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Numerous family members gathered at the Everett home to give a parade for the Corbelli family.

THE BEST REASON TO BE THANKFUL

After a month in a COVID-19 coma, Corbelli family reunited on Father's Day

By Seth Daniel

The Corbelli family was prepared for anything, with doctors informing them of virtually every possible outcome as the days went on that their husband – their father – continued to be unconscious in a coma due to infection from COVID-19. They weren't allowed to see him except on Face-time, and even then, he was unconscious and didn't look like the man they knew. They hoped for the best possible outcome, but knew that the worst could happen. Ten days in a coma went on to 15 days, and then 20 days, and finally 30 days. But after that excruciating time, Joao Corbelli, began to stir, and then he awoke from his coma – weak, but recovering. After two long weeks at a rehabilitation hospital in Braintree, Corbelli was able to return

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Joao Corbelli with his family, Lorena, Marileda and Lorraine Corbelli, just before he left the rehabilitation center. More than a month ago, he began feeling sick and drove himself to the hospital. He remembers nothing after that, but his family said they persevered while he was in COVID-19 related coma for 30 days. After two weeks in rehab, he was able to return home just in time for Father's Day. Lorena said an emptiness in the home disappeared immediately as soon as her father arrived.

DeMaria announces July 4 celebration

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is proud to announce the City of Everett will host an Independence Day Celebration on Thursday, July 2nd at 6:30 p.m. In effort to practice safe social distancing, the celebration will feature a Drive-in movie at Rivergreen Park showing the classic baseball movie, "The Sandlot." "I think it's important to celebrate the ideals of our country that all men are created equal and everyone has the right to the pursuit of happiness," Mayor Carlo DeMaria said. "I am happy we are able to provide an opportunity for families to relax and enjoy this holiday in a socially responsible manner." Prior to the movie, residents

are invited to watch virtual fireworks on the screen, interact and take pictures with patriotic characters and superheroes. The City of Everett will also provide free popcorn and drinks. "I hope residents of Everett will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the holiday with their family members," Mayor DeMaria said. Space is limited to the first 120 vehicles. There will also be a seating area for residents who do not have access to a vehicle. Residents are asked to continue to follow state guidelines by wearing face coverings and remaining 6 feet apart.

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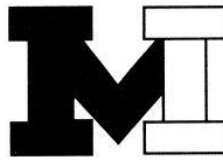
School Committee adopts two key measures Monday

Staff Report

The Everett School Committee Monday night unanimously passed two separate measures that firmly support and advance the framework outlined in the district's sweeping new initiative, Elevating Equity for Everett. First, the Committee approved an Anti-Racism Resolution that articulates the values and objectives the district will sustain and aspire to as it implements policies and practices relating to equity for students, staff, and the EPS community as a whole. "Words make up the resolution, but I can assure you that it will be backed by action," Chairman Thomas Abruzzese said after Monday's meeting. The Anti-Racism Resolution reads as follows: WHEREAS, as schools have the responsibility to equip students with their civil right of obtaining a free and appropriate public education, it is the responsibility of each school to ensure we create a welcoming community for ALL students; and; WHEREAS, it is the responsibility that the Everett Public Schools provide to all district staff, including School Committee members annual professional development on diversity, equity and inclusion; and WHEREAS, the Everett Public Schools will commit to recruiting and retaining a diverse and culturally responsive teaching workforce; and WHEREAS, the Everett Public Schools will examine their policies for institutional and systemic racialized practices and implement change with sustainable policies that are

evidence based; and WHEREAS, the Everett Public Schools will incorporate into their curriculum the history of racial oppression and works by black authors and works from diverse perspectives; and WHEREAS, the Everett Public Schools district leaders can no longer remain silent to the issues of racism and hate that continue to plague our public and private institutions; RESOLVED: that Everett Public Schools and all the school districts in the Commonwealth must guarantee that racist practices are eradicated, and diversity, equity and inclusion is embedded and practiced for our students, families, faculty and staff. We must ensure our own school culture and that of every district in the Commonwealth is anti-racist, acknowledging that all lives cannot matter until black lives matter. Second, the members of the newly formed Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Subcommittee were unanimously approved and announced. Marcony Almeida Barros will chair the subcommittee, while Dana Murray and Samantha Lambert will serve as its members. "We need a forum where these topics are discussed proactively, positively, safely, and compassionately," said Barros, who sponsored the creation of the subcommittee. "It will be my honor to create precisely this kind of environment as we undertake this vital work." "The urgent need for this subcommittee is obvious," added Murray. "Our country is undergoing profound

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Even during times of crisis, Roca continues to prove that change is possible

Nobody wants to be defined by their challenges but Covid-19 has highlighted a crisis among a population that, in the best of times, was struggling to thrive. Roca believes in the most vulnerable young adults in the Commonwealth. They are a human service organization, with 5 sites across Massachusetts (Boston, Chelsea, Lynn, Holyoke and Springfield) and a site in Baltimore, MD. Roca engages with young adults, police and systems in the center of urban violence to address trauma, find hope and drive change.

The young people that Roca works with live with fear that never turns off. They are at the center of urban violence and poverty, they are court and gang involved, have not finished high school, have no job history and don't know where they are sleeping tonight. Amongst this group is over 200 of the highest-risk, highly-traumatized, systems-involved young mothers in Massachusetts. They are not willing to accept home visitors, not ready to go to education or training programs, and in need of intensive outreach and case management over several years. This group of young mothers falls between the cracks of most current state and federal funding.

The Covid-19 crisis has drawn these women from the shadows and has truly highlighted the disparities of an already unequal system. While teen pregnancy rates are declining across Massachusetts, they are increasing within this group, exacerbated by increasing domestic violence. When times are tough, more people are in need, which exacerbates these disparities.

Laura started in Roca's Young Mothers' Program two years ago when pregnant with her third child, referred by DCF after losing custody of her daughters (then) ages 1 and 3 as a result of domestic violence. She came to Roca with low literacy, diligently worked on her basic literacy and ESL, and finally confronted her reality. She filed a restraining order against her partner and started domestic violence and parenting classes.

After 1.5 years and 3 DCF workers, Laura finally regained custody of her two daughters, now 4 and 6. She got a housing voucher and moved into a small apartment in Everett, ready for a fresh start. Then, the pandemic hit and so did an unprecedented economic crisis.

Laura lost her job, her childcare and was unable to pay her rent. She was threatened with eviction and was unable to get into a shelter. Laura was scared. She had Covid-19 symptoms, but was afraid to get tested out of fear of being separated from her children and potentially losing them again. On May 25, it got worse as Laura found out that she did have Covid-19. "The day started out so great" she said. "I was celebrating because after almost two years, my DCF case was closing. I have worked so hard and now, I am beside myself."

Sunindiya Bhalla, Chief of 2gen programming at Roca said: "Our young moms program is already experiencing the negative effects of this health and economic crisis. We've had to turn away referrals and are looking at graduating some of our participants earlier due to monetary

constraints." When asked to describe her participants, she said "Our young mothers are amazing. They are resilient, courageous and nothing is more important to them than their children. But as we become unable to support the needs of our moms and their kids, they will cost the state even more over the coming years."

Even during this health crisis, Roca's nationally recognized programming is transforming the lives of these young women by providing a safe environment for mothers to succeed and for their children to thrive. This team continues to provide socially-distant in person outreach, intensive crisis intervention and case management, and has dramatically increased virtual programming.

Despite their challenges, thirty (30) young mothers have closed their DCF cases with Roca's help in the past year. In the past three months of the COVID-19 pandemic, young mothers have increased participation in educational and behavioral health programming. Roca has also launched a domestic violence support group and has expanded their parenting classes during a time with it is needed more than ever. "We give our moms and their kids the support they need," said Scott Scharffenberg, executive Director of Roca, MA. "We have engaged and committed partners who like our organization, are forced to tighten our belts and make tough decisions due to this economic crisis that isn't going away any time soon."

For more information on Roca, Inc., please go to their website: www.rocainc.org.

City of Everett suspends ticket and towing for summer

Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced the suspension of ticket and towing for street sweeping violations until students return to school.

"During the struggling economy, we don't want to create more financial burden for families," Mayor

DeMaria said. "This is an opportunity to alleviate financial stress as families in Everett are able to focus on more important needs."

In an effort to keep the city clean and prevent harming the sewer system, street sweeping will continue as scheduled, however,

no tickets and towing will take place.

If possible, residents are asked to voluntarily move their vehicles on their scheduled street sweeping day. Car owners can expect an orange warning flyer if cars aren't moved.

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home on the day before Father's Day – making it an utterly emotional and timely return to the family's Everett home.

"My dad did come home the day before Father's Day on June 20 and we were so grateful to have him back," said his daughter, Lorena Corbelli, a senior at Everett High that helped lead the #StayHomeEverett movement in April. "When we went to pick him up it was so amazing. There were times the doctors had told us – just prepared us for what could happen...It's amazing he was able to come home and celebrate Father's Day."

It has been a situation where the home – which had been full of uncertainty – has now once again been restored, and a hole in the family had been filled.

"He was in a coma 30 days and in the hospital," said Lorena. "He was gone a long time. We didn't know anyone that had COVID-19 and had stayed in the hospital so long. My dad did everything around the house. He would fix things here and help me work on my car. When he was gone our boiler broke and my car had trouble. It's always been my dad, myself, my mom and my sister. When he was gone, the house felt empty. When he walked back in, the house didn't feel empty anymore. It felt full again and our family felt whole."

Earlier this spring, Joao – who works at the Westin in Boston in the Maintenance Department – began not feeling well. He drove himself to the hospital, and that is literally the last time he remembers anything before waking up from the coma.

"He told us the last thing he remembers was going to the hospital," she said. "We showed him pictures of his face and body and he didn't even recognize himself."

Joao started his time in care at Cambridge Hospital and then was transferred to Best Israel where he was on a machine giving him care 24/7 for his kidneys – which were being damaged by COVID. After 30 days there, he did wake up about four weeks ago.

It was a moment that Lorena said would be a changing moment for her life.

"At first he slowly opened his eyes," she said. "We could only see him on Facetime, but I could tell he missed us so much by looking at his eyes. It was life-changing for me because when he was in the hospital he got pressure sores. I realized it wasn't going to be a great

idea for me to see him that way. Once I saw he started opening his eyes, I wanted to see him again. We were so relieved he was okay. It was so emotional when he woke up."

While their father was gone, Lorena said the family did their best to take on new responsibilities to try to fill in the gaps left by Joao not being there. Lorena took on cooking duties while her sister, Lorraine, and her mother, Marileida, went back to work and tried to help pay the bills. Her sister even tried to fix the boiler when it broke, which was brand new territory. Interestingly, none of the rest of the family got COVID-19 or showed any symptoms, and they are not sure how their father came down with it. They don't know of anyone close to them that also got it. However he got it, it got him good and took an otherwise healthy and strong man to the brink.

Lorena said everyone should realize that the virus

is not a joke, and that anyone can get it. She said she participated in the #StayHomeEverett campaign as a way to draw attention to that fact, and to let people know she was trying to keep her home safe and healthy for when her dad came home.

No one knew if that would happen, but Lorena said they had hope, and now her father is recovering nicely – and it's been great to have him home, even if he's not quite ready to fix the boiler or her car.

"We know it will take a while, but he's getting stronger every day," she said. "We try to give him what he wants. When he came home, he was tired of hospital food and wanted a huge bowl of pasta – which we gave him...He used a walker the first week at home and the other day he decided he didn't need it and walked on his own. It's those things that fill us with happiness."

- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



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

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday July 20, 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: 42 May Street
Map/Parcel: G0-01-000046
Person Requesting: Attorney Paul Delory
365 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant is seeking approval to create a new driveway and parking area at the above referenced location as per plan submitted dated June 10, 2020. The applicant's proposed parking layout violates the following City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A:

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

Section 3 General Requirements paragraph C. 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.

Mary Gerace – Chairman

Roberta Suppa - Clerk
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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 58 Summer Street
Map/Parcel: L0-02-000078
Person Requesting: Alexandra Moreira
58 Summer Street
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant is seeking approval to create a new driveway and parking area at the above referenced location as per plan submitted dated June 10, 2020. The applicant's proposed parking layout violates the following City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A:

Reason for Denial:
(1) Section 17 paragraph (M) requiring "No parking shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building"

Mary Gerace – Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals

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DeMaria announces introduction of transportation demand management ordinance for developments

Staff Report

Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced late on Tuesday that a new zoning ordinance aimed at reducing the transportation impacts of new development will be presented to the Everett City Council next week.

This ordinance will allow the Administration to bring greater housing affordability to the City of Everett, and institute a cooperative transportation structure between multiple developments.

The Transportation Demand Management ordinance, which has been in development for several months, requires new developments to measure their likely transportation impacts and address them holistically, taking into account not only parking, but transit, cycling and walking.

“Historically, our development process has looked at transportation through the single lens of parking and traffic, however this approach overlooks the fact that half of all trips in Everett are not taken in an automobile and the exorbitant cost of constructing new

parking which can increase the cost of a unit of housing by as much as \$100,000,” said Mayor DeMaria.

The proposed ordinance will use a points system of debits and credits based on the severity of the impact on the proposed development. Debits will be measured by new vehicle trips, added traffic congestion, or the sheer size of the development itself. Credits will be received for measures that actively reduce vehicle dependency. Examples of these include but are not limited to: improvements to the transit system, providing shuttle service to MBTA stations, sponsorship of bike sharing stations, or reductions in on-site parking.

The proposed ordinance also requires that those seeking to develop pay into a public-private partnership.

This organization is conventionally known as a “Transportation Management Association (TMA)” which will provide services to those seeking to develop and monitor all development for compliance.

The City and the Planning Board have worked

with the developers of several recently approved projects to test the ordinance and ensure that it is workable for all parties. For example, the developers of the Market Forge Site agreed to widen a portion of Second Street to accommodate the future Silver Line, provide shuttle service, bike share and prohibit their residents from seeking residential parking stickers. Similarly, The 600 on Broadway was allowed a reduction in overall parking spaces in exchange for dedicated car sharing spaces, a prohibition on residential parking stickers, sponsorship of a bike sharing station, and separating the cost for available parking spaces from the cost of rent. These measures have been proven elsewhere to dramatically reduce the number of vehicle trips generated by new housing development and reduce rental costs while still providing much needed new housing for City residents.

The new Ordinance is expected to be introduced to the City Council during the month of July for their input and approval.

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shifts, and the EPS needs to play its role in making substantive changes at the local level. This subcommittee is an important opening step.”

Lambert, who had the honor of reading the entire Anti-Racism Resolution to the community during Monday’s meeting, is committed to continuing advocacy for a restorative justice culture and working to address the intersectional challenges of race, ability, ethnicity, and LGBTQ students.

Two weeks ago, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani unveiled the foundations of Elevating Equity for Everett, the district’s formal plan for diversity and inclusion. “Enduring change takes time to envision and enact,” the Superintendent said prior to Monday’s

meeting. “Our plan offers specific goals and benchmarks, but it’s flexible and adaptable. We know where we want to go, but our staff, students, and stakeholders will have the chance to play essential roles in determining how we get there.”

Elevating Equity for Everett features three phases:

- Awareness: Understanding One’s Lens and Bias,” which entails: a self-assessment of culture and biases; courageous conversations starting at central office; and raising awareness by providing resources to teachers, sending Articles of the Week, sharing resources and providing webinars.
- “Cultural Learning/ Relationship Building,” which focuses on the following: examining cultures to build relationships with students

and families that refrains from making assumptions about class, race, ethnicity, ability, age, home life, language etc.; building strong relationships with students and families that acknowledges differing degrees of comfort; and using rapport and alliance building techniques to create the trust needed for deep learning in the classroom. •“Culturally and Linguistically Sustaining Practices,” which empowers students by setting high academic expectations for all students; prepares students for standardized assessments that provides opportunities to learn through authentic assessments; and challenges traditional curricula that excludes the contributions and perspectives of traditionally underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

DiDomenico and Senate colleagues pass Patients First Act

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently announced that the Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed the Patients First Act, the third piece of signature healthcare legislation advanced by the body to increase access to health care, protect patients, and enhance quality care. This legislation builds on vital lessons learned during the COVID-19 public health crisis, as unprecedented demands on the healthcare system have prompted innovation and the expedited adoption of policy changes.

“This session, my colleagues and I fully committed to making our healthcare system more affordable and equitable, and this legislation is the latest step taken by the Senate to ensure healthcare is more accessible for all Massachusetts residents,” said Senator DiDomenico. “This bill reflects key lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and takes important steps to improve patient outcomes. I was proud to support this bill, and I would like to thank all of my colleagues who worked tirelessly on this vital legislation.”

The Patients First Act ensures that telehealth services are available across the Commonwealth— services that have experienced a dramatic expansion during the COVID-19 pandemic, enabling patients across the state to continue receiving vital medical care through phone or videocon-

ference without risking exposure to the coronavirus. Experience from the last few months has shown that telehealth has the ability to improve efficiency and expand access to care. These services, however, were not widely utilized before COVID-19.

The bill does the following to put patients first:

- Requires insurance carriers, including Mass-Health, to cover telehealth services in any case where the same in-person service would be covered. It also ensures that telehealth services include care through audio-only telephone calls, and requires reimbursement rates to match in-person services over the next two years.
- Eliminates “surprise billing,” the unfair practice of charging patients who are unaware they received health care services outside of their insurance network for costs that insurance carriers refuse to pay. The situation is common especially prior to a planned procedure, and it can be impossible to avoid uncovered services, particularly in emergency situations.
- Expands the scope of practice for several health care professionals, increasing patient access to critical care. The bill would allow registered nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists and psychiatric nurse mental health specialists to practice independently as long as they meet certain

education and training standards.

- Recognizes pharmacists as health care providers, enabling them to integrate more fully into coordinated care teams.
- Creates a new professional license for “dental therapists,” who will be authorized to provide dental hygiene and other oral health services, which will help expand access to dental care in underserved communities.
- Tasks state health care oversight agencies to analyze and report on the effects COVID-19 has had on the Commonwealth’s health care delivery system as it relates to accessibility, quality and fiscal sustainability. The analysis will include an inventory of all health care services and resources serving Massachusetts residents from birth to death, as well as an analysis of existing health care disparities due to economic, geographic, racial or other factors.

The passage of the Patients First Act marks the third major piece of healthcare legislation passed in the Senate this session, in addition to the Pharmaceutical Access, Costs and Transparency (PACT) Act and the Mental Health Addressing Barriers to Care (ABC) Act.

The Patients First Act now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

MCCARTHY NAMED TO PRESIDENT’S LIST AT MOUNT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY

Brenden McCarthy of Everett has been named to the President’s List for the Spring 2020 semester at Mount St. Mary’s University. He achieved a 4.0 grad point average in a challenging environment in which students had to transition to online learning midway through the semester.

About Mount St. Mary’s University

Mount St. Mary’s University is a private, liberal arts, Catholic university in the Catoctin Mountains near historic Emmitsburg, Maryland, with a satellite campus in Frederick, Maryland’s second largest city. The university offers more than 70 majors, minors, concentrations and special programs for traditional undergraduate students, and more than 20 adult undergraduate and graduate level programs. The Mount includes Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, the second oldest in the United States, and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, an idyllic shrine for spiritual reflection located on the hill above the university.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE’S DEAN’S LIST FOR THE SPRING 2020 SEMESTER

The following students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2020 semester.

Marina Santos of Everett for earning High Honors. Santos is majoring in Animal Science.

Julia Passanisi of Everett for earning Highest Honors. Passanisi is majoring in Health Management & Policy.

Students named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

The University of New Hampshire is a flagship research university that inspires innovation and transforms lives in our state, nation and world. More than 16,000 students from all 50 states and 71 countries engage with an award-winning faculty in top ranked programs in business, en-

gineering, law, liberal arts and the sciences across more than 200 programs of study. UNH’s research portfolio includes partnerships with NASA, NOAA, NSF and NIH, receiving more than \$100 million in competitive external funding every year to further explore and define the frontiers of land, sea and space.

LUIS PAREDES RECEIVES DEGREE

Late this spring, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) celebrated the Class of 2020 with a socially distanced commencement season in place of its traditional 152nd Commencement exercises. Luis Paredes of Everett, Mass., was awarded a master of science degree in aerospace engineering.

Since the Class of 2020 was unable to receive diplomas in person this year, they instead received personal commencement packages, mailed to their home, that that included their diplomas, commencement regalia, and other items to celebrate their successes, as well as a congratulatory video message from President Laurie Leshin. In total, WPI awarded 1,043 bachelor’s degrees, 674 master’s degrees, and 54 doctoral degrees.

In her video message, Leshin made the traditional Commencement walk to the WPI’s iconic Earle Bridge, which students walk over during New Student Orientation and then again when they graduate. She then stopped, turned, and told graduates, “You should be here. But make no mistake: Today is still your day. You’ve walked this bridge together once, and you will walk it again. I can’t wait to see you do just that. Until then, it’s my honor to wait for you.”

WPI plans to hold in-person undergraduate and graduate Commencement ceremonies in the future, at a date to be announced.

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI’s pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 50 bachelor’s, master’s, and

doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN AWARDS FROM MALDEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Malden Catholic High School announced the winners of numerous distinguished achievements, athletic and extracurricular activity awards for the members of the Class of 2020.

The following Everett residents achieved honors in a variety of categories:

Cameron Bond – Music Ministry Excellence in Choir

Ralph Carbone – Ranked 7th in the Class of 2020, Mock Trial Team Outstanding Performance Attorney Award and SFX Scholar

Ciro Carbone – Salutatorian for the Class of 2020, Mock Trial Clutch Performance of the Year Award, SFX Scholar and Student-Athlete Award

Jerry Nguyen – Chemistry Club Outstanding Officer and Leadership Award

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McGonagle secures \$175,000 for COVID-19 relief in Everett

Last week, Representative Joe McGonagle along with his colleagues in the House of Representatives, passed a supplemental budget of more than \$1 billion to facilitate federal CARES Act funding to reimburse communities hard-hit by COVID-19 which includes \$175,000 for Everett community needs.

The spending measure follows the April passage in Congress of the Federal Cares Act, which requires states to expend funds on items related to COVID-19 for federal reimbursement. The supplemental budget directs funds to address vital needs including for personal protective equipment, field hospitals and contact tracing.

“The COVID-19 pan-

demic pushed all of our community resources to their limits and we must help them as they have helped us,” said McGonagle. “This pandemic is ongoing with an unclear timeline so we must continue to care for the vulnerable populations and support our local businesses.”

In the bill, McGonagle secured:

- \$75,000 to increase funding for the Everett family resource center (Eliot Family Resource Center) for additional food, diaper service and fundamental family services for residents.
- \$100,000 implement a grant program for small businesses between 6 to 50 employees impacted by the pandemic, with preference

given to minority owned and women owned small businesses.

“I understand the stress and tremendous impact this virus has had on small businesses. Visiting these businesses, I have seen and heard their stories of struggling to survive the shutdowns, particularly women and minority-owned businesses. My hope is that this grant can supply some relief as they move forward. Additionally, the Eliot Center continued their tremendous work everyday throughout the pandemic so I hope these funds can give them a much needed boost.”

The bill now moves to the Senate.

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ENJOY A SAFE FOURTH OF JULY

It goes without saying that this will be a Fourth of July unlike any other in the history of our nation.

Americans traditionally have celebrated the Fourth both with large community gatherings and with smaller get-togethers.

The Fourth of July rekindles fond memories from our childhood of the times when we spent the holiday with our families and friends for gatherings at barbecues, at the beach, and at municipal fireworks displays in the evenings.

However, the coronavirus has changed everything. The recent attempts by states to reopen their economies, even in those states that were the most cautious and with seemingly well-designed plans, have resulted in skyrocketing rates of infection that have placed millions of Americans at risk of contracting this dreaded disease.

A story on a cable news channel earlier this week highlighted a California family in which 18 family members contracted COVID-19, with some requiring lengthy hospitalization and one, the family patriarch, dying.

There was no single gathering at which the infection could have been spread. The family thought that they had been taking the proper precautions during their interactions.

However, the disease only needed a small window of opportunity to be transmitted among three generations of this family, with tragic results.

In addition to the coronavirus, the Fourth of July in 2020 comes amidst unprecedented unrest and turmoil throughout our nation. The tragic events and subsequent protests and demonstrations have demonstrated that our nation utterly has failed to live up to the lofty ideals upon which we were founded:

“... that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

When Thomas Jefferson wrote those words, he literally meant “men” only, and white men in particular. His lofty language was the ultimate in political hypocrisy: It did not apply to millions of enslaved persons nor to women, who were considered not much more than their husband’s property .

It is indisputable that those twin legacies have cast a shadow over the promise of America that continues today, 244 years later.

Another “traditional” aspect of the Fourth of July is that it encourages far too many among us to engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody, and in no event should be allowed in the hands of children. It is a sad -- but inevitable -- fact that countless Americans will be maimed for life because of accidents involving fireworks this weekend.

Alcohol abuse is rampant in our country and the Fourth unfortunately provides an opportunity -- which is to say, another excuse -- for those who have alcohol abuse issues to indulge way more than they should, especially when operating a boat or automobile.

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that the Fourth is enjoyed safely not only by ourselves, but by those whom we care about. If someone has had too much to drink, take their keys. None of us wants to say to ourselves the next day, “If only I had not let them drive....”

In addition to those usual safety precautions, we also must ensure that however we celebrate the Fourth this year, we must do so wearing masks and observing physical distancing -- none of us wants to be the cause of another person’s death because we were the vector who brought the coronavirus to a family member or loved one.

Admittedly, this is not a happy time in America. But we must make the best of it.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Fourth of July.

Independent Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Communities that Work Together, Win Together

By Quint Studer

Freedom, independence, self-sufficiency: these are great and glorious concepts. We celebrate them this time of year, whether we process it that way or not, because they’re so deeply engrained in our image of America. We see ourselves as a nation of rugged individualists: seizing the bull by the horns, charting our own course, walking alone into the forest with an axe slung over our shoulder.

Yes, it’s a romantic notion. But it’s not an accurate one. America is a nation of small, tight-knit communities and always has been. The more we co-operate, share, defer to others, and work together, the more successful we are. Today, as citizens, businesses, and civic leaders seek to come back from a public health and economic crisis, that spirit of community is more important than ever. It holds the key to our survival.

I’ve spent much of my career traveling from one American community to another. Some are bustling larger cities. Others are quiet small towns. What they all have in common is the burning desire to revitalize themselves: to become more vibrant, prosperous, livable, and loveable than they are right now. And as I’ve worked with these diverse groups of Americans, I’ve seen a theme emerge: Those communities that work together, win together.

When citizens and leaders come together, put their self-interest on the back burner and work as a team, things get done. When they don’t, nothing gets done.

The more you think about the myth of the self-reliant early American, the less likely it seems. Our ancestors must have huddled together in small groups and worked to protect each other from a harsh and unforgiving environment. They must have joined forces, shared what they had, and leaned on each other when times were tough.

And on the larger stage, our nation’s founders had to work together in a similar fashion to bring America into being. They were working toward independence as a new nation, but they had to rely on interdependence to get there. And as leaders of communities of all shapes and sizes and demographics and political persuasions, we can all learn a lot from them.

Here are four big “history lessons” we should all heed as we seek to reopen, recover, rebuild, and continue making our way on journey toward vibrancy:

Set aside your self-interest and create something that works for everyone. Lots of different professions, industries, and interests were present at the birth of America. Cabinet makers weren’t fixated only on the wood industry, nor silver smiths on the silver trade. Everyone was fired up to contribute to something bigger than themselves. They bought into the overarching mission, and weren’t bogged down by endless debate over the short-term costs of their plan.

In other words, don’t be overly concerned with your own wellbeing. Setting aside your own short-term best interests may accomplish far more for everyone in the long run. Because a

rising tide lifts all boats, this includes you.

Don’t let ideological differences stop you from achieving something tangible. Despite bitter disputes and differences of opinion, a group of people with little in common other than their shared determination that change was needed were able to get mobilized and get something done. While there was much to be decided about the way things would function in the new nation, they all recognized that there wouldn’t even BE a new nation if they didn’t set aside their disagreements and move the ball down the court.

It’s important to know what matters. Don’t let petty disputes about how things should get done sabotage the greater task at hand.

Don’t be constantly trying to steal the spotlight from each other. It’s okay to let someone else be “the one in charge.” No one complained that John Hancock’s signature was bigger than theirs, or that so-and-so got to sign the Declaration before they did. (Okay, it’s possible, but we can see by the document that resides in the National Archives that it got done anyway!) The founders kept their focus on the ambitious mission/vision of standing up to one of the most powerful authorities in the world: the King of England.

When we try to make it about ourselves, we can get off track and let our self-absorption derail the project or initiative. Keep the greater goal in mind and stay focused on that.

Don’t wait on the government to “fix it.” Instead, join together and take bold

action at the local level. The changes desired by American colonists weren’t coming from Great Britain. And so, in the summer of 1776 delegates from each of the Thirteen Colonies took it upon themselves to challenge British authorities and make change happen—their way.

Citizen-powered change is the most powerful change. If it’s to be, it’s up to you and me, not government agencies. (Local governments tend not to have the budget to drive fundamental change, and due to election cycles, officials come and go. Many won’t be around to see long term projects through.)

Yes, early communities needed each other and that drove a lot of their interactions. We went through a period of time where we started to believe we didn’t need each other and that clearly isn’t true. We now realize that working together is the only way we can make our cities and towns thrive.

No one is saying America’s founders were perfect. They were far from it, as we are. But one thing they got right was the knowledge that they needed to work together for a common cause. Teamwork is a powerful force. We couldn’t have built a nation without it, and we can’t build a better community without it either.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

DACA RECIPIENTS STILL ON EDGE DESPITE FAVORABLE RULING

CHELSEA - There might have been a celebration after the Supreme Court decision that rejected President Donald Trump’s bid to end the DACA program after more than 10 years, but any such celebration in Chelsea was muted and wary of the future.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last week that the DACA program – which allows those brought illegally to the country as children to be held harmless in regards to immigration deportation and work rules. It has been in place for more than 10 years, brought in under great fanfare by President Barack Obama – allowing hundreds of Chelsea young people at the time to go to school, work legally and pursue their dreams.

Now that those young people are grown up, the threat to end DACA made many very nervous, and the decision blocking the effort to end it makes many even more nervous.

“The one thing about the decision is it give the administration a roadmap to maybe try again to revoke authorization,” said Daisy Gonzalez, Immigration and Citizenship Coordinator at the Chelsea Collaborative. “Even though it’s a victory, we still understand that decision gives the Trump Administration another chance and this roadmap to try again. We believe if he’s re-elected, he will try again and they will have a better understanding how to do it properly. We’re striving for those with DACA to have permanent residency and eventually citizenship. It’s a long way to go.”

The decision by the high Court did not reject the proposal outright, but as

Gonzalez said, rejected it on a technical problem. The decision identified the problem, and many believe that another effort will be made to file it correctly.

Ahead of the decision, Gonzalez said many residents with DACA were apprehensive to re-file for renewal – worrying they would lose their application fees and maybe they would be identified for deportation if their status was revoked.

Most of the DACA recipients in Chelsea are now older, though when the program was issued, there were many in high school and college. Unfortunately, Gonzalez said a lot of them were not able to finish college due to finances. Being able to work legally, many were counted on to get jobs to support the family and not focus on school.

“A lot of them started out trying to pursue their college education, but due to the economic impacts now

TRADE AND TALENT: NELSON SALDANA WORKS AS A MECHANIC, SPEAKS AS AN ARTIST



Chelsea artist Nelson Saldana works on his “We Are 1” Mural at the TD Bank building on Broadway Saturday.

and responsibilities they acquired, the simply did not complete the college education they hoped for,” she said. “They are now very concerned about their children...They are also concerned about the new public charge laws too. They have a lot of concerns, and this decision was just a temporary relief.”

DISCUSSING THE COLUMBUS STATUE

CHELSEA - More than 500 years later, Christopher Columbus’s checkered past is finally catching up with him – at least in Chelsea and many other communities where he has been honored with statues and celebrations of his voyages.

Several members of the Chelsea City Council put forth an order at the June 15 Council meeting to immediately take down the Christopher Columbus statue in Chelsea Square and replace it with a thoughtfully designed memorial to the indigenous peoples who inhabited Chelsea prior to white settlement.

Council President Roy Avellaneda and colleagues Melinda Vega Maldonado, Naomi Zabot, Judith Garcia, Damali Vidot, Enio Lopez and Yamir Rodriguez introduced an order calling for the immediate removal of Columbus. They asked that the Chelsea Historical Commission and the Chelsea Arts and Culture Commission place on their agendas a motion to collaborate a discuss “a memorial for the original indigenous inhabitants of Chelsea to remember their place in Chelsea’s history.”

Council President Avellaneda moved to pass the order, but was held up by Councillor Giovanni Recupero, who said he would like a conference to discuss the matter. He said he isn’t in favor of removing the statue or replacing it. It has stood in its place since Dec. 12, 1938. It proclaims on its base that Columbus was the ‘Discoverer of America.’

Councillor Calvin Brown said he felt that the Council needed to slow down the effort, and he advocated for Recupero’s conference to discuss it.

“It’s been there 70 years so I wonder if we have any obligation to find out any history about it and who put it up,” he said. “I don’t know the history of it. I think we’re moving too fast...I see no problem in the order, but I do see you still have some obligation to the public to have a discussion. We have conferences about almost anything if it’s controversial and I think this is controversial.”

Councillor Damali Vidot said if the Council is going to fight structural racism, this is the move to make.

“We’re talking out of both sides of our mouths if we’re talking about fighting structural racism and then we don’t want to do this to fight it,” she said. “But I’m in favor of dialog all the time.”

Said Zabot, “Dialog is always important, but it is also important to stand up always for what we believe in.”

Councillor Todd Taylor said it is important to talk with the community about this, hear all points of view and then make a decision. He said the place to make the decision is not quickly during a remote Council meeting.

“This is a decision that needs to be made by the community in a discussion,”

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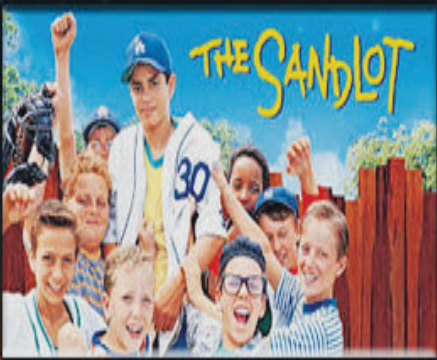
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CHA Everett shuts down COVID-19 crisis command center

By Seth Daniel

This week marks a big change for CHA Everett hospital as it turns a corner from the past few months of COVID-19 treatments – shutting down the hospital’s crisis command center this week that was formed in March at the outset of the outbreak.

Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett, said the crisis center put in place came down last week, which was a major step out of the COVID-19 world for the hospital – but also, hopefully, a step into a new way of doing medicine that was learned during the last few months.

“We have at last born out and cleared the incident command center that had been up and operating since the first week of April or the last week of March,” she said on Monday. “That officially means we are technically back to normal operations as far as all the higher level administration items. Basically, all of our operations have gone back to non-crisis and non-inciden-

dent operations.”

That change is almost hard to believe for those in the hospital that went through the darkest days of COVID-19 in March, April and May – when things were very close to their tipping points. Now, however, numbers have gone down consistently and new cases are down to a trickle.

Several weeks ago, they took down the comfort care station – which was a place where patients with COVID-19 who did not wish to be intubated could go to be comfortable and to die.

There has also been relief as the hospital has not seen any surge of patients related to the many outdoor protests that occurred in the early weeks of June. Many physicians and hospital officials had been concerned in Greater Boston that there would be a surge of patients due to the protests – which attracted thousands of people to small spaces like the Boston Common.

That, she said, has not happened in the Everett hospital.

“We’re not seeing anything that’s crazy in regards to that,” Lai-Becker said. “There’s been no big spike. People are wearing masks and washing their hands. We’re following the examples of Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan. There is really something to be said for just wearing a mask. Props to everyone for that and for buying us time and helping us preserve the PPE supply chain.”

Now, as those threats in regards to COVID-19 subside for a time – hopefully forever – many in the medical community are hoping that lessons learned over the last four months will not be lost.

Some of those key lessons at CHA Everett are the expanded use of tele-medicine and ambulance care units. Tele-medicine was talked about for years, but insurance companies never made the jump to cover such visits, and hospitals never pushed the envelope. In COVID-19, tele-medicine came on as a necessity for many patients, and insurance companies covered it.

It has been a great victory for delivering health care in the 21st Century. The same is said for the ambulance care units, whereby ambulances overseen by physicians can deliver care in a person’s home – and get paid for that service without transporting the patient. Prior to COVID-19, ambulance companies had to transport a patient to get paid.

Both of these innovations have been great changes for both physician and patient, and Lai-Becker said the hope is that they are permanent changes.

“It really just showed how the cost-price-reimbursement and insurance models in our country are really messed up,” she said. “To think tele-health was not covered until this pandemic is hard to imagine. Hopefully it will continue to be covered. It’s a big and important model we’ve just developed.”

•LOOKING ON IN HORROR

Dr. Lai-Becker said as things wind down at CHA Everett, talking to colleagues in other parts of the

country where the virus is surging has been tragic.

“We’re definitely looking at the rest of the country and looking at the new hot spots of Florida, Texas and Arizona; collectively, we look there in horror,” she said. “It is horrendous and incredibly disheartening to see colleagues are dealing with what we tried to keep at bay here, in New York and in Seattle. It’s really too bad. I mean, really? No one believed us? I do think this will show having everyone wear a mask and having good hand hygiene and having that message come from the top down will have made a difference.”

She said it is as simple as wearing a mask, being very careful and considering others who may be more compromised. These were messages that were routinely conveyed in Massachusetts, and it was a great help.

She said many might not realize how close hospitals were to having to ration ventilators and other medical equipment to treat COVID-19.

Lai-Becker said at one

point in early April, when the surge was in full bloom, they were treating a 90-year-old and a 40-year-old in the Emergency Department. Both were in respiratory distress and likely needed a ventilator. However, there was apparently only one ventilator available at that time.

“We received information that we had one ventilator in the hospital at that time,” she said. “My PA looked at me and said, ‘Well?’ was going to have to decide. She said I should probably intubate the 40-year-old and make the 90-year-old comfortable. I thought, ‘Yea, that’s what I have to do.’”

As it turned out, however, another ventilator became available at the last minute, and then the family of the older man chose not to use a machine. It turned out that rationing wasn’t necessary, but it became close.

“We were very close to that happening,” she said.

Supt. Tahlilani: Schools focused on serving families first, data second

By Seth Daniel

Supt. Priya Tahlilani told the School Committee on Monday night during a special meeting that they focused more on serving the basic needs of students and families – such as shelter and food – over the last few months ahead of academics, a plan she and members of the Committee agreed was the best course of action given the struggles faced by so many in just trying to get by during COVID-19.

Tahlilani said they began to quickly realize that many students and families needed wrap-around services such as food, clothing and other goods – which is what they heard clearly. Focusing on that above academics was a call she made, which didn’t mean they didn’t collect data, but did mean they made it less of a priority to analyze.

“Our students are from working-class families and any information gathered and presented should not be used to penalize our families that are going through an unprecedented situation

through no fault of their own,” she said. “Instead of compiling the numbers of ‘virtual drop outs,’ which is a term I have a problem with..., I chose a more holistic approach that ensured our families had access to food, technology and other wrap-around services, which is where we really heard our families had the most need. Then we’ll shift our attention to make sure our students have what they need to be academically successful at the start of next school year.

“This was a judgement call I made clear to our staff and that we were looking at in three tiers,” she said.

She said though academics is certainly their mission, taking care of students and their families in very tough circumstances became the top priority.

“I know we’re an academic institution and we should be thinking about academics above all else,” she said. “However, I did make the call that we were looking at the whole child and to make sure they were taken care of, number two, their families were taken

care of.”

There is quite a bit of data that has been collected, and that has been discussed internally. Early on, the EPS looked at log-ins and found participation fluctuated by the day, or by the week. Some students didn’t log in regularly, but did their work. Others logged in, but were spotty on homework. Others didn’t even have a computer or internet service. All of that was early on in the remote learning journey, but soon after, as the surge of COVID-19 cases began, Tahlilani said they began to focus solely on one data point. That point was how many families had no contact with the school despite phone calls, house visits, mailings and other contact attempts.

Earlier this week, that number was at 206 families, but Tahlilani said two families have since reported they moved out of Everett during COVID-19. So, that number is now down to 204.

In focusing on those families that were out of contact, they did uncover some very serious situa-

tions where school personnel were able to direct services to the family for help of all kinds, including groceries, food services, health care and gift cards.

“We will continue to plug away and figure out what is going on with these families and make sure their needs are taken care of,” she said.

As for the more commonplace data, such as how many kids logged in and how many assignments were completed, that data does exist, but it needs to be analyzed over the summer. There is a great deal of discussion right now in school districts, particularly urban districts, about what good attendance means – what is consistent and inconsistent in remote learning. Some students logged in consistently, but didn’t do well completing assignments. Other students didn’t log in, but completed all assignments. Likewise, some teachers had much higher expectations for student Zoom meeting participation than other teachers. That inconsistency made it difficult for figuring out just

how students did during remote learning – as log-ins didn’t always equal great success in the classroom, which makes grading in this new era more difficult than it already is.

For Everett, in the third quarter, all students got an ‘A’ for their classes. Following that, for the final quarter during remote learning, they got an ‘A,’ a ‘Pass,’ or an ‘Incomplete/Intervention.’

“We really are struggling with how to define it,” she said. “We go to other districts to see what they’re doing, and they have the same questions.”

Tahlilani said they plan to analyze all of the data they collected, put that into a report this summer, and present it then. Whether it becomes public information is another story – as some data begins to expose families who were hit hard by COVID-19 with job loss and sickness.

School Committeewoman Dana Murray – a teacher in Boston Public Schools – said she would be very careful about releasing data to the public about this

year’s remote learning.

“I think we should be very strategic and thoughtful with what we do with this data because I’ve seen in other places where it’s been used to weaponize and I’m not in the business of weaponizing data to use against educators or parents.”

School Committeeman Frank Parker said he has been following other high-performing urban school districts around the country, and one common thread he found during COVID-19 is that they all shifted to focus on the needs of families ahead of academics.

“It’s a hierarchy of needs,” he said. “If anyone is going to question you on it, I’ll be there to defend the decision we made... Things changed and we had to move quickly without the systems or support or professional development in place.”

Tahlilani said she agreed that the data needs to be handled carefully as they begin to understand it fully.

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he said. “If the community wants it taken down, take it down. Being a trained historian and understanding how history is taught in American universities, there should be a dialog before we take this action. It’s only fair we talk about these things before we do them.”

The consensus of the Council was to move it to a Subcommittee on Conference, which has yet to be scheduled. There, the Council and members of the community can look carefully at the issue.

The statue has gone barely noticed for probably the last 20 years or more since the Knights of Columbus folded in Chelsea. There is no Columbus Day celebration in Chelsea for years, and the statue is obscured to a great degree from the street by large trees.

Some didn’t even know the statue existed until the recent debate.

According to the base of the statue, its sponsors were Armando Diaz Society, the Chelsea Council #83 Knights of Columbus, Sons of Italy Chelsea Lodges #1460, Chelsea Ladies Lodge #1772, Chelsea Girls Junior #80, Victorian Junior #81, the S. Arcangelo Tri-monte Society, the S. Stefano Medio Society, Società Regina Degli Angioli, and the Ward 5 Precinct 2 Club.

LASAGNA LOVE SPREADS ACROSS CITY, STATE AND NATION

EAST BOSTON - A Somerville woman’s idea to make lasagnas with her daughter to pass the time and feed neighbors in need during the COVID-19 pandemic’s stay at home order has spread to East Boston and across the state and nation.

Rhiannon Menn’s idea to spread ‘Lasagna Love’ was born in the early days of the pandemic in March. While at home with her family, Menn, who loves to cook, decided to make a few lasagna’s to hand out to struggling families that were out of work due to the virus.

What started out as seven lasagnas for families in need in Somerville has turned into a nationwide phenomenon.

Menn began posting her efforts on Facebook and soon there was a growing number of families reaching out for a meal as well as other mothers that wanted to help.

Soon the group became known as “Lasagna Mamas” and the network of those looking to help grew and spread to Eastie.

Currently there are 11

‘Lasagna Mamas’ in the hard-hit COVID community here. They have all signed up to cook at least one lasagna per week for another Eastie family or individual in need.

Other chapters have started in Iowa, California, Texas and Arizona. Menn also has interested moms looking to set up chapters in Rhode Island, Southern New Hampshire, Atlanta, and Nashville.

Recently, Menn and her daughter Cimorene were featured on WBZ-TV Monday, as well as some of the other Lasagna Mamas helping out in Eastie.

“Lasagna Love has grown to over 120 volunteers, and we’ve delivered over 1,000 meals to families in need,” said Menn after the piece aired. “I can’t even believe it. We have 12 new Lasagna Mamas that signed up across Massachusetts after seeing the story on the news.”

Menn told WBZ that Lasagna Mamas here in Eastie like Rebecca Lynds recently made lasagna for a mom who is six months pregnant and recovering from COVID. Another Eastie Lasagna Mama cooked for a mom who suddenly lost her daughter to cancer.

“The number of kids facing food insecurity has gone through the roof since

the pandemic started and there are families that have never had to ask for help before that are now having to find help and it’s so hard for them to ask,” Menn told WBZ. “I can’t tell you how many messages I get that start with something like ‘I’m embarrassed’ or ‘This is really hard for me to do’ or ‘I’ve never had to do this before,’ to be able to say we’re here for you and we want to help, that’s really powerful right now.”

Menn has set up a website at <https://www.begoodtomama.com> where Lasagna Mamas can sign up to cook and those in need of a hot meal can connect with Lasagna Mamas in their community.

“I was just happy that we could help the families in my own neighborhood,” Menn told WBZ. “If you would have asked me 3 months ago if I would be sitting here managing a network of 100 volunteers and delivering and making lasagnas I would have told you you are crazy.”

PRIDE FLAG RAISED IN LYNN

LYNN - The raising of the Pride Flag encourages the North Shore Pride members to express who they are and their personal individuality. This traditional event

is a celebration to bring the community together no matter what sexual or gender you are.

In June of 1969 the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City brought people out to stand up for equal rights for all individuals regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. A recent Supreme Court ruling prohibits work place discrimination on the basis of sex that equally applies to gay and transgender Americans.

Mayor McGee presented a City of Lynn Proclamation recognizing the LGBTQ community and declaring June is Pride month; he said, “The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) took a positive stance against discrimination and to promote their dignity and equal rights in freedom and fairness”. He continued to state, “The LGBTQ contribute greatly to neighborhood revitalization, economic vitality, arts and culture, and the social fabric of our city”.

RONALD JANNINO DEAD AT 75

REVERE - The Revere community is mourning the loss of one of its longest-serving and most dedicating public officials.

Ronald Jannino, who served as Revere’s represen-

tative on the Northeastern Metropolitan Regional Vocational School Committee for 35 years, died on June 20. He was 75 years old.

Mr. Jannino was not only widely admired in Revere but throughout the entire Northeast school district that includes 12 communities. He was re-elected to the committee with tremendous votes in the elections that are held district wide.

A graduate of Everett Vocational School, Class of 1963, Mr. Jannino was a strong advocate for the many Revere students attending Northeast Regional. He was always accessible to parents of eighth grade students who were considering applying to the Wakefield vocational high school, explaining the many specialized programs in trades and the many potential employment opportunities that await Northeast graduates.

David DiBarri, superintendent of the Northeast School District, expressed his condolences to the Jannino family on behalf of the school. He praised Mr. Jannino’s outstanding service on the Committee.

“We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of longtime School Committee Member Ronald Jannino,” said DiBarri.

OBITUARIES

Carmela DiNatale

Of Everett

Carmela J. (Catalfamo) DiNatale of Everett entered into eternal rest on Friday, June 26 with her loving and caring family by her side. She was 87 years old.

Born in New York, New York, Carmela lived in Everett for most of her life.

She was the beloved wife of the late Domenic J. for over 68 years, dear and devoted mother of Domenic J. DiNatale, Jr. and his wife, Janet of Myrtle Beach, SC, Michael DiNatale and his wife, Patricia of W. Dennis, Richard DiNatale and his wife, Annette of Ravena, OH, Lucy DiNatale and Maria DiNatale of Woburn and Thomas DiNatale and his wife, Stacy of San Antonio, TX; sister of Angela Caristinos of Malden and the late Charles and his surviving wife, Virginia Catalfamo, Antonio, and Maria Imbornone; loving and devoted grandmother of Domenic DiNatale, III and his wife, Kelly, Michael DiNatale and his wife, Meghan,



Elizabeth Crist and her husband, Blake, Thomas DiNatale and his wife, Dana, Justin Sneider, Nicholas DiNatale and Reisa DiNatale and great-grandmother of Gianna DiNatale, Rylan DiNatale, Lila DiNatale and Cole Crist.

Funeral arrangements were by Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Carmela's memory to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 would be sincerely appreciated.

Rita Padova

Of Revere

Rita (Santoli) Padova of Revere died on June 26 at the age of 98.

Born in Boston on July 23, 1921 to the late Nicola Santoli and Theresa (Selvittella) Santoli, she was the devoted mother of the late Lorraine Padova, and James Padova and his surviving wife, Bernice of Florida; cherished grandmother of Jenna Harrity and her husband, Tim of Revere, Jimmy Padova of Florida and Anthony Padova of Revere; adored great grandmother of Charlotte and Declan Harrity; dear sister of the late Frank and Benjamin Santoli and late step sister of Dorothy Schena. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on



Thursday, July 2 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Prayer Service at Holy Cross Cemetery. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Carroll Center for the Blind, 770 Centre St, Newton, MA 02458. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) annual safety campaign, Too Hot for Spot, reminds pet owners about the dangers pets face when temperatures begin to rise. Even when it's below 80 degrees, the threat for heat stroke still exists.

5 Tips to Keep Your Pet Safe

1. Prevention is best. Whenever possible, leave your pet at home in a cool humidity and temperature-regulated room.
2. If your pet must be outdoors, find a shady spot with ample air flow to prevent overheating.
3. Hydration is key, so keep a bowl of cold water accessible at all times.
4. Limit exercise to the morning or evening hours

when temperatures are coolest.

5. Never leave your pet alone in a parked car—even with the air conditioner on or the windows cracked.

If you suspect that your pet is suffering from heat stroke, seek immediate medical attention from a veterinarian!

Spot an animal in imminent danger or distress? Call 911 or contact your local Animal Control Office, Fire Department, or Police Department.

MARKEY CAMPAIGN SHOWS ITS GRASSROOTS REACH

The Ed Markey for U.S. Senate campaign demonstrated its grassroots power and statewide reach over the past weekend as it hosted an evening of virtual house parties with over 300

supporters and volunteers, joining from 35 different Zoom locations organized by supporters, for supporters, including in Dorchester, Somerville, Cambridge, Tufts University, Harvard University, and Northeastern University.

Senator Markey spoke to the virtual grassroots group as Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins, State Representative Nika Elugardo, and State Representative Tricia Farley Bouvier—all of whom have endorsed the Senator—also made appearances throughout the event. The house party also featured live music from Wheatus lead singer, and progressive activist, Brendan Brown.

"This is another example of our grassroots organizing success," said Campaign Manager John Walsh. "Our campaign is based on relational organizing -- friend-to-friend

and neighbor-to-neighbor engagement. During this challenging time, we continue to organize in new and innovative ways, and our house parties are part of the enthusiasm and dedication of our supporters. And while we can't yet have house parties in the traditional sense, we can still come together."

The Markey Campaign's grassroots organizing has adapted to the public health crisis through social media, livestreams on the work Senator Markey is undertaking to combat the coronavirus pandemic benefit concert, and digital outreach.

After winning 70 percent of the support at local city and town caucuses earlier this year—a significant grassroots achievement—the Markey campaign then turned in over 27,000 nomination signatures to the Secretary of State's Office.

Encore prepares for re-opening, but will furlough 3,000

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor shared some good news and some bad news on Monday afternoon – stating they would look to begin re-opening procedures no sooner than July 6, but also that they would have to furlough up to 3,000 employees to be able to open this summer.

The news comes just one week after the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted 5-0 on June 23 to accept the opening procedures for its casino licensees, including Encore. Casinos in Massachusetts will be opening in Phase 3 of Gov. Charlie Baker's re-opening plan, and that will come no sooner than July 6. The casino plans to re-open the casino gaming floor, and supporting food and beverage outlets around the casino – though both will be at a much smaller capacity due to social distancing restrictions.

There will be no craps games, roulette games, poker games, poker rooms, and the numbers of slots will be reduced. While about 1,500 to 2,000 workers on the rolls will return for trainings and guidelines about opening that portion of the casino resort, another 3,000 will have to be furloughed.

"Pending final approval, Encore Boston Harbor plans to re-open the casino gaming area and supporting food and beverage outlets around the casino," read a statement from the casino.

"It also plans to open the hotel on a limited basis. When it re-opens, Encore Boston Harbor will bring back its employees in a thoughtful and measured protocol. Some employees working in the re-opened amenities and restaurants will return to work. Employees, who worked in areas for which a re-opening date is uncertain due to current restrictions, are being placed on furlough until further notice."

Already, approximately 11 percent of the Encore workforce had been placed on furlough June 1. Prior to that – since the voluntary closing of the resort on March 15, Wynn Resorts CEO Matt Maddox had made the decision to continue paying all employees and tipped employees. That was extended through the end of May, though properties at Las Vegas and Macau opened to the public and Encore Boston Harbor remained closed.

Encore had come up with an extensive health and safety program in May that was developed in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University – and was also used at their other properties. Encore said it would use that as a road map, as well as the new guidelines from the MGC passed last week.

"In addition to the previously released Health and Safety Program, Encore Boston Harbor supports and will adhere to the additional directives aimed to reduce the risk to public health set

forth by the MGC, including reductions in available gaming capacity," read the statement. "As a result, the resort will re-open with amenities appropriate to the new rules and in support of the anticipated number of guests."

The gaming industry has been a big question mark as COVID-19 restrictions lift and operators from China to Las Vegas to Everett wonder if customers will return in the numbers that were previously hosted. This has been often pondered in Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings from Wynn Resorts over the several months.

Encore officials said while many employees will be furloughed, it doesn't mean their jobs are lost. They will be brought back thoughtfully, he said, as time goes by and restaurants, nightclubs and the full hotel can open.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he had confidence the casino would make good in rehiring all of the furloughed employees once the casino is up and running – and more areas are safe to

open to the public.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, Encore has made a good-faith effort to keep employees on the payroll with full benefits," he said. "While it is unfortunate that they have to furlough many employees because they have generated zero revenue, I'm optimistic that once the casino re-opens they will be rehired."

City Councilor Michael McLaughlin – who represents the area – said it shows no one, not even Encore, is immune to COVID-19.

"Hearing that 3,000 of those long promised and dreamed of careers have been furloughed is not pleasant news," he said. "The time is now to stand up and work together to help regain our careers and businesses that call Everett home. I am sure for the 3,000 workers furloughed this week this news doesn't come lightly to you and your families. I hope that we all can come together to support the families across our region that have negatively been hurt by this unfortunate situation."

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By Seth Daniel

City officials confirmed Encore Boston Harbor did not make more than \$12 million in Host Community Agreement (HCA) payments by June 30 as it said in April it would do, and City officials are working with the company to get payment by July 15.

"Encore did not pay us today," said City spokesperson Deanna Devaney on June 30. "They will pay us on or before July 15. There are no penalties. The City is committed to working with them considering there have been no revenues coming in for them."

In the wake of closing on March 15, Encore had a scheduled 3rd Quarter payment of just more than \$6 million per the HCA. Being closed, it was not able to make that payment, but assured the City it would pay by June 30 along with the 4th Quarter HCA payment. It amounted to a payment of about \$12.5 million.

However, the lockdown and closures have continued on and Encore has yet

to re-open, though Las Vegas and Macau properties have opened within the Wynn group.

The confirmation of missing the third and fourth quarter HCA payments comes after Encore was late in paying the first payment in September as well by several weeks. That meant that the casino had been late in paying its HCA obligations three out of four quarters – and that in its first year.

However, it has been more than a rocky year for the company. While the casino opened with great fanfare last June, the restaurant portions and hotel didn't immediately take off as expected. While the casino gaming did very well in Everett, the food and beverage was slow to catch on through the first year. Having to close completely in March was another difficulty for the company, which it has not yet resolved.

City officials were confident they would get the payment very soon, but looming layoffs at City Hall make the news all that more intense.

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News and Notes

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**Mystic Side
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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor the bulletin! For a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions.

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– 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women's Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

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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

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

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News and Notes

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4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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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

Bring a Book-Buy a Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Brink a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

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