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City to submit August budget that's more of the same

By Seth Daniel

The second installment of the 1/12th budget will be submitted to the City Council on Aug. 1 as the City continues its month-to-month budgeting plan in the wake of uncertainly over state aid.

City officials premiered the new budgeting plan in July at the beginning of the fiscal year, and also introduced some layoffs and reduced hours for employees – trying to keep to a minimum cuts to services. That budget will remain the same in the second installment, CFO Eric Demas said this week.

“There’s no real tremendous changes from the July spending plan,” said Demas. “We’re submitting the same budget with some minor tweaks in conjunction with the union. We’ll submit it on Aug. 1 and we’ll submit a continuing appropriation on Sept. 1. In the same time period, we’ll be submitting a traditional budget so the City Council can review it and go through the traditional process in September and have a traditional budget in place for Oct. 1.”

The big issue is that there are few answers coming from the state about what Local Aid will be like for the current fiscal year – an amount which makes up a majority of the City’s budget. Some municipalities

Slam Dunk DeMaria donates basketball hoop

Staff Report

After many years of criticism of his father and his family, Carlo R. DeMaria, the son of Mayor Carlo DeMaria, wasn’t surprised when there was negative speculation after he received a gift from a family friend and his confirmation sponsor recently.

As reported on June 24, the large basketball net that was in front of the DeMaria family home was given to Carlo Jr. because of his passion for the sport of basketball. This net was never intended to be a “gift to the City of Everett,” but rather it was meant to be a personal gift to Carlo Jr. After many misconceptions and rumors stewed around the gift, he decided that, rather than have his family face controversy, he would donate the hoop.

“It really began to bother me when people started driving by my house to look at the hoop. Some of them stopped and looked at us funny and at first I couldn’t figure out why. Then I realized it had to be because of the net. The



A recent boat mooring study concluded that about 40 to 50 moorings could be placed successfully in a field off of the Gateway Mall in the Malden River. Fire Chief Tony Carli – also the City Harbormaster – said it is an exciting possibility and a rare opportunity.

Tie it Up

Mooring study shows Everett is ripe to become boating community

By Seth Daniel

One benefit of the renewed waterfront is boating – and Everett has the potential to squeeze in about 50 moorings on the Malden River and bring new boating to the community to the community for the first time in generations.

The City commissioned a study on waterfront access and a potential mooring field from GEI Consultants this year, and the study just came in at the end of June – with good results.

The study concluded – among many other things – that the City could get at least 40 moorings onto the Malden River off of Gateway Park for boats up to 25 feet long. Such a plan would bring boating access to Everett, and also bring in a source of revenue through mooring fees and excise taxes that would go directly back into improving and maintaining the waterfront.

Moorings are small ball-like equipment that are anchored to the river floor and hold a boat in place during boating season. They are removed in the winter. The moorings allow boat access via a shuttle service or using a dinghy boat and a dock. Such facilities are

Council calls for special meeting to address inequitable polling locations

By Seth Daniel

Typically, before any election, the City Council has to approve the standard “warrant” call for an election and the polling places that are set, but the coming Primary Election on Sept. 1 is anything but normal, and the Council on Monday reserved their approval until after a special meeting later this week on the locations of the polling places.

The polling places have been radically adjusted for in-person voting on Sept. 1, and likely will be for the November election in the fall. For September, the locations set by the Election Commission have been whittled down to Everett High School, the Connolly Center, the Rec Center and Pope John High. The effort is intended to use fewer poll workers, consolidate the precincts in large spaces and encourage mail-in or early voting.

However, numerous members of the Council on Monday felt the locations of the polling places was inequitable, and called for a special meeting this Thursday to add a location on the west side of the city – so that Wards 5 and 6 could consolidate closer to home. The current plan has everything on the east and north sides of the City.

“The current setup is lousy, and I agree we need to use another location,” said Councilor Michael Marchese. “There is no reason the Maddie English can’t be open and people could go there for Wards 5 and 6. There’s a lot of long-time older people there. If there are concerns inside, there’s no reason we can’t put a tent down there. Ward 6 needs a voting area. I think they need to reconsider the locations and make them more spread out.”

Councilor Fred Capone said everything was “bunched” up on the east side of the City, and it could make it harder for residents in other parts of Everett to make it to an in-person voting location.

“There’s really nothing on the left hand side of the City,” he said. “I don’t

After month delay, Council votes to approve infrastructure borrowing

By Seth Daniel

Apparently it took an elderly woman tripping and hurting herself recently on Whittier Drive that allowed the Council to have a change of heart about approving a borrowing of \$3 million to do a pared-down paving and sidewalk program this summer.

The Council approved the matter by a vote of 9-0, with Councilor Gerly Adrien not voting and Councilor Wayne Matewsky absent.

Last month, amidst the first round of changes to the workforce and layoffs at City Hall, the Council conflated the issue of borrowing for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with the idea of saving money to save jobs. The two pots of money are completely separate, with the CIP money coming from a short- and long-term borrowing plan, and the City Budget issues coming from taxpayers and other forms of revenue.

Last month, the Council voted to hold over the money and the decision – which the administration said has cost four valuable weeks of construction time. Meanwhile, an elderly woman also tripped on a sidewalk

EPS likely to stay online; use some in-person groups

By Seth Daniel

The Everett Public Schools said if all remains the same with guidance from the state and the data on COVID-19, they would probably open up school with a completely virtual teaching model – albeit much different in look and content from what was rolled out on an emergency basis last spring.

Supt. Priya Tahliliani said they have learned that many parents won’t be comfortable sending their children back to school in September – but may grow more comfortable with the idea as time goes on if the virus continues to be controlled. While changes can happen at any time to set the process back, she said they are meeting parents in that place of uncertainty and

taking a phased approach – even as other districts wade into the waters of hybrid in-person plans starting in September.

“At this point, our current plan...we’re talking about is our instruction would be completely virtual,” she said. “What I mean by that is we know we have many families not comfortable sending students back in the fall. This would mean all students are doing the same thing whether they are in the building or not.”

At the same time, teachers aren’t necessarily comfortable returning in the fall as well.

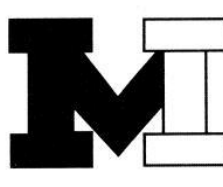
“What I hear from teachers is they would prefer coming back virtual too,” she said. “It’s not going to be the emergency instruction.”

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

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Francisco Ramirez (7th grade) poses with Officer William during the Junior Police Academy last week. The Academy is one of the more popular youth activities every summer, and though it was pared down from previous years, this year was critically important in its timing to help police and young people build mutual relationships. See Page 6 for story and more photos.



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McLaughlin calls for socially distant debates with Rep. Joe McGonagle

State Rep. candidate Michael McLaughlin this week called on his opponent, Rep. Joe McGonagle, to engage in a public debate that would be broadcast on television and would follow all the safety protocols for COVID-19.

He said no one could have imagined such a turn of events when Nomination Papers became available in February, and under normal circumstances, there would have probably been several debates.

Now, as the numbers begin to get better, he said he hopes they can have a safe debate at ECTV to be

covered by local media and to be played on television through Sept. 1.

“Seeing that the voters of Everett should hear directly from Representative McGonagle and I on the important issues facing our city and state, I today put out a challenge to State Representative McGonagle that we both work together to see if a one-hour debate can occur and be shown as often as possible on ECTV and covered by the local news media over the next 30 days,” he said. “I will work with the State Representative to see this is possible if he is willing. I

strongly believe this would be a great opportunity to allow the voters of Everett to hear from us directly and help make their decision clearer before voting.”

He said he is calling out to the business community or to the City Democratic Committee to host the debate and coordinate it. He would also like to have it in the ECTV studios with minimal people in the studio to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

He said he would be available 24/7 to speak with McGonagle about it and awaits his decision.

State Treasurer disappointed in removal of online lottery betting from House bill

By Seth Daniel

While the state House of Representatives included sports betting legalization in their Economic Development package this week – which remains in a committee – they did not include a key online lottery request from State Treasurer Deb Goldberg.

On Monday, Goldberg said it was a very disappointing turn of events, and they had hoped to be able to include a new online lottery to help make up for plummeting sales at lottery vendors that have either been closed to the public or experienced significant declines in business.

Lottery proceeds are partly used to help fund Cities and Towns in the state, and low sales equal a cut to local governments.

“It is disappointing that the House Ways & Means Committee did not include authorization of online Lottery as part of their most recent economic development bill, despite authorizing sports betting,” she wrote. “As gaming and retail commerce both continue their rapid shift to online and

mobile transactions, it is vital that the Lottery be able to sell products using these methods to keep pace with consumer preferences and demands. An online Lottery in Massachusetts is not just a matter of convenience. It is a necessity in order to uphold our commitment to supply reliable local aid to our cities and towns and to avoid layoffs for teachers and first responders.”

Goldberg had testified earlier this month that the state lottery saw a \$244 million decline for the months of March, April and May as compared to the same months in 2019. She told state legislators that the ability to take the lottery online could make up approximately \$70 million of those losses, and would fall in line with online lotteries now in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and soon in Connecticut. She said 10 of the 44 states with an official lottery have an online component.

Facing revenue shortfalls, other states recognize this trend and have encouraged their lotteries to move online,” she wrote. “An online Lottery in Massa-

chusetts is not just a matter of convenience. In order to uphold our commitment to supply reliable local aid to our cities and towns, particularly as we are already seeing the effects of lost revenue for the state, we must respond proactively to the challenges faced by the Lottery.”

She cited that states offering an online component have seen a growth in first-time players through the pandemic. In June, online lottery sales in Pennsylvania jumped by 112 percent and first-time players increased by 200 percent.

“Customers are clearly choosing to play at home while they stay at home,” she wrote. “Consumers will likely continue to prefer contactless payment methods and online purchasing options even as brick-and-mortar locations reopen.”

The Economic Development bill was being debated in the House Ways & Means Committee over the last several days.

Sports betting at existing casinos – including at the Encore Boston Harbor – are expected to clear about \$30 million per year statewide.

Businesses doing good following COVID-19 protocol

By Seth Daniel

Businesses allowed to re-open after the COVID-19 lockdowns this spring have been doing a good job of following all of the protocols and safety guidelines, according to Public Health Nurse Sabrina Firicano.

Through the month of June and July, many businesses have been allowed

to re-open their doors to the public, but it’s not like old times. There have been many restrictions on occupancy, protocols for appointments, sanitizing measures and mask requirements.

It is a heavy lift for a lot of businesses, but City officials said things are going well.

“The businesses have

been doing a really good job,” she said. “They want to open and want to do the right things because they don’t want to close again. Those closures really hurt a lot of businesses. They want to wear masks because it protects customers and employees whether at a restaurant, barber shop or hair salon.”

She said all of the businesses have been in compliance and there have been no major issues. She said they do have inspectors that go out and check on complaints or spot inspections. Most, however, are focused on education and not penalties.

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lies in the story were bad enough, but strangers coming by my house to look at a gift I received even after I made the decision to donate it made me really uncomfortable,” said Carlo R. DeMaria.

After all the unnecessary commotion, young Carlo called Steve Kergo, the Executive Director of the Everett Housing Authority, to see if they would accept his donation of the hoop. Kergo was more than pleased to accept the gift on behalf of the Authority.

“The Everett Housing Authority is very appreciative of the donation of the basketball hoop from Carlo. I believe it will bring many hours of enjoyment to the youth in the Development,” said Kergo.

“Being an elected official, especially Mayor, you are consistently under a microscope. The net was a personal gift to my son, not to the City of Everett. Carlo made the decision to donate the net which I



Carlo DeMaria Jr. recently donated the basketball hoop he received as a gift from a family friend to the Everett Housing Authority. The net had become the subject of rampant rumor-mongering, and Carlo Jr. said he would rather give it to someone that would enjoy it rather than to let it become a burden for his family.

commend him for,” said Mayor DeMaria.

The Housing Authority is still deciding on an exact location to house the

basketball net. Wherever it will be, Carlo Jr. said he hopes the residents of the Veteran’s Family Housing Development will enjoy it.

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tion we had, but rigorous and high-quality instruction being created by teachers and we have expectations on grading and bell-to-bell school days and schedules.”

This 1st Quarter situation would work with a combination of students that are working from home and of students that are set up in school buildings at Virtual Learning Centers (VLCs).

Teachers would not be in front of a classroom, and the VLCs would likely be a cohort of students that would be prioritized by need and preference. Teachers would prepare and present lessons online to students at home and at the VLCs using computers and tablets. Students would have a set schedule for their classes just as if they were in a traditional school day. The one difference is the VLCs would have a monitor for every cohort that would not be a teacher, but would be someone qualified to answer questions or help with technology.

Students would also report to the schools on certain days for clubs, or sports or other school activities – whether at-home learners or in the VLCs. All of it would be clearly laid out and there would be no “figuring it out,” she said.

The schools came to this plan because, so far, the parent surveys sent out last week were overwhelmingly uncertain. Some 45 percent of the parents surveyed – and there were a lot of surveys returned – said they were unsure right now about how school should resume. Then there was an even split as to how many were comfortable with sending kids back, and how many were not comfortable sending them back.

At best, it was inconclu-

sive right now, and a main reason for the phased approach.

“It might change with time,” she said. “We like to think it will be black and white, but I think it will be across the spectrum of how families navigate this. I actually think there are all shades of grey we will be working with.”

The plan, though, is not to stay virtual for very long. If things continue to improve, the plan would be to transition in the 2nd Quarter and then in the 3rd Quarter.

“Many districts are doing a week in and a week off in the fall,” she said. “We do plan to do that in Quarter 2, but we are taking a phased approach. Quarter 1 is the VLCs and Quarter 2 is a hybrid balance and Quarter 3 is when hopefully we can pretty much have everyone back in school. With smart spacing, we should be able to fit all students in for five days of instruction.”

One of the key drivers in not starting with a hybrid model of schooling came down to adult work schedules, said Tahiliani. She said many parents weren’t sure how they would be able to go to work, and also have kids at home trying to learn online without supervision.

“This plan also gives us the ability to learn from... other districts,” she said. “There are so many different ways school is being done and it will be important in that 1st Quarter to look at them and build off that.”

The VLCs for the fall are just now being sorted out, and the logistics are still being worked out right now with teachers, parents, students and staff. Tahiliani said they would probably

choose those for in-school VLCs through a lens of equity – meaning those that do not have internet or do not have reliable technology would be first in line. Others who prefer to be in person would then be allowed. She said she believes it will probably sort itself out without have to make difficult selections of who come into the building and who stays at home.

The decision has been discussed with a Re-Opening Task Force made up of a diverse group of voices, including school officials, parents and teachers. The first application from Everett Public Schools for the fall plan to the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is due July 31.

Fall sports, clubs and band will be on despite virtual classrooms

Supt. Priya Tahiliani said this week that, while they are waiting for more specific guidelines from the state, they do expect sports and extra-curricular activities to take place this fall.

That coming despite a modified virtual classroom for Everett right now in the 1st Quarter of the school year.

“We want to do sports and we want to bring clubs together,” she said. “Band practice has already started. The traditional hybrid won’t preclude us from doing anything else.”

She said right now the district is moving forward with the idea that sports will be allowed, but they are waiting for specific plans from the state.

“Whatever the state allows us, we’ll do,” she said.

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know how we came up with this, but it would make it difficult for people to trek over there. It could be quite a feat to get everyone over to that side of the city...I really would like to see the Madeline English in there as a location.”

Councilor Anthony DiPierro agreed he would like to see another location, but said there aren’t a lot of options as they’re trying to keep people out of senior buildings and elementary schools.

“It’s the reality of COVID-19,” he said. “Everything is different.”

The Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Thursday to iron out a

new plan with the Election Commission and Clerk Sergio Cornelio. That would give them enough time to make any changes, or not, and then take the vote.

Councilor Michael McLaughlin recused himself from the discussion, and said he wouldn’t be attending the special meeting as he is running for state representative in the Sept. 1 Primary. However, he said he and his campaign have had concerns since early July about the plan to locate most of the polling places far away from his ward and base of operations.

He said the Connolly Center does a massive food distribution on Wednesdays

each week, one day after the election, and would be busy preparing there for that important effort. Also, he said voters aren’t accustomed to voting at Everett High or Pope John, and it could be confusing to introduce these new locations on short notice.

“As a candidate for State Representative on the September 1st ballot, I have serious concerns regarding what was suggested for polling locations,” he said. Seeing we are just over 30 days before the September Primary getting this information out in a meaningful way to the residents will be almost impossible and cause great confusion. I

also strongly believe we should have a plan that covers all corners of the community. We need to make voting easier and meet people where they are.

“Ward 6 is my home ward, by not suggesting a polling location such as Madeline English School or the Department of Public Works in Ward 6 is a blatant insult,” he continued. “This plan was created with one idea in mind.”

He said he was encouraged by the Council’s actions for a special meeting, but said this should have been ironed out in June or July.

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more money down the line,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “The longer we wait, the more it crumbles and the most it costs to fix. I know some are citing the layoffs and cutting of hours for employees because of the budget, but we also need to continue improving infrastructure.”

CFO Eric Demas and City Engineer Greg St. Louis said most of the work is the paving operations that will need to be done after MWRA-funded pipe and sewer work is completed. The work will take place either this summer, early fall or next spring, but both said the money needed to be in place and the work was critical to basic upkeep.

“It is absolutely critical you guys grant this tonight in some form so we can continue to do the work expeditiously,” said Demas.

The streets on the list include parts of Broadway, parts of Main Street, Hampshire Street, Florence, Nichols, Elm Street, Morris Street, Ferry Street and areas around Wehner Park – among others. Most of it is wrap up work following the planned and current work on piping that is being done with \$1.8 million in loans from the MWRA.

However, getting that list was no easy task, as Councilor Michael McLaughlin tried for about 20 minutes to narrow down just what work was critical and what wasn’t – as many on the Council were trying to compromise to approve part of the \$3 million and

leave the rest for later consideration.

“Going out to bid for \$3 million at one time worries me,” he said. “Maybe we can fund only the critical work and then come back later and vote on the rest if it’s needed. We’ll have a better understanding for the financial situation in Everett in the fall. Maybe we can hold some of the money back...”

That led to a back and forth with the mayor that nearly resulted in a disciplinary recess by Council President Rosa DiFlorio.

“He’s misunderstanding,” said the mayor.

“I’m not misunderstanding, Mr. Mayor,” replied McLaughlin. “I take offense to that. I’m good with the mayor. I’d like to hear from Mr. St. Louis.”

“I feel the councilor is being very disrespectful,” said the mayor.

Then DiFlorio threatened a recess, and they both returned to normal discussion.

However, it was Councilor Fred Capone who was in the spotlight, as he had not voted last month and that led to a defeat of the appropriation – which was re-submitted for Monday’s meeting. The administration was quite frustrated with that vote as construction season for paving and sidewalks is in full swing and time is of the essence. Holding up the money last month, they said, lost valuable time. The mayor also discussed the elderly woman who fell on Whittier

Drive, and said that might have been fixed had the money passed last month due to it being on the list of areas to be repaired.

Capone said he had heard about the woman who fell, and felt the former contractor should be called in to fix the bad cement work. He also said it has been an uncommon year and the normal CIP process has been altered.

Demas said they actually haven’t sent the Council the CIP plan yet due to budget uncertainties, but wanted to go ahead with this \$3 million to get some work in during the summer. He said there would be a traditional CIP when they submitted the traditional City Budget in September.

“This is a unique year; it’s anything but normal,” he said. “I’m more than happy to vote for \$2 million tonight. If we’re going to use it all, I’m fine with voting for another \$1 million down the road. I don’t think I’m being unreasonable.”

Councilor Michael Marchese said it is important to invest in the infrastructure, even in a pandemic.

“We’re talking about \$3 million and that’s not a lot in the construction world,” he said. “The road work that needs to be done is astronomical. There’s not end to it. We have to continue making investments in infrastructure. If you lose a day, you’re a day late.”

The majority on the Council agreed, and the matter passed easily.

Schools will use Pope John, maybe libraries too

By Seth Daniel

The Everett Public Schools will utilize the former Pope John High School building all of this coming school year to create space for socially distancing students, and they may also use closed libraries as well.

Supt. Priya Tahiliani said the offer by Mayor Carlo DeMaria to use Pope John – which the City purchased earlier this year for affordable housing – will be taken up. It will be used primarily in the 2nd Quarter during the potential roll-out of a hybrid in-person learning

plan.

“We will be using Pope John and we might use the libraries too,” said Tahiliani. “The more space we have, the more cognizant we need to be of staff. We definitely will be using Pope John probably the full year regardless of what phase we’re in. We more space you have, the better.”

She said Pope John would likely be a spot for the VLCs during 1st Quarter, and it would be a location used for the hybrid model in the 2nd Quarter – which will be one week in school, and one week of

at-home learning.

Beyond that, they are also looking at other buildings around the city, and the libraries are prime candidates for such space.

“We have some flexibility and we have some options, which is great,” she said.

Mayor DeMaria said last week the use of the school does not derail his plan to convert Pope John into affordable senior and veteran housing. He said that plan would continue once the school year concludes in the late spring.

Baker-Polito administration announces expansion of targeted free COVID-19 testing sites

On Monday, the state announced an expansion of its “Stop the Spread” initiative, which provides free COVID-19 testing in targeted communities across the Commonwealth, and also indicated testing was up significantly in the first phase communities – which include Everett and Chelsea.

This expansion includes new testing sites in Agawam, Brockton, Methuen, Randolph, Revere, Springfield, Taunton and Worcester. The Administration previously launched free testing sites in Chelsea, Everett, Fall River, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Marlborough and New Bedford, bringing the total number of communities served, with today’s expansion, to 16.

Since launching Stop the Spread on July 10, some 19,083 residents have been tested at these free testing sites. So far, the COVID-19 Command Center has received results back for 17,189 individuals, with a positivity rate just under 1.8 percent. The Command

Center expects these numbers to change as additional testing results continue to come in.

The Administration’s first expansion of testing in eight communities has successfully increased testing in those communities. In the first week, testing in those eight communities was up 48 percent over the week before those sites went live, and statewide, testing was up 24 percent.

The Stop the Spread initiative is a data-driven focused effort to reduce the prevalence of COVID-19 in communities that are above the state average in total cases, positive test rate, and have experienced a decline in testing levels since April. All residents of these 16 communities, including asymptomatic individuals, are urged to use these sites to get tested. While these sites are being launched in these communities, they are open to all residents of the Commonwealth.

The population of the new cities in which the free testing will be conduct-

ed – Agawam, Brockton, Methuen, Randolph, Revere, Springfield, Taunton and Worcester – make up approximately 10% of the Commonwealth’s population. However, these communities have seen 15% of the Commonwealth’s positive tests in the last two weeks.

The statewide positive test rate over the past two weeks is approximately 1.7%, but in these new eight communities, the positivity rate is nearly 50 percent higher, at 2.3%.

Despite the continued elevated spread in these communities, total testing in these communities has declined over 20 percent since the end of April, while the statewide average has been flat over that time period. The total cases as a percentage of population for these communities is nearly double the state average.

Residents of the 16 communities can visit [mass.gov/stopthespread](https://www.mass.gov/stopthespread) to find testing locations, which will be available through August 14.

Pressley unveils bipartisan bill to help senior fraud victims recover financial losses

Vice Chair of the House Democratic Task Force on Aging and Families Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) and House Elder Justice Caucus Co-Chairs Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Peter King (R-NY), along with Reps. John Katko (R-NY), and Elise Stefanik (R-NY), announced bipartisan legislation to help seniors who have been victimized by financial scammers.

The bipartisan Edith Shorougian Senior Victims of Fraud Compensation Act (Edith’s Bill) will allow elderly victims of financial scams to recoup their financial losses through the Crime Victims Fund. The bill is named in honor of Edith Shorougian, who lost over \$80,000 in retirement savings after being scammed by a financial planner.

“Our seniors are among our most vulnerable, and

we have a moral obligation to ensure their financial security,” said Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. “As reports of scams targeting seniors skyrocket amid the COVID-19 crisis, it’s absolutely critical we do all we can to safeguard our older neighbors from fraud and support those who have fallen victim to these schemes. That’s why I’m so proud to introduce Edith’s Bill, which will protect senior victims of fraud by guaranteeing states have the funding needed to reimburse them for money stolen by scammers. It’s unconscionable that anyone would prey on our seniors, particularly in the midst of this pandemic, but in light of this tragic reality, we must take bold action to keep them financially secure, and that’s exactly what this bill will do.”

The bill is supported by: AARP, Alzheimer’s Asso-

ciation, Alzheimer’s Impact Movement, Elder Justice Coalition, National Coalition against Domestic Violence (NCADV), National Network to End Domestic Violence, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV), National Children’s Alliance, National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA), Justice in Aging, The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), Public Investors Advocate Bar Association (PIABA), Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS), North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) and Public Citizen.

As Vice-Chair of the House Democratic Task Force on Aging and Families, Congresswoman Pressley has fought to protect our vulnerable aging population.

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have passed regular budgets with the assumption of cuts to Local Aid, while Everett has taken it month by month to see what happens at the state and federal levels.

“Right now, we’re foreseeing about an \$8 million shortfall in our budget,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria at Monday’s City Council meeting. “My goal is not to raise taxes, but to keep taxes level. Taxpayers will not be seeing any increases in taxes this year...We’re hoping we’ll have more information in August to determine who will come back and who won’t.”

As an aside, the mayor also said City Hall has been more efficient during the pandemic, and perhaps had too many workers prior to COVID.

“We’ve been working more efficiently,” he said. “We saw through the pandemic a lot of people can work remotely or on reduced hours. We’re working efficiently. The walk-up window is one stop shopping and very efficient. It works out that we may have a few too many employees. My goal is to not fill positions by attrition.”

Additionally, budget gaps have been filled by voluntary retirements, such as Frank Nuzzo and Al Borgonzi. The mayor said more can be expected.

Demas said the Financial Office is currently looking at revenues that were received in the 4th Quarter, which was disrupted entirely by COVID-19 restrictions. He said they had a good deal of activity in the last few days of June, and are still processing tax bill payments.

That will give them a better idea of how much was collected, and how much has gone unpaid.

“At first glance, we had a tremendous amount of activity the last week of June,” he said. “We’re in the process of finishing that out. I have a very strong understanding of where we are, but I don’t want to do anything until I know the numbers are 100 percent accurate.”

He said there were a lot of mortgage companies that sent in payments on the last two days of June, and he indicated they squeezed three months of work into one week.

He said he did expect to set the tax rate this year at the traditional time in late fall, which he said was very important for consistency.

Meanwhile, all eyes are on the State House and any announcements that might come about Local Aid numbers – whether they will be cut, level funded, or miraculously, increased. Much of that has to do with the federal government and

the current HEALS Act – otherwise known as Phase 4 of the COVID-19 federal stimulus.

“The state doesn’t look like it will be able to provide numbers to us by the end of August – maybe September,” he said. “Maybe it will be sooner and we hope so. We don’t want to continue this any longer than we have to.”

Encore payment getting streamlined with the state

Last week, it was announced that Encore Boston Harbor paid two quarters of its host fee to the state rather than directly to Everett, putting a kink in what was understood in the agreement.

CFO Eric Demas said he has had great success over the past week working with the state to help them understand that Everett needed and expected the money so they could close out last fiscal year.

The amount was more than \$10 million.

“They do understand that this is a deviation from the norm,” he said. “We haven’t discussed it with Encore yet, but we’ll adjust moving forward to make sure whatever method they use, we’re all on the same page.”

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MORE THAN \$1 TRILLION IS NEEDED

We’re all familiar with the phrase, “A day late and a dollar short.”

What brought that to mind this week was the announcement by the Republicans in Washington of their \$1 trillion economic pandemic plan that would supplement the \$3 trillion bill that Congress passed last spring.

The original bill did a number of things, most notably increasing unemployment benefits by \$600 per week for the millions of Americans who have lost their jobs because of the pandemic.

That original plan also was notable for what it did NOT include, namely, funding for state and local governments whose tax revenues have all but evaporated thanks to the pandemic.

The new GOP plan reduces the unemployment benefit from \$600 per week to \$200 per week and provides little funding for cash-strapped state and local governments that already have been laying off their employees, with more to come.

By contrast, the Democratic plan -- which was passed by the House of Representatives fully two month ago -- calls for another \$3 trillion that would continue the \$600 weekly payments for the unemployed and provide much-needed funding to state and local governments.

There are two things that are undeniably clear as the pandemic rages in the months ahead : First, the national unemployment rate will remain in the range of Great Depression levels for the foreseeable future and second, state and local governments will be required to implement massive cutbacks in the months ahead without substantial financial assistance from the federal government.

The Republican plan significantly fails to address both of these looming crises. By contrast, the Democratic plan, which the Republicans have failed to discuss for two months, will alleviate the worst of the pandemic’s effects on the everyday lives of every American.

Or to put it another way, the Republicans are, “A month late and at least a trillion short,” and their inaction of the past two months is threatening both the economic and social stability of the country.

SCHOOLS MUST BE SAFE TO REOPEN

We will be the first to concede that we do not know what exactly must be done in order to reopen our state’s public schools safely in the face of the pandemic.

However, what we do know is that a large study in South Korea (which, by the way, has been a world model for suppressing the pandemic) has shown that children ages 10-19 are highly-efficient at transmitting the coronavirus to others, particularly the adults with whom they have contact.

As much as we would like to see our schools reopen for many reasons, it just does not seem possible to do so in a manner that safeguards not only the children, but also school personnel and the family members of the children.

Kids bring home plenty of germs and bugs from school even in the best of circumstances. It is inconceivable that we will be able to stop them from transmitting this highly-contagious virus if they return to school as usual in the fall. Maybe the experts have it all figured out -- we can only pray that they do.

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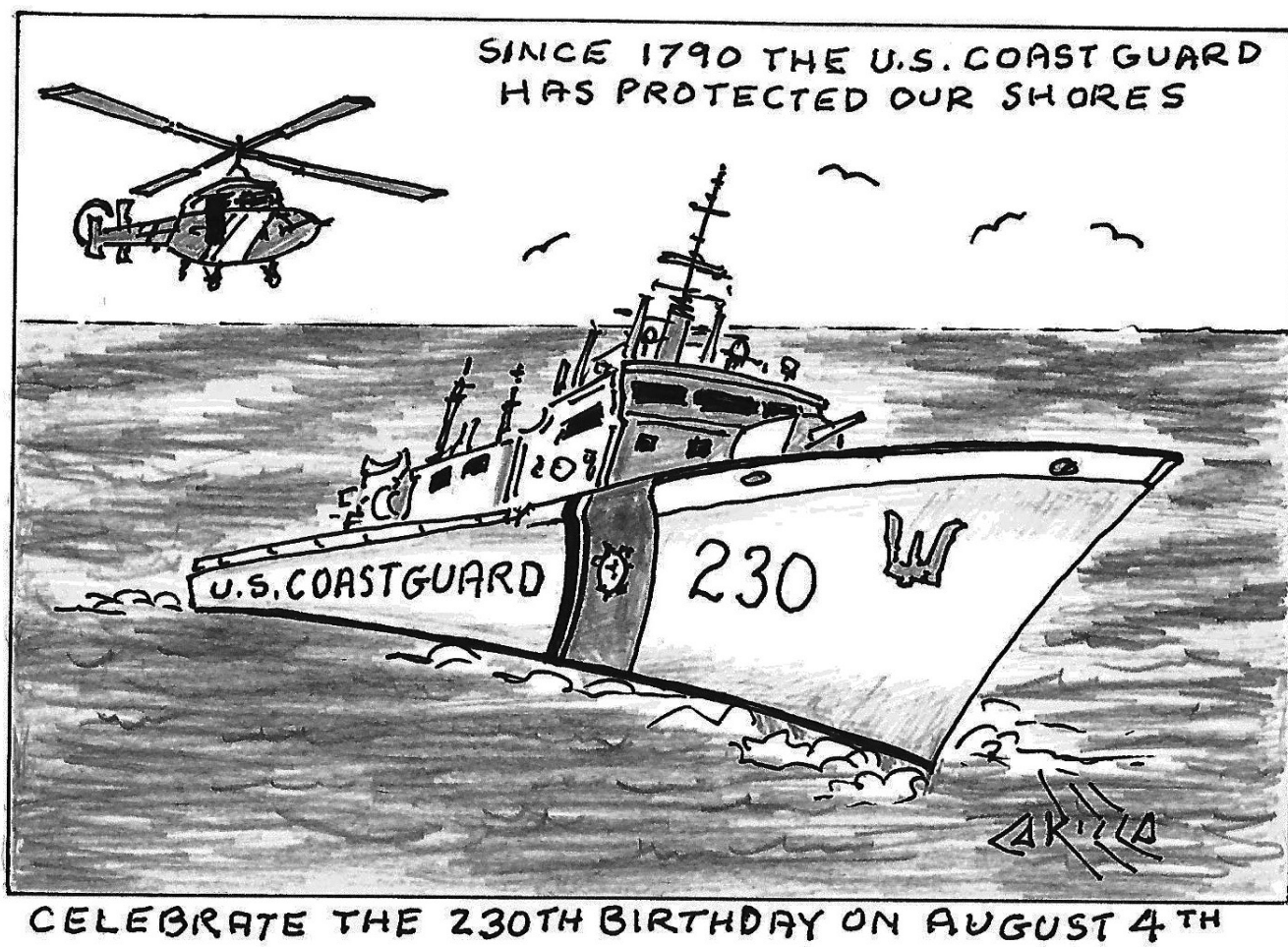
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LETTER to the Editor

DO OUR PART TO END RACISM

To the Editor,

The sin of racism and struggle for racial justice has been part of our nation’s history for centuries. Awareness of both has never been absent, but too often both themes have been marginalized. Periodically, they are brought to the forefront of common discourse, most often triggered by aggressive, violent, or horrific acts perpetrated on members of our African American, Latino, and other minority communities. As a result, serious discussions regarding how society acts and reacts to alter the culture of discrimination, violence, ignorance and indifference often occur and appear to gain momentum. Meaningful debate raises expectations that society will finally emerge from the culture of racism. However, as history has shown, those discussions ultimately fade into the background as time elapses and other seemingly pressing issues make any change less urgent and somehow less important.

That collective mindset and cycle of inaction must end now. The time is upon us as a society to take responsibility for our actions. Racial injustice, bigotry, scorn and intolerance against individuals based upon their religion, ancestry, ethnicity or skin color must end now. Excuses for hate filled behavior can no longer be tolerated. We are all created equal in the eyes of God and all human lives are to be valued and protected. It is upon us to make that human equality the norm - not the exception.

As the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts, we pledge our full support to the cultural shift towards meaningful reforms in the area of racial injustice. As a country and a commonwealth of immigrants from all regions of the world, we must join together as one race - the human race. We must learn from our mistakes. We must learn from our passive acceptance of inaction and not let this opportunity fade into the background. Today and every day until reforms are implemented, this must be the pressing issue of the day. We must seize this opportunity with energy, determination and vigor. We must act now – it is our collective responsibility.

Police Reform Legislation

The underlying racial injustice and inequality issues we face are countless. They include, but are not limited to, education, housing,

employment, law enforcement, the judiciary and many more. As Bishops, we take this opportunity to specifically voice our support of the efforts of Governor Baker and the legislature as they craft a bill to enact meaningful police reform.

We acknowledge the vast majority of the police officers in the state of Massachusetts are capable and honorable public servants who serve and protect all residents with distinction. We also acknowledge that racial biases have infiltrated the mindsets and actions of some police officers. Those are the individuals targeted by the legislation currently being debated by our lawmakers. That legislation is a step in the direction of meaningful change and is the reason we support our elected officials in their efforts to address these systematic problems.

As Catholic Bishops we do not pretend to know the business of policing. However, recent violent police actions from across the country inform us that methods, tactics, training, attitudes and biases must be addressed to bring about better policing. These fundamental changes must be done with the expertise, input, and cooperation from as many resources as possible - especially those who have experienced racial injustice firsthand.

To that end, we are encouraged that so many individuals and organizations in the minority community are deeply involved in the effort to reform the laws and professional standards inherent in effective policing. The NAACP of Boston, the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, religious leaders, elected officials in our cities and towns, police unions and countless other individuals and groups have stepped forward to help effectuate change.

The United States of America is a country of hopes, dreams, ideals and ideas. To that end, many specific ideas have emerged as the legislature considers the different proposals. We do not choose to endorse a particular bill as the legislative process unfolds, nor do we dismiss the critical service police officers provide to maintain law and order and public safety throughout the commonwealth.

On the other hand, we strongly support legislation that draws the best ideas from each bill creating a best practice model for meaningful reform. Although there are differences

in the qualified immunity debate which must be rectified, not surprisingly a common vision has emerged. It is a vision that embraces a unified, systematic desire to enact legislation that will have permanent ramifications. The specifics will be debated and vetted over the next ten days as we near the conclusion of the legislative session.

The killing of George Floyd at the hands of officers of the Minneapolis police department finally triggered a movement that will not be deterred, will not be silent and will not die. Laws need to be changed across the country. We have been given the opportunity to contribute to that change in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This will be a defining moment in Massachusetts history.

As we celebrate the life of United States Congressman John Lewis of Georgia and his unyielding commitment to the principal of equality, let us not forget why he lived – to end racism for all Americans.

The time has come for all of us to do our part to end racism and unite as one race. That time is now, let us seize this opportunity always remembering more work will remain.

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TRANSPARENCY AND SELF ACCOUNTABILITY

I, Michael J. McLaughlin took the Voters Deserve To Know Pledge. This is a pledge that all state elected officials should be willing to take. Any state official either newly elected or already in office for any length of time who isn’t willing to sign this pledge should be cautiously considered to represent you. This pledge makes all committee votes publicly available at all times. You have the right to know about all our votes and testimonies at the State House. You the voter, have the right to know our decisions. I am and have always been proud to work for you the residents of Everett. Anyone who is unwilling to sign this pledge should not

be representing our city if he or she cannot represent themselves. You, the voter gave me my job, my salary, I work for you! I have earned your trust not just during election year but always. You can depend, trust and count on me to be your voice.

Since we are on the subject of transparency and accountability, I have two important matters I would like to address, if elected as State Representative.

First: The question I most often am asked is about my current position. Yes, I will continue to serve my second year on the City Council, I will continue as “your voice”!

Second: As I said on day one, if I have the opportunity to serve as your next State Representative for the city of Everett, a committee will be created that I will not have any involvement in that will distribute the remaining salary that I will receive through the end of my city council term. This committee will have the sole responsibility to disperse these funds to local organizations throughout our community ...to name a few for example, local food pantries, youth sports organizations, nonprofit organizations, local churches or families in need. I ask of you the voters, my bosses, to have faith and trust in me. I am not the city councilor who will take a Council paycheck and representative paycheck, as I have been accused of. I promise you I will not be ignored at the State House. I will earn the respect at the State House, as I have earned your respect at City Hall. “Ineffective” I am not! I am your voice!

Last, but not least, I want to hear your voice personally. Quarterly, I would love to hear from you. Whether it be at the local coffee shop, pizza parlor or one of our many parks, I will invite you to “Meet with Mike.” I want to hear your concerns, your ideas and your thoughts. I would rather practice social distancing with you in our neighborhood then sitting in a back office at the State House. I will then bring our meetings back to the State House and make sure they are heard.

I humbly ask that you put your trust and faith in me.

Vote-by-mail or on September 1, 2020.

Michael J. McLaughlin,
Candidate for State Representative
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GUEST OP-ED

Fiscal Responsibility During a Pandemic

By Eric Demas, CFO

This pandemic has required everyone to adapt from what was our normal way of life. Our lives six months ago were very different from where we find ourselves today. Covid-19 is not only a global health crisis, but it is also an economic crisis. Every country, industry, and individual has been and continues to be dramatically impacted, and our great City is certainly no exception. Quite frankly, this pandemic was unanticipated and uninvited by all. A result of this pandemic is the ambiguity of many things, but most notably the uncertainty of what the City’s financial state will be in FY21. The one thing that is clear is that the Mayor recognizes that fiscal responsibility, while always a top priority, is even more important during this uncertain time that we find ourselves in. Across the Country, many state and local governments are balancing their budgets through increased taxation; however, this is a path that the Mayor is seeking to avoid at all costs.

The City’s strong financial condition is a result of many things, including, but not limited to conservative revenue forecasts, long-term planning, a balanced approach to expenditure budgets, and our ability to adapt to challenges. Over the past few months, our state legislature has provided many tools to cities and towns to help municipal leaders navigate and adapt during these unprecedented times. Examples include the delaying of tax payments through the end of June, as well as the waiving of interest on late payments. These local options, which were adopted by the Mayor, provided much needed relief to our residents during the peak of this pandemic, but also delayed the City’s ability to analyze the economic impact on our residents. Understanding the local economic impact on our City is a critical piece to building this year’s budget. Additionally, the federal government has failed to provide guidance as to what, if any, federal aid will be provided



Eric Demas, City of Everett Chief Financial Officer.

to states, cities and towns to address revenue shortfalls moving forward. Unlike the federal government, states, cities, and towns must create balanced budgets, and cannot simply print money as we navigate through this crisis. As a result, the state has been forced to move forward with 1/12th spending plans and have yet to provide cities and towns with estimated state aid, which is a significant portion of how the City balances our budget.

Due to this uncertainty, some communities have passed budgets with somewhat arbitrary percentage reductions from the prior year; one community cut their budget by 20% from the prior year, but based on what information I ask? Every community is unique, but we all face a lack of financial information right now. If a community cuts too much, services that residents rely on may be reduced more than necessary, and if you do not cut enough, more severe cuts may be required during the tax rate setting process in the fall to avoid increased taxation and possibly new or increased fees. This is the reason the Mayor has also embraced another tool provided by the state, which allows for the Mayor to submit three monthly continuing appropriations to the City Council during the start of our current fiscal year. This process allows the City to examine the local economic impact on our City, potential revenue assistance from the federal government, as well as how our state aid will be adjusted moving forward. The additional time also allows us to adjust our five-year capital

plan to ensure that we are able to continue to invest in our infrastructure. We cannot lose the ground that we have made from a capital standpoint, as it will cost the City more money in future years if we allow our infrastructure to deteriorate.

This process is an administrative nightmare, nearly tripling the work from a normal budget process, but it is the most financially prudent and what our residents and businesses deserve. This approach also allows us more time to see how our country and state continues to grapple this pandemic from a health perspective. Our state and region have done an unbelievable job at battling this horrible virus, but I watch in horror and disbelief as to how other parts of the country appear to be losing their grip on the situation. It may only be a matter of time before the gains that we have fought hard to win locally, may be jeopardized by the unfortunate actions from other parts of the country.

During the financial crisis of 2008 - 2009, state aid was drastically reduced, and took nearly five years to recover to previous levels. It was a period of economic pain felt by all, but one thing that was vastly different, the economy remained open. What we are facing now is much different as our economy came to a grinding halt and is struggling to redefine itself. Many businesses that were once flourishing may unfortunately find these current economic pressures too great to overcome. Latest estimates from the state indicate a potential \$6 billion shortfall, which will certainly trickle down to cities and towns. While I am optimistic that we will come together as a country and get ahead of this issue from a health perspective, I fear that the economic impact will be felt for at least the next three to five years. To think otherwise would be short sighted.

Eric Demas is the City of Everett Chief Financial Officer.

Upcoming study to look at dedicated bus lane on the Mystic/Tobin Bridge

By Seth Daniel

Getting over the Mystic/Tobin Bridge by bus might become even faster if an upcoming study recommends implementing a dedicated bus lane on the bridge after construction work wraps up in 2021 – but surrounding communities like Everett will want to be sure it doesn’t push more traffic to its streets.

On July 16, the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) membership voted to approve a 12-week study that will collect data relevant to the use of travel lanes on the bridge. MassDOT indicated it has made no commitment regarding how lanes of travel will be used after the work zone lane takings are no longer needed in 2021. The agency said they will get the data and share it with the public, and then engage in a community process about how the lanes that have been closed for construction could be used in the future. If it pans out, one of the closed work zone lanes could become a managed lane.

A managed lane could be one of the following options or even other options not mentioned: bus-only-lane, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane with the number of occupants per vehicle to be determined, an HOV lane for vehicles that would have reduced or no tolls.

In March 2020, MassDOT completed Phase I of the Tobin Bridge Managed Lane Study and requested that Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) provide computer modeling support for an analysis of various bus and/or high-occupancy-vehicle lane treatments for Rt. 1, including the Tobin Bridge, and help look at the potential benefits as part of a second phase of the study.

That was approved on July 16.

The issue with the bus on the Tobin Bridge is that while there are bus lanes in place in Boston – and lanes planned for Rutherford Avenue and the North Washington Street Bridge in Charlestown – there is no such accommodation on the bridge. That often means buses headed over the bridge have a smooth ride, then get bunched up on the bridge. Having a potential bus lane or managed lane concept could reduce that stoppage.

Tegin Teich, executive director of the MPO, and MPO researcher Scott Peterson said their role is to study the possibility of adding a managed lane of some type – whether a bus lane or an HOV lane – to the bridge. They will study the potential positive impacts, but also study whether such a change could simply divert traffic to adjacent roads – such as in Everett or East Boston.

Peterson said they do this using computer modelling that has been in place for more than 20 years, though updated constantly.

“MassDOT came to us to try to understand how this change to the Tobin Bridge would result on bus service – the 111 route to be specific,” he said. “If you have bus lane dedicated on the Tobin Bridge, would you decrease trip time and would people be enticed to

take that mode share.”

He said they would study a bus lane concept and an HOV (two or more people in a vehicle) concept.

Teich said they will have a better understanding of what might happen if the change is made after the study.

“Running those models allows us to establish and see the potential reaction,” she said. “It allows us to think and understand what a re-purposed lane would mean.”

One potential they will have to look at is if it would mean increased congestion in the general traffic lanes, thus pushing people and traffic elsewhere.

The first phase of the study began last Friday, with the MPO beginning to collect data and to bring on a consultant. The second phase of the study, involving the HOV lane concept, will take nine months to complete.

MassDOT said the discussion started due to the taking of the lanes on the bridge for construction over the last 18 months. It made sense to study whether new lane usage could benefit the public before restoring those lanes in 2021.

In Everett the dedicated bus lanes on Broadway has been shown to save up to 12 minutes on a transit trip due to not getting stuck in congestion.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday August 17, 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 seeks a building permit to raze the existing enclosed front porch (first floor) and within the front porch footprint expand and extend the front of the house up to the existing ridgeline of the main roof. Install three dormers on the south side of the roof and one dormer on the north side of the roof. The structure will remain a single-family dwelling. The existing lot contains 1875 sf and is located within the Dwelling District. The existing lot and structure are nonconforming with respect to current zoning requirements of area, frontage and setbacks. The proposed additions to the structure will increase the nonconformity.

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.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address: 178-180 Hancock Street
Map/Parcel: C0-01-000155
Person Requesting: Timothy Penso
178-180 Hancock Street
Everett, MA 02149**

The applicant proposes to construct a dormer at the rear of the single-family structure located at the back of the lot. The existing lot is 6000 sf and is located in a Dwelling District and contains a single and a two-family structure. The dormer will increase the nonconforming nature of the structure as to the rear setback.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address: 166-168 School Street
Map/Parcel: C0-04-000008
Property Owner: Bouvier Jewelers
166-168 School Street
Everett, MA 02149**

Person Requesting: Attorney David Carr
4 Newman Way
Arlington, MA 02476

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant seeks a permit for the installation of a wall sign located on the south facing side of the building at 166-168 School Street located within a Business District

Reason for Denial:

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Signs and Billboard Ordinance Section 12A-64 Prohibited Signs (a): “On premise signs which advertise an activity, business, product or service no longer produced or conducted on the premises upon which the sign is located are prohibited.”

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Junior Police Academy brings youth and police together

By Seth Daniel

The Everett Police Department held its annual Junior Police Academy (JPA) on Tuesday, July 21.

This year, rather than a week-long session, the department modified the program to hold a single-day session due to COIVD-19. A total of 20 Everett youth, which ranged from 5th to 9th grade were able to learn from Everett Police, includ-

ing Chief Steven Mazzie.

“Our annual JPA is always one of the bright spots of the Summer. Anytime we can put Cops and Kids together in a meaningful way, it is a plus for our city. We not only get to foster positive relationships, but we get to give a glimpse into local policing in hopes of sparking an interest in our profession,” Chief Steven A. Mazzie said.

Each year, the Junior Police Academy features a variety of training sessions for cadets to participate in. The program includes, classroom instruction, hands-on police tactics training and physical training. Members of the Police Department were assigned a group of kids and served as staff instructors and supervise the cadets throughout the day.

Cadets were also required to wear masks and socially distance throughout the entire day to follow all state guidelines.



Chief Mazzie addresses cadets at the start of the Junior Police Academy last week.



Cadets wore masks and socially distanced, but still had a great time at the annual Junior Police Academy.

Mooring // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

extremely popular in Boston Harbor, and it’s very rare that new facilities with close access open up to the public.

The study predicted the City could begin turning a profit on the bargain in about three to five years.

“Based on the assumptions noted...in this report, potentially 40 moorings for 25-foot-long vessels are feasible,” read the report. “This location and layout provide easy access to the locks, while maintaining the existing channel along the western side of the river. The moorings are laid out such they wouldn’t impede on the channel and maintaining sufficient space between them to accommodate the variations in the swing radius and water level changes.”

Fire Chief Tony Carli – by charter – is the harbor-master for Everett. It’s not just a title though. Chief Carli was a member of the Coast Guard, is an avid boater and has his Captain’s License for up to 100 ton vessels. He said he was extremely excited to see the results of the mooring study.

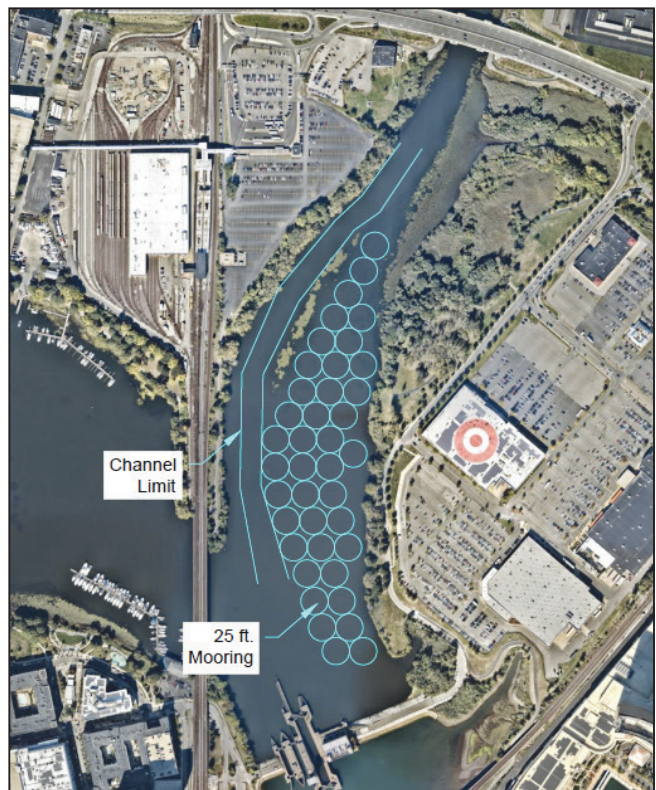
He said there are marinas and yacht clubs further up the Mystic River in Somerville and Medford that are exclusive and popular and not in nearly as good a position as the Everett location. He expects any offering to be gobbled up very quickly.

“It’s an excellent location because you get through the locks and you’re in Boston Harbor and the Little Mystic,” he said. “I think we open up a lottery for the first 30 to 35 moorings. When that lottery opens up, we have all 35 taken and an endless waiting list. There are some cities and towns that have waiting lists 20 years long. I think the potential is incredible. We will never lack customers. We want to make sure it’s fair.”

Carli said he believes they can get 50 moorings in the field, and if they limit the size to smaller boats, probably even more. If things go successfully, there is also a way to double-up on the moorings.

One key is that with the size of the boats, there is no threat to having to lift the Alford Street Bridge to get these boats under the Bridge. He said at the size of 25 feet or below, most every boat would fit under the bridge without it having to be raised.

“The height of the Al-



A graphic showing the mooring field off of Gateway Park, complete with a proposed floating dock facility to access the moored boats.

ford Street Bridge is always going to be a concern,” he said. “However, the size of these boats we’re looking at, we should be able to clear under the bridge at any height...We don’t want to come in and have the Alford Street Bridge opening up 50 or more times.”

Right now, it’s too late to get anything started for this boating season, but Carli said this allows them time to carefully plan for next year. They will need to decide on a fee, and Carli thinks they can increase the report’s suggested fee by about \$5 to \$10 per foot. They would also have to figure out how to manage it, and that would likely be farmed out to a professional service to administer for the City – paid for with the new mooring fees. The off-season would also provide ample time to start the permitting process and the waterways discussions. The mooring equipment would be paid for and provided by the boat owners.

The study indicated start-up costs of about \$45,000 and annual revenues of up to \$11,000. That would mean in year four or so, the City would be able to begin using the fees to pay for improvements to the waterfront.

“The overall revenue may not outweigh the costs of design, permitting and management of the moorings themselves,” read the report. “Applications for permits, design and overall management may not enable the City to break even or make revenue for approximately 5 years,

however, after that the City could net money and use the revenue to perform maintenance to the other potential access points along the river.”

Carli said they would be setting aside some of the moorings for public use, with an eye on people coming from out of the area by boat with Everett as the destination – a totally new concept.

“They could tie up here, take a dinghy to the dock and then they’re at the bike path and that’s a short walk to the casino, the Gateway Mall and beyond,” he said.

Overall, Carli said it is a very rare opportunity and a new access point for Everett residents and the Boston Harbor boating community. He said it was the vision of Mayor Carlo DeMaria almost 12 years ago when the mayor was first elected. Carli said he remembers being called in with the late Chief Butler to talk about boat access and moorings off the Gateway Mall. Carli said he was skeptical, but it was a dream of the mayor’s and they considered it.

Now, so many years later, it’s an exciting and real possibility.

“This is something the mayor has talked about for a long time and I was skeptical, but it is exciting to begin to think about it in real terms,” he said. “It’s not too often in Boston or Massachusetts that they start to create new areas of access. It’s kind of like what it’s been for 100 years and that’s it. This could be really exciting for the City.”

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MGC gives high marks to Encore Boston Harbor re-opening procedures

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) gave high marks to the opening procedures put in place by Encore Boston Harbor after its first week of operations at the re-opened resort.

There were many worries as the resort opened, but many precautions were also taken by Encore and the MGC to oversee the return of guests to the casino this month.

Gaming regulators from the MGC told Commissioners at a public meeting last week that Encore had done a really good job in being prepared.

“At Encore specifically, the security and gaming department there did a great job monitoring the floor and making sure face coverings were being properly used,” said one of the gaming agents. “It was a job well done at Encore.”

Regulators were looking at the many precautions taken at the tables, and in the counting cage with money and chips. They said one of the keys was reminding patrons to put their masks on fully without be too forceful – a delicate balance.

Eric Kraus, the communications at Encore and the Pandemic Safety Officer, said they have run into very few problems. He said they were glad to hear the MGC appreciated their approach.

“It was great to receive the recognition from the MGC and everyone at the resort is thrilled with being recognized for health and safety,” he said. “One reason we brought back 1,700 furloughed employees back one week before we opened was to train everyone on

the health and disinfecting protocols. Regardless of your job, every one of us is aware that if you see something, you say something. If you see someone whose mask is down, very politely ask them to pull it up.”

He said that has been a success, as has been the restrictions on walking around with beverages. Patrons are required to sit in one place when drinking a beverage and not to move around the floor with it.

“At the end of the day, it’s for everyone’s safety, both guests and employees,” he said. “Hopefully everyone has that in mind.”

Kraus said they are vigorously using the digital imaging thermometer at the front door, but after their first week, they hadn’t identified anyone with an elevated temperature.

“We have not identified anyone at the door with a high temperature, but what would happen is we would take that person out of line and take their temperature again,” he said. “If he or she were above 100, we would ask them to leave the property.”

In fact, Kraus said they have had few problems, and most they have had to remind about masks have simply forgotten.

“The vast majority of people we have had to remind to move their mask have not done so to be indignant, but only because they forgot,” he said. “That’s really it. With the exception of two or three people there has been zero issues.”

At the MGC, Commissioners were curious about re-opening more areas of the casinos and larger venues.

“As more things open

in the state, we’ll keep our eye on it and we’ll look at the metrics the governor has put forward to see if it works for us,” said the investigator. We don’t want to revisit any closures, but we are keeping out eye on it.”

Encore working on new device to help introduce other games safely

Encore Boston Harbor said it is working on a device that will outfit Roulette and Craps tables with safe, Plexiglas shield while not ruining the fun of the game – a prototype that they will soon submit to the MGC.

Spokesman Eric Kraus said they are working on the piece with a plastics fabricator and hope to submit the idea to the MGC soon to help in the coming phases of opening more table games if the metrics of COVID-19 allow.

“We have deployed a prototype and will be proposing to the MGC Roulette and Craps tables that utilize Plexiglas enable physical distancing with those games.”

Already, the casino is allowed to deal Blackjack and hopes to be able to include poker soon as well. However, standing games like Roulette and Craps present a challenge to the industry.

“It uses the shields like you might see at the Blackjack tables,” he said. “However, we’ve done some really interesting positions of the Plexiglas to promote safety and at the same time allow you to experience those games. We’re hopeful the Commission will allow it.”

COUNCILOR FRED CAPONE AND HIS WIFE MICHELE CONGRATULATE THE EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020



Councilor Fred Capone and his wife Michele recently sent members of the Everett High School Class of 2020 customized flashlight key chains displaying the school logo. The local attorneys included a letter that stated, “This moment in time is unprecedented and we are sure it was not the senior year you envisioned. Notwithstanding, the Class of 2020 will be remembered for its tenacity, perseverance, and creativity during this terrible pandemic.” Graduates and their families were commended for a job well done and the graduates were reminded that they go out into the world as ambassadors for the City of Everett. Fred and Michele say they sent the thoughtful gift because “We want to let the graduates know that we are proud of them and that their hard work is acknowledged.”

FATHER ERNEST HONORED



Father Ernest Egbedike, SMA receives a Citation from Councilor Peter Napolitano for serving the Immaculate Conception parish as Parochial Vicar for the past two years. He is leaving to teach young Seminarians. The City of Everett has been blessed for his involvement in the community. We wish him the best as he moves to his next assignment.

DiDomenico urges action on environmental justice

Staff Report

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined with Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates from across the Commonwealth at a virtual legislative briefing in support of the Environmental Justice Act, a bill he sponsored in partnership with Senator Jamie Eldridge, Representatives Liz Miranda, Adrian Madaro, and Michelle DuBois. The event was hosted by the EJ Legislation Table, an organization made up of local advocacy groups, including GreenRoots; Neighbor to Neighbor; Alternatives for Community & Environment; Coalition for Social Justice; Conservation Law Foundation; Clean Water Action; Community Action Works; MA Climate Action Network, Environmental League of MA; Green Energy Consumers; Better Future Project; Sierra Club, North American Indian Center of Boston, and 350 Mass.

The briefing sought to shed light on the Environmental Justice Act and identify its clear connection to the COVID-19 outbreak in Massachusetts. For decades, low-income communities & communities of color in the Commonwealth have borne the brunt of the state’s energy choices and have been left out of key decision-making processes. Consequences of these realities have resulted in a disproportionately high rate of COVID infections through-

out EJ communities, as represented by data from the MA Dept. of Public health, and related CRESSH study.

The CRESSH study, which has modeled COVID infection rates in towns throughout the Commonwealth, indicated during the height of summer infections that EJ communities like Chelsea and Everett faced 2955 and 1770 COVID cases, respectfully, while more affluent communities faced nearly a quarter of these outbreaks.

“Time and again, cities like Chelsea and Everett have been disproportionately impacted by our long history of short-sighted environmental policies and have taken on this toxic burden for our entire region. It should come as no surprise then that this history has had severe consequences for our health and that EJ cities like those in my district are now the communities most impacted by the COVID-19 virus,” said Senator DiDomenico during the briefing. “It has never been clearer that we need to pass the Environmental Justice Act this legislative session. Our EJ communities cannot wait for us to take action any longer.”

The Environmental Justice Act seeks to address the unfair share of environmental pollution faced by a handful of communities by defining disproportionate environmental burdens as injustices and the individuals affected by them as Environmental Justice populations. It further aims

to facilitate a more equitable distribution of energy and environmental benefits and burdens throughout the Commonwealth via the expansion of environmental impact reviews, including evaluations by the Massachusetts Environmental Justice Advisory Council, which will have direct representation from EJ populations.

“Given what we know about the connection between environmental and public health, it is imperative that we get these bills passed immediately to protect our most vulnerable communities from any additional environmental burdens that could impact their health during these already challenging times,” summarized Senator DiDomenico. “Our EJ populations must be involved in the decision making related to their own environmental well-being into the future.”

The Environmental Justice Act received a favorable report out of the Joint Committee on Environmental, Natural Resources and Agriculture in December of 2019, and is currently pending before the Senate Committee on Ways & Means.

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is an organization that mentors community leaders who support social transformation and shifting political power. NUBE’s leaders organize and advocate for inclusive democratic processes and just public policies to create a vibrant economy and environment for all East Boston.

NUBE’s work is guided by a commitment to developing a more just, understanding, and sustainable neighborhood. NUBE believes that leaders, who live its values and intentionally engage in social, economic, and political life, will help create alternative systems and structures that promote social transformation.

Since being created, NUBE has Increased voter turnout 10-15 percent in recent elections in precincts with a high density of people of color.

Having an accurate 2020 Census count fits right into NUBE’s mission to transform the lives and amplify the voices of Eastie residents who have been excluded from prosperity by an inequitable economic system.

This year the United States will conduct its decennial census. In Boston there’s been a huge push to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census because it determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

MCEF used real-time census response rate data and knowledge of the impacts of the pandemic to make rapid-response grants between \$500 to \$5,000 for additional outreach activities. Organizations in these regions, who work with hard-to-count populations including communities of color, are struggling to increase Census response rates while simultaneously responding to communities’ needs, which have been increasing in the wake of COVID-19.

Historically, certain populations are “hard-to-count” in the census. Urban and rural areas with large low-income populations, people of color, immigrants, non-English speakers, migrant workers, ex-offenders, young children, the elderly, those who are disabled, renters, the homeless, and those living in mobile homes or multi-unit residences are historically hard-to-count.

To date, MCEF has awarded \$1 million in grants targeting support for grassroots organizations coordinating education and outreach initiatives in “hard-to-count” communities across the Commonwealth. MCEF plans to release another round of

grants later this month.

AMAZON OPENS NEW FACILITY

REVERE - Amazon’s new delivery station in Revere officially opened for business. A proud Mayor Brian Arrigo said, “Amazon’s new delivery station is a welcome addition to the city of Revere. With our job base expected to double over the next 20 years, our focus is to do everything we can to prepare Revere residents for jobs right here in their own city, and to help connect them to new industries and opportunities, like the ones available at Amazon now.”

The new facility will fill an 800,000 square-foot building (approximately 300,000 of which will be used for parking).

The delivery station at 135 American Legion Highway will create more than 200 full-time and part-time associate jobs, all paying at least \$15 per hour, in addition to hundreds of driver opportunities for Amazon’s Delivery Service Partners and Amazon Flex drivers. Delivery stations power the last mile of our order process and help speed up deliveries for customers. Packages are shipped to a delivery station from neighboring Amazon Fulfillment and Sortation Centers, loaded into delivery vehicles and delivered to customers. For more information about open positions, visit <https://www.amazon.jobs/>

Delivery stations offer entrepreneurs the opportunity to build their own business delivering Amazon packages, as well as independent contractors the flexibility to be their own boss and create their own schedule delivering for Amazon Flex. To learn more, visit www.logistics.amazon.com and <https://flex.amazon.com>.

In celebration of the Revere station launch, Amazon assembled 30 care packages for frontline workers and delivered them to staff at Melrose-Wakefield and Salem Hospitals, Revere and Malden fire departments, and Cataldo. The baskets included an assortment of locally sourced jams, jellies, salsas, candy and honey from farms and beekeepers on the North Shore of Massachusetts and were topped off with individually wrapped snacks.

“The opening of Amazon’s new delivery station in Revere is a welcomed addition to the community. We are excited by the more than 200 job opportunities made possible by this new facility,” State Se. Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop) said in a statement. “Especially now, as our

community gets back on our feet following the impacts of COVID-19, opportunities to move towards economic recovery are incredibly important. I look forward to this community partnership that will benefit not just the city of Revere, but our entire region.”

Likewise, House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo

said in a statement: “I’m excited that Amazon is bringing hundreds of jobs to the city of Revere. Especially in these tough economic times, this level of job creation will boost the economy and provide employment opportunities to many in the local community.”

RESIDENTS TESTED ON RECYCLING IQ

REVERE - Over the last three weeks, the Revere Department of Public Works has started tagging residents for misuse of their recycling bins. In collaboration with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ grant-funded “Recycle IQ” initiative, the City is entering the second year of public education on proper recycling methods. Over the next four months, residents’ recycling bins will be inspected by an auditor to determine if non-recyclable materials have been placed inside. If the resident’s bin is deemed contaminated, they will receive a warning tag identifying the issue and their recycling will not be collected.

“Recycle IQ” initiative has created four part-time jobs to conduct checks of residential recycling bins, tag bins that are deemed contaminated, and follow-up with educational materials to help residents identify how they are contaminating the recycling stream.

The City of Revere continues to experience widespread contamination of our recycling stream, meaning that what is being placed in recycling bins is not recyclable. The 100-percent contamination rate costs the City more than \$120,000 every year in additional disposal costs.

Educational materials will highlight the following common issues leading to contamination of recycling:

- Do not bag recyclables
- No plastic bags or plastic wrap
- No food or liquid (recyclables must be rinsed)
- No clothing or linens
- No tanglers (such as hoses, wires, chains or electronics)

Residents with questions should reach out to Debra Anemoduris, Principal DPW Clerk, at 781-286-8100, extension 20038.

City of Everett looking to fill empty board seats

The City of Everett is actively looking for members to fill vacancies on 11 City of Everett Boards. Members of the boards and commissions serve the community on a volunteer basis and provide advice and recommendations to Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City Council regarding programs, activities, and issues related to their mission and purpose.

The following openings include:

- DPW: 1
- Licensing: 1
- Council on aging: 3
- Disability: 2
- Election: 1
- Historical: 1
- Traffic: 2: each ward has to have a represent;
- missing wards 3 and 4
- Youth commission: 2
- Library: 3
- ZBA: 2 Alternates

-Cultural Council: 2

Those interested in applying are asked to submit a resume via email to Kevin.O’Donnell@ci.everett.ma.us,. Subject line: City of Everett Board - Name of Board to show interest.

For more information about the boards, please visit the city website at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/181/Boards-Commissions>.

East Boston Savings Bank opens three new branches

East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB) has opened new branches in Salem and Woburn and is targeting a late summer opening of EBSB’s third branch in Brookline.

“We are very excited to be expanding our footprint within these communities. All these locations coincide with our strategy to penetrate lucrative high-density markets and expand the EBSB franchise that has a strong community banking history” said Richard Gavegnano, Chairman, President and CEO of East Boston Savings Bank. “We are proud to be part of these great communities and look forward to establishing new relationships and enhancing existing ones.”

The opening of the Salem branch, located on the corner of New Derby and Washington Streets, marks a continuation of EBSB’s expansion to the North Shore. Located on Route 114, the location is ideal as

it provides great visibility and is accessible to public transportation (busses and commuter rail.) With \$32 million in deposits and more than \$76 million in loans, the bank already conducts a substantial amount of business in Salem and see’s great potential to expand its customer base due to the many nearby small businesses.

The Woburn location at 331 Montvale Avenue is ideal as it provides great visibility and is accessible to the heavily traveled commuter Route 93. Located just off exit 3 south, the branch is equipped with a drive-up window and drive-up ATM. “In Woburn and we see great potential to expand our customer base due to the many residential neighborhoods and businesses in the area.” says Gavegnano.

The Bank’s third Brookline branch is located at 473 Harvard Street. The site of a former Starbucks,

it’s only a 6-minute walk from the MBTA’s Green Line “B-branch” Harvard Avenue stop. “With a significant deposit base from our two other Brookline branches at 1050 and 1441 Beacon Street, the Harvard Street location allows us to service a more densely populated area of the community.” says Gavegnano. This branch is targeted to open in mid-September.

Founded in 1848, East Boston Savings Bank operates 40 full-service branches including a Mobile Banking Unit in the greater Boston metropolitan area. EBSB offers a variety of deposit and loan products to individuals and businesses located in its primary market, which consists of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk counties. As a member of both the FDIC and Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF) all deposits are insured in full.

Carmen’s Union Local 589 of the ATU endorse State Rep. Joseph McGonagle’s re-election campaign

Boston Carmen’s Union Local 589 of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) endorsed State Representative Joe McGonagle’s re-election campaign.

“The Carmen’s Union, who represents over 5,900 workers at the MBTA feels very fortunate to have a friend of your stature and integrity running for re-election to the Massachusetts House of Representatives,” said John Clancy, the Recording Secretary of The Carmen’s Union. “You have been a


great asset to the working men and women of your district and throughout the state of Massachusetts. We look forward to working with you again.”

“The Carmen’s Union keeps Massachusetts running. They provide both Everett and the state with the public transportation that so many of us use every day,” said McGonagle. “As a member of the Joint Committee on Transportation, I am blessed to be in a position where I can effectively support the workers

in the MBTA. Thank you, Recording Secretary John Clancy and President James Evers, for your support and all your hard work.”

As an elected official, Joe brings a wealth of experience, including his time in public service and as a small business owner, to advocate for the hardworking residents of Everett. This year’s Democratic Primary is on September 1st, 2020. For more information or to get involved with the campaign, visit: <https://www.joemcgonagle.com>.

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OBITUARIES

David Norman Powell

True essence of a father figure will be remembered by all

David Norman Powell, known to many as either Dave, Uncle Dave, Uncle David or Dad; and known to one as Husband, died on July 15 and with his wife by his side, he peacefully returned home.

David was born in Boston on Sept. 22, 1957 to the late Samuel and late Mamie Powell, the fifth of eight beloved children. He enjoyed playing the drums, art, speaking phrases in several different languages and making great first impressions. Affectionately, he always had a loving embarrassing story about his family. No matter who you were to him; brothers, sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews, sons and daughter, no one is without a story.

David attended Boston Trade and Boston University. He worked for GE as a Machinist in the Jet Engine Division & Millennium Pharmaceuticals as the Laboratories Facilities Manager. It was during this time that he met his wife, Maria Luz Powell. Together they were members of the Catholic church, Immaculate Conception Parish Community, in Revere. David was more than an uncle to some; he was the true essence of a father-figure. With all the love he could give, he made sure his family knew he loved them by either simply saying “I love you,” calling, just stopping by to say “hello,” having a heart to heart conversation about life, telling you “I am so proud of you” or by just being available.

He sang his children’s praises at every opportunity. He appreciated family gatherings and meeting new friends. He had a passion for working on both minor and major household projects. Indeed, he was the



man with every tool in the toolbox. David’s hobbies included architecture, art, language, design, wood working, photography, cinematography and laughter.

David now joins both his parents, his brothers: Lynn Eric Powell, Jethro (Jeff) Powell and sister, Ruby Powell. David leaves to cherish his legacy: his wife, Maria Luz Powell, his children: Edward C. Harris, John M. Powell, and Diana M. Powell. To celebrate his life, he leaves his mother-in-law, Lucia Hanao, his sisters: Mary Tillman and her husband, Ronald, Daphne Massey and her husband, Alonzo, his brother: S. Phillip Powell and his wife, Phyllis, his sister, Ginnette Powell and his sister-in-law, Amparo Henao. He leaves his Goddaughter, Nicole Massey, his lifelong brother (cousin) Bill Alston, and dear niece, Xaviera Cox, several aunts, uncles, cousins and over 60 nieces and nephews and a host of extended family and close friends.

David will be remembered by all from the memories he gave us, the moments we’ve shared, and the impact of his love.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Roslindale. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Jeffrey Jean-Charles

Of Everett

Jeffrey Jean-Charles of Everett passed away on July 11 at the age of 31.

Born in Boston on Feb. 17, 1989, he was the cherished son of Micheline Jean-Charles of Everett, adored father of Nasir Jean-Charles, dear brother of Fara Maurice of Everett, Wilhelm Maurice of Amityville, NY, Stanley Jean-Charles of Utah, Eureka Ravilus of Brooklyn, NY, Vanessa Fernandes of Boston and Wilner Maurice Jr. of Brockton and is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral arrangements are by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home,



Revere. A Funeral Service will be held privately at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 455 Washington Ave, Revere. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Frances Fisher

Of Revere

Frances T. (Elliott) Fisher of Revere died on July 21 at 90 years of age.

The beloved wife of the late Arthur W. Fisher, she was the cherished mother of Robert Fisher and David Fisher, both of Billerica, Keith Fisher of Revere and the late Kevin, Arthur and Gail Fisher, adored grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 13.

Due to the ongoing restrictions with COVID-19, all services will be held privately and under the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. At the family’s request and in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Fran’s



memory to Mass Eye and Ear at The Foundation of the MEEI, Inc., 243 Charles Street, Development Office, Boston, MA 02114 or via <https://www.masseyeandear.org/online-donation-form>. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

William Gulla

Avid sports fan

William “Billy” Gulla, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away suddenly on July 21, at the age of 52.

Born in Revere on April 5, 1968 to Linda (Tempes-ta) Gulla and the late Joseph Gulla, he is survived by his beloved life partner of 23 years, Marisa Birritteri. He was the devoted father of twin daughters, Jayla and Gianna Gulla and is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was an avid sports fan who never missed a game, especially if it was his Boston teams. He truly will be missed by all who knew him.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Wednesday, July 29 at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony’s Church, 250 Revere St, Revere (Everyone to meet directly at



church). Due to COVID19 requirements, masks are mandated once entering the church and capacity limits are in effect. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Private Interment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association / American Stroke Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Arthur Romano

Will be sorely missed by all who knew him

Arthur Romano of Revere died on July 22 at the age of 70.

Born in Everett on Sept. 22, 1949 to Edith (DiOrio) Romano and the late Arthur Romano, he was the cherished brother of Donna LeBlanc and her husband, Ed of Revere. adored uncle of Samantha LeBlanc of Colorado, Anastasia LeBlanc, Arrielle LeBlanc-Pagan and her husband, Luis, all of Revere and their children, Soveida, Vita, and Lui. He is also survived by his dear cousins, George Romano and his wife, Linda of Peabody and by many loving cousins, aunts and uncles. He was the beloved godfather to Joe Romano and Joe Prezioso.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home Revere. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Division of Development & The Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Emilia Kelly

Of Tewksbury

Emilia A. (Trombetta) Kelly of Tewksbury died on July 19.

She was the loving and devoted mother of Michael Kelly Jr. of Brighton, Jessica Linskey and her husband, Maxwell and Colleen Kelly, all of Tewksbury; daughter of the late Antonio and Lucia Trombetta, beloved sister of Assunta McFeely and the late Frank Trombetta and the loving aunt to Jon Trombetta and Maria Trombetta. She is survived by her adored grandson, Maxwell.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett on Friday, July 31. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. A Prayer Service will immediately



follow in the funeral home at 7 p.m. Interment will be private. Complimentary valet parking. Donations in Emilia’s memory may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 W 44th St #609, New York, NY 10036. Arrangements by Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett, MA 02149.

Everett Public Libraries operation during COVID-19

The Everett Public Libraries are being reimaged in light of the COVID pandemic. As of July 27, the Library has had over 1,400 physical items checked out to patrons through our Library-to-Go program. Out of the 25 libraries in the NOBLE (North of Boston Library Exchange) system, Everett Public Libraries was the first library system to roll-out a library-to-go/curbside pickup program – Gloucester and Lynnfield rolled out on the same date, June 6. Both Gloucester and Lynnfield have not endured nearly as many COVID-19 cases in their municipalities as Everett has: Gloucester has 264 cases, Lynnfield has 98 cases, while Everett has over 1,800.

The City resumed Interlibrary Loans (ILL) on July 6, meaning that the Everett Public Libraries are both fulfilling patrons’ requests from other participating NOBLE libraries as well as having our patrons’ re-

quests fulfilled via delivery to our branches if a book requested is not available at our physical branch.

Procedures:

- Patrons are allowed to reserve materials if they have a library card. Brown paper bags with the patron’s first initial and last name will be filled with the requested items and placed on a table for pickup. Pickups will be made available to patrons Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm at both the Parlin Library (410 Broadway) and Shute Library (781 Broadway). The Parlin pickup location is in the first-floor atrium. The Shute pickup location is in the front entrance atrium.

- Requests/holds must be made prior to coming to the Libraries. Patrons are not able to enter the buildings, peruse the stacks, nor make requests for items while on-site. Rather, patrons may elect one of the following three options for selecting items before coming to the Libraries:

- *Phone: Parlin - 617-394-2300; Shute - 617-394-2308

- *Email: Parlin - ParlinInfo@noblennet.org ; Shute - ShuteInfo@noblennet.org HYPERLINK “mailto:ShuteInfo@noblennet.org” ShuteInfo@noblennet.org

- *Online: Visit our online catalog (<https://everett.noblennet.org/eg/opac/home>), peruse the libraries’ collections, and place a hold.

- For those who do not yet have an Everett Library Card, appointments can be made via the phone numbers or email address-

es above. A staff member will inform you of a date and time to come as well as what identification materials you must bring with you. A staff member will provide you with a sheet to fill out when you arrive and, once complete, print you out a personal library card.

- For the safety of our staff and our patrons, items must be returned via the book drop found at the exterior of each building. At the Parlin Library, the book drop is located to the right of the first-floor entrance. At the Shute Library, the book drop is located to the left of the front entrance. Once returned, items will be quarantined for 72 hours before returning to the stacks, which may cause a slight delay in the availability of some items.

- Overdrive:

Compared to 2019, the months of April, May, and June have seen a substantial increase (over 20%) in our Overdrive circulation. Overdrive Circulation focuses on audiobooks and eBooks available on our online catalogue that allow patrons to enjoy materials without leaving their homes.

- Weeding:

After a long time of sitting on the shelves and/or circulating to patrons for many years, materials will inevitably become outdated, marked up, torn, tattered, or lost. To ensure sufficient space on our shelves for new materials and to keep our materials fully up to date with the ever-chang-

ing world around us, “weeding” is a necessity of any successful library. With patrons not allowed in the physical library buildings for health and safety purposes during this pandemic, our professional librarians have focused heavily on making significant progress on weeding outdated and/or decrepit materials that have not been checked out of our library for years – in some cases, the materials haven’t left the library since pre-2000!

- *Throughout the 2019 calendar year, an average month saw 1,022 individual items weeded out of our collection. In May 2020, we had 1,949 items weeded; in June 2020 we had 3,711 items weeded, bringing our monthly average during these two pandemic-months to 2,830, or nearly triple our 2019 monthly average!

- Added Patrons:

During the shutdown and with so many people wisely following guidelines to practice social distancing, proper hand-washing, and mask-wearing, or to stay within the confines of their homes when they can, enjoying the wide array of things that a Library has to offer has become more critical now than ever. We are happy to see that in May and June of 2020, the Everett Public Libraries have added 253 new patrons, the fourth-highest among NOBLE public libraries (with Beverly beating us for the top-3 spot by only two patrons).

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CHURCH News

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.

**Mystic Side
Congregational Church
422 Main Street
Everett, MA**

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10am English, 1pm South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3pm Haitian Creole.

Come all and let us walk together in this season of

hope, renewal and new beginnings.

**Grace Anglican
Episcopal Church
67 Norwood Street,
Everett, MA
Church Phone
617-387-7526 or
617-389-5765**

Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates,

visit us at www.foreverett.church to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at www.everettcan.com to request any additional help.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Teaching about Holiness.

Sunday 10:30 AM Worship service.

Wednesday hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible Study. We are studying about God, come join us.

Come join us in prayer every Friday at 6 am.

Saturday, 12-3, Women's Fellowship. Join our sisters in worship, fellowship and prayer.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters," Colossians 3:23

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Servicio de Alabanza y Adoracion a las 10 am (en inglés)

• Miercoles Hora de Poder, Oración, alabanza y Estudio de la Palabra de Dios a las 7 pm (en inglés)

• Ven unete a nosotros para orar todos los viernes a las 6 am

• Domingo Servicio de alabanza y adoracion a las 4pm (Servicio en español)

Mayores informes de los servicios en español (617) 306-3518

"No temas, porque yo estoy contigo; no desmayes, porque yo soy tu Dios que te esfuerzo; siempre te ayudaré, siempre te sustentaré con la diestra de mi justicia."

Isaia 41:10

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Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

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.

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

NA Meetings – Mon. Bring Your Own Book 7:30

– 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.

**We are on the Internet
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Pastor David Jackson
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PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com
Pastor's Office Hours:
Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM.
Other times by
appointment.**

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."

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

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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Illegal and undocumented immigrants take a stand for driver’s licenses

Immigrants and activists have been sleeping in tents on the State House’s front steps for a week and half sacrificing in high heat and humidity, harsh rainfall, and threats that have raised increasing security concerns. All the while legislators and the state have largely ignored the encampment, taking their time to take action on licenses despite the nearing of the legislative session.

Legislators are comfortably at home while immigrants and activists are sacrificing to show the state just how important driver’s licenses really are. The immigrant community’s struggles have only been heightened in the pandemic, yet still has decided to take a stand for the chance of having access to a driver’s license that could prevent deportation and family separation. Now as the encampment has continued to persist, racist individuals

have used intimidation tactics and threats.

Early Sunday morning, a man visited the camp site and asked if the camp was Black Lives Matter and repeatedly said if it was he would drive over them followed by threatening to beat up a member on our security team. The state cannot condone this treatment towards anyone, and needs to take action to support the vulnerable communities facing both systemic and individual attacks on their communities.

“We couldn’t avoid it, we didn’t go look for him, he came to us. It was ugly, we know folks are against this bill and don’t support us, and we are here to get a vote so that we would be able to get out of the shadows and drive without fear. Legislators need to take us into account, we are your neighbors, we are your community too, you need to govern for all your com-

munity. We live here and contribute, our children go to school. We feel ignored and it’s your job to make a decision and can’t avoid it.” Rosa Santos, Cosecha Worcester

In the face of the worst attacks against immigrants in this country, Massachusetts has taken it slow when it comes to protections for the immigrant community. The lack of immigration legislation in Massachusetts and now the complete ignoring of an encampment for 10 days at the statehouse asking for dignity and respect for immigrants. It seems the immigrant community cannot do enough to receive the support of legislators.

While 16 other states including Utah and Virginia have already passed similar legislation. If legislators are not be able to pass licenses before the legislative session ends, legislators will get to take a



Consecha activists spent 11 days and nights camped out at the State House to call attention to the need for driver’s licenses for illegal and undocumented immigrants. The group was even allegedly threatened on Sunday by a man who said he would run them over in his car.

break, while undocumented immigrants will not get such a luxury. These last

remaining days will be telling of whether or not Massachusetts will show they

have the back of those in their community.

Aquí con Markey: Over 130 Latinx elected officials, community leaders endorse Markey

Over 130 Latinx elected officials and community leaders released a letter highlighting how Ed Markey has delivered for Latinx and immigrant communities across the state and country. The letter also announced the signatories’ strong endorsement for the Senator’s re-election.

“As the coronavirus disproportionately ravages Latinx communities, Ed Markey has continued to work with local leaders to better understand our unique needs during the pandemic,” the letter read.

“He is a true ally and advocate for the Latinx and immigrant community in Massachusetts and beyond. He is by our side, understanding that bills with direct impact on our local communities mean just as much as those that propose broad national change.”

“I am proud to have the support of these incredible leaders from across the state,” Senator Ed Markey said. “Their advice, direction, and hard work have been an important element of the success of our campaign to date. I work hard for them, and I pledge that my actions in the United States Senate will prove

worthy of their support.”

The letter comes after several Latinx leaders this week announced their support for Senator Markey’s re-election including State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, and Suffolk County Register of Probate Felix D. Arroyo.

With the applications for mail-in ballots already sent out, the continued addition of new endorsements shows the grassroots momentum building around Senator Ed Markey’s re-election message, proving he’s a progressive leader with the track record and bold ideas we need now.

In the midst of the coronavirus crisis, Ed Markey was the first Senator to call on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to immediately halt needless deportations and release from detention all immigrants who pose no public safety threat, and introduced the Immigration Enforcement Moratorium Act to halt the Trump administration’s harmful immigration enforcement activities. Ed Markey continues to fight for comprehensive immigration reform that would guarantee a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in our

country.

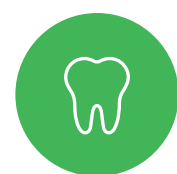
Local leaders from the area that have signed on include:

- State Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (Boston)
- Suffolk Registrar of Probate Felix D. Arroyo
- Marcony Almeida Barros, Everett School Committee
- Roberto Jimenez Rivera, Chelsea School Committee
- Marisol Santiago, Chelsea School Committee
- Julio Hernandez, former Chelsea School Committeeman
- Juan Pablo Jaramillo, State Democratic Committee, Revere

- Edwin Argueta, Everett community leader
- Paulina Bastidas-Yale, Revere community leader
- Iliana Panameno, Everett community leader
- Liana Matute, Revere community leader
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