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Deziel. “Island End River had been receiving an ‘F’ for several years in a row. Through the great work by Everett and Chelsea, the Island End River has received a ‘B’ for the first time. That work doesn’t stop and Everett and Chelsea will continue to work on projects that will impact water quality...That work has value and will make a difference in the future to everyone who uses or recreates in this watershed.”

Said MyRWA Scientist Andy Hrycyna, “Measuring is important and you measure what is important. It’s important to measure the progress and to look ahead. Forgotten in the effort are other important words and they are collaboration and partnership.”

While the more suburban areas of the watershed, such as in Arlington and further up are rife with pollution and bad grades on the report, those in the urban areas like Everett and Chelsea have steadily improved precisely because of that collaboration.

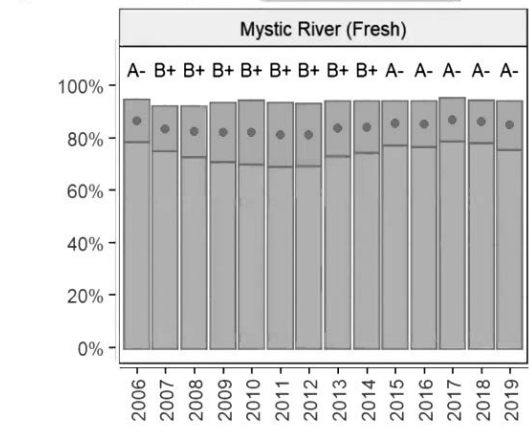
Mayor Carlo DeMaria said they have been working closely with Chelsea, the MWRA and the MyRWA for some time to stop illicit sewer hookups and Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), which are very time-consuming and expensive to fix, but something both communities have done well to help the waterways.

In Everett, DeMaria has made the long-forgotten Everett waterfront a major priority of his administration for several years. One thing they are currently doing on the Island End River that will further improve it is daylighting the stream by the Boston Market Terminal, and the new owner of the terminal has plans to fix the culvert for the River under that property. Chelsea is working close to put in new drainage on their side as well, he said.

“Our goal is to have active recreation all along the waterfront – not only the Mystic and Malden Rivers, but also down there at the Island End,” he said. “I’m excited by this report today. People might think this wouldn’t excite me, but having a clean waterfront is extremely exciting to me. I’m committed.”

Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino, and Hry-

Mystic River Compliance Rates and Letter grades 2006-2019



cyna, pointed out the Island End had been at a failure rating consistently for years, but something major changed in 2018. That, Hrycyna said, was reflected in the analyzation of bacteria counts year over year.

“In 2018, something happened here that is reflected in our bacteria sample data,” said Hrycyna. “The values can be seen going down suddenly in 2018. We think we know why.”

Ambrosino said they traced most of the improvement back to two significant illicit sewer connections that were going directly into the Island End. One of them was a large apartment building that had its sewer connected to the drainage pipes.

The second was a large-scale produce operation at the New England Produce Center that had an illicit sewer connection into the stormwater drainage – also flowing directly into the River.

“From what my public works folks tell me, that was the equivalent of taking out 30 single-family homes with illicit connections out of the Island End River,” Ambrosino said. “The second connection from the Produce Center only took out more of that pollution...Both of these improvements made a difference here. We’ve worked very cooperatively with Everett and Mayor DeMaria in looking at the Island End River on climate resilience too...This is a very important place for climate resilience, particularly with the Produce Center there, which is the second largest processing center in the U.S. We definitely expect to do more collaborative work with one another in the next five to 10 years.”

One area of concern for Everett was the Malden River, which received a ‘C’

grade. That was consistent with last year’s report and reflects the high amount of pollution still present there, primarily believed to be coming from Malden and down to Everett. There wasn’t much explanation for the continued middling grade, but there is hope that future collaboration with Malden, Medford and Everett will help to bring the Malden River up to a better grade too.

In Chelsea, the next major obstacle to tackle is Mill Creek, which received a ‘D-’ once again. The Creek on the border of Chelsea and Revere has been rife with issues for years, but Ambrosino said they want to focus on that.

“Our next target is certainly Mill Creek,” said Ambrosino.

Other notable grades for Everett and Chelsea:

- Chelsea Creek – A
- Mystic River (Fresh Water before the Dam) – A
- Mystic River (Salt Water after the Dam) B+
- Island End River – B
- Malden River – C

MyRWA Director Patrick Herron said most of the waterways in Everett and Chelsea are safe for boating and recreating, but he said using the grading is not the best way to decide what is the safest day. He said MyRWA has a real-time boating safety feature for most of the waterways on their website.

“What we would say is that as these are urban areas and we still have more work to do to improve conditions, we advise folks to avoid recreation on the water during the 48 hours after a major precipitation event,” he said. “We provide a recreation tool that predicts bacteria conditions on a ‘daily’ basis to help people make these informed decisions on recreation.”

## Man shot on Sweetser Circle after leaving Encore Boston Harbor

Staff Report

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Everett Chief of Police Steven Mazzie have confirmed an investigation into a shooting that occurred in the area of Sweetser Circle, Everett, early Sunday morning.

At approximately 3 a.m., Everett Police responded to

a call for a report of a male with a gunshot wound. A preliminary investigation suggests that the victim, a male in his 30s, was shot after leaving the Encore casino. The victim was transported to a hospital where he has been treated for the injuries sustained during the incident.

The shooting is not believed to be random and no

arrests have been made at this time.

This is an open and active investigation being conducted by the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office, the Everett Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office and the Boston Police Department.

## Auto body shop owner charged with tax fraud

Staff Report

The owner of Everett and Worcester auto body shops was charged last week with a payroll tax scheme resulting in a \$292,231 tax loss.

Adam Haddad, 43, of Shrewsbury, was charged and has agreed to plead guilty to three counts of aiding the preparation of false tax returns.

As alleged in the information, for tax quarters ending in March 2015 through June 2017, Haddad paid a significant portion

of the wages to employees of his company, Accurate Collision, Inc. “under the table.” In doing so, Haddad caused Accurate Collision, Inc. to file false returns with the IRS which underreported the actual wages he had paid his employees as well as the employment taxes due to the IRS. In total, Haddad caused a loss to the IRS of at least \$292,231.

The charging statute provides for a sentence of up to three years in prison, one year of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss,

whichever is greater. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling and Kristina O’Connell, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service’s Criminal Investigation made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sara Miron Bloom of Lelling’s Securities, Financial and Cyber Fraud Unit is prosecuting the case.

## Food // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

which Vasallo coordinates while training those on all of the other trucks. They currently have six trucks in Greater Boston that serve rescue food pick-ups and deliveries, with two outside of Greater Boston.

Vasallo grew up on Baldwin Avenue, and attended the Devens School and Parlin Jr. High before moving away for high school. He returned after high school and lived in Everett for many years. While there, he worked at an office job, but found that he needed something new.

“I am glad I made this move,” he said. “Sitting at a desk for eight to 10 hours a day – it wasn’t for me. I was growing restless. At the same time, I didn’t want to take a job that was active for the sake of being active. I didn’t want an excuse to just be outside and active. I wanted something more meaningful that helped people. This really filled that void for me. We are doing something great for the environment in keeping this food out of landfills, but we are also taking that rescued food and providing good food for people who need it.”

Lovin’ Spoonfuls Director Ashley Stanley said their company has become even more critical during the pandemic, serving perfectly good food to people who need it – food that



Lovin’ Spoonfuls has just added a new route to its food rescue operations, and that route includes Everett where they pick up from stores, and deliver to Grace Food Pantry. The route also includes Lynn, Chelsea, Revere and East Boston. It is the eighth route for the company in Massachusetts.

would otherwise be thrown out by groceries, wholesalers and restaurants.

“As we all have seen, these communities have been hit the hardest by COVID,” said Stanley, founder and executive director. “As such, it was an obvious next step for the Spoonfuls team to increase efforts in places where our end users, who utilize area pantries, meal programs and shelters, are often disproportionately affected by crises of any kind. Over the last 10 years, Lovin’ Spoonfuls has sought to help heal our communities through food. Unfortunately, the current pandemic further amplified the disparities in access to fresh, healthy food.”

The new route will have daily pick-ups occurring Monday through Friday, and it is expected to rescue an additional 222,000 pounds of perishable foods by the end of 2020 – the equivalent of 176,000 meals for neighbors in need.

Those are big numbers and Vasallo said when he first started working at Lovin’ Spoonfuls, he was shocked at the amounts of

food that went to waste. Some of it was perfectly fine, but near its sell-by date. Some was just misshapen or not the perfect color, yet still find to eat. All of it, otherwise, would have gone into a landfill.

“When I first started, it was staggering the types of food given to us,” he said. “Some of it is close dated, but in perfectly fine condition...Like many, I was shocked to see how much good food is being thrown away when I knew there were people who were hungry and could use it.”

Since 2010, Lovin’ Spoonfuls has rescued over 17 million pounds of fresh, healthy food, creating 14 million meals. Driven by a passion for change, Stanley established Spoonfuls after realizing hunger isn’t a problem of supply, it’s a problem of distribution. Since the start of the pandemic, Spoonfuls has rescued over 1.5 million pounds of food and onboarded 20 new beneficiary partners in response to the rising need. About 14% of partners rely on Lovin’ Spoonfuls’ deliveries for all of the food they serve their clients.

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### - LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT

**BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**484 Broadway**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 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: 118 Elm Street**  
**Map/Parcel: NO-04-000010**  
**Person Requesting: Hermes Barbosa**  
**118 Elm Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks to convert the use of the existing attached ground level parking garage area containing two (2) parking spaces, into a retail bicycle repair shop located on a 3350-sf lot within the Dwelling District. The proposed bicycle repair shop will be 18’ x 18’ (324 sf) requiring two (2) parking spaces. Two (2) existing parking spaces will be eliminated as a result of the renovation. No additional parking is being provided for this proposal that requires a total of four (4) parking spaces. The bike shop will have an advertising sign located on the front wall with dimensions 10’ w x 3’ h.

Reason for Denial: Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A as follows:

1. Appendix A Section 4 (A) Dwelling District Uses “Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, of for other than the following specified purposes” The commercial use is prohibited in the Dwelling District. Therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance.
2. Appendix A section (17) Off-Street Parking: Requires one parking space for each 300 sf of retail use. Therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance for two (2) parking spaces.
3. Appendix A section (17) F. “Buildings

in existence or for which building permits have been issued on the effective date of this ordinance shall not be subject to these parking requirements as long as the use of such buildings remain unchanged. However, any parking facilities thereafter established to serve such buildings may not in the future be reduced below the requirements specified in paragraph (A) or (B). One- and two-family dwellings constructed prior to 1988 shall not be subject to these requirements so long as the use remains unchanged”. The proposed use change would eliminate two (2) existing parking spaces located on the lot. Therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance to eliminate the existing parking spaces.

4. Section 12A-53 Signs in Residential Districts “In any residential district as defined in the Everett Zoning Ordinance, there shall not be any sign except as follows:”

a. ” One sign, not exceeding two square feet in total area, attached to the building or on a rod or post not more than four feet high and at least three feet in from the street line, and stating only the street number and name of the occupant or occupants of the lot.” Therefor the applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance for the proposed sign.

**Mary Gerace - Chairman**  
**Roberta Suppa - Clerk**  
**August 19, 2020**  
**August 26, 2020**

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## SAVE THE U.S. POST OFFICE

The unprecedented efforts to undermine the operations of the U.S. Postal Service by President Donald Trump and the Republicans are not even a thinly-veiled attempt to make sure that mail-in voting in the November election during this unprecedented pandemic will fail.

Trump’s suggestion that mail-in voting can easily be manipulated, or “rigged,” is absurd on its face. Five states, including Washington, Oregon, and Utah, have been conducting their elections for years by mailed-in ballots -- and they have been doing so without a hitch or any hint of manipulation.

However, even if we take Trump at his word that he is trying to “reform” the Post Office, why did he wait to do so until more than halfway through his fourth year in office and appoint as the Postmaster General a millionaire hack campaign donor who has absolutely zero experience in the mail delivery industry?

The U.S. Postal Service from its inception has been a national treasure that other nations have tried to emulate. We hope that the Congress is able to come together to save our Postal Service, an institution that literally is a lifeline for millions of Americans and provides a tremendous service for the entire country.

## NEW STIMULUS BILL IS DESPERATELY NEEDED

As we all have learned by now, the so-called Executive Order (if any of it is even legal) recently issued by President Donald Trump two weeks ago amounts to all talk and no action.

It does not stop any evictions of tenants anywhere in the country.

The extra \$400 per week of unemployment benefits (on top of whatever an unemployed person may be receiving from the usual unemployment stipend) is subject to each state kicking in \$100 of the \$400. Given that every state already is facing huge budget deficits because of the pandemic, the Executive Order amounts to what in the private sector is referred-to as a poison pill.

As for the temporary elimination of the Social Security tax -- which is only paid by employed persons -- that sum will have to be repaid in the future by each taxpayer and business. So what good is that?

The moratorium on interest on student loans may be able to go into effect, but the Executive Order extends that benefit only to September 30.

The House passed an extended relief bill in May that included funds for states and municipalities, as well as maintaining the additional unemployment benefits of \$600 that were included in the first pandemic legislation.

The Senate refused to take up the House bill until the deadline approached -- and then asserted that the House was unwilling to compromise.

With an average of 1000 Americans dying daily from the coronavirus and the economy still in a shambles, the country cannot afford political gamesmanship. Action is needed -- and fast.

# Independent Forum



GUEST OP-ED

## School reopening plans

By Thomas Scott and  
Robert N. Baldwin,  
Massachusetts Association of  
School Superintendents (MASS)

Across the Commonwealth, school districts are beginning to announce their plans for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Some communities are choosing not to reopen school buildings, opting instead for full distance learning for all students. Other communities are moving forward with a “hybrid” model, in which some groups of students alternate between in-person learning and distance learning, in order to ensure physical distancing in schools.

Neither of these approaches is being met with universal acclaim. Superintendents and School Committees find themselves caught between the impassioned viewpoints of two opposing camps. They are hearing from parents who advocate for at least some return to in-person schooling, in part because of fears about the long-term effects of students being out of school, without the supports and interactions they need to thrive. They’re also hearing from constituents, including many teachers’ union leaders, who insist that school buildings should remain closed altogether to protect students and staff and to prevent the spread of the virus.

Many of the 275 members of the Massachusetts

Association of School Superintendents (MASS) were eager and hopeful to have their School Committee approve a hybrid model. Especially in communities where the COVID-19 infection rate is low, many superintendents are confident that schools can make the necessary adjustments to resume in-person instruction while protecting the health and safety of students and staff. These district leaders have worked diligently with local task forces throughout the spring and summer to craft reopening plans that adhere to state guidelines and “follow the science.” While so many other states across the country cannot even consider reopening schools as the infection rate continues to soar, Massachusetts is in a very different position. Many Superintendents believe that the health and safety measures they will put in place -- especially the redesign of schools to ensure physical distancing, along with requirements for face covering, hand-washing, symptom screening, and rigorous cleaning and sanitizing protocols -- create the conditions to begin reopening schools incrementally and responsibly.

Despite these precautions, some communities ultimately will decide, as some already have, that even a partial reopening is not worth the risk, and begin the year with all students learning from home. In those communities, Superintendents will work

with teachers’ unions to design and implement distance learning plans that reflect lessons learned last spring about what worked well and what needs improvement. Districts will have to find creative ways for students and families to “meet” their new teachers, even if not in person, to establish relationships at the start of the school year. Districts operating fully remote models also will have to devise strategies to serve students with the greatest needs, particularly students with disabilities, English learners, children living in poverty, and others who were not fully engaged in distance learning from March to June. Challenging questions remain about how schools can provide additional services remotely to address students’ social-emotional needs, especially their mental and physical health.

There is no shortage of opinions about what is the “right” way to approach the new school year. A quick scroll through any social media feed highlights the vast divide on this issue, with proponents from both sides growing increasingly fervent every day. While superintendents have urged State officials to provide more clear direction for school opening, unless State officials change their position in the days ahead, these decisions are left solely in the hands of the superintendents and school committees. Therefore, each Superintendent has a weighty

responsibility to cut through the noise, examine the facts, weigh the pros and cons, and recommend a plan that best protects and educates the students in their community. Ultimately, each proposal must be approved by the School Committee, but even their decision is not final unless the terms are negotiated with the local teachers’ union. All of this occurs while the public health situation -- and the response to it -- remains a moving target.

Whatever the outcome in each community, the new school year can begin successfully only if everyone involved commits to working together for the benefit of students. In the remaining weeks before students resume learning, we have a critical opportunity for parents, educators, union leaders, and community partners -- regardless of the model they each wanted to see adopted -- to move forward with a shared sense of purpose. We are living in imperfect times, to say the least, so while no plan can achieve a “perfect” result, let’s all strive to be creative, open-minded, resilient, and unequivocally determined to get our students back to learning.

*Thomas Scott, Ed.D. is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS). Robert N. Baldwin, Ed.D. is President of MASS and Superintendent of the Fairhaven Public Schools.*

## LETTER to the Editor

### JOIN ME AND VOTE FOR MICHAEL MCLAUGHLIN

To the Editor,

My name is Denise Selden. I am the owner of Salon 345 & Day Spa, as well as the Chairwoman for the Saugus Chamber of Commerce. I have been a resident of Everett for more than 25 years. I am proud to

recognize the strong character and honest leadership Michael McLaughlin has been refining since I met him as a teenager.

Michael McLaughlin is a devoted member of the community whose hard work and attention to detail shines in everything he does. He earnestly drives himself to understand the needs of our community to

make it a better place for everyone who lives or passes through.

When Michael first ran for a position in our local government in 2011, I was very excited to see him sharing his natural gifts of leadership, communication, and foresight with our community. Since then he has assisted our city in numerous ways and always

puts the needs of the community first. I am proud to support him in the upcoming election for State Representative for Everett. He is the right person, with the right leadership that Everett needs going forward. Please join my family in voting for him this year.

**Denise Selden  
Everett Resident**

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GUEST OP-ED

## Remembrance of an Atypical Black American Boyhood

*(Editor’s Note: The following op-ed is by the late Ambassador Walter Carrington and was printed in the Boston Globe, and later in the Everett Independent in 2017. It was about his unique coming of age in Everett, and his words are enormously appropriate right now in the times with which we live. Carrington passed away last weekend. This piece was first published by the Harvard Book Store in Paige Leaves: Essays Inspired by New England.)*

By Walter C. Carrington

As I left my post after four years of service as American Ambassador to Nigeria, I told the press that I would, in the African tradition, be returning to my home village of Boston. Only Boston wasn’t my ancestral home. A city just north of it, of which they had never heard, Everett, was.

The older I get the more fortunate I realize that my growing up black in the America of the 1930s occurred in that working class town on the banks of a polluted Mystic River. Everett, then with a population of 50,000, had only 50 black families who were scattered throughout the town.

My younger sister, Marilyn, and I were the only black kids on the block in a town that was a sociological anomaly. I would learn many years later, while a Commissioner on the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD), that an Urban League study had found my Everett to have been the least segregated city of its size in the country. So assimilated did I, as a youngster, become to my heavily Italian neighborhood that I could curse in Italian, with a Sicilian accent, almost before I could in English. My pals were united more by their hard scrabble Depression-era circumstances than divided by their ethnic origins. I would, decades later, see in the characters of Scorsese’s great film, Mean Streets, not only some of those I had grown up with but also the Italian pastimes, such as playing bocce and stomping grapes, I had so long ago enjoyed.

I existed in a racial cocoon. I was in and out of my friends’ houses as often as I liked. I never felt that I was treated any differently by my teachers or that I was unwelcome in any enterprise, except for the barbershops. They couldn’t or wouldn’t cut my kinky black hair.

It was on the seventh day, however, that the God of racial harmony rested. Unless you were a Catholic, Sunday was the most segregated day of the week. Like I, most blacks were Protestant. Feeling unwelcome in most of the white churches in Everett, we crossed the

border into Malden to worship in one of that town’s two black houses of worship. Everett’s few black Catholics had no need to make such a trek. They found a welcoming haven in their city’s Catholic cathedrals.

The black Catholic family that I knew best was the Walkers. Both sons were at Boston College. The eldest, “Chappy”, was a running back and a local hero. What excitement and pride I and all my friends felt when BC was invited to the Sugar Bowl in 1941. But, then, unwilling to disturb southern white sensibilities over a black player taking the field in segregated New Orleans, BC left Chappy home. This event, the sidelining of an 11-year-old’s idol because he was black, was my first awakening as to how different the world, outside the bubble I had been sheltered in, was.

It had always seemed that my religion distinguished me more from most of my white friends than did my color. My grandmother whose home I was brought up in after the divorce of my parents was, like most of the white Protestants around, a Republican. Hers was the party of Lincoln; the Democrats, the party of Al Smith and James Michael Curley and the Irish ward bosses of Boston. My first political memory was sitting, at age

6, in the rumble seat of her car as she drove to the polls to vote for Alf Landon for President. Four years later, I would get into fist fights in the schoolyard over jeers directed at me because of my support for the man who was my first political hero, Wendell Willkie. My classmates’ favorite taunt echoes still:

“The horse’s tail is very silky.

Lift it up and you’ll see Willkie.”

I had always felt growing up in Eastern Massachusetts that it was easier being a Negro kid than a Jewish one. Father Coughlin had a far too receptive audience for his anti-Semitic rants. Band members from the heavily Jewish populated schools in Brookline and Dorchester would often be set upon by Irish toughs after marching in the St. Patrick’s Day parade. Closer to home, I first encountered that hatred as a young teen. Saturday matinees at the local movie theater were a regular ritual my friends and I shared. One weekend when none of the guys was available, I invited Stanley Goodman, the son of the owner of the local candy store, to go with me. That evening a fire storm erupted.

Sitting on the stoop of the house of one of my friends, Victor lit into me. Why was I palling around with Stanley, (who, by the way, did

not live in our neighborhood). Didn’t I know he was a Jew? At 13 the only thing I knew about Jews was that Jesus was one and that there was a section of Malden derisively referred to as “Jew Town” where their older brothers sometimes went in gangs to beat up the boys and feel up the girls. I countered, bewilderingly, that Mr. Goodman whose store we often frequented was a very nice man. Victor became more and more agitated as he tried to convince me that they were all Christ killers. Seeing that I remained unpersuaded still, he blurted out his trump card: “How would you like your sister, Marilyn, to marry a Jew?” So stunned was I, that it remains the only sentence of conversation I can remember verbatim from my childhood. Perhaps it was a combination of the vehemence with which he said it and the absurdity of what he said. My sister was, after all, only 11 and it would be a long time before she would be contemplating marriage. As I later worked in the Civil Rights movement, I would often recall the painful irony of Victor’s vitriol.

Just as on Sundays I would have to seek religious solace outside of Everett so too, in my high school years, on weekend nights would I have to go to Roxbury and the South

End of Boston to attend dances and parties. Interracial dating, even in Everett, was the most entrenched of all taboos. That should not have been surprising since, of course, it was part of an America whose racist sentiments had been the norm since the founding of the Republic. I, also, could not escape the sting of what we now prudishly call the “N-Word.” Often, outside my neighborhood, I would get into fist fights occasioned by having been called [such names]. Even some of my friends, with no malice aforethought, would casually refer to the numbers racket [with such words]. I would be embarrassed at Boy Scout campfires when Stephen Foster songs containing the word “darky” would be sung and at the movies when the audiences would laugh at the bug-eyed, shuffling antics of Stepin Fetchet and Mantan Moreland.

Growing up in a predominantly white environment, however, did not weaken my sense of racial identity but, rather, strengthened it. My life in Everett cut against the grain of most of the era’s stereotypes. I was a popular kid in a sports-obsessed town who was not an athlete. Our high school football teams were legendary. They won more state and national championships than any other. They were memorialized

in Look Magazine. The basketball team was a state powerhouse. Jocks were the most popular group in school. Yet I, who excelled, not on the field but on the stage as a debater and orator, was each year elected Vice President of a class of 500 of whom but five were black.

I often read in the national black newspapers tales of horror about white high school guidance counselors steering promising black students away from college careers to vocational ones. I was blessed to have one who insisted that I should settle for nothing but the best. With his encouragement I got into Harvard.

My friends were excited and anxious at the news. They were proud that a kid from the neighborhood had made it that far but also worried lest I abandon my roots and old friends for the company of what they saw as the snobbish sons of the privileged. Thanks to having grown up where I did, my greatest apprehension, at Harvard, was not that I was black but that I was a public school graduate competing against so many who had gone to elite private schools.

I remain grateful that, for all its imperfections, there once was an Everett that prepared me, not only to survive in a predominately white America, but to prevail in it.



# EVERETT VOTES



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# DiDomenico receives National Breakfast Hero award

Staff Report

The national anti-hunger campaign No Kid Hungry recently named Senator Sal DiDomenico as a recipient of its 2020 Breakfast Hero contest. DiDomenico was one of only six recipients throughout the United States.

DiDomenico was awarded for his sponsorship of Breakfast After the Bell legislation, which was signed into law earlier this month after being overwhelmingly passed by the Massachusetts Legislature. This bill will increase access to school breakfast to over 150,000 low-income students across the Commonwealth by making it part of the school day.

Accessing traditional cafeteria breakfast service can be challenging for many kids. Breakfast after the bell provides breakfast



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

in a way that is more convenient and accessible to students, resulting in more kids starting the day ready to learn.

“It is an honor to accept this 2020 Breakfast Hero award from No Kid Hungry,” said Senator DiDomenico. “We can have the best teachers, facilities, and technology in our classrooms, but if our kids are showing up for school

hungry, they simply are not ready to learn. I am very grateful for the advocacy and partnership of organizations like the No Kid Hungry campaign and Rise and Shine Coalition on our Breakfast After the Bell legislation. Together, we have helped to ensure that thousands of kids across our Commonwealth will start their days with the nutrition they need, ready to learn.”

According to No Kid Hungry, “this year’s inspiring line up of champions come from all walks of life, proof that ending childhood hunger takes all of us. Breakfast powers kids to reach their full potential, but millions of kids in need start each school day on an empty stomach. No Kid Hungry’s breakfast hero award celebrates individuals who are changing that. By using their voices to build awareness, enacting

smart policy, raising critical funds and implementing breakfast after the bell programs in schools, they have gone above and beyond to ensure all kids in America are Powered By Breakfast.”

No Kid Hungry is an active member of Rise and Shine Massachusetts, a statewide coalition of over fifty hunger-relief and education organizations advocating for state legislation that increases equitable access and participation in school breakfast.

School breakfast is an energy source for kids across the nation. Research shows that hunger has long-term ramifications on children, including lower test scores, weaker attendance rates, and a higher risk of hospitalizations and chronic diseases. No Kid Hungry and its partners focus on school breakfast as a critical way to end childhood hunger.

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After more than 31 years of service, the Everett Police recently said farewell to Officer Paul Young. He is pictured here with Chief Steve Mazzie on his final day of service at the Police Station last month.

# Markey campaign sees tsunami of grassroots contributions

With two weeks to go before the final day to vote in the primary, the Ed Markey for U.S. Senate campaign is reporting \$1.84 million in donations in the period from July 1 to Monday. The campaign received 38,697 individual contributions during that same timeframe.

In the final week before the end of the reporting period -- from Aug. 5 to 12 -- the Markey campaign raised more than \$500,000, approximately half - \$261,887 - came in just those final two days. The fundraising announce-

ment comes on the heels of the new Sunrise Movement-produced ad that has already garnered more than 3 million views and an inspiring grassroots house party featuring national progressive heroes Senator Elizabeth Warren, Congressman Roh Khanna, and Sunrise Movement co-founder Evan Weber.

“Small dollar contributions continue to fuel our campaign’s rise. Ed’s leadership on the Green New Deal, Medicare For All, racial justice, and the progressive issues defining this moment are fueling

the campaign’s grassroots momentum heading into the final days of voting. Voters can see through the Kennedy campaign’s desperate negative attacks, and our massive growth and momentum are the proof,” Campaign Manager John Walsh said.

The latest fundraising success comes after the Markey campaign posted a record-breaking second quarter of the year, when 33,707 individual contributions helped raise more than the Kennedy campaign.

# Malden Catholic continues exceptional distance learning throughout the summer

Malden Catholic Students had the benefit of a full curriculum for the entire school year without any disruption as MC seamlessly shifted to an exceptional full-day Distance Learning model in March 2020. The school provided interactive, academically challenging classes taught by veteran teachers on a secured Zoom platform after the onset of COVID-19 and continued with full curriculum throughout the academic year. Due to the success of the spring Distance Learning classes, MC offered over a dozen robust online Summer Program courses from June 29 to July 31 covering a wide variety of topics for students grades 7 – 11.

“Staying ahead of the curve and keeping students’ minds engaged was the objective of Malden Catholic’s Summer Distance Learning offering,” commented Headmaster John K. Thornburg. “We were thrilled when over 150 students enrolled in our Summer Program including MC students and young adults from the Boston metropolitan area.”

Students could choose from a broad course selection including: SAT Prep, Algebra I, Python Programming, STEM, 3D Printing,

Girls Leadership, Bridging the Gap for Science, Public Speaking, College Application 101, 20th Century Fiction, a pre-course for AP Bio or Language Arts through Philosophy Texts.

In addition to the popular MC college ACT/SAT and HSPT prep courses, the STEM: Engineering Everywhere course was in high demand among high school students. The STEM: Engineering Everywhere elective introduced students to engineering with the curriculum created by the Museum of Science and facilitated by Doctor Diane Perito who holds a PhD from Tufts University in Chemistry and is the STEM Director at Malden Catholic. Doctor Perito, who has been with Malden Catholic for four years facilitating and planning the STEM curricular development stated, “The course encouraged teamwork and collaboration in an effort to understand and tackle real-life engineering issues. These ambitious students explored and broadened their knowledge in multiple disciplines in engineering that will help to move into their fall learning environment.”

Select courses will also be offered to middle school students beginning in September 2020.

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By Seth Daniel

Councilor Stephanie Martins is advocating for two very important ordinance changes this month related to animals – one for pets and the other for wildlife.

Both of the matters will be discussed at the Aug. 27 Council committee meeting, which will be held online.

The first ordinance is one with quite a lot of support – and likely to have some reservations as well – and it’s change to the “leash law,” allowing dogs to be able to run off-leash at certain parks in the city. Two of the major dog communities where it would likely take place are at 7-Acre Park, and also near the Lafayette School.

Martins said right now the leash law requires that dogs be on their leash at all times when in public places – meaning they are not officially allowed to run in

public places, though such things are rather common already in some parks. The amendment would allow dogs off-leash in some areas where it is posted that dogs can be off-leash.

“As the population of the City changes, we see a lot more families with dogs and there are whole communities that are looking for this in public places,” she said. “This change will be very helpful. The administration is supportive, so it’s currently about my colleagues understanding when and where and how and what areas it will be happening. If you go out, you’ll see that most of the people are families with dogs.”

She said she has gotten more than 20 letters of support from residents, and that there is a swell of support in the community for more than just a dog park.

“It makes a difference when there is a community calling for this,” she said.

•PEST CONTROL OR-

DINANCE CHANGE

A second ordinance change comes from the Animal Control Officer, and stems from a situation where pest control companies have been called in more often as wildlife becomes more emboldened during the down times of the pandemic. The specific situation was during one of the heat waves, squirrels were caught in a trap on a hot roof for more than a day. It has sparked a debate about whether these companies are operating humanely.

Martins said she is looking to change the ordinance so that Pest Control companies using traps would have to check them every six hours, and anything caught would have to be turned over to the Animal Control Officer to relocate safely and humanely.

“I know the purpose is to relocate the animals, but we need to do it in a humane way,” she said.

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# MGC puts any expansion of gaming on hold after Everett’s ‘high-risk’ designation

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) has put a pause on any expansion of gaming into Roulette, Craps or Poker for the moment, with the backdrop of Gov. Charlie Baker’s pause on re-opening and the status of Everett as a ‘higher-risk’ community due to some recent, modest upticks in COVID-19 cases.

Encore Boston Harbor had been testing a very involved prototype of plastic and Plexiglas that they felt would allow patrons to safely be able to play stand-up games like Roulette and Craps – that amidst the backdrop of CEO Matt Maddox this month saying there is more demand at Encore than they can meet due to strong state restrictions. That prototype had been mentioned several times by

Encore, and they had high hopes for it, but the MGC regulators and Commissioners felt now was not the time.

“In light of COVID-19, we don’t feel it would be appropriate to add new games,” said IEB Deputy Director Loretta Lillios. “We’re going to continue looking at it. They have seen pretty good compliance, but it’s something we’ll bring back to you at a later date...We’re mindful of the governor’s new announcement. From the IEB’s perspective, it seems expansion of operations at this time...would not be appropriate.”

Commissioner Enrique Zuniga said he agreed that the MGC should take things slow and follow the lead of Gov. Baker – who on Tuesday last week declared Everett and neighboring communities ‘higher risk’ than the rest of the state.

“I think there was an assumption we would let health data inform all we did and we would continue to monitor the situation around us,” he said. “While reopening appears to have gone very good with occupancy levels and adherence to the guidelines, it is still important to monitor public health data. Everett and Chelsea were identified recently as communities where there was an uptick and they are important places to monitor. I think it’s prudent to continue the way that we are now.”

Added Chair Catherine Judd-Stein, “At this point, it just wouldn’t be prudent to expand and we need to get this right.”

The news was disappointing to Encore Boston Harbor, certainly, though the company said nothing publicly. From the opening, the resort has hoped to be able to lead the nation in

returning profitable games like Roulette and Craps – though their emphasis has been on public health and safety first. Still, they have indicated that demand will dictate any decisions on expansion, and Maddox said in an investor call two weeks ago that there is more demand at Encore Boston Harbor than they can meet with the restrictions. Brining back more games, and creating that demand, would be a key to bringing back the more than 1,400 employees that are still furloughed from the resort.

•GROSS GAMING REVENUES

Not surprisingly, the MGC released Gross Gaming Revenues (GGR) for July and it was slim pickings compared to the months before COVID-19, but at the same time it wasn’t a total disaster.

It was the first release

of revenues since March, which was shortened by the closure of casinos in the state due to the onset of COVID-19. The July revenues were shortened by two weeks as they were only allowed to open on July 12.

One of the highlights in the numbers was the slot machine numbers. Despite having far fewer machines due to social distancing on the gaming floor, the GGR for slots was \$16.2 million with a hold of just 7.95 percent. That’s a similar hold to before the pandemic, and it’s only about \$6 million off from pre-pandemic slot GGRs. That was a major highlight, also considering that the Coin-in was down to \$204.5 million – which was more than \$100 million shy of what was normal at Encore earlier this year.

Clearly, the downfall was the table games, which are restricted tremendously by COVID-19 regulations.

They came in at \$10.7 million in GGRs, which is about one-third of some of the best GGRs Encore had pre-pandemic.

In total, the Slot and Table GGRs were about 50 percent of what existed before COVID-19, at \$26.977 million. Some of the best months at Encore saw total GGRs at \$54 million.

Still, the limited July numbers come with nearly two weeks chopped off of the month, and with major restrictions on gaming. Initially, the numbers show there is a return to gaming and demand in the market. That was uncertain for Wynn Resorts just a few months ago in all of their jurisdictions – including China, Las Vegas and Everett – as the company felt there might not be demand for a return to in-person gaming worldwide.

# Encore Poker dealers begin retraining for other games

By Seth Daniel

With Poker games seemingly in no position to return to Massachusetts casinos any time soon, many former Poker dealers at Encore Boston Harbor have begun to train for other permitted games like Blackjack.

Encore Spokesman Eric Kraus said that 70 Poker dealers at Encore have participated in a new program offered by the company to train for other permitted games, those mostly being Blackjack.

“Because we shut down the Poker Room and furloughed several of those Poker Room employees, we have started training those Poker dealers and others with game experience in dealing. We are offering them to train on Blackjack dealing mostly. We don’t like furloughing employees. They are family members. So, we tell them about all open positions and see if anyone

furloughed is a good fit for those positions. If they’re furloughed and would be a good fit, we can bring them back to open positions. We invest a lot in our employees, whether finding them, training them and keeping them. We don’t want them to leave during a furlough.”

He said there are approximately 70 dealers of Poker that are or have re-trained for Blackjack, one of the only table games now allowed in the state.

At the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) meeting last Thursday, the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) gave one of its first updates on the possibility of returning Poker, and the long and short of that is Poker is currently not possible.

The IEB explained that Poker requires many people at the table to be worthwhile and profitable for the casino, and at the moment the best that can be done is four players at a time.

“In order to make Poker a safe game, we could

put only about four people at a table,” said one of the members. “In discussions with operators, this would mean Poker would not be profitable. At this point, we wouldn’t recommend Poker until we can get more players at the table and do that safely.”

The IEB indicated some other states with gaming are returning Poker and allowing many people at a table. With COVID-19 restrictions as they are, it isn’t a course the MGC is willing to forge.

“That’s not what I would consider a safe situation for employees or players,” he said. “Poker at its heart is a marginally profitable game for casinos. We would at best get four players at a table and that’s a very, very low profit, it at all a profit, for casinos.”

At Encore, the Poker Room and Poker areas have largely been repurposed to accommodate more Blackjack tables at greater distances.

# West Nile Virus detected in mosquitoes collected in the Everett area

Staff Report

The state Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed last Wednesday, Aug. 12, that West Nile Virus has been detected in mosquito samples collected in Everett.

WNV is most commonly transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. The mosquitoes that carry this virus are common throughout the state, and are found in urban as well as more rural areas. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe infection.

By taking a few precautions, people can help to protect themselves and their loved ones:

Avoid Mosquito Bites

•Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours - The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. If you are outdoors at any time and notice mosquitoes around you, take

steps to avoid being bitten by moving indoors, covering up and/or wearing repellent.

•Clothing Can Help reduce mosquito bites. Although it may be difficult to do when it’s hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

•Apply Insect Repellent when you go outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as

clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

•Drain Standing Water – Many mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or getting rid of items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.

•Install or Repair Screens - Some mosquitoes like to come indoors. Keep them outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

Information about WNV and reports of current and historical WNV virus activity in Massachusetts can be found on the MDPH website at: [www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito](http://www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito).

# Older adults need to take caution with prolonged sun exposure

During these warm summer days, we enjoy being outside more than ever. However, those of us who are sun worshipers put ourselves at risk long before there was much talk about the connection between sun exposure and skin cancer.

For older adults, much of the damage to our skin was done before we were out of our teens. Thirty and 40 years ago, we used creams to treat painful sunburn, but we never thought about preventing it in the first place. Unfortunately, those glorious days in the sun can cause serious illness in the future.

Prolonged sun exposure results in a breakdown of fibers in the skin that ultimately can lead to facial sagging, mottled pigmentation, an increased risk of bruising and tearing, dilation of small blood vessels, wrinkles, and pre-cancerous and cancerous skin lesions. It’s easy today to see that all the hours spent in the sun were detrimental to our health. Continued exposure continues the risk.

When outside in the sun for a good length of time, individuals are encouraged to wear a hat, covered up by wearing long sleeve shirts/pants, and most importantly, apply sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or greater to all exposed skin, and try to avoid being in the direct

sun when it’s at its strongest, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dermatologists (skin doctors) encourage older adults to perform skin self-exams regularly. You should look for moles/growths that are “patriotic”—red, blue, or white. You also should look for changes in the size or texture of the moles/growths. During your annual physi-

cal, your doctor should be made aware of any suspicious lesions.

Despite the damage the sun can cause us, you can still enjoy outdoor activities as long as you cover up and wear sunscreen!

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The virtual Zoom meeting will be broadcast on Facebook Live on the Everett Public Schools Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/everettmapublicschools](https://www.facebook.com/everettmapublicschools))

Copies of the budget will be made available on the EPS Website beginning on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

The regularly scheduled Everett School Committee meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearing on the Fiscal 2021 budget.

If you wish to participate in the public comment portion of the budget hearing or during the public comment period of the regular School Committee meeting, use the link/number listed below. This is not for actually viewing/listening to the meeting, just for calling in.

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# In this corner

Everett-based boxer Greg Vendetti will fight for world title

By Cary Shuman

In the quiet environs of the new Broadway Boxing Club at the old Everett high school building, two men are preparing for the biggest night of their respective careers.

One is Greg Vendetti, a rising 30-year-old fighter, who will step into the ring on Aug. 29 in Los Angeles to battle Erislandy Lara for the WBA Super Middle-weight Championship. The other is his well-known and highly respected trainer Joe Ricciardi, who is working on strategy and technique with Vendetti, who is nicknamed “The Villain.”

Vendetti’s fight will be televised live as the main event on Fox TV’s Premier Boxing Champions card.

If this were normal circumstances, family and friends from Vendetti’s

hometown of Stoneham would be flocking to Everett to watch his workouts. But because of the coronavirus, Vendetti and Ricciardi are working out alone at the gym. There will be no spectators allowed at the world title fight in Los Angeles.

Main event, world title, and national television are magical terms in the sport of boxing. A potential TV audience of millions will likely be watching the fight worldwide.

“What else can you say? I’m excited,” said Vendetti, a 2008 graduate of Northeast Regional High School in Wakefield where he was a star linebacker and specialized in the plumbing program. “I feel that we’re ready and have done everything we can to get ready for the fight. I’m in a position to do my best. Is my

best good enough to win? I really feel like it is. But we’ll find out on the 29th.”

Vendetti last fought in the main event of a July, 2019 show at Encore Boston Harbor, winning the IBA title in impressive fashion before a large crowd of his supporters.

“I was supposed to have another fight in April, but it got canceled because of COVID-19,” he said.

Vendetti (22-3-1, 12 knockouts) has watched video of Lara (26-3-3 with 15 knockouts) in his past fights.

“Let’s face it, pound for pound, he’s one of the best fighters of the last decade,” said Vendetti. “But his last three performances weren’t great and he’s getting up there in age (37). And his style has problems with my style. He doesn’t really like a lot of pressure.



Greg Vendetti works with his trainer, Joe Ricciardi, in preparation for his Aug. 29 world championship fight.

“I think they picked me because I’m entertaining enough to be profitable, but I’m not considered dangerous enough to be a threat,” said Vendetti. “But I think they messed up. They don’t know about me. I think it’s a good opportunity to show the world that I’m the real deal.”

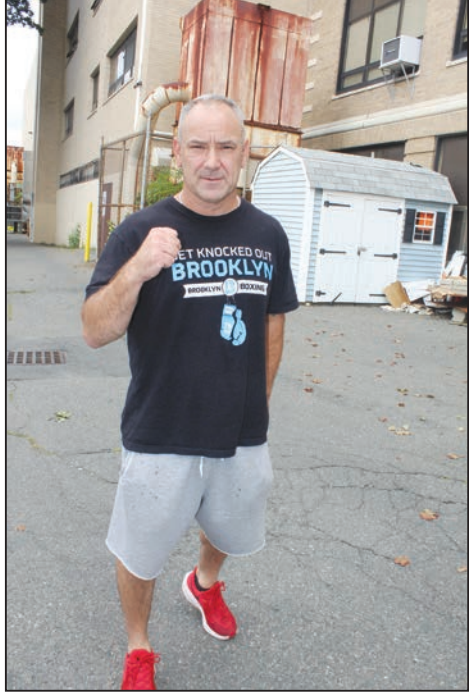
Vendetti said his fans are excited about the bout.

“Everyone is pumped for me. Everybody is excited,” he said. “They’ve been following me since my amateur career. People think I have a real shot against him. It’s my time. I’m really confident.”

Vendetti, who is managed by Artie DePina, likes the atmosphere at the new boxing club in Everett. “The gym is awesome. It has everything you need. There is a lot of potential having a boxing gym in this city. There are a lot of kids who might take up boxing and I think they’ll find out



Title contender Greg Vendetti is pictured with his trainer, Joe Ricciardi, at the Broadway Boxing Club in Everett. Vendetti is training for his WBA/IBO world championship fight on Aug. 29 in Los Angeles.



Dennis Willcox, co-director of the Broadway Boxing Club, is pictured outside the old Everett High School building where the boxing club is located.



Greg Vendetti is pictured in the ring at the Broadway Boxing Club in Everett. Vendetti will be fighting for the world championship in a nationally televised main event on Fox.

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Vendetti said he and Ricciardi have been a team since Day 1 of his boxing career.

“I walked into the gym in Saugus and Joe said, ‘come back tomorrow and we’ll get started,’ and I never went away,” said Vendetti. “He saw something in me and put in the time and effort and made me the fighter I am today.”

“He’s ready for this title shot,” said Ricciardi. “He’s beaten some good fighters with good records. We’ve been training hard and Greg has been getting better with each and every fight. This has been a 15-year journey, but it’s been worth it. This fight couldn’t happen at a better time. We’re not going to LA to just be there. We’re going there to win.”

Vendetti’s parents,

George and Deborah Vendetti, his sister, Alex, and his girlfriend, Midori, will be traveling to Los Angeles for the title fight, but will have to view it on television at a separate location.

Dennis Willcox, co-director of the Broadway Boxing Club, said the club is honored to have a world title contender training in Everett.

“It’s perfect for the young kids to see,” said Willcox. “Greg sets a great example. He trains hard and there a lot more people rooting for him than he knows.”

Willcox said he is grateful to Mayor Carlo DeMaria for opening up the building for a boxing club.

“I think this club will be a positive development for the youth of Everett and we’re thankful to Mayor DeMaria for the opportunity,” said Willcox.

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# Sports

## Athletics claim ELL Minor League championship

By Cary Shuman

The Athletics claimed a thrilling 3-2 victory over the Reds to clinch the 2020 Everett Little League Minor League championship Monday night at Sacramone Park.

Jovens Jean pitched three strong innings in the deciding game of the series before ace right-hander Nick Young closed the door with three scoreless innings. Young completed an outstanding season in which he emerged as the league's top pitcher.

Mike Walsh pitched an excellent game for the Reds, who had handed the Athletics their only loss of the regular season.

Mateus Bueno was the batting star for the A's with two singles and three RBIs. Bueno delivered the tie-breaking RBI single in the fourth inning to bring home Jovens Jean who had walked and stolen second and third.

"It was a team effort but those three players (Jean, Young, and Bueno) had great nights," said Lom-

bardo. "It took good at-bats from everybody."

Lombardo said the coaching staff made a crucial decision to hold out Nick Young for the relief pitching role in Game 3.

"A lot of that decision was based on Game 1 when we started Nick and the Reds won it in the end," said Lombardo. "The game plan was to use Nick in the later half so we could secure those outs and it ended up working out."

Coach Brian Lombardo singled out the outstanding play of 9-year-old Salvy Vittoria, who was the dependable starting catcher for the Athletics all season.

"Salvy pitched for the first time all year in Game 2 of the finals when our backs were to the wall and he pitched five innings of great baseball," said Lombardo. "He also had a couple of RBIs. He played the game of the season and that's what got us to this point."

Lombardo, who is a graduate of Everett Little League and was coached by his father, Tony, said

it was a memorable first season as a Minor League coach.

"I started coaching in the Farm League with my sister [Kayla] who is now getting her doctorate in Physical Therapy at Simmons University], so then I moved up to the Minors," said the 23-year-old Lombardo, a 2015 graduate and three-sport athlete at Everett High School. "My coaches growing up were always there for practice and they were great teachers, so once I knew my playing days were over after high school, I wanted to give back to the same game I love and stay in the community that I live in."

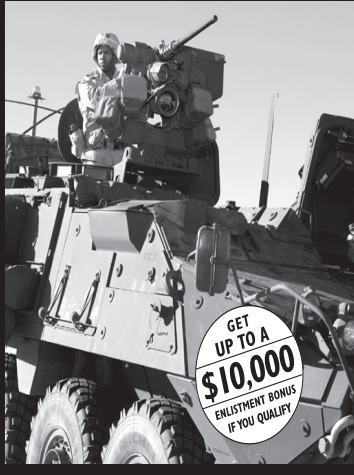
Lombardo added, "I'm just really glad that these kids got to have a regular baseball season in a year where nothing was certain [due to the coronavirus]. There's a lot of great people involved in Everett Little League – it takes a whole lot of people to have a regular season like this. I'm very grateful to everyone who is involved."



The Athletics clinched the 2020 Everett Little League Minor League championship with a 3-2 victory over the Reds Monday night at Sacramone Park. Front row, from left, are Allie Grant, Salvy Vittoria, Nick Savi, Mateus Bueno, and Dylan Goulding. Middle row, from left, are Jose Bueno, Nick Young, Nick Lima, Meghan Comerford, and Cristian Miranda. Back row, from left, are coaches Brian Lombardo, Tony Lombardo, Joe Young, and Sal Vittoria.



The Everett Little League Minor League Reds players and coaches had an excellent season, advancing to the championship round of the playoffs.



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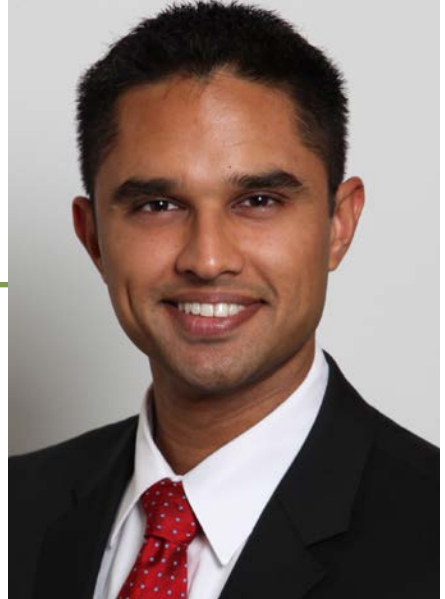
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# State announces funding round for Brownfields Redevelopment

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration and MassDevelopment have announced a new round of available funding from the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund to support the environmental assessment and cleanup of contaminated and challenging sites across the Commonwealth. Municipalities, municipal agencies or authorities, economic development and industrial corporations, and econom-

ic development authorities may apply for up to \$100,000 in site assessment funding or up to \$250,000 in remediation funding. “Converting contaminated and challenging sites into new, constructive uses like affordable housing and commercial opportunities is critical to our goal of building vibrant communities across the Commonwealth,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. “Through the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, we

can remove a major barrier that would otherwise inhibit our progress toward economic recovery.” “MassDevelopment is pleased to administer the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, a critical resource for revitalizing challenging properties into new housing units, commercial space, and other productive uses,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. “We thank the Baker-Polito Administration and the Legislature for their continued support for

this program and encourage cities, towns, and their economic development partners to apply for funding.” MassDevelopment oversees the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, which helps to transform vacant, abandoned, or underused industrial or commercial properties by financing the environmental assessment and remediation of brownfield sites in “Economically Distressed Areas” of the Commonwealth. Since the Fund’s inception in 1998, it has supported 747 projects

for a total investment of more than \$108 million. This competitive round seeks to advance the redevelopment of sites without a committed end-user where market potential has been identified. It will not replace the traditional process of accepting applications on a rolling basis for eligible proposals with an identified developer. The full Request for Proposals is available at [massdevelopment.com/brownfields](https://massdevelopment.com/brownfields). Responses are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 18.

MassDevelopment, the state’s finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth. During FY2019, MassDevelopment financed or managed 316 projects generating investment of more than \$2 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 9,743 jobs and build or preserve 1,992 housing units.

## MassDOT develops new Mobility Dashboard

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the release of the new MassDOT Mobility Dashboard. This dashboard is another resource for members of the public to visualize, analyze, and monitor data collected by MassDOT to better understand the effects of COVID-19 on the Commonwealth’s transportation network. MassDOT is continually monitoring the impacts of COVID-19 on roadways, transit services, and Registry transactions. The

dashboard is an interactive roundup of key indicators that primarily reflect how much people are traveling, how they are getting around, and where they are going throughout the Commonwealth. This data is updated weekly, with the date of the last update displayed prominently at the top of the page. “This dashboard is just one of the ways that MassDOT is compiling and monitoring transportation data,” said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. “Having one central location to access and analyze the impacts of COVID-19 increases pub-

lic accessibility.” While MassDOT is not the only state transportation agency in the U.S. that has developed COVID-19 related mobility dashboards (see Vermont, Utah, Washington State), the MassDOT Mobility Dashboard succinctly organizes a variety of multimodal data about movement in the Commonwealth that covers a wide range of topics all in one place. Topics include traffic volumes, transit revenue, safety and more. The dashboard is a valuable resource for all stakeholders and enthusiasts of Massachusetts’ transportation network.

## Martin Luther King III endorses Joe Kennedy III for U.S. Senate

“Joe has fought for the silenced and ignored, the oppressed and left behind. He legislates and leads from our streets and communities — for and with the people most in need,” said Martin Luther King III. On Thursday, Aug. 13, human-rights activist Martin Luther King III endorsed Congressman Joe Kennedy III for U.S. Senate in a video released by the Kennedy for Massachusetts campaign. The fourth President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and oldest living child of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, King cites Kennedy’s record on Civil Rights and a need for new leadership in the Senate as his reasons for

endorsing Kennedy. “I’m proud to endorse Joe Kennedy because this country needs a new generation of civil rights leaders to tackle the injustice and inequity of our past,” said Martin Luther King III. “Throughout his career, Joe has fought for the silenced and ignored, the oppressed and left behind. He legislates and leads from our streets and communities — for and with the people most in need. Joe is the kind of powerful new voice our country desperately needs in this moment to help bring us to higher, moral ground. We must elect him to the U.S. Senate.” Martin Luther King III is the latest civil rights activist to endorse Kennedy follow-

ing the late Congressman John Lewis and Dolores Huerta. Kennedy is a committed ally to the Black community, understanding that generations of discrimination and disenfranchisement have led to structural barriers for Black and Brown families across the country. Over the course of his career to date, he has fought to proactively and deliberately address these barriers in everything from housing to health care to education, and criminal justice to voting rights. As he continues his campaign across the Commonwealth, he has promised to listen, learn, and relentlessly prioritize equity in both his policy and political choices.

LEGAL NOTICE

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401 Water Quality Certification Application Public Notice  
DEPARTEMT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PUBLIC NOTICE  
Pursuant to 33.U.S.C.1341 and MGL c21 §43, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) application for the Market Street Culvert Replacement and Open Channel Restoration Project by DIV BMT, LLC (c/o The Davis Companies), 125 High Street, Suite 2111, Boston, MA 02110 to replace a 725-foot section of an existing culvert located at 34 Market Street in Everett/Chelsea. Additional information may be obtained from Magdalena Lofstedt, CDM Smith Inc. 75 State Street, Suite 701, Boston, MA 02109 by email at [lofstedtmh@cdmsmith.com](mailto:lofstedtmh@cdmsmith.com) or phone 617-452-6597. Written comments should be sent to: David Wong ([da-vid.w.wong@mass.gov](mailto:da-vid.w.wong@mass.gov)) Department of Environmental Protection  
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serve upon the plaintiff’s attorney, Bethany P. Minich, whose address is 6 Kimball Lane, Suite 200, Lynnfield, MA 01940, an answer to the complaint on or before August 28, 2020, and a copy thereof must be filed in the U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts on or before said day. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against Down the Road Brewery, Inc. for the relief demanded in the complaint. Unless otherwise provided by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 13 your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the defendants which arise out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff’s claim or you will thereafter be barred from making any such claim in any other action.  
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**Hearing on the following application:**  
**6 Norman St  
Site Plan Review & Inclusionary Zoning**  
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 19 and Section 32 (Inclusionary Zoning) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider the above-listed application in connection with the proposal to build a 66 unit (5-story structure) as shown on plans entitled “Norman St. Residences” (the “Site Plan”) on a parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as G0-01-000226 located in the River Front District. In Accordance to Section 32, three (3) of the 66 units are proposed to be affordable units.  
The application with narrative and the Site Plan were received on July 30, 2020. The plans are entitled “Norman St. Residences, Everett, MA 02149” were prepared by Khalsa Design, 17 Ivaloo St, ST 400, Somerville MA, 02143 and Design Consultants, Inc, 120 Middlesex Ave, ST 20, Somerville MA 02145.  
A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours.  
All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal should appear at the time and place designated above. As items may be continued to later dates, please contact Shane O'Brien of the Department of Planning & Development at [Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us) or 617-944-0236 before attending with any concerns or questions.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**Hearing on the following application:**  
**Application of 85-87 Boston St and 119 (111) Boston St  
Section 32 - Inclusionary Zoning - Special Permit  
Application**  
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 9 and Section 32 (Inclusionary Zoning) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider the above-listed application in connection with the proposal for a Special Permit for Inclusionary Zoning for a property at 85-87 Boston St and 119 (111) Boston St. The project consists of two six-story mixed use buildings with 650 rental units, whereas 33 units will be affordable units. The project parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as K0-04-000006 & K0-04-000045.  
The application with narrative and the Site Plan were received on July 13, 2020. The Inclusionary Zoning Application entitled “Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan for 85-87 and 119 (11) Boston St, Everett MA 02149) was prepared by Maloney Properties, Inc for Greystar Development East LLC. The plans are entitled “Site Plan Review Submission Building Elevations & Floor Plans prepared by the Architectural Team Inc, Elan Everett, 85 Boston St, Everett MA” dated July 13, 2020.  
A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours.  
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**Hearing on the following application:**  
**983 Broadway  
Site Plan Review**  
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, and Section 19 of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider the above-listed application in connection with the proposal to build a 5 unit (four story structure) as shown on plans entitled “Site Plan for Board of Appeals #983 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149” (the “Site Plan”) on a parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as A0-01-000147.  
The application with narrative and the Site Plan were received on July 30, 2020. The plans are entitled “Site Plan for Board of Appeals #983 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149” were prepared by Hayes Engineering, Inc, 603 Salem St, Wakefield MA and prepared for the owner REX-E LLC of Wakefield MA. The application was prepared by Atty. David O’Neil.  
A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours.  
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# DiDomenico honored by the Jewish Community Relations Council and MAJF

Staff Report

Senator Sal DiDomenico was recently honored as a 2020 Legislative Reception Award recipient by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations (MAJF). The Legislative Reception is an annual event that serves as an opportunity for leadership of the Jewish community to engage with state public officials and to advocate for their

public policy and budget priorities, including standing with immigrants and refugees, criminal justice reform, economic justice and education. While this year’s Legislative Reception was cancelled in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, DiDomenico recently accepted the award from his home.

“It is an honor to receive this award from the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations,” said DiDo-

menico. “Throughout my career, I have strived to lift up our Commonwealth’s most vulnerable, and I always know that I have trusted partners in JCRC and MAJF. Whether it be fighting for justice for our immigrant and refugee community, providing support to low-income families, or working towards economic justice for all, I am always proud to stand with JCRC and MAJF. I am deeply grateful for their partnership and advocacy over the years, and I would

thank them for this recognition.”

In selecting him as a 2020 Legislative Reception Award recipient, the JCRC and MAJF stated: “From his first term, Senator DiDomenico has been a trusted partner on many of our key priorities, most specifically the charge to provide a ladder to economic opportunity for all people. He was the Senate lead sponsor on the recently enacted “Lift the Cap on Kids” legislation to ensure that families in poverty have access

to needed supports and has led efforts to provide job training opportunities for immigrants and refugees.”

JCRC is a coalition of organizations and individuals that represents and advances the values, interests, and priorities of the organized Jewish community in greater Boston. Their government affairs work is centered around advancing the Jewish community’s shared priorities by securing public funding and advocating for broad-ranging policy change on is-

ssues from civil rights to human services, economic opportunity to safety and security, and the protection of democratic values. The Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations is a statewide government affairs office that strengthens the relationship between the Jewish community and elected officials, advocates for issues of concern to the community, and helps its members access public funding to provide services to its clients.

# RMV announces 2020 low plate lottery

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has announced that applications for the 2020 Low Number Plate Lottery are now being accepted online at Mass.Gov/RMV using the Online Service Center. Applicants must apply by September 6 and, if selected for a low number plate, will be notified after the drawing takes place later in September.

This year, there are 100 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of this year’s low plate characters are 751, 7660, 6P, 12K, K5, B35 and V35.

Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a fee that will be required, as the fee is required of all new li-

cense plates, as well as a standard registration fee.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV’s website or follow @Mass-RMV on Twitter for upcoming details on the drawing, including the date, time, and location of the event. In addition, applicants will be sent a notification via email. The lottery results will be posted on the RMV website.

Lottery Rules and Eligibility Requirements:

- Only one entry per applicant will be accepted, regardless of the number of active registrations the applicant has.
- An applicant must be a Massachusetts resident with a currently active, registered, and insured passenger vehicle.
- Companies/corporations may not apply.
- MassDOT (Registry of Motor Vehicles, High-

way, Mass Transit, and Aeronautics) employees, including contract employees, and their immediate family members are not eligible. (“Immediate family member” refers to one’s parents, spouse, children, and brothers & sisters.)

- Requests for specific plate numbers will not be honored. Eligible applicants will be considered for all plates listed. Plates will be awarded in the order in which they are listed on Mass.Gov/RMV.
- An applicant’s registration and license cannot be in a non-renewal, suspended, or revoked status at the time of entry, the time of the drawing, or the time of the plate swap. As such, an applicant must not have any outstanding excise taxes, parking tickets, child support, warrants, or unpaid E-ZPass/ Fast Lane violations.

- Online entries must be completed by Sept. 6.
- By law, lottery winners must be announced by Sept. 15. Lottery results will be available on the RMV website: Mass.Gov/RMV
- All winners will be notified by the RMV in writing with instructions on how to transfer their current registration to their new lottery plate. Winners will have until Dec. 31 to swap their plates. Unclaimed plates will be forfeited after Dec. 31. Plates will be registered to the winning applicant only.
- All plates remain the property of the RMV even after registration.
- All information received, including names of all applicants and the list of winners, is subject to release in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records law.

# EOPSS launches web site to track crime and arrest data from police departments statewide

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) launched a web site that will promote accountability and transparency by allowing users to analyze detailed crime and arrest data from across the Commonwealth.

The grant-funded Massachusetts Crime Statistics site, located at [www.mass.gov/crime-statistics](http://www.mass.gov/crime-statistics), fulfills a requirement under the criminal justice reform bill signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker, providing options to view annual

crime data statewide or by municipality; theme-based reports on hate crimes and other topics; and detailed quarterly arrestee information by city or town. EOPSS has pre-populated the site with data from Massachusetts law enforcement agencies that use the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which collectively provide policing services to more than 95 percent of the Commonwealth’s cities, towns, schools, and hospitals.

Additional data will be-


come available as more agencies and municipal police departments throughout the Commonwealth adopt the NIBRS system and submit regular reports. Massachusetts State Police are currently in the process of transitioning to NIBRS reporting, and in the interim are making their data available to the public through an external link on the crime statistics landing page. State Police expect to be fully NIBRS-compatible in December, at which time their data will be directly

accessible through the EOPSS site.

“This site leverages information technology to promote transparency and accountability,” said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Thomas Turco. “It will serve as a valuable tool for researchers, municipal leaders, and residents alike.”

The site was funded through a grant from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Hearing on the following application:**  
**536 Broadway**  
**Site Plan Review & Inclusionary Zoning**


In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 19 and Section 32 (Inclusionary Zoning) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider the above-listed application for Special Permit and Site Plan Review proposal to redevelop a former Masonic Hall to a residential eleven (11) unit building with one of the units being an affordable unit as shown on plans entitled “Renovations to Everett Masonic Lodge, 536 Broadway, Everett MA” (the “Site Plan”) on a parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as CO-05-000098 located in Business District. The applications with narrative and the Site Plan were received on July 15, 2020. The plans are entitled “Renovations to Everett Masonic Lodge, 536 Broadway, Everett MA” were prepared by Engineering Alliance Inc, 196 Central St, Saugus MA 01906 and prepared for 536 Broadway St, LLC, 523 Cambridge St, Allston MA 02134.

A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours.

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**Hearing on the following application:**  
**Application of 302 Broadway**  
**Section 32 - Inclusionary Zoning - Special Permit**  
**Application - Modification**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 9 and Section 32 (Inclusionary Zoning) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider the above-listed application in connection with the proposal for a modification to a previously approved Special Permit for Inclusionary Zoning for a property at 302 Broadway. The project consists of a multifamily apartment building with 15 rental units (previously 10 units), whereas 2 units will be affordable units (previously was one unit). The project parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as E0-03-000140.


The application and narrative for modification were received on August 4, 2020. The plans are entitled “Residences of 302 Broadway, Proposed Unit Change 302 Broadway, Everett MA, completed by Khalasa Design Inc, PJF Associates, & Leon Bombardier for Eric Kenworthy” dated June 30, 2020.

A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours.

All persons interested or wishing to be heard on the proposal should appear at the time and place designated above. As items may be continued to later dates, please contact Shane O’Brien of the Department of Planning & Development at [Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:Shane.O'Brien@ci.everett.ma.us) or 617-944-0236 before attending with any concerns or questions.

**Frederick Cafasso, Chairman**  
**August 12, 2020**  
**August 19, 2020**

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EVERETT PLANNING BOARD  
484 BROADWAY  
EVERETT, MA 02149

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
ZONING AMENDMENT

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, M.G.L. Section 5, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider a proposed Amendment that the Zoning Ordinance be amended by City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 38 of Appendix “A” “Housing Production Conversion Ordinance” to provide for the creation of new housing units within existing structures as; “to promote the public safety and wellbeing of the occupants and neighborhood; to provide zoning; and parking incentives to property owners desiring to increase the number of dwelling units within the same structure with no increase to floor area ratio.”

Below is the draft language:  
City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 38 of Appendix “A” “Housing Production Conversion Ordinance”

Purpose:  
To provide for the creation of new housing units within existing structures. To promote the public safety and wellbeing of the occupants and neighborhood. To provide zoning and parking incentives to property owners desiring to increase the number of dwelling units within the same structure with no increase to floor area or envelope

1. In existing structures where there is an increase in the number of dwelling units with no increase to the floor area ration (FAR) or the building envelope; no new parking spaces shall be provided. This exception shall remain in effect for a period of 5 year(s) after ordained.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Hearing on the following application:**  
**1690 Revere Beach Parkway**  
**Site Plan Review and Special Permit(s)**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 19 and Section 33 (Commercial Triangle Economic Development District) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM online to be viewed on YouTube (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q>, to consider the above-listed application in connection with the Special Permit and Site Plan Review proposal to build 800 transit-oriented development residential units with 15,000 sq. of commercial space (5,000 sq. feet located in Chelsea) with three of the buildings in Everett and one in Chelsea as shown on plans entitled “Proposed Site Documents for Grossman Companies, Inc, Proposed Mixed-Use Development” (the “Site Plan”) on a parcel shown on the Site Plan, being a parcel of land referenced by Assessor’s Department as K0-04-000084 located in the Commercial Triangle Economic Development District.

The applications with narrative and the Site Plan were received on July 30, 2020. The plans are entitled “Proposed Site Documents for Grossman Companies, Inc, Proposed Mixed-Use Development” were prepared by Bohler, 45 Franklin St, 5th Floor, Boston MA 02110 in association with Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype, Inc, Brown + Sardina, & Vanasse & Associates, Inc. A copy of the application and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at <http://www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board> and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### SCHOOLS TO GO ONLINE

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Public Schools switched gears from its initial school re-opening plan, and presented a fully remote online plan to start the school year in September – a plan the School Committee adopted enthusiastically with an 8-0 vote.

Supt. Almi Abeyta told the Committee in a Special Meeting on Tuesday night that the plan that had been previously presented – which included the option of the fully remote Online Learning Academy (OLA) or a hybrid, in-person and remote learning option – was now going to be changed. That was because the COVID-19 numbers for the city have inched up, with her particularly watching the percent positive metric.

“Why are we suggesting this new approach?” she asked. “On Aug. 5 our date from the (state) was released. The City at that time had 4.93 percent positive rate. This is an increase in what we had in previous weeks...The 5 percent rate was a metric we use internally because we did look at that metric. At that point, when we looked at that positive rate, we decided it was too high to return to school. I said it over and over, if we get to 5 percent I will not open up schools... Therefore, our new recommendation is to return in the fall fully remote and return in-person when conditions allow.”

That decision was promulgated on Friday after the numbers came out, but the announcement on Tuesday by Gov. Charlie Baker that Chelsea was a “high-risk” community – one of only four statewide – only bolstered that decision.

School would start on Sept. 16 in the all-remote format, but there would be a pre-opening professional development period for teachers to learn more about remote instruction.

The fully remote section would last through roughly Oct. 4, and there would be a full, in-person option for eligible students such as those in special education separate programs. There would also be Centers for Online Learning open that provide internet and would potentially have a monitor. On Oct. 5, there could be a potential “easing in” period would with more in-person learning opportunities. There wouldn’t be a fully hybrid, in-person for all grades until potentially Nov. 2 and any hybrid, in-person options would start at the lower grades and work up to the higher grades. Through it all, the OLA would be available and cohesive for parents that do not want their students to return at all. All of the potential dates for in-person school, however, could change and would be dictated by the rates of the virus in Chelsea.

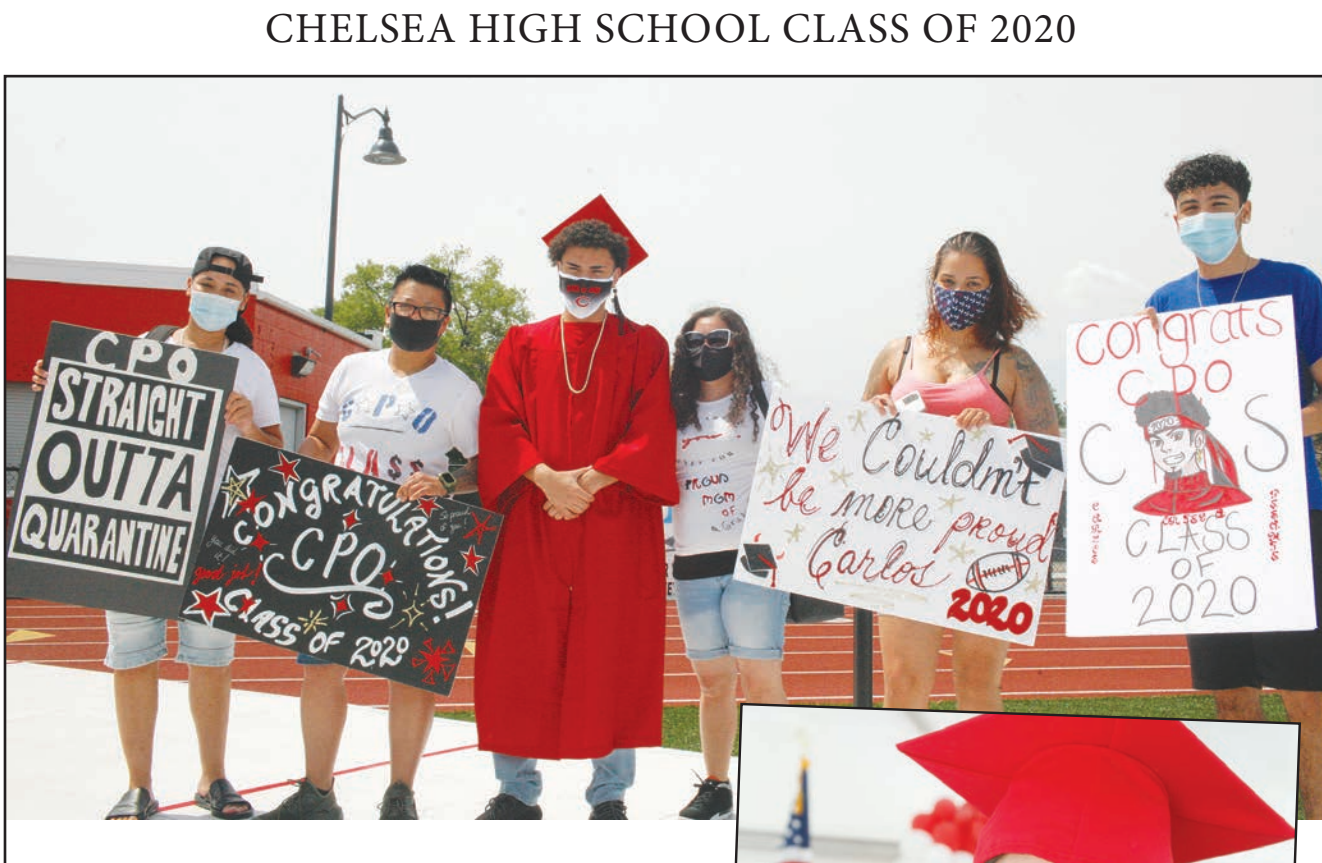
A great concern, Abeyta said, with the remote learning is students in Special Education, English Learners and those with Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Another challenge is to improve the remote learning program from what it was during the emergency learning situation in the spring.

“The challenge for us is we have to improve remote learning and we know this,” she said. “What we heard and what we know is we need more structure and organization and accountability for families, students and teachers.”

The decision was bolstered by scores of teachers, and Chelsea Teacher’s Union officers, who spoke live about the issue and who submitted written testimony. All of the teachers and Union officers supported a fully remote option for the sake of safety.

Many of them referred to what has been a successful summer, online learning program where many of the hiccups in remote learning from the spring were



Laura Diosa (right) celebrated with the Class of 2020 and showed off her diploma on Thursday afternoon at the first-ever – and likely last ever – walk-in graduation to celebrate this year’s graduates, who officially ended their high school career in early June but had to wait until COVID-19 restrictions were eased to walk across the stage. Meanwhile, (above) the best artistic signs award went to Graduate Carlos Pasante (middle) with his ‘Straight Outta Quarantine’ signs, among others. He is pictured here with Yaritza Montanez, Louis, Carmen Ortega, Sol Acevedo, and Felipe Lugo – a CHS alum who created all of the signs.



worked out quite well.

One student, George W. McKinnon, wrote in on behalf of the student council in one of the middle schools. He and other students advocated for a return to school in person, noting that parents needed to go to work and couldn’t leave kids unsupervised. Meanwhile, he also said many sports camps and summer programs in Chelsea and beyond have operated very safely this summer. If they can, he reasoned, why can’t the schools?

Parent Michelle Nadeau

said it is important that kids get to go back in person.

“The isolation from being at school and having peer interactions has been nothing short of devastating,” she said.

School Committeewoman Rosemarie Carlisle said her vote in favor of remote was for the children’s safety, but she indicated that she wanted teachers to work out the issues and concerns they have before there is an in-person model deployed.

That was echoed by members Jeannette Velez and Henry Wilson.

“School is our community and we need to bring that community back to our community as quickly as possible,” said Wilson.

Member Marisol Santiago, however, said she would push to keep remote learning in place as long as possible – and she said that was coming from someone who has a child with an IEP. She said safety has to be paramount.

“Schools are equipped to rush kids back to school,” she said. “I’m going to be an advocate for remote learning as long as possible.”

Chair Kelly Garcia commented that she is a teacher as well, and going back to the classroom in person scares her personally.

There was little hesitancy in the vote, and it was a quick 8-0 vote for a Committee that has been divided this year on some key issues. There was a great amount of pressure from teachers and parents on both sides of the matter.

Abeyta clarified that families will still be asked to choose whether they want a full remote plan all year, or if they are up for going hybrid when the time comes. Having that decision will allow the schedules for remote and in-person to mesh seamlessly later when it is safe for students to return.

businesses to serve those new residents.

To accommodate that, he is asking for a new parking program for residents of the downtown area, a plan detailed in a Council Committee on Conference late last month.

“I’m trying to get relief for developers in the downtown from parking,” he said. “I guess my philosophy is the downtown has been impacted by COVID-19 and I feel strong we have to build density in the downtown if we’re going to survive the COVID-19 era. I’m in favor of creating more density and making it easier for developers to develop in the downtown. Our barrier to that is this parking ordinance.”

That ordinance was one that was voted in and ordained in 2019, and took effect in January. It calls for any new development that needs a variance for parking to not be eligible for the City parking sticker program. Now, that is becoming a potential hurdle for developing in the tight downtown area.

Ambrosino said he is proposing a special downtown parking sticker that would allow residents to park in a special downtown lot from midnight to 5 a.m., perhaps in the new lots being constructed by the state under the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. That sticker would be different and would not allow those residents to park in the neighborhoods, but only in the designated downtown parking areas.

“I’m trying to create pedestrian activity downtown and I need to create residential parking downtown to get that,” he said. “One of these developments will be our own Salvation Army building.”

The petition will likely go before the Council in the fall.

### WALSH URGES RESIDENTS TO FILL OUT CENSUS FORMS

EAST BOSTON - For months East Boston organizations like Neighbors United for a Better East Boston (NUBE) and the East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC) and

others have been helping the City of Boston get an accurate 2020 Census count for a part of the population that has been historically hard to count.

Having an accurate Census count translates into more federal dollars for education, housing, food programs as well as proper Congressional representation for the population.

However, the Trump Administration last week directed the Census Bureau to cut short the 2020 Census Count by a whole month prompting Mayor Martin Walsh to make a plea to all Boston residents to fill out their census forms.

Walsh said so far only 53.5 percent of Boston’s households have responded to the Census to date, with some neighborhoods lagging behind.

“The Census Bureau has abruptly decided to cut their national counting operations a month short,” said Mayor Walsh. “The last day to participate in the U.S. 2020 Federal Census is now September 30, formerly October 31. This announcement further jeopardizes Congressional representation, redistricting, and critical federal funding for things like education, housing, food programs, and more in Boston’s communities during the next 10 years. It could lead to a significant undercount, especially for renters, people of color, and immigrants.”

Walsh said this is why he is once again asking everyone to fill out the Census as soon as possible.

“If you haven’t already you can self-respond online (my2020census.gov), or by phone 844-330-2020, and these services are available in 13 different languages,” said Walsh.

Walsh said a full list of language access hotlines can be found online. There’s also a resourceful FAQ page for any questions you may have. In the event you misplaced or never received your census ID, this guide will explain how you can still respond without that piece of information.

“As a reminder, the Census Bureau will send staff to your house and attempt to assist your household

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in-person if you have not yet responded,” said Walsh. “The best way to avoid this visit is to self-respond immediately. It takes just a few minutes and, please remember, your responses are safe and confidential. You will not be asked about immigration status, and your answers will not affect any public benefits you receive.”

Last month NUBE received a grant for Census outreach and education from the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund (MCEF).

The grants by the MCEF went to some of the hardest to count communities in Massachusetts, as well as communities that were among those hit the hardest by the global COVID-19 pandemic like Eastie.

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.

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.

“We want to make sure that everyone gets counted, because in Boston, everyone counts,” said Walsh. “This is a time to make your voices heard, own your power, fight for your city, and help keep Boston strong for years to come.”

### EDWARDS SEEKS REFORMS AT ZBA

EAST BOSTON - In the wake of the scandal that rocked the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) last year, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards has called for an overhaul of the city’s zoning board.

The John Lynch bribing scandal trickled down to the ZBA and led Mayor Martin Walsh to call for an investigation into the board.

Lynch, the city’s Director of Real Estate, pleaded guilty in federal court to accepting \$50,000 from a developer to sway members of the ZBA on a vote.

As the scandal unfolded Edwards filed legislation to modernize and reform ZBA.

Last week the City Council approved Edwards’ call to reform the ZBA.

According to Edwards the changes include adding environmental and urban planning experts to the board, setting term limits for board members, requiring board members to recuse themselves from projects they’ve been involved with in the past five years (currently two), and requiring quarterly reports on the variances and conditional use permits given out by the board in each neighborhood.

Edwards’ legislation would also require that at least one renter and homeowner sit on the board and creates a new position to provide neutral advice to applicants and neighbors about the ZBA process.

“This is a huge win for us in terms of transparency,” said Councilor Edwards. “These changes will help bring the ZBA into the 21st century and bring us towards a more equitable and fair ZBA process.”

In late February, a number of changes to the ZBA were implemented through executive order by Mayor Martin Walsh that were included in Edwards’ original

proposal.

These changes include expanding interpreting services during board hearings and making both applications and records available online for review by the public.

Additionally, notices will be posted and delivered electronically.

ZBA board members must provide financial disclosures and get regular zoning law training. Finally, applicants for variances must disclose their ownership interests.

“The ZBA plays a critical role for our city, but to be effective in this role and maintain public confidence, the board must operate at the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and accessibility,” said Walsh at the time of signing the executive order. “The changes we are making today will go further than state ethics laws that currently govern the board and its members, modernize the function of the board to make it more accessible and transparent to the public, and I will file legislation to change the membership of the board to ensure that it is reflective of our neighborhoods and their concerns. I want to assure the residents of Boston that they can have confidence in the ZBA and that we will continue to protect what we love about our neighborhoods as we grow and evolve as a city.”

The additional changes approved by the Council last week were also proposed by Edwards but required legislative approval.

State Representative Adrian Madaro spoke in support of the legislation while State Representative Dan Ryan of Charlestown said he would sponsor Edwards’ home rule petition at the State House.

“As the role of the ZBA has evolved into one that often has final say over the changing fabric of our communities, it is critical that the board itself become more transparent, accountable, and reflective of the city it oversees. This home rule petition is the first step toward achieving those goals,” said Madaro. “I’m proud to support this legislation, and to stand with the many East Boston residents who have called for change at the ZBA. I thank Councilor Edwards for her hard work and leadership on this issue.”

Councilor Edwards first introduced her proposal in the fall of 2019 and re-filed the legislation in January 2020. Hearings were held in February and July before the council approved the reforms during last week’s council meeting.

### POP WARNER CANCELS SEASON

LYNN - West Lynn Pop Warner Rams President Amy Robinson and East Lynn Pop Warner Bulldogs President Duke Wilson had been working on contingency plans for the 2020 season since March when the coronavirus became a major health crisis in the United States.

The two presidents, who have each led their respective organizations to great heights for the past decade, hoped that by August their teams could begin practices for the start of their season in September.

Robinson and Wilson waited as long as possible to make a very difficult season: the cancellation of the 2020 Pop Warner season in the City of Lynn. It was a decision that affected hundreds of football players and cheerleaders, coaches, and Lynn families.

As it turned out, Eastern Mass Pop Warner – the conference in which the West Lynn and East Lynn

teams compete – affirmed Robinson and Wilson’s decisions with an official announcement Monday that the season is canceled. In fact, there will be no Pop Warner football in the entire New England region this fall.

We asked Pop Warner Presidents Amy Robinson and Duke Wilson for their thoughts about the cancellation of their seasons.

AMY ROBINSON

As a managed career coordinator at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center where she works, Amy Robinson has been on the front lines during the COVID-19 global pandemic for several months. She saw the statistics, noted the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases, and brought a professional medical perspective into discussions with her WLPW board members at monthly meetings.

“It was a sad decision, but it’s the right move and I felt that it was right to cancel our season before Pop Warner officially canceled theirs,” said Robinson. “We’re just in uncharted waters here and I rather have my families, my kids, and my staff be safe versus somebody getting sick and it runs through the program and potentially hits a family or staff member and you have the worst-case scenario.”

Amy, with her husband Andre Robinson by her side as a huge supporter and a Rams’ football coach, has guided a resurgence of the West Lynn organization that has sent teams to the National Pop Championships in Florida in cheerleading and football. Former coach Maurice Cordy led a string of highly successful West Lynn teams into the Nationals that take place in ESPN’s Wide World of Sports Complex (which is the same complex where the NBA season is taking place).

“We’ve been consistently going to Disney for the Nationals since 2009 in cheering and football and we’re proud of that accomplishment,” said Amy. “We have a good core of people in the program. We have great families.”

Amy Robinson said she expected between 100-130 football players and cheerleaders to participate in the program this season.

“We generally hold our registrations in March, but everything changed when COVID-19 hit,” said Robinson. “We never got to the field for a single practice. The risk was too high.”

The WLPW president has heard some interesting news that Pop Warner may move the season to the spring of 2021. “It is something that Pop Warner is considering, something they’re looking at for the spring,” said Robinson. “It all depends on the numbers and where COVID-19 is at in the spring. And as people know, Lynn is considered a ‘hot spot’ again, so realistically I hope we can have some type of spring season, but I don’t even know if that would take place.”

In addition to her husband Andre’s contribution to the program, their daughter, LhyEshia, has been a cheerleading coach.

Robinson also credited her board of directors, Vice President Orlando Concepcion, Treasurer Robert Merryman, Secretary Melanie Lopresti, Cheer Director Kassandra Jackson, Registration Coordinators Stephanie Castillo and Karina Saldano, Board Member Brittany Legault (coach of the 2019 national champion Might Mite cheerleading squad), and Board Members James Hunt, Paul Beath, and Julie Rodriguez for their outstanding volunteer efforts in the organization.

Robinson said the board will continue to meet monthly in preparation for the 2021 season.

DUKE WILSON

Duke Wilson has been involved in East Lynn Pop Warner for 26 years. The decision to cancel the season for the first time in the organization’s history was difficult.

“It’s sad because I’ve been doing this for 26 years and for something like to happen – to stop the season was tough for everybody,” said Wilson.

Wilson said he and his officers and board held out as long as possible before making the decision.

“We were all just prolonging the inevitable,” said Wilson. “We were supposed to start on Aug. 1 and then we pushed it back to Sept. 1.”

Wilson points to a youth football clinic in Weymouth “as the straw that broke the camel’s back.”

“The players were working out and they ended up getting the virus,” said Wilson. “There were people that were not following the guidelines and word gets around.”

Wilson wrote a beautiful letter to the East Lynn Pop Warner community informing everyone about the cancellation of the 2020 season.

Even with the “inevitable” approaching, the East Lynn president had held out hope. “We said we would go all the way down to the wire of there were a glimmer of hope of having a season for the kids, but it just didn’t happen.

“Some of the kids don’t understand the severity of the COVID-19 and what’s going on. They could have it and not be symptomatic yet bring it home to their grandparents, some with underlying conditions and we just don’t want to be responsible for something like that,” said Wilson.

Wilson said more than 150 athletes would have been competing in the East Lynn football and cheerleading programs during the 2020 season.

“Year in and year out, we have great teams, great kids, great coaching staffs, and a lot of people involved – we have a good program,” said Wilson proudly. “It was sad to cancel the season, but we were in all agreement that it was the right thing to do. And all the other organizations in Eastern Mass. were on the same page, too.”

Wilson thanked board members such as Lisa Bellamar, Victor Bellamar, Spiro Lamberis, John Raye, Pete Dow, and others for their excellent work on behalf of the organization.

Wilson, a 1989 graduate of Lynn Classical where he played football for the Rams, has been East Lynn president since 2010 and a coach since 1994.

“I just turned 50 this year – the big 5-0,” said Duke, who has delivered so much to the youth of the community through his exceptional work in the East Lynn Pop Warner organization. “I’m just trying to give back to Lynn because it gave a lot to me.”

### COUNCIL TO CONTINUE MEETINGS WITH NO SPECTATORS

REVERE - The City Council will continue its policy of not allowing spectators at its meetings due to the limited seating capacity in the Council Chambers.

The Council’s next meeting is Monday, Aug. 24, but due to Gov. Charlie Baker’s order related to the size of gatherings for events during the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no spectators allowed.

“All attendees will be able to speak at the meeting via Zoom only,” said Council President Patrick Keefe.

The Council conducted its meetings remotely for a few months before returning to the Council Chambers for an in-person meeting on July 27. Councillors will be able to participate in meetings from home and vote for motions on the agenda.

“We’ll start meeting every other week in September and we will likely be continuing the restrictions on attendance in the Chamber,” said Keefe.

Residents will be able to watch the Council meetings live on Revere TV, which is headed by executive director Bob Dunbar.

### NEW APP FOR WATER AND SEWER

REVERE - City Launches Water And Sewer Inventory App Developed by Revere High Students

In collaboration with the Office of Innovation and Data Management, Revere High School Class of 2020 graduate, William

Ly, unveiled the new mobile application (app) he developed this past Friday, August 7. Ly met with staff members of the Water and Sewer Department to perform a live demonstration, and to collect feedback for the final version. The new mobile app functions as an inventory management system to help the department keep better track of the materials they have in stock.

The intuitive design of the app includes a main page listing all of the various types of pipes, fittings and other materials utilized by Water and Sewer. With a simple click on one of those items, a picture appears along with the quantity currently in stock. There is also an option to change the quantity as items are used or replenished.

“On Friday, we got lots of great feedback, and we are continuing to add new features to make the app as helpful as possible. Last week was more of a test run. We wanted to incorporate feedback directly from Water and Sewer before going live with the app,” Ly said. As the Water and Sewer Department works through projects across the city, this app will facilitate easier planning, ensuring that items are available or can be made available in a timely manner.

Ly also credited two of his classmates in his AP Computer Science course at Revere High School for their help in bringing this app to fruition: Victor Lomba, rising senior at RHS and Nicholas Laws, Class of 2020. William added: “It all started in AP Comp Sci when Reuben Kantor reached out to my teacher, Mr. Kaufman, with the idea for the app. My friends and I knew this was something we wanted to work on. I did not have much experience with coding software before high school, but I felt well-prepared to take on this project.”

The app is expected to go live in the in the coming weeks for use of staff in the Water and Sewer Department. “We are very fortunate to be able to tap into to our own residents and resources right here in Revere to make our city services more efficient for the people of Revere. I am incredibly proud of the work happening in our schools to prepare our students for college and career opportunities,” Mayor Brian Arrigo said.

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# Councilors debating whether to give up cell antennae permitting

By Seth Daniel

Nothing has taken up more hours of debate on the Everett City Council during the Technology Age than the placement of cell towers and cell antennae.

Debates for hours at a time have raged for the last 10 years at the Council over safety, placements and aesthetics of cell antennae – which are critical for companies to provide residents and businesses with seamless and quick cell phone and Internet services.

Now, in the wake of a lawsuit this month by Verizon Wireless against the Council – and a general overall debate that started during the pandemic – the Council will discuss at an Aug. 27 Council Committee whether they should keep this power or relinquish it.

It is an interesting de-

bate, as these towers and antennae are some of the most hotly contested pieces on agendas for residents of Everett. It isn't uncommon for a half-dozen residents to speak up against a cell antenna on their street, and call for councilors to defeat the request. However, such equipment is highly-regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and have been proven safe in almost all circumstances, and so there is actually very little the Council can do – hence the lawsuit by Verizon which has a high likelihood of prevailing.

Councilor Fred Capone filed the piece some time ago before the lawsuit was made known, and he plans to examine what can be done with these cell requests – but he's not in favor of giving up the power.

"The reality is when we put together this ordinance

(on cell antennae), this was all new to us," he said. "Now, Everett is a hotbed for these antennae. These are heavily regulated by the FCC and we cities and towns don't have a lot of say. To the extent we can protect our residents, we want to see what we can do."

Capone said he isn't in favor at all of ceding the power to permit cell infrastructure, despite the lawsuit. He said it gives residents a strong voice on the matter, and it makes the Council more accountable.

"If we pass that power over, you just put your hands in the air and say that we can't do anything about it," he said. "I think you want to be careful as an elected official what power you turn over because eventually you have no reason to exist...I don't think it's a good idea the Council gives away its authority

here. I think it should remain in the hands of elected officials because we're accountable."

Meanwhile, Councilor Michael McLaughlin – who has been active in these matters in attending meetings about cell antennae – said he would prefer not to have that power at the Council. He said there are too many restrictions on what the Council can and cannot do, and it probably belongs in the hands of a Public Works Commission.

"I strongly believe this matter should be in front of the Department of Public Works Commission," he said. "They address all street and sidewalk matters. It is very clear and has been my position since holding office. My bosses are the residents across Everett. If a resident comes before the City Council and strongly opposes a location, I will work with the company and

resident or residents to try and find a second location. If that doesn't work then I must follow the wish of my boss as any employee does at work. We all might not always agree with our boss but they are the ones in charge of making final decisions. This situation is no different if a resident doesn't want this antenna located I will continue to vote no on them. It's absolutely a different matter if no resident comes forward against the proposal. I then can use my judgement and grant permission off what I believe. I strongly believe the DPW Commission is better suited to address this matter going forward."

Next week, also, Councilor Stephanie Martins will have specific antenna requests in front of her committee, Public Safety. She said she is in favor of better communication, but isn't sure if giving away

that power is the best thing for residents.

"The first thing I think needs to happen is better communication," she said. "In the past, the City Council received a folder with all of the information... The residents don't necessarily get to see that information. It leaves us with a bad look because as long as the FCC controls this, we can't act in accordance with residents. Even if we vote it down as a statement, we end up having no power over it. Yet, if we transfer it from the City Council, it could take a voice away from the citizens because this is a public meeting with public participation. It's challenging because we all need better service too."

The overall matter will be debated by the Council in an online Committee meeting on Aug. 27.

# MBTA increases bus service for most Everett routes on August 30

By Seth Daniel

The MBTA announced a new, COVID-19 informed fall bus schedule, and it means more service than current levels on virtually every route in Everett while cutting back on suburban and downtown Boston routes that are seeing sharp declines in ridership.

The news came during a Thursday, Aug. 13, meeting online where the MBTA announced their Fall schedule, and also announced major changes to service as the Authority starts to see more ridership emerging in low-income, communities of color where there are lots of essential workers.

Seems Everett and many surrounding communities

fit the bill.

"The big takeaways are that ridership has recovered more quickly on our bus routes compared to other modes," said Kat Benesh, MBTA chief of operations strategy, policy and oversight. "Fortunately, bus ridership dipped less during the early months of the pandemic and is recovering more quickly."

She said that bus ridership systemwide in mid-July was at 40 percent of pre-COVID numbers. However, some buses have recovered much faster, or never really lost great deals of ridership. Those routes included those that went to medical centers, that served low-income communities with lots of essential workers, routes near grocery stores

and communities with geographic obstacles like the Mystic/Tobin Bridge.

It is in those areas where service will increase to levels greater than before COVID-19, and in Everett that will include Bus Routes 104, 106, 109, and 112.

"One of the most important things we can do is eliminate crowding," said Benesh. "One of the things we are prioritizing is adding service to routes that need more capacity versus giving less service to some areas that are seeing less ridership."

Some of the major beneficiaries of this plan included Everett's routes, but also Chelsea's major 111 Route over the Tobin Bridge – as well as key routes in Bos-

ton's Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan areas. Some of the major cutbacks are to routes in the suburbs where people are working from home and are more likely to have a car. Also cut from service are many of the Express buses from the suburbs that mostly handled commuters that now no longer come into the city.

Other routes include inner-city services that mostly served commuters, like the Silver Line 2 route in Boston. At the same time, the Silver Line 3 service that ends at Market Basket on the Chelsea/Everett line will be restored to near pre-COVID levels, but isn't seeing as strong ridership as other buses due to the continuing lag in the airport business.

The new Fall schedule is to take effect on Aug. 30 and 31, but there is room to adjust routes after three months – around November.

The full route changes in Everett are below:

- Route 97 (Main Street, Belmont Street, Hancock Street, Broadway, Gateway Mall and Wellington) - Regular weekday schedule resumes.
- Route 104 (Malden Station to Sullivan Square via Ferry Street and Broadway) - Regular weekday schedule resumes with more service than pre-COVID. Weekend trips added.
- Route 106 (Main Street and Parkway to Wellington) - Regular weekday schedule resumes with more service than pre-COVID.
- Route 109 (Linden

Square to Sullivan Square via Broadway) - Regular weekday schedule resumes with more service than pre-COVID. Weekend trips added.

- Route 110 (Wonderland to Wellington via Elm Street, Ferry Street, Chelsea Street, Everett Square and Wellington) - Regular weekday schedule resumes.
- Route 112 (Market Basket Chelsea to Wellington via Chelsea Street) - Regular weekday schedule resumes with more service than pre-COVID.
- Silver Line 3 (Chelsea/ Everett to South Station) - Weekday schedule resumes with nearly pre-COVID service levels.

## EVERETT FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENTS



**Firefighter Rich Mulry** retired from the Everett Fire Department on July 26 with over 31 years of service.



In late July, at Hancock Street Firehouse (The Hill), Firefighter Donald Meninger (D.A.) had his final roll call as he began his last tour of duty. Firefighter Meninger has served the citizens of Everett for over 33 years. Congrats D.A. and enjoy a long and healthy retirement. He is pictured here with his family, who were on hand for his last roll call.



Firefighter Sean Diamond made his retirement official on July 25 from the Everett Fire Dept. with over 36 years of service.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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CHAMPIONSHIP DUO

Hailey Warren, head coach of the Black Widows team in the Everett Girls Softball League, is pictured with her sister, Peyton Warren, before Game 2 of the Senior Division championship series Sunday night at Glendale Park. Peyton Warren was the winning pitcher as the Black Widows defeated the Legends in Game 3 Monday night to capture the 2020 league championship. More coverage of the EGSL playoffs will appear in next week's edition of the Independent.

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  
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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  
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67 Norwood Street,  
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Church Phone  
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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](https://www.facebook.com/churchforeverett) to view weekly devotions and updates,

visit us at [www.foreverettchurch.org](http://www.foreverettchurch.org) 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](http://www.everettcan.com) to request any additional help.

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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Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street  
617-387-2916  
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](https://www.zionchurchministries.com) or via email at [office@zionchurchministries.com](mailto: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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News and Notes

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Sunday 10:30 AM Worship service.

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Come join us in prayer every Friday at 6 am.

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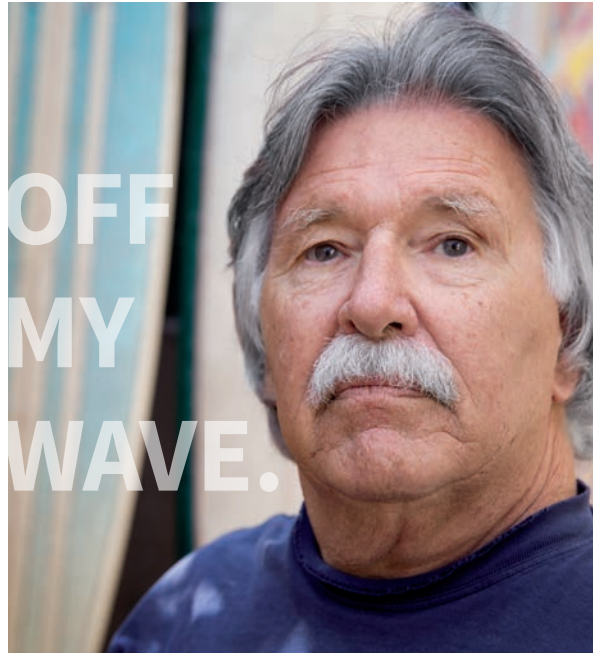
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TREATS FOR ALL



Officers Cassidy and Ramunno of the Community Services Unit were out in the neighborhoods giving out some slush to kids last week during the hottest days of the summer. Eliot Family Resource Center was happy to help out by providing the cool treats.

OFF MY WAVE.





Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at [WeAreStrongerThanMS.org](https://www.westrongerthanms.org).

Together We Are Stronger.

MS

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Raised crosswalk under construction on Tufts Avenue

Staff report

A new raised crosswalk is being constructed on Tufts Avenue, as the City of Everett continues to improve infrastructure for the safety of the residents in the community. The raised crosswalk will aide in traf- fic calming in the area and

improve pedestrian visibili- ty and mobility.

“Ensuring that pedestri- ans are safe on our streets is a top priority of my admin- istration. This new cross- walk will improve the vis- ibility of pedestrians, while providing drivers with a physical reminder to slow down,” said Mayor Carlo

DeMaria.

Mayor DeMaria vowed to continue to improve pe- destrian safety throughout Everett, which includes implementing traffic calm- ing measures in front of all schools, parks, public gathering spaces and long streets where cars can move quickly.



Work is ongoing right now on Tufts Avenue to build a raised crosswalk in front of The Meadows, which will improve pedestrian safety and calm traffic using the street.

City of Everett unveils new dedicated bike lanes

Staff Report

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is proud to announce a net- work of new protected bike lanes in the City of Everett.

The new bike lanes, which are installed on School Street, Chelsea Street, Beacham Street, and Bow Street, offers a seam- less connection from Ever- ett through Chelsea.

Transportation Director Jay Monty says the exten- sion of the Northern Strand Trail motivated the installa- tion of the new bike lanes.

“As we invest in projects like the Northern Strand Trail and Mystic River

trails, it is of equal impor- tance to create connectivity from these trails into the neighborhoods of Everett. The new bike lanes are in- tended to help strengthen those connections as well as calm vehicle traffic on our main roads,” Monty said.

The goal of the new bike lanes is to create a better connection through Ever- ett from the Mystic River trails over to Chelsea and the Chelsea Greenway. The route runs from the Mystic River trails at the Route 16/Woods Bridge area and uses the protected bike

lanes installed last year on the connector roadway be- tween Sweetser and San- tilli Highway, then crosses over to School Street where the city recently installed a “contraflow” bike lane that allows cyclists to ride in both directions on the one-way portion of School Street. From there, the route uses Chelsea Street to connect with Everett Avenue leading into Chelsea.

The state broke ground on the Northern Strand im- provements in February. The City of Everett trail ex- tension to the Mystic River waterfront is expected to be open by the summer of 2022.



Chelsea Street now has a defined bike lane on the street to add better connections for cyclists.



The new bike lane on School Street will help connect to Chelsea and the Northern Strand Trail.

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