conversation with the mayors – about seven of us with Mayor Martin Walsh of Boston. We’re coming up with other measures to put in place that go a little deeper than the governor’s orders.

“The next two weeks are going to be critical to the health care system,” he added. “People have been walking around with the virus and spreading it. The more we social distance, the better.”

The order went into effect at 9 p.m. last night, April 7, and will last until 6 a.m. on April 20. Other areas put their orders in place through May 4, but DeMaria said they wanted to do two weeks and then re-assess.

The order was signed by Mayor DeMaria and Health and Human Services Director Jerry Navarro.

The Everett Police Department has been empowered to enforce the restrictions and can issue fines of up to \$300 a day.

“I have ordered the Everett Police Department to strictly enforce these guidelines and issue warnings and/or violations to those who are not adhering to the Order can be fined up to \$300 a day,” read the order. “I know these measures may seem extreme; however, this virus is extreme. As we grapple with the spread of the coronavirus, the response to mitigate the current pandemic and flatten the curve has to be more vigorous. We must all understand the seriousness of the virus and work with one another as we get through this period of time together.”

The order specifically says:

- A curfew for all non-essential employees to stay at home from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., effective Tuesday, April 7 until Monday, April 20.
- All in-person services being provided by the Everett Public Schools will be postponed. This means that homework packets and lunch distribution sites are closed and deliveries of Chromebook will be postponed. Online learning will

still be available, and employees will be working remotely to the extent possible.

•Everyone should remain indoors from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

•Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations or other social events) shall be canceled or postponed at this time;

•Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services or individuals who are undertaking essential tasks, such as picking up pharmaceutical drugs, grocery shopping, or visiting a physician, under which social distancing must be practiced;

•When in public, individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others and must wear masks;

•Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact and avoid activities where they come in close contact with other people;

•Sick individuals should not leave their home unless to receive medical care;

•Business Closures: An order will also be prepared to close professional services. As taxes are now not due until July, there should be no reason for tax accounting, legal services, or other professional businesses to remain open, with the one possible exception of the real estate closings that are on the verge of completion. Coffee shops and bakeries will only be permitted to do business as either Drive-Thru or Curbside Takeout. Counter businesses will be ordered shut down. Convenience Stores with Keno will be given a choice. Shut down Keno, or be shut down.

•Department of Public Works and the City Facilities Department will only perform essential work;

•All construction in the City is to cease.

Mayor DeMaria on Tuesday morning said it was important to note that it wasn’t a lock-down, and people aren’t required to stay home under lock and key at all times. He said people should get exercise, but be smart about it.

“We’re not telling people

that during the day not to go outside in the yard or for a walk, but be careful and wear a mask when you do,” he said. “We have to prevent the stress on our ambulances and hospitals and making sure the doctors, nurses and cleaning crews aren’t getting sick. Over time, we’ll start little by little relaxing the restrictions.”

The order was very strict on shutting down Keno lottery games at local convenience stores – something that has been a problem for several weeks as people gather to play the lottery game. It was also very strict on construction, shutting down all permitted activity except for ongoing work at the Central Fire Station.

“There’s no way to really socially distance yourself on a construction site,” he said. “On Broadway, I saw workers putting down sidewalks and curbing. I saw them working on the curb at Hampshire Street and they were basically on top of each other. It’s not sending a right message to tell everyone else to social distance and contractors and construction continues. People don’t want that anyway. They don’t want workers in front of their home...If a sidewalk doesn’t get poured today, it doesn’t mean it won’t get poured in two weeks.”

The mayor said they continue to work on food insecurity despite shutting down all the meal distribution sites, and he advised people in desperate need to call 3-1-1. Workers throughout the City, including the Police and ISD, have been working to deliver meals and other necessities for several weeks, he said.

“We’ve done a great job in Massachusetts and it’s a credit to the mayors and the governor,” he said. “If people need to go out, they can go for a while, but they should be very cognizant of social distancing. Congregating with other in public and playing ball – all using the same ball – we can’t do that...We’re going to get through this as a nation, as a Commonwealth and as a community. It’s going to happen slowly, but it will happen. Right now, it’s a public health concern for me. After the public health

Exelon donates \$7,500 to Bread of Life food pantry

Exelon Generation, owner of the Everett LNG Facility and Mystic Generating Station, donated \$7,500 to Bread of Life. Bread of Life has ramped up efforts to feed those less fortunate in Everett and surrounding communities during the pandemic. In fact, it just started a “drop-and-go” grocery delivery service, in response to the Governor’s Stay-at-Home order.

There are many heart-wrenching stories of neighbors struggling during these challenging times, who have found some relief thanks to Bread of Life. One mother contacted the organization recently saying she is a nine-year Ever-

ett resident, and the wife of a disabled veteran with four children. With local food pantry supplies depleted and limited transportation options, she has found it difficult to feed her family. When Bread of life told her they would deliver a box of groceries for her family, she was beyond grateful. Later that day she conveyed her thanks: “I just want to thank you again for your help and kindness; my kids were very happy with a full stomach; please be safe and have a wonderful day.”

“As difficult as these times are for all of us, it is particular trying for families who lack transportation and adequate food and other essentials,” said Exelon

Generation’s Northeast Regional General Manager Archie Gleason. “Our company is honored to do what we can to make everyday life a bit brighter for our less fortunate neighbors through donations to organizations, such as Bread of Life.”

This year, Bread of Life celebrates 28 years as an incorporated nonprofit helping neighbors in need. From its beginnings as a church pot-luck supper in 1980, Bread of Life now provides more than one million meals a year to residents in and around Everett who are on low-incomes, unemployed, homeless, elderly and disabled.

Traffic impacts for railroad crossing work in Everett

The MBTA is building a new, fully accessible Chelsea Commuter Rail station next to the final SL3 stop in Chelsea (behind Market Basket, Everett Avenue). When complete, the new station will connect the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Lines to the SL3. While building the new station, we are also upgrading the rail signal system and replacing the railroad crossings at Eastern Avenue, Third Street, and Everett Avenue in Chelsea, as well as Second Street in Everett. To prepare for the railroad crossing work, the MBTA’s contractor will be doing utility work at these locations in April and May.

The current Chelsea Commuter Rail station, on the Newburyport/Rockport Line at Arlington Street in Chelsea, is inconvenient for transfers to other modes, is not accessible to people with disabilities, and is in disrepair. The MBTA is investing \$32 million to construct the new Chelsea Commuter Rail station, including full high-level platforms for boarding, canopies and benches, new sidewalks, security cameras, passenger assistance telephones, lighting, and more. Work began in August 2019 and is expected to be completed in 2021.

Please know that MassDOT, the MBTA, their consultants, and the contractor continue to work

on the Chelsea Commuter Rail Project through these challenging times and have implemented appropriate safety measures related to COVID-19.

Traffic Impacts in April and May

To safely perform work at the railroad crossings, traffic will be impacted in the following locations at these scheduled* times:

•Second Street in Everett – Monday, April 13, through Friday, April 17, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane with alternating traffic in each direction.

•Third Street in Chelsea – Monday, April 20, through Friday, April 24, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane with alternating traffic in each direction.

•Eastern Avenue in Chelsea – Monday, April 27, through Friday, May 1, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. One lane of traffic will remain open in each direction.

•Everett Avenue in Chelsea – Monday, May 11, through Friday, May 15, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Northbound traffic will be detoured around the railroad crossing. See the detour route below. Southbound traffic will not be impacted.

*If work is completed ahead of schedule at one

crossing, work will immediately commence at the next scheduled crossing (Monday through Friday).

Police details will help direct traffic around all railroad crossings while construction is in progress.

Detour Route for Northbound Traffic on Everett Avenue

Northbound traffic on Everett Avenue will be directed to follow the detour route:

•Turn right on Spruce Street. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn left on Beech Street. Turn left on Maple Street, then turn right to continue north on Everett Avenue.

MBTA Commuter Rail riders will not be impacted by this work.

Road Closures and Commuter Rail Service Shutdowns This Spring/Summer

During up to six weeks this spring and early summer, we will need to close some roads while we replace the railroad track crossings. Vehicles will need to be detoured during the railroad crossing replacements. All detour routes will be added to the project website once finalized. All pedestrian and bicycle access at SL3 stations will remain the same. Further information, including an updated work schedule and information about detour routes, will be sent at a later date.

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providers for telemedicine visits and relaxing certain regulations. Two days later, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) broadened access to Medicare telehealth services so that beneficiaries can receive a wider range of services from their providers without having to travel to a health care facility.

Now that these barriers have been reduced, the use of telemedicine is skyrocketing at EBNHC and medical facilities across the country. Over the last two weeks, EBNHC provided more than 6,000 telemedicine visits, with 640 occurring on the busiest day. Video conferencing launches this week, which will significantly enhance the telemedicine experience for patients as well as providers.

Do you need to schedule

a telemedicine appointment with your primary care provider? Did you miss an appointment that needs to be rescheduled? If so, call 617-569-5800 to schedule a telemedicine appointment. This is especially important if you have a chronic or a behavioral health condition. You should be treated if needed, especially during this public health crisis.

Any EBNHC patient who has fever and flu-like symptoms or has had a possible COVID-19 exposure should not come to the health center. Instead, call the health center at 617-569-5800 for phone screening. If appropriate, you will be given instructions on how to get tested.

Recently, Mayor Walsh announced the launch of two online dashboards

that allow Boston residents to see the number of COVID-19 cases in Boston and throughout the state. The dashboards are part of a suite of digital tools available to residents that includes a texting service in six languages, online city services, and frequently updated resources and fact-sheets. Visit www.boston.gov/coronavirus.

For as long as it takes, EBNHC will continue working with local and national public health officials to ensure the safety of our staff, patients, and members of the communities we serve. EBNHC has partnered with Independent Newspaper Group to bring you this content, which also appears at ebnhc.org/ COVID19 and on our social media channels.

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ONE DAY AT A TIME: IT'S "GROUNDHOG DAY" FOR EVERYBODY

Here's one way to view the current situation in which we all find ourselves:

Prior to the pandemic sweeping the nation and the world, our lives were such that each day truly was a new day, filled with new challenges and the possibility of new excitement, albeit to varying degrees.

Today however, with most of us locked down in our homes, our daily routines have taken on a stunning sameness that is bereft of any sense of the usual moments of joy that form the essence of our humanity.

Similar to the classic Bill Murray movie "Groundhog Day" from 1993 (wow, has it really been 27 years?), each day seems to be a repeat of the day before.

The daily news in particular has a feeling of being in "Groundhog Day" mode. The headlines, politicians, and talking heads basically tell us the same thing, day after day after day, to the point where most of us now are tuning it out.

And yet, unlike the movie, there is nothing humorous about the real-life Groundhog Day in which we find ourselves.

The COVID-19 pandemic by far is the most tragic, far-reaching, and life-changing event that every American has faced since the end of World War II 75 years ago.

The phrase, "One day at a time," which is meant both as an inspiration and an admonition to those among us who struggle with substance abuse and other issues, now applies to every person, in every corner of the globe, regardless of fame, wealth, power, or any other status that differentiates us from anyone else.

The news that public figures as disparate as the actor Tom Hanks, Boris Johnson (the Prime Minister of England), and James Dolan (the billionaire owner of the New York Knicks and Comcast) have contracted COVID-19 -- on three different continents -- makes it clear that the coronavirus does not discriminate and is world-wide in scope.

In short, there is no escape -- no way out -- for every human being on the planet.

Moreover, with public health authorities informing us that the ongoing lack of testing in the United States continues to leave our nation flying blind in the face of the pandemic, we truly will have reason to fear every interaction with another human being (even if we and they are fully-masked and we space ourselves six feet apart) for the foreseeable future.

Without any understanding of the true extent of the spread of the disease in the United States, no one can predict when we will begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"One day at a time" will be our mantra for many days to come.

Your opinions, please

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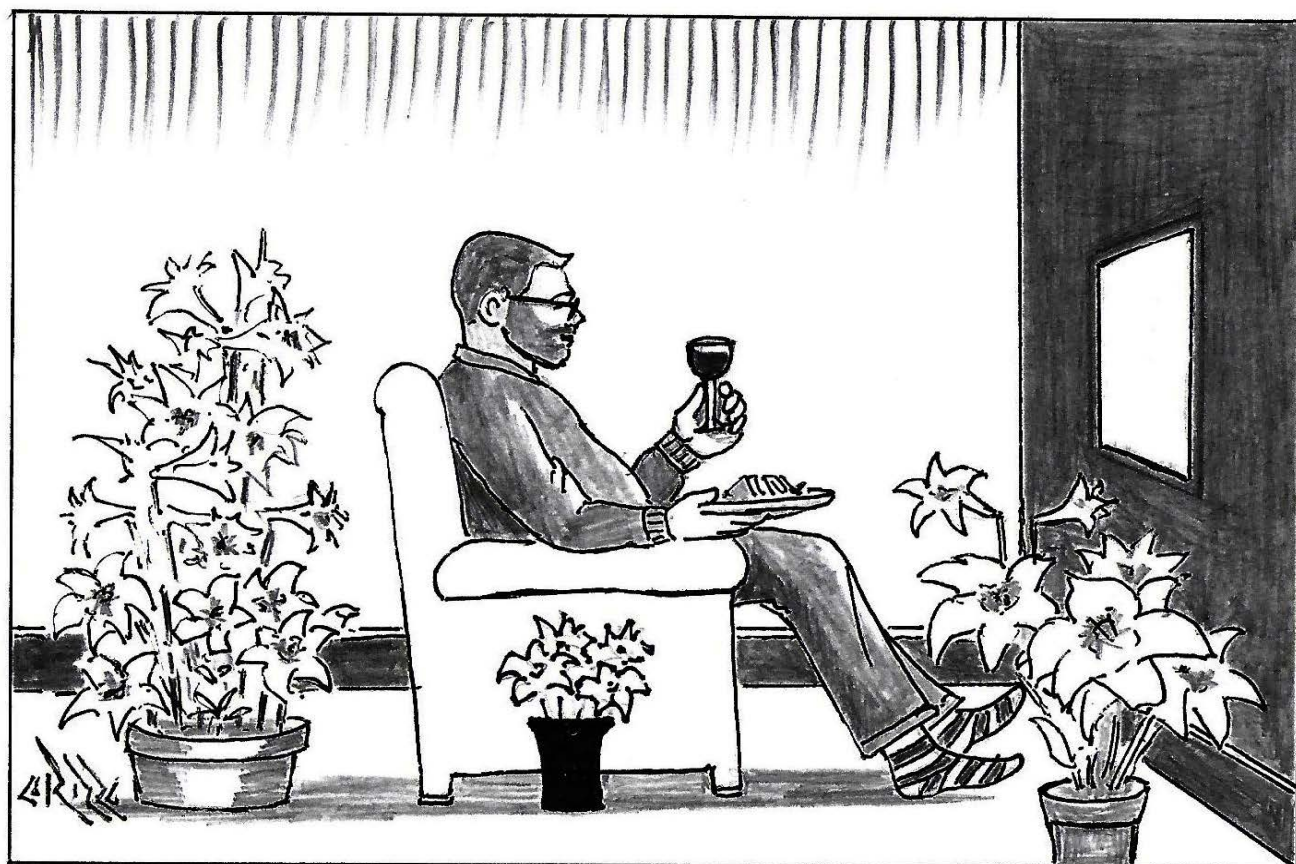
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LETTERS to the Editor

"E" CLUB MAY DINNER CANCELLED

Dear "E" Club Member,

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy.

Based on the damage that the Coronavirus has inflicted on so many, our May dinner for 2020 has been cancelled. We, as an organization, are very concerned for the well-being of Everett High School Senior Scholarships winners and their families as well as our guests. This does not mean we will not be giving the Scholarship gifts; we are only cancelling the Dinner. As an organization we are currently working on the how, where and when we will honor our commitment to the program as we have over the past 48 years.

The Federal, State and City governments have placed a ban on organizations to hold large functions such as ours. Rather than wait to see what happens next, we feel that we are better off being a step ahead of the curve. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who is suffering because of the pandemic.

The Officers and Board of Governors all agreed to have something at the appropriate time that will take the pressure off everyone and still make this important event for all the students. Also, the Sports and Coaches Awards will still be chosen to honor the student athlete's as we have had in the past. These details are still being worked on and we will keep everyone as up to date as possible as we proceed with our plans.

There will be further updated information posted on our "E" Club Website: www.eclubofeverett.com. The "E" Club Face book Group and Facebook Page will also be kept up to date.

We will also keep members updated in the Everett Local News Papers and through the "E" of Everett letters.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Ragucci Jr.
Executive Director
Carl Colson President

WE MUST DO OUR PART

To the people of Everett,

As I sat home this morning, checking emails, watching the news and reading the newspaper, I felt discouraged that every day we endure more concerning headlines, more regulated guidelines and less certainty of when life will return to normal. I embraced this moment of normalcy, to know that I was fortunate enough to be in my home,

also knowing myself and my loved ones are healthy and safe. I scanned the paper and came across the "This Day in History" Section. April 6, 1917: The United States formally enters World War I. This bloody war ravaged Europe, and cost more than 50,000 American lives. Those who fought in WWI hoped it would be the only war of its kind. Yet, just 21 years later, another deadly dispute led to worldwide bloodshed again. Many of us had grandparents or great-grandparents that fought in WWI or WWII and we've heard their tragic and heroic tales.

I miss my friends, my colleagues, my family and even seeing random people walking down the street. But these are the sacrifices we must make in order to see this crisis through. When our parents and grandparents were called to serve overseas, they served valiantly for their country and community. Those back home served also, doing what they could to support the efforts. That is where we find ourselves today. Called to do what we can to stop the spread of this pandemic and save lives. I ask you to trust your local leaders as well as state and federal officials, who are working tirelessly on these issues. Please, ask for help if you need it, and we will do our best.

Much like times of war, this COVID-19 pandemic has redefined normalcy. Students are home from school, others are working from home or out of work entirely, and most of us are scared of what could happen next. Just because our loved ones aren't sick now, doesn't mean they won't be tomorrow.

Our healthcare workers and first responders have stepped up to the frontlines. They are our soldiers. In protecting us and protecting our way of life, they sacrifice themselves and their time with their families to save us.

Only we must do our part. Please, listen to the professionals who are telling you to stay home, and if necessary to leave the house, take extraordinary precaution. Wear a mask, carry hand sanitizer and be mindful of surfaces you touch and your proximity to others.

Limit your shopping trips, make them efficient and only take what you need.

Enjoy the outdoors and fresh air, but always be aware of keeping distant from those who are not family living in your household.

If you are sick, unemployed, disabled or for whatever reason unable to retain basic needs, please do not be afraid to ask for help. We are

here to serve you.

I have lived in the City of Everett my entire life. I was born and raised here, as has most of my family, including my children. I believe in Everett, and I have chosen a career to continue believing in Everett. We will make it through this and we will be proud of our actions. I keep saying to those I speak to on the phone and Zoom, talking about when this is all over, "I'll see you on the other side." I mean that. When this is all over and we are humbled by the experience, we will look back from the other side and see that we have become a stronger, more united Everett.

State Rep.
Joe McGonagle

URGENT ATTENTION TO THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION

Dear Editor,

(The following letter was delivered to Gov. Charlie Baker by several elected officials on April 2, including Councilor Mike McLaughlin)

As state and municipal officials, we thank you for responding to our letters from last week by issuing an order to close all non-essential businesses and advising residents of the Commonwealth to Stay at Home.

While we appreciate the steps you have taken to help limit the spread of the novel coronavirus, we believe more aggressive action is urgently needed to further reduce the potential for transmission of COVID-19. Therefore, we call on you to take the following steps by the end of day, Friday, April 3, 2020.

Shut down all non-essential construction. While we recognize some construction work is truly essential, such as emergency repairs to public infrastructure or work that is needed to stand up new facilities to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the current guidance continues to deem far too many construction projects as essential. Moreover, the current "COVID-19 Employee Health, protection, guidance and prevention" guidelines indicate that in many circumstances, construction workers "shall be supplied PPE including as appropriate a standard face mask, gloves, and eye protection." In this time where our healthcare professionals are being asked to ration the limited supply of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), the need to shutdown non-essential construction should be obvious.

Look for additional ways

to narrow the "COVID-19 Essential Services" list. We understand the state's Essential Services list has been largely influenced by federal guidelines, but we in Massachusetts ought to be even more aggressive in taking steps to limit the spread of COVID-19. The Commonwealth has established a formal process for businesses not covered under the "COVID-19 Essential Services" list to make an Essential Service Designation Request via an online form and dedicated email account. So, to be evenhanded, we suggest that you establish a similar process for workers or members of the general public to formally request that a particular job or service be removed from the Essential Services list.

Take stronger action to promote Physical Distancing. While most residents of the Commonwealth appear to be following the Stay at Home advisory, the fact remains that even more can be done to limit the spread of COVID-19. Other states have been significantly more aggressive in limiting public assemblages, and just yesterday, the Editorial Board of the Boston Globe called on you to be "more forceful" in sending the message that residents must obey bans on public gatherings. Pursuant to your power under the Massachusetts Civil Defense Act, we call on you to issue a stronger Stay at Home Order while continuing to allow residents to procure the essentials, seek health care, or take a walk, etc.

In conclusion, recent polling shows that over 90% of the public supports your decisions to close non-essential businesses, schools, bars, and dine-in restaurants. The suggests that we can be even more aggressive in our efforts to limit the spread of the virus. At least until we experience the first peak of the COVID-19 disease in Massachusetts — and at least until we are able to deploy widespread testing and provide our healthcare professionals, first responders, and frontline workers with adequate supplies of PPE — we ask that you take even more aggressive action as outlined above to help limit the spread of COVID-19 and "flatten the curve."

We thank you for your urgent attention to this emergency situation and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you as we do everything possible to maintain the capacity of our healthcare system and prevent loss of life in the days and weeks ahead.

Michael J. McLaughlin
Everett City Councilor

Cataldo Ambulance sees drop in overall calls, but more potential COVID-19 patients

By Seth Daniel

When Cataldo Ambulance responds to a call in any of its 18 communities – which include Chelsea, Everett and Revere – no matter what the issue is everyone being treated has to be considered a possible COVID-19 patient.

When responding to a car accident, a sick person, someone with chest pains or any other kind of accident, Owner Dennis Cataldo said EMTs and paramedics on their ambulances are outfitting themselves in full gear for complete safety.

“We are anticipating things could ramp up quite substantially in the next week or so and create a surge for us,” said Cataldo. “There is definitely more pressure on the health care industry...Early on, or before all this, if a report came in or an emergency came in with a full response or a car accident, for instance, people didn’t necessarily take the time to put on PPE or masks, but now everyone represents a potential coronavirus patient, even at a

car accident, and especially with 12,000 people having the virus in the state and any number of others who don’t know they have it.... It’s a lot more preparation and a lot more time on task because they know they have to put on the full PPE and mask for every patient they encounter.”

Overall call volumes for Cataldo have decreased in the last several weeks across all communities, Cataldo said, and that’s likely because so many people are at home heeding the isolation orders. There are a number of people, he said, that think they might be sick, but really it’s the anxiety of the situation that’s working on them.

“There are a lot of people with high anxiety and they are worried,” he said. “Once one of our people can give them information on what the symptoms are and check their levels, they try to figure out if they need to go to the hospital, and they let them know that it is risky to go to the hospital.”

However, other calls they encounter can be quite

serious when they see sick patients who need immediate care, and it can be worrisome for those in the field.

That said, Cataldo said it’s the kind of things that EMTs and paramedics run to, rather than run from.

“This situation is kind of why people get into this field,” he said. “When people run from a health care scare, our people want to run in where others want to run out. There is a level of anxiety out there because no one knows if this will come and go or if it will linger around or be more of a destructive pandemic than it already is. You need to be able to envision and end in sight. When it really isn’t defined and they’re fighting something endless, there is more anxiety.”

To protect those workers on the ambulance, Cataldo said protocols start from the time they report to work. Each worker gets their temperature tested and they have to fill out a form about whether or not they are experiencing symptoms. When they leave headquarters to go into the

field and respond to calls, they carry substantial PPE in the vehicle. That PPE includes gloves, masks, full face shields, full gowns and N95 masks.

“It’s mostly the same as what you might see being worn in hospitals and health care environments, and that is what we’re going out into the field with in order to have safe patient contact,” he said.

So far, Cataldo said they have been lucky in their workforce, as only a few workers in their fleet of about 80 to 90 ambulance companies have come up positive.

One of the overarching worries for ambulance companies, public safety officials and health care workers is what would happen if large numbers

of their staff test positive – resulting in the quarantine of many others on the staff that have had contact with them. In such a case, there is concern that a shortage of first responders, including ambulance personnel, could suddenly be in short supply.

“That’s a concern on the minds of everyone in health care right now,” Cataldo said. “It would be tough to have to quarantine large numbers of individuals. If it resembles some of the indicated trends and looks anything like it does in New York, it’s going to be difficult to tell people they’re on a 14-day quarantine because they’ve been exposed...I don’t think anybody has any answers for that right now and so far, we have not had that

happen.”

Like most all providers, Cataldo said the public can help his ambulance companies by practicing social distancing and staying out of public gatherings. A surge of patient calls could expose ambulance workers and overwhelm the entire system.

“From a health care perspective there is a pretty serious virus going on and actually it is a pandemic,” he said. “Though you might feel well and others around you might feel well you don’t know who’s carrying it.”

Cataldo Ambulance has between 80 to 90 ambulance companies operating every day in 18-plus communities – a network that includes serving Everett, Revere and Chelsea.

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place where they can come for a few hours to rest and then move through.”

Chief Carli said the set-up is for health care workers at the moment, and is not an overflow hospital – but could be if there is an extreme emergency. The equipment has been in the possession of the Everett Fire Department for several years and is part of the 2011 shelter plan for the city. It was provided by the regional emergency management planning consor-

tium, known as UASE. The equipment is stored in a trailer, and Chief Carli said they felt the time was now to get the equipment ready for those who might need it in the coming weeks.

Several cots are now in the cafetorium, and the remainder are in the gym.

The second floor has male and female show-ers and the first floor has bathrooms facilities. Food would be brought in rather than using the cafeteria facilities.

“This is a kind of best-case scenario with the shelter spots because it’s not a population in need,” he said. “This is for people to come in and get some rest and move through...As far as a shelter could be converted, you could use it for patients, but the intent is to use it for health care workers...If things did get worse, we could stand up other shelters in other parts of the city.”

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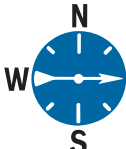
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**Happy Easter!
Love Charlie girl!**



Happy Easter Jill!



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Happy Easter and Passover



STAY HOME

Under normal circumstances, now would be a time of unity and gathering with family around the dinner table, and in the pews of your place of worship. In light of the novel coronavirus we urge you to celebrate together while keeping apart.

There has never been a more important time to stay at home. In Solidarity.

Together we will overcome. Stay Safe. Stay Strong. Stay Healthy



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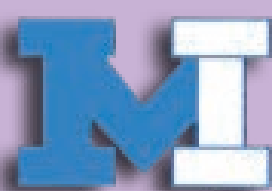
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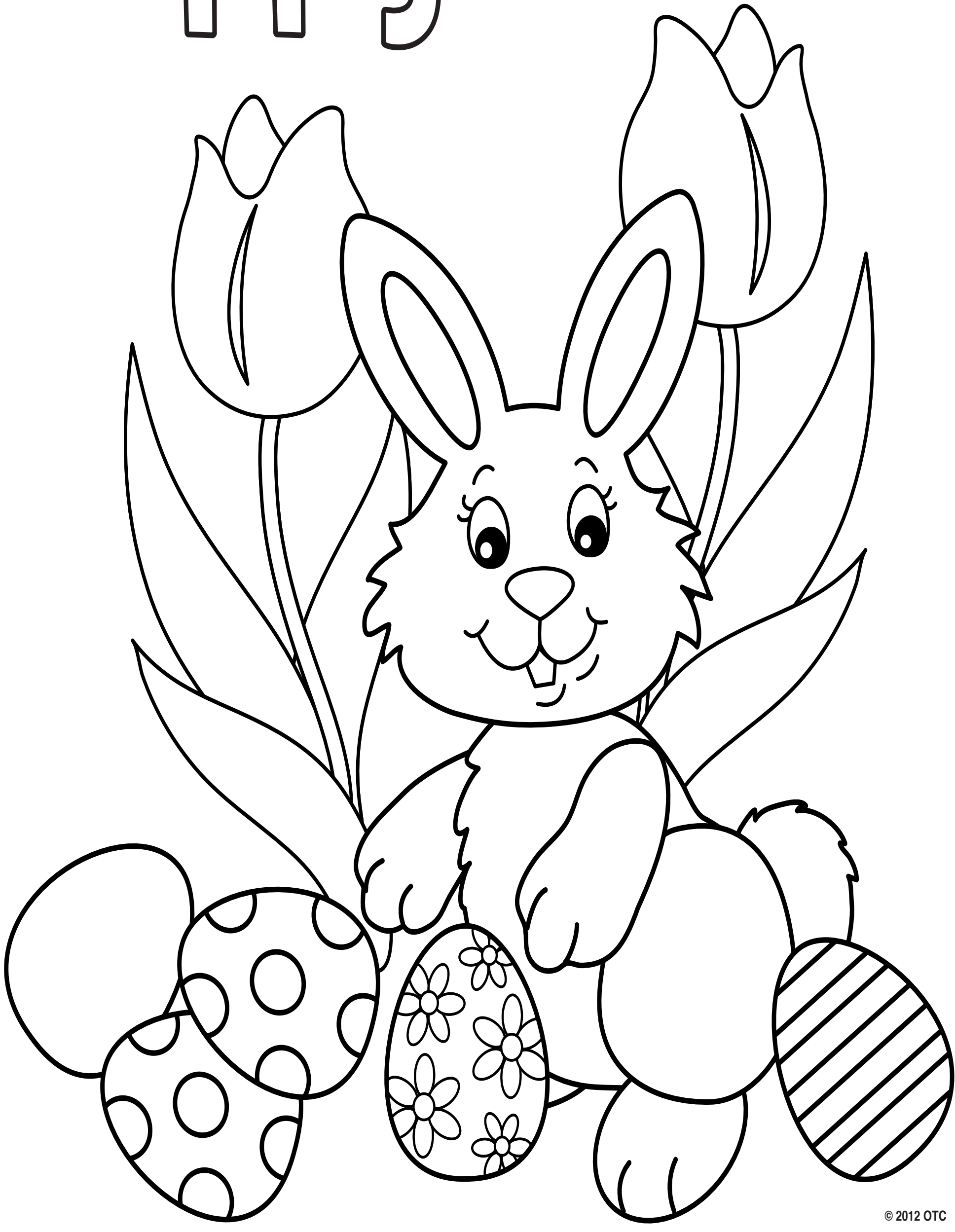
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from Mike McLaughlin & Family

A family photo of a woman, a man, a dog, and an Easter bunny mascot. The woman is on the left, wearing a white shirt and blue jeans. The man is on the right, wearing a red shirt. A small dog is sitting in front of them. The Easter bunny mascot is in the center, wearing a grey suit and a large bunny head. They are all smiling and posing in front of a backdrop with colorful polka dots.

House passes legislation to prevent residential and commercial evictions and foreclosures

On April 2, House Speaker Bob DeLeo and Rep. Joseph McGonagle, along with their colleagues in the House of Representatives, passed legislation to set a moratorium on most residential and commercial evictions and residential foreclosures during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and for 30 days after it ends.

The measure now goes to the Senate, and then must be signed by Gov. Charlie Baker.

“During these unprecedented times, we need to do whatever we can to keep people healthy, safe and in their homes,” said Speaker DeLeo (D – Winthrop). “This legislation shields tenants and homeowners from economic insecurity

during and immediately after the period of the state of emergency. I thank Chairs Honan and Michlewitz for their work with members and stakeholders in putting together this bill, which will enhance public health and provide relief during this pandemic.”

“As House co-chair of the Housing Committee, I spend much of my time examining solutions for housing problems across the Commonwealth,” said McGonagle. “A crisis like this flips all of that around and forces us to act quickly for the protection of the people. Chair Honan did a fantastic job with this legislation, and I’m thankful to the Speaker and Chair Michlewitz for prioritizing its’ passage.”

The legislation includes the following provisions.

- Establishes a moratorium on most residential and commercial evictions within the Commonwealth for the duration of the State of Emergency and 30 days after the State of Emergency ends.
- Landlords may not charge late fees or send reports to credit rating agencies if a tenant notifies the landlord within 30 days of a late payment that the non-payment of rent is due to a financial impact related to the COVID-19 emergency.
- Prohibits landlords from sending “notice to quit” letters for the duration of the State of Emergency and 30 days after the State of Emergency is terminat-

ed.

- Establishes a moratorium on foreclosure actions for the duration of the State of Emergency and 30 days after the State of Emergency ends.

- Allows for video conferencing during the State of Emergency for reverse mortgage loans. Current mandates require in-person consultations for these loans.

- Emergency evictions may proceed during the moratorium for actions that involve allegations of criminal activity or substantial lease violations that may detrimental to public health or public safety.

The bill is being considered in the Senate this week.

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BOARD OF APPEALS
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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 810 Broadway
Map/Lot: A0-02-000078

Person Requesting: Wilton Rangel
5 Pirates Glen Rd., Saugus, MA 01906
To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks to change the use of the existing three (3) family dwelling and convert it to a four (4) family dwelling the building is located within a Dwelling District on a 5650-sf lot. The existing structure was constructed in 1940. Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:

Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 4(a)1 limits a single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance (1926) to convert to not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance allowing the conversion to a four (4) unit dwelling.
Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 17(A)2 requires two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit. The proposed plan contains six (6) parking spaces requiring relief in the form of a variance for two (2) parking spaces.
Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 17(L) requires abutting properties to be protected from headlight glare with buffer strips, walls, barrier or fences. The proposed parking plan does not provide for an acceptable means of protection to the abutters, therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance to allow the parking area to be designed without proper buffers.

Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals

Mary Gerace – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals
April 1, 2020
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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 83-85 Linden Street
Map/Parcel: C0-03-000109

Person Requesting: Bonum LLC
209 Chelsea St., Everett, MA 02149
The applicant proposes to alter the existing six (6) family dwelling on a 8940 sf lot located within the Dwelling District and convert it to an eight (8) unit multi-family dwelling. The new renovation will consist of constructing two (2) additional dwelling units within the basement level of the structure. No exterior buildout has been proposed. The proposed parking for 8 vehicles will be provided on the lot. The existing six (6) family dwelling is nonconforming as only one and two family dwellings are allowed in the Dwelling district and the current structure exceeds the .5 FAR requirements. The proposed alteration will further increase the nonconforming use of the structure.
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Violations:

Appendix A Section 3 General Requirements C: which states the following:
“Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and 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.”
To increase the number of dwelling units from six (6) to eight (8) the applicant must seek relief in the form of a special permit for the Everett Zoning Board of Appeals.

Appendix A Section 17 Off-Street Parking (O) 5: which states the following:
“The design of parking lots for the parking of more than five (5) vehicles shall be submitted to the inspector of buildings for review and approval and shall be subject to the following requirements: All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to allow ingress and exiting at same time.”

The applicant's plan increases the number of parking from four (4) to eight (8) spaces requiring an 18' access aisle. The parking area currently has a nonconforming access aisle to the rear parking area with the dimension of 8.9'. The nonconformity of the access aisle will therefore be increased. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a special permit.
Appendix A Section 17 Off-Street Parking (A) 2: which states the following:
“Off-street parking facilities shall be provided in accordance with the requirements as outlined below. Multifamily dwellings 2 parking spaces per dwelling unit”

Applicant is proposing 8 parking spaces where 16 spaces are required. The lot currently contains 4 parking spaces and is therefore nonconforming. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a special permit.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 357 Third Street
Map/Lot: K0-06-000047

Person Requesting: Mr. Luis Flores
495A Main Street, Medford, MA 02155
To the said Board of Appeals, the applicant seeks a Use and Occupancy permit to operate an Auto Body Repair Business from within the existing building

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

The property is located within the Commercial Triangle District and its current Scrap Metal Business use is nonconforming. The proposed Automobile Repair or Service Station (specifically an Auto Body Shop) use is not allowed within the district.

Zoning Ordinance:
Appendix A section 3-(6) Requires that: “Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and 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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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 28-30 Carlson Street
Map/Parcel: A0-04-000166

Person Requesting: Mr. Eduardo Matosinho
28 Carlson Street, Everett, MA 02149
To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant proposes to construct a new two (2) family on an existing 5814 sf lot that currently has an existing two (2) family residential building that was constructed in April 1928.

Reason for Denial:
The applicant proposed two (2) structures on a single lot and therefore must seek relief in the form of a variance
The current and proposed floor plans propose a floor to area ratio (FAR) of 1.17 exceeding the maximum requirement of .5.
The proposed front yard is only 8'-2" +/-.

Zoning Ordinance:
Section 3 General Requirements paragraph 13 which states the following:
“.....there shall be not more than one (1) structure of the type permitted for each such lot.”
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements line 2 Lot Area, C which states the following:
“c. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio”
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements 4 Front Yard which states the following:
“Twenty (20) feet minimum except where the average front yard of a least two (2) buildings on the same side of the street and within two hundred (200) feet of the lot are less than twenty (20) feet, and the front yard may be equal to the average of those buildings but not less than ten (10) feet. Porches may encroach ten (10) feet onto the required front yard. Stairs shall be excluded from any front yard restrictions.”

Mary Gerace – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals
April 1, 2020
April 8, 2020

- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts 02149
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To Whom It May Concern:
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM in regards to an application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board's website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the City and City Clerk's website. In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 15-17 Argyle Street
Map/Lot: L0-01-000166

Person Requesting: Constantino Pannullo, Anna D. TRS
11 Argyle St Nominee Trust
5 Dawes Stree, Revere, MA 02151
To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks a building permit to convert a structure from a two (2) family dwelling into a three (3) family dwelling located within the Dwelling District on the above 3734 sf lot.

Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:
Violations:
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) Uses: “A single

or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of first enactment of, the Zoning Ordinance may be converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units provided the following standards are met.....:”
The two (2) family dwelling to be converted is currently under construction and therefore did not exist before the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) (2) Lot Area: states the following: “All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio”
The proposed structure would contain 4432 sf of gross floor area having a floor area ratio of 1.18
Section 17 Off Street Parking (J): “Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle.”
The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be required to be moved in order for the other vehicles to enter and leave the garage. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Section 17 Off Street Parking (K): “Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located.”
The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be parked within the required minimum specified building setback (20’). The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Section 17 Off Street Parking (L): requires “All properties which abut such parking lots shall be protected from headlight glare” with buffer strips, walls, barrier or fences.
The proposed parking plan does not provide for an acceptable means of protection to the abutters, therefor the applicant must seek relief

in the form of a variance to allow the parking area to be designed without proper buffers.
Section 17 Off Street Parking (M): “No parking stall shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building.”
The parking plan provided indicates that a vehicle will be parked closer than eight (8) feet from a habitable window. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 4. “Except for one- and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway”
The parking plan provided indicates that it will be necessary for vehicles to back into the street. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 5. “All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to allow ingress and exiting at same time.”
The parking plan provided does not indicate an 18’ aisle to allow vehicles to ingress and egress at the same time. The Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
The applicant proposes to create a 9’ wide “common way for both lots” to be located upon land owned in common at 11 Argyle St. to allow vehicles parking on 15-17 Argyle St. access to the street. This common way must be presented as part of the deed for 11 Argyle prior to the issuance of a building permit.
Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals

Mary Gerace – Chairman
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First responders in Everett taking each call with care and precaution

By Seth Daniel

Firefighters and police officers in Everett are taking every call as if it could be an opportunity to be exposed to the COVID-19 virus, using extreme caution and protective measures as they prepare for the spike in cases this month.

Fire Chief Tony Carli said this week that three Everett firefighters have tested positive in recent weeks for the virus, with two still recovering and one getting ready to return to work. Several other firefighters who had been in contact with them have been quarantined as well in recent weeks – causing a lot of overtime shift hiring and some shortages in staffing.

“We’ve always been on the front lines and we’re used to that,” he said. “It’s what we signed up for... Having three test positive was a wake-up call for all of us, myself included, and it made us put the protections in place to make sure everyone is safe and that it doesn’t spread so fast.”

Chief Carli said they have been working with the Fire Union to put things in place to help protect the firefight-

ers out working on the front lines. Firefighters are protecting themselves on every call with the proper gear, and they are social distancing properly in the station. They also have required firefighters to have their temperature taken in the morning and evening. If anyone has a fever, they are quickly taken out of the firehouse and checked out for further symptoms. Likewise, the stations are being sanitized and cleaned in-house frequently by those on duty.

Union President Craig Hardy said they are very worried about what the next few weeks hold, with some estimates by state organizations predicting that 30 to 60 percent of first responders could be out with COVID-19 in two weeks.

“One of our biggest concerns is we don’t want to contaminate a firehouse and we don’t want to go out and take it into the public,” he said. “We are on the front lines too and interacting with people who are exposed to the virus, and we don’t want to bring it home to our families too. It’s just a juggling act right now...Our members are doing great and

taking precautions and being extra cautious and working closely with dispatch and the Public Health Department. We’re really treating every case and every call like it’s a COVID-19 response.”

Chief Carli said the department is doing well on its supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for going out on calls and interacting with the public, and Hardy said Chief Carli has done a good job in making sure the right protective equipment is in place.

“We are doing good with PPE and have a good amount on hand,” he said. “We’re disinfecting our stations on a nightly basis with in-house supplies. We’re hoping we can stave this off and especially over the next 10 days.”

On the Police Department front, Chief Steve Mazzie said they haven’t had any officers test positive for the COVID-19 virus, though a few did take precautions when they felt they had symptoms.

“Considering what’s going on, I think we’re doing okay,” said the chief. “Obviously, we’re all concerned about what’s going on and

trying to do our best to make sure we’re still capable of providing public safety services and staying healthy and safe too. Fortunately, calls for service have diminished greatly and we our manpower levels are good and our workforce is healthy now. As this pandemic moves along, we’re trying to be prepared if we do have personnel who are infected or being quarantined... We’ve had a small number that tested and a few quarantine, but there have been no positive tests.”

Right now, along with traditional responses, they have been assisting the COVID-19 response efforts at the public schools, and the food distribution sites. Some officers even voluntarily handed out food items to those driving in Everett Square and were in need late last month.

Also, over the last few weeks, police have been monitoring the parks and trying to disperse those who are congregating in large groups or playing team sports like basketball. So far, most everyone has been cooperative and police have not had to do a great deal of



First Responders like these police officers last month helped out by distributing food and meals to those driving through Everett Square who were in need. While calls for service are down, officers and firefighters are often exposed to those who are sick during their shifts. Already, three firefighters have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, with one of those nearly recovered.

dispersing as the social distancing message gets out.

Chief Mazzie said officers are practicing social distancing in the stations, and there are no more cruisers with partners on patrol. Instead, single officers have fixed posts. There are not many arrests at the moment, and most incidents they are trying to resolve on site or with a court summons.

He said he is seeing more people out with masks and gloves, even just for casual

walks.

He also said the Police and Fire Departments are asking people to come out to their front porches or thresholds if they call for services, as public safety officers are trying to limit going into homes.

“If we have to go into a home to resolve and issue, we will certainly do that,” he said. “The message I keep telling everyone is that we will get through this.”

State, non-profit to deploy 1,000 case workers to trace contacts of COVID-19 patients

Working with a non-profit partner, Gov. Charlie Baker late last week called for 1,000 case workers to deploy throughout the state to track the people who had been in contact with patients who are positive for the COVID-19 virus.

In his daily update on Thursday, Baker announced the creation of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. The state will work in collaboration with Partners In Health. It is the first effort of its kind

nationwide.

The initiative will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients, and supporting individuals in quarantine, and builds on the efforts already underway from the Command Center to leverage public health college students to augment the contact tracing being done by local boards of health.

The Collaborative will deploy nearly 1,000 contact tracers throughout the state to connect with COVID-19 patients and their contacts to support Massachusetts’

efforts to track and contain the virus.

Led by the administration’s COVID-19 Response Command Center, Partners In Health will coordinate closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Contact tracing will be combined with the state’s efforts to increase testing and will provide support to people in quarantine in order to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.

“Enhanced contact tracing capability is another

powerful tool for public health officials and health care providers in the battle against COVID-19,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Massachusetts is the only state in the nation implementing this type of programming, and this collaborative tracing initiative will break new ground as we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19.”

Partners In Health will provide staff and contribute technical expertise in community tracing. The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (CCA) will stand up a virtu-

al support center and maintain connectivity, while the Massachusetts Department of Health (DPH) will maintain data, guides and processes. Accenture, a leading global professional services company, and Salesforce, a global leader in CRM, are implementing support center capabilities for the CTC’s tracing purposes.

“This is a key effort in the Commonwealth’s work to slow the spread of the virus by adding capacity to reach individuals who have come in close contact with individuals are confirmed positive for

COVID-19,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. “I encourage residents to cooperate with the operation so that we can further slow the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts.”

Contact tracing through the CTC will support the Baker-Polito Administration’s ongoing efforts to expand bed capacity, increase personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies and provide resources for health care providers and patients.

Gov. Baker says more ICU beds are needed; COVID death rate in Mass. is lower than other states

Gov. Charlie Baker announced good and bad news on Thursday requiring the anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases in the coming 20 days - with the good news being there are ample Acute beds and the state’s death rate from COVID-19 is lower than other states, and the bad news being that even with an expansion of ICU beds at existing hospitals the state will likely be short up to 500 beds.

State officials, in response, are looking to build Field Hospitals to take the stress off of medical centers – including hiring a contractor that can quickly begin to build out places like the South Boston Convention Center if need be. The plan to build up to 1,000

beds in this fashion around the state.

Gov. Baker’s COVID-19 Response Command Center today (April 2) outlined projections related to the anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth, which they believe will come between April 10-20.

The projections are the result of the Command Center’s work with medical experts to complete modeling of the outbreak in Massachusetts. The Administration also detailed its efforts to respond to this surge, including a significant increase in hospital capacity, staffing, and equipment.

COVID-19 Surge Planning:

- Modeling and Projections:

The Administration’s COVID-19 Response Command Center has been working with its Advisory Board of medical experts and epidemiologists from Harvard University, University of Guelph and Northeastern University to refine models related to the expected surge of COVID-19 cases. These efforts include modeling the surge’s timing, number of cases, necessary bed capacity, and work to find facilities that will meet overflow capacity. The model’s projections are based on the experience of Wuhan, China, but Massachusetts’ trajectory could differ due to lower population density, lower smoking rates, and earlier social distancing measures. The Command Center has

also been comparing to experience in other states and around the world.

The model’s latest projections estimate that the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts could range from 47,000 to 172,000 (or 0.7% to 2.5% of the total population of Massachusetts). The models show hospitalizations would potentially peak between April 10-20. The current fatality rate in Massachusetts is lower than other areas – it is approximately 1.5 percent of those infected. The Command Center is monitoring this statistic closely.

The COVID-19 Response Command Center is working with hospitals to provide them with flexibility to expand ICU capaci-

ty. The Commonwealth is asking academic medical centers and teaching hospitals to work to significantly expand their ICU capacity. But after hospitals execute on their surge plans, the model estimates there could be a remaining gap in ICU capacity of more than 500 beds.

•Response Efforts:

In response, the Administration is aiming to find or build an additional 750 – 1,000 beds in field medical hospitals and other alternate care sites to reduce strain on hospitals as much as possible. Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Polito visited the first of these Field Medical Stations at the DCU Center yesterday.

The Administration has identified additional pos-

sible sites for Field Medical Stations including the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Joint Base Cape Cod, Springfield’s Mass Mutual Building and other smaller locations. The Administration has secured a contractor who can build out sites once a healthcare partner has been finalized.

The Command Center is also securing 1,000 beds in capacity for step-down care options in nursing facilities for stabilized COVID-19 positive patients who can be transferred out of the hospital to make room for those with higher medical need.

SJC issues order restricting court appearances to emergency matters until May 4

In light of the ongoing and urgent public health concerns regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) on April 1 issued an order that continues to restrict the number of people coming to Massachusetts state courthouses through May 4.

Effective April 6, 2020, the new order repeals and replaces two earlier court orders; the Order Regarding Empanelment Of Juries, issued by the court on March 13, 2020, and the Order Limiting In-Person Appearances In State Courthouses To Emergency Matters That Cannot Be Resolved Through A Videoconference Or Telephonic Hearing, is-

sued by the court on March 17, 2020.

All trials, whether jury or bench, in both criminal and civil cases, scheduled to begin in Massachusetts state courts on or before May 1, 2020, are continued to a date no earlier than May 4, 2020, unless the trial is a bench trial in a civil matter and may be conducted otherwise than in-person by agreement of the parties and of the court.

As a result of the SJC order, courthouses will continue to be closed to the public except to conduct emergency hearings that cannot be resolved virtually (i.e., by telephone, videoconference, email, or comparable means, or through the electronic filing system) until

at least May 4, 2020. All court clerks’, registers’, and recorder’s offices shall continue to conduct court business –to accept the filing of pleadings and other documents in emergency matters, to schedule and facilitate hearings in emergency matters, to issue orders in emergency matters, to answer questions from attorneys, litigants, and the general public, and to conduct other necessary business of the respective court. All such business will be conducted virtually, except when the filing of pleadings and other documents in emergency matters cannot be accomplished virtually.

The Trial Court announced the April 2, 2020

launch of a Help Line for non-emergency matters that the public can call to ask general questions about their civil and criminal cases and help callers navigate the court system. The Help Line will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached by calling 833-91COURT.

Full lists of emergency matters identified in Standing Orders for each department of the Trial Court, as well as updates regarding the court’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, are available on the court’s website.

City launches Code RED outreach campaign

During this time of crisis, now more than ever residents need the most up to date information available. As part of the City of Everett’s outreach efforts, Mayor Carlo DeMaria is asking all residents to enroll in the City’s Code RED complete emergency notification and alert system.

“It’s important that our residents get their information from trusted sources. The Code RED notification system makes it easier to stay up to date with trusted information from the city. I strongly urge all residents to sign up for this important service so that everyone can stay informed,” Mayor Carlo DeMaria said.

Residents who sign up will receive vital information within minutes from the City of Everett via Phone,

email, or text. You can opt in for any of these formats or all three. They may also opt for emergency only notices. The information is geo-targeted for getting time-sensitive information to specific locations. The system is also TDD formatted for the hearing impaired.

Residents can register for Code RED notifications on the City of Everett website or by going to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF11067DE7DC>. For any questions regarding the enrollment process please call 311.

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Collaborating on providing care packages for residents

By Seth Daniel

In the midst of crisis, partnerships seem to unfold like winter into spring, and that’s exactly the case for Square Deli owner Chris Moreira and Councilor Gerly Adrien.

Over the last two weeks, since the COVID-19 response began, both have been trying to help feed and supply senior citizens in the community. It was only natural that their paths crossed.

“I reached out to Gerly and I had never actually met her before, but I saw on social media how active she was in the community,” said Moreira. “Obviously with the virus, no one knew what to expect. I knew it would be a deluge for everyone, including small businesses. We wanted to give back and do our part.”

Three weeks ago, Adrien got a phone call from a senior citizen who asked for more information on the crisis – saying that there

weren’t many people in senior housing that had a good idea of what was happening or what to do. She said that resident also told her many were short on necessities like toiletries.

Adrien and her husband, David Lindsey, began assembling care packages with toothpaste, toilet paper, soap and other essentials. Using volunteers in a careful manner, they quickly handed out 40 care packages on doors for the seniors. They did another 50 packages for Gledale Towers as well.

One person, she said, needed bottled water and didn’t have it, which gave birth to the idea of raising money for grocery gift cards.

That’s the time when Moreira got involved.

“Chris and I talked it out and he said he wanted to provide a hot meal with the next round of care packages, and he could also provide the toilet paper,” she said. “I

knew they would love that.”

So, on Saturday, March 28, they spent five hours delivering a meal of stuffed shells to 40 residents of senior housing with a care package as well – which contained grocery cards and toiletries donated by EnVision Hotel.

“I think it was so amazing for Chris, as a small business owner, to want to partner up with me,” she said. “We all know how small business has been affected and he wouldn’t let me reimburse him at all. He wanted it to be from his heart.”

Moreira said he has talked with Councilor Michael McLaughlin about joining the effort, and he has committed to doing another round with Adrien when the time is right.

“We’re open to doing this one time a week – 50 meals each time,” he said. “We’ll gladly do that one time a week with a partner.” Moreira said they have



Care packages and a meal of stuffed shells went out to low-income seniors in a spontaneous partnership.

been very busy since the COVID-19 response happened because they were contracted by the City to provide 400 meals per day for the elderly – meals that are distributed by Dale Palma at the Connolly Center.

“We’ve not really been able to open the day-to-day business because this is consuming us,” he said. “We are



Councilor Gerly Adrien and Square Deli owner Chris Moreira partnered up on hot meals and care packages.

still open. We’re grateful for our customers. People are supporting us and it’s the least we can do.”

Added Adrien, “I’m excited we’re all able to help together.”

City of Everett creates virtual art gallery

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the Everett Cultural Council and the City of Everett are proud to announce a virtual art gallery.

This is the second installation of art from local and regional artists that was scheduled to be on display at Everett City Hall from April 1 to May 21, 2020.

“We are at a moment in time where everyone is searching for something positive and art has the ability to lift our spirits. I’m happy these wonderful artists are giving residents of Everett something beautiful to look forward to,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

The theme “Open Spaces, Favorite Places” asked artists to reflect on the open spaces in their lives. Favorite open spaces, places that spark thoughts, calm the mind, rejuvenate, energize,

and inspire. Favorite places that lift you up or remind you of your place in this world.

The coordinator of the Cultural Council, Maria Josefson, worked closely with artists to upload their work online to be viewed virtually.

“While the Everett City Hall remains closed for the foreseeable future, the world of virtual living has been expanding by leaps and bounds. These uncertain times have been a hardship for us all to various degrees, so I thought the idea of sharing this call for art round’s beautiful submissions focused on nature, open spaces that bring comfort and enliven the senses would be a most welcome sight for many. The Everett Cultural Council is committed to keeping the spirit of

art & culture in our community alive,” Josefson said.

The art gallery features 10 artists and 21 pieces. It can be viewed online at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/08b4e490e0854d34b4fd-10cdbc4659d3>.

“The gravity of the current situation weighs heavily on everyone’s mind. On one hand, I do not want to dismiss, make light of where we are collectively. But on the other hand, offering moments of light and joy in this difficult moment, reminding folks of the spaces and places that bring them joy, that these places are there for us to take solace in, will hopefully provide a much needed perspective, a break from the depressing and anxiety-producing news cycle,” Josefson concluded.

Cases climb by more than 100 since last week

By Seth Daniel

When Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano got a call from the state Department of Public Health (DPH) on Tuesday morning, they reported several new cases, with the total then up to 132.

By Tuesday afternoon, she had received another call from DPH telling her there were nine more cases confirmed. That set the official number in Everett at 141, but increasing, she said, the numbers don’t tend to matter much anymore.

“The number is constantly changing so it doesn’t mean that much anymore,” she said. “It’s ever-changing and we try not to get stuck on the number because it changes so frequently. We really just have to practice social distancing and wash out hand frequently.”

Last Tuesday, Everett had 29 confirmed cases. In Revere, at the end of Monday, they reported 257 confirmed cases, with several deaths. In Chelsea, the City there reported 315 confirmed cases, with eight deaths and 36 recovered.

Of those that are confirmed as positive in Ever-

ett, Firicano said most are recovering at home and monitoring their symptoms. Some have been hospitalized, and Firicano and the School Nurses are following up with those who are recovering at home. All of the patients are monitored remotely by the nurses, and they continue to reach out to those that do not call back.

As the cases begin to increase, Firicano advised on how to create a “sick room.” With many more residents expected to become sick, or who might already be sick, Firicano said it is important to set up a separate area for those that have tested positive.

“If a confirmed case is living in the house with others, they are told to stay in an area separated from others and in isolation,” she said. “If it’s a bedroom, they can close the door and not let visitors in or out. We also say for that person to use a separate bathroom, but that’s not always an option.”

If someone is sick and has to use the same bathroom as others in the house who are well, it is advised to clean the bathroom and disinfect it after each use. Household member also should not

share drinks, dishes or utensils.

If at all possible, the sick person is advised to use paper plates, plastic utensils and disposable cups. Those can simply be discarded after use and there isn’t the worry of having to keep dishes separate.

It is also advised to wear gloves and masks whenever possible.

“We have some cases where only one person is infected in the household, and we have other cases where everyone in the house is affected,” she said.

In other news, Firicano said she completely supported the decision to institute a curfew and said it is the only way right now to stop the virus from spreading more widely.

“I believe they did something that had to be done,” she said. “It’s very important residents get the message to stay home as much as possible and only go out for essential medicine or groceries...The City has been on top of this and really taking measures before anyone else. It’s really important we continue to be one step ahead of all this.”

DeMaria offers virtual exercise show for residents

Mayor Carlo DeMaria has ordered Everett residents to stay at home for the next two weeks. As part of Mayor DeMaria’s outreach during this time period, Mayor DeMaria and the City of Everett has launched a virtual exercise show for Everett residents and seniors.

“I want residents to continue staying active while also practicing social distancing. The gym can be anywhere you are as

long as you have the right technique, and that’s what we’re offering with these virtual workouts,” Mayor DeMaria said.

Workouts can be viewed daily from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on ECTV Channel 22, 7 days a week.

Below is a schedule for ECTV classes:

- 9 am - Healthy Steps with Julie Kaufmann.
- 10 am - Zumba with Calvin Braxton
- 11 am - Country West-

ern Line Dancing with Julie Kaufmann

•Noon- Glee Club with Diane Ellis

•1 pm - Movement to Music with Calvin Braxton

•2 pm - Tai Chi with Bill Barron

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House passes legislation to address challenges faced by school systems and vulnerable residents

On April 2, House Speaker Bob DeLeo and Rep. Joseph McGonagle, along with their colleagues in the House of Representatives, passed legislation to provide support to school systems and those persons experiencing homelessness, and to prevent the shut-off of essential municipal services amid the COVID-19 public health emergency.

“This public health emergency is a stark reminder that we must lift up the most vulnerable among us,” said Speaker DeLeo (D – Winthrop). “This legislation provides emergency funding for the homeless and prevents shut-offs of essential services for residents. I thank Chair Michlewitz for his work to move these vital provisions

forward.”

“A pandemic and crisis calls for unprecedented measures in protecting the people of the Commonwealth,” said McGonagle. “I’m thankful to Speaker DeLeo, Chair Michlewitz and all my colleagues for identifying these critical needs and addressing them properly. This legislation is crucial for protecting our people.”

The legislation includes the following provisions.


•Repurposes existing homelessness funds that currently support services that can’t be provided due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The legislation redirects funding to address immediate and critical homelessness needs resulting from the public health emergency.

cy.

•Extends deadlines for schools filing reports under the Student Opportunity Act to May 15 or a later date as determined by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) Commissioner, provides the DESE Commissioner the authority to waive or modify the administration of the MCAS testing, and gives regional school authorities budget flexibility during the public health emergency.

•Prevents the shut-off of essential services at municipal level due to an inability to pay due to the public health emergency.


The bill will now go to the Senate.



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OBITUARIES

Aniela Socha

Survivor of WWII German and Russian Occupation of Poland

Aniela (Armatus) Socha, homemaker, wife and mother, passed away on April 3, 2020 at her home in Everett where she lived with her daughter, Dorota A. Socha and son-in-law, Aaron G. Noll. She was 93 years old.

Aniela was born in the village of Nowa Wieś Szlachecka in the Małopolskie region of Poland on February 27, 1927, a daughter of Maciej Armatus and Dorota Czekaj.

Aniela was a teenage survivor of the German and Russian occupations of Poland during World War II. Aniela's strong character and boundless determination allowed her to raise a flourishing family with her husband, Jan Socha, under the most difficult of economic and political conditions prevailing under a Communist Polish government.

When her daughters migrated to the United States during the 1980's, Aniela followed and enabled her children to succeed here by caring for her grandchildren.

At various times, she lived with her daughters in Brooklyn, NY, New Britain, CT, and Everett. For the last ten years of her life, she was often seen on her daily walks on Broadway in



Everett with her wheelchair and daughter, Dorota.

Aniela was predeceased by her dear husband, Jan Socha, in 1987 and her son, Jozef, in 2014. She is survived by: her daughter, Teresa Chwaja of Krakow, Poland; her daughter, Margaret and her husband, Karol Hernas of Farmington, CT; her daughter, Sophia and her husband, Chester Jablonski of Farmington, CT, her daughter, Dorota and her husband, Aaron of Everett; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and three cousins: Judith Harmatus of Minneapolis, MN, Margaret Denison of East Lansing, MI, and Betty Harmatus of Milwaukee, WI.

Aniela's burial will take place in a private ceremony today, April 8, 2020, at Sacred Heart Cemetery in New Britain, CT. A memorial mass for Aniela will be held at Sacred Heart Church in the summer of 2020.

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CHURCH News

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can't physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed via their facebook page, "Zion Church Ministries."

Palm Sunday Mass was held on Sunday, April 5 at 10 a.m.

The 7 Last Words of Christ will be presented on Friday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday Mass will be held on Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass will be held on April 12, at 10 a.m.

For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Each Thursdays' adoration 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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Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

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Online Holy Week schedule from Cardinal Sean O'Malley

The Most Reverend Robert Reed, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston and President of CatholicTV said, "It's unprecedented to be unable to celebrate the holiest week of the year in our parishes, but through the gift of modern technology, CatholicTV allows us to gather virtually at the mother church of the Archdiocese with our shepherd, Cardinal Seán, for these sacred rites."

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•Holy Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
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•Easter Sunday, April 12, 8 a.m.
Mass of Easter Sunday with Cardinal Seán O'Malley
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OFF MY WAVE.

Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2004. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily passion always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wings" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThankU.org.

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DiDomenico, McGonagle announce legislation providing immediate relief to municipalities during COVID-19 crisis

Senator Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Joe McGonagle announced that the House and Senate passed a bill to provide necessary relief to municipalities, taxpayers, restaurants, and state authorities impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and State of Emergency declaration.

The bipartisan legislation extends the state income tax filing deadline for residents; addresses disruptions in municipal tax collections and permitting; and allows licensed restaurants to sell certain alcoholic beverages with food take-out and delivery orders, among other provisions.

“Now more than ever, our communities, taxpayers, and small businesses need extra support during these difficult times, said Senator DiDomenico. “I am proud of the action we have taken to provide relief for the hardworking people of our Commonwealth, and I am grateful to my colleagues in the Legislature

for ensuring that our residents and business community remain a top priority during this unprecedented crisis.”

“As elected officials, our duty is to serve and protect the people we represent,” said McGonagle. “Legislation such as this is essential to try and stabilize what we can during such a disruptive period. I’m very grateful to Senate President Spilka, Speaker DeLeo and all those who pushed for the time-sensitive passage of this bill.”

The major provisions of the bill are as follows:

- Tax Deadline Extension. The bill provides immediate relief to taxpayers and extends the 2019 state individual income tax filing and payment deadline from April 15 to July 15 due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. The extension of the tax filing and payment deadline to July 15 is consistent with the federal government and provides additional flexibility to filers

during this crisis.

- Restaurant Service. The bill includes immediate economic relief to restaurants and other establishments that are licensed to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption to sell wine and beer with food takeout and delivery. This change would restore a crucial source of revenue to restaurants and other food establishments.
- Municipal Governance. This legislation also immediately addresses several challenges affecting municipal functions and operations during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The bill:

 - *Allows extensions for property tax exemption and deferrals from April 1 to June 1, 2020;
 - *Modifies the permitting process to ensure flexibility for applicants and status hearing processes;
 - *Allows annual town meeting to be delayed beyond June 30, 2020;
 - *Enables a town moder-

ator or person designated as such to reschedule town meetings for up to 30 days, and to do so multiple times if needed;

- *Permits municipalities to utilize retired employees and lifts pension-related hour restrictions for employees who return to work as it relates to COVID-19 response; and
- *Prohibits essential services provided by the city or town from being terminated as a result of a missed or late payment.

The bill also makes several adjustments to the municipal budgeting process so that cities and towns can continue to meet their fiduciary responsibility and provide resources for their residents.

This legislation, which is the latest action by the Legislature to address the COVID-19 public health crisis and its effects on Massachusetts, was signed into law by Governor Baker on Friday.

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some for their grandparents and others for health care workers in their family. The campaign is focused on young people because it was harder for them initially to get the message about not going to the parks or congregating in groups or playing team sports.

“I think I really appreciate the mayor reaching out to the kids,” Yebba said. “I feel it’s more of the young people who weren’t completely focused on what was going on. Our parents and grandparents are concerned. Going to the leaders of our class and to others at the school and asking us for help to get the message out is such a great idea and unique...I’m seeing a lot of people already who are getting the message and there has been a positive response on social media already. We have to let young people know that just because they might have a better immune system than other people, it doesn’t mean they can go outside and do whatever they want. It’s helping them understand the greater good and be concerned about everyone around them.”

Mayor DeMaria said he intends to start up his promise to start his Tic Toc dance challenge, and he also wants to continue having weekly Zoom calls with young people every Thursday as the pandemic response continues.

“We had a great conversation with the Class of 2020 and a lot of the other student leaders and the athletes,” he said. “I really tried to encourage them to be known as the Class of 2020 that stepped up and helped out and pushed social distancing and keeping others healthy. Maybe other kids will take this on in other high schools and other cities and maybe even other states...We have to let them know what we’re doing is trying to protect their grandparents, their parents and the health care workers. It was a great conversation and I know they’ll do a great job.”

The mayor said he and Supt. Priya Tahiliani, who was also on the call, really feel bad for the senior class as they are missing a lot of activities and, possibly, spring sports seasons too.

Yebba said they are unique in that most were born around the time of 9/11, and they are leaving high school during a pandemic – an unfortunate coincidence. However, instead of being remembered for tragedy, they hope to be remembered as a very persistent group of young people.

“I hope we’re remembered as the class that never gave up and always is fighting,” Yebba said. “People always say we came in during 9/11 and are leaving high school in a pandemic. We’re going to accomplish a lot in our lives. This class is one of the smartest classes to come out of Everett High in a long time, and we’re going to be people that will not give up.”

To be a part of the #Stay-HomeEverett campaign, go online to the City’s social media pages.

Trial court launches help line to assist court users

The Trial Court announced this week the establishment of a Help Line that began on April 2 that the public can call to ask general questions about their civil and criminal cases and help them navigate the court system while the court system remains closed to the public except for emergency matters.

The Help Line will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached by calling 833-91COURT.

For emergency matters, court users should first call their local court Clerk’s or

Register’s Offices. Contact numbers for individual courts and offices can be found online.

Emergency matters include: emergency protection and harassment prevention orders; arraignments of new arrests; bail reviews; dangerousness hearings; mental health commitment orders; care and protection orders; and other matters. Each department of the Trial Court issued Standing Orders that contain full lists of emergency matters.

“In light of the Supreme Judicial Court Order issued April 1 that extends the previous order limiting courts

to emergency matters until May 4, the Help Line is an important resource for people who need information on their court cases, who have questions regarding non-emergency matters, and who may not know where to go for answers to their questions,” said Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey. “It will also serve as a backup resource in the event a Clerk’s or Register’s office is closed or otherwise unable to assist in an emergency.”

If a member of the public is unable to reach a Clerk’s Office or Register’s Office, Help Line staff will serve as a backup resource

and will be able to look up case information and assist callers. The following Trial Court Departments will have representatives on the Help Line: District Court, Boston Municipal Court, Superior Court, Probate and Family Court, Juvenile Court, Housing Court, and Land Court. The Massachusetts Probation Service will also have representatives available on the Help Line. Callers to the Help Line will be prompted to select the Trial Court Department they wish to reach and then be connected to a knowledgeable representative who can access the main court case database.



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Joel Levine begins his new position as Everett High head baseball coach

By Cary Shuman

Joel Levine’s connection to Greater Boston League baseball goes back to high school and there was plenty of success in those years. The new Everett High School head baseball coach, Levine was a three-time GBL All-Star second baseman at Peabody High School in the early 2000s. Levine excelled for three GBL championship Peabody teams with his senior-year club regarded as one of the best in school history.

The Salem News voted Peabody’s 2-1 victory over rival St. John’s Prep (Danvers) in the State Tournament as one of the greatest games in North Shore history. Levine had a clutch basehit and scored Peabody’s game-tying run in

the eighth inning. Future Major League first-round draft pick Jeff Allison stole home for the second run in the top of the ninth inning and then pitched the bottom of the inning to claim the victory.

Levine also played on a Peabody Babe Ruth team that won the Babe Ruth 14-Year-old World Series, his second of three straight appearances in the national tournament.

His debut as head coach Levine, who has served as an EHS assistant coach on Joe Lento’s staff for the past seven seasons, is set to lead his first official practice on May 4, but that date depends on Gov. Charlie Baker’s decision about re-opening the schools in respect to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic.

“I worked some summers as a coach at a baseball skills camp at St. John’s Prep,” said Levine, noting that the camp was run by his grandfather and uncle, John Barbat and Mike Barbat. “Joe Lento Jr. gave me the opportunity to coach in Everett and it was great.”

Levine, 35, had been directing his players through pre-seasons indoor workouts before the school was closed due to the current crisis.

“We were ready for tryouts and ready to begin practice and begin practice and then all this happened,” said Levine, who teaches physical education at the school.

Though the team has only two returning seniors and is relatively inexperienced at the varsity level, Levin said a run at a State

Tournament berth is a possibility.

“It will be a lot of learning and lot of coaching this year,” said Levine.

He is happy to be in the thick of GBL competition. “Back then it’s a really strong league,” said Levine. “I’m just familiar with all those fields, Trum Field in Somerville, Playstead in Medford, and Pine Banks IN Malden – we played on the old dirt field back in 2003 and now they have a new field. It’s familiar territory and the bus rides aren’t too long.”

Levine has reached out to Everett Little League coach Oscar Vega and visited schools to create interest in the program.

“We got a waiver for seventh and eighth graders to try out for the freshman baseball team and we have



Everett High School baseball coach Joel Levine is pictured with his sons, Max and Jace.

40-50 kids to sign up for tryouts,” said Levine. “We have varsity, junior varsity, and freshman teams.”

Levin has selected his assistant coaching staff. Steve Gallagher returns as an assistant varsity coach. Chris

Miller is the JV coach while Mike Minucci is the freshman coach.

“I look forward to leading the team on to the field whenever that time might be,” said a hopeful Levine.

Sen. DiDomenico urges residents to respond to the 2020 census

SeN. Sal DiDomenico put out a call to his constituents and residents across the Commonwealth to respond to the 2020 Census. Wednesday, April 1 was Census Day, a day to raise awareness and promote participation in the 2020 Census.

“Now more than ever, it is critical that we ensure everyone is counted in the 2020 Census,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “Our district and the entire Commonwealth depend on your household to respond so our communities get the fair share of federal funding and representation that we need and deserve. Furthermore, now is the perfect time for families who are spending a lot of time at home to fill out the census online, and I encourage them to respond to their questionnaire today.”

Preparations for the 2020 Census has been a top priority for Senator DiDomenico this legislative session. He has worked closely with the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund to secure funding needed in advance of the 2020 Census and to spread awareness on the importance of a complete and accurate census count. Throughout the legislative session, he has partnered with advocacy organizations to host legislative briefings at the Massachusetts State House to secure support for census funding in the state budget and help legislators and staff understand what is at stake in the 2020 Census.

Last budget cycle, DiDomenico played a key role in securing funding in the state budget that will help to ensure a complete and accurate count in the 2020 Census. The Senator and his House colleague Representative Michael Moran were the lead sponsors of an amendment in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget that provided \$2.5 million to establish a grant program for statewide census outreach. This grant program will help to support trusted community organizations and grassroots leaders reach historically hard-to-count communities, such as Everett and Chelsea.

“With \$16 billion in federal funding to Massa-

chusetts for programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP on the line, it is critical that we do everything we can to get an accurate Census count,” DiDomenico said. “More than half of my district’s population lives in hard to count neighborhoods, which is why I know how important it is that we work with community based organizations that have trusted messengers to get out the count in 2020.”

While the COVID-19 crisis has created new obstacles to 2020 Census outreach, there are many ways that households can respond to the census without anyone having to come to their door.

Massachusetts residents can respond to the census today:

- Online at my2020census.gov
- Over the phone at 1-844-330-2020
- Or via mail (census forms were mailed to households across the nation last month)

Online responses and those done over the phone are available in over 13 languages.

The Census is a national population count that occurs once every decade. The results of the Census are used to make critical decision that will impact Massachusetts over the next ten years, such as federal funding for local communities, political representation throughout the Commonwealth, and even civil rights laws.

E Club of Everett cancels Annual Scholarship Dinner

By Cary Shuman

The E Club of Everett has canceled its Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner that was scheduled for May 21 at Spinelli’s, Lynnfield.

Vincent Ragucci Jr., executive director, and Carl Colson, president, sent a letter to ‘E’ Club members this week notifying them of the organization’s decision to cancel in light of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who is suffering because of the pandemic,” the E Club leaders stated in the letter.

The E Club made it clear that the monetary scholarships will be presented at a later date.

Each year, the organization honors Everett High School graduating seniors with scholarship awards at a formal dinner program. Individual Sports and Coaches Awards are also presented.

The evening kicks off with an impressive pre-dinner ceremony in which ‘E’ Club Official Photographer Katy Rogers takes photos of the award recipients, along with formal group photos of ‘E’ Club officers, head table guests, and dignitaries in attendance.

The venerable Ragucci, a past president of the organization, delivers the welcoming remarks and usually includes one of his trademark witticisms in his address.

New date being considered

James Agnetta Jr., treasurer of the E Club, said the officers and governors of the organization came to the decision to cancel the awards dinner at a monthly meeting that was conducted via a conference call.

“We are still going to award the scholarships, but we haven’t determined how we’re going to do that yet or scheduled a new date,” said Agnetta. “If we can do it by the end of June and maybe present the scholarships during a program at Everett Stadium or Everett High School – we’re still discussing various options for the actual awards ceremony. But we are going to get those scholarships to our student-athletes because they deserve it.”

Ragucci further elaborated on the club’s course of action in an interview Tuesday.

“A lot is going to depend on what government officials say,” said Ragucci. “For us to set an actual date, we can’t do it, but we have an obligation as a club to the students of Everett and we fully intend to do whatever we have to do to fulfill that obligation.”

Ragucci further stated, “For the safety of the public and integrity of the club, we’re going to do something different this year with our awards ceremony, and that’s what makes us successful – we come up with innovative ways and do what we say we’re go-

ing to do. But we will have the same number of scholarships this year. We’re not cutting anything back.”

A proud tradition

Former Everett head football coach, the late Dennis Gildea, founded the ‘E’ Club in 1929. After a hiatus, the club was reformed in 1972. The club annually holds two major dinners in the fall and spring, with upwards of 300 guests in attendance.

The late Larry Vozzella, who served as executive director, kept the organization flourishing for several years under his leadership. At well-attended banquets, Vozzella, attired in the elegant red E Club’ sports jacket, liked to regale guests with the story of how he hit a ball over the Green Monster at Fenway Park during an exhibition game.

Both Ragucci and Colson, in their respective positions, have led the way in maintaining the club’s

mission of “preserving and promoting the Everett tradition in sports” and being “a non-profit organization providing scholarship grants for the student-athletes at Everett High School.

In addition to Ragucci, Colson, and Agnetta, the other officers are Armando Leo, vice president, and John Ragucci, secretary. The esteemed Board of Governors are Paul Yahoodik, Paul Lucci, Neil Medugno, Therese Giove, Jerry Navarra, Stanley Chamblain, Joshua Del-Gaizo, Michelle Fenelon, Dr. John Lynch, Everett High Director of Athletics, Tammy Turner, Brendan Tyman, Francis Tyman, and Katy Rogers. Bishop Robert G. Brown is the club’s Chaplain, carrying on the longtime and distinguished service as Chaplain by the Rev. Tom Coots. Daryl Colson is the coordinator of the club’s website.

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