

Everett Independent

DLR okays Chief Carli's appointment

By Seth Daniel

The City is trumpeting a decision this week from a Department of Labor Relations (DLR) hearing officer that sided with them in the battle over how Fire Chief Tony Carli was picked as chief some years ago – and confirmed as a permanent pick this past January.

Meanwhile, the Fire Union said the decision by the hearing officer doesn't clear up the matter, and they are pondering an appeal to straighten out all of the issues – including collective bargaining issues.

Chief Carli, the City of Everett's Fire Chief was named permanent on January 27, 2020 and confirmed by the Everett City Council. His appointment to permanent was not without controversy. Carli, a 20-year veteran of the Everett Fire Department, climbed the ranks and was named the City of Everett's acting Fire Chief on June of 2016.

Everett Firefighters Local 143, the Union that represents Everett's Fire Department with the exception of the Chief, contended that the appointment of Carli was done without merit. Specifically, they stated that the "impacts of promotional procedures to a managerial position should be declared a mandatory subject of bargaining, especially where, as here, the incumbent was involved in the promotional process and because the City did not bargain".

However, in a recent opinion issued by Attorney James Sunkenberg, the hearing officer presiding over the complaint for the Department of Labor Relations, he determined that

"The union has not established that the City's decision impacted a mandatory subject of bargaining," read his decision. "Accordingly, it has not established that the City violated the law."

"The Union's position

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria and several elected officials – including Brazilian American Councilor Stephanie Martins and School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros – celebrated

the first-ever flag raising in Everett for Brazilian Independence Day on Thursday, Sept. 14. While Everett has had a strong population of Brazilian immigrants and resident for several years, the population has grown even larger in recent years. Mayor DeMaria said having the Brazilian flag flown as a celebration denotes that everyone is welcome in Everett. Here, celebrating Brazilian independence was dancer Kaitlynn Jolly of the band Grooversity, which performed on the grounds of City Hall during the ceremony.

City celebrates first-ever Brazilian Independence Day flag raising

By Seth Daniel

The familiar blue, yellow and green Brazilian flag might hang in two out of three storefront businesses in Everett, but the flag had never flown over City Hall before – until last Thursday.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros and Councilor Stephanie Martins joined a host of friends, City officials and well-wishers to celebrate the 198th anniversary of Brazilian independence by flying the flag over Everett City Hall for the first time ever.

Brazilians have made

up more and more of the population of the United States over the last several years, and in 2018, 10,538 Brazilians were naturalized as American Citizens. Massachusetts is a hotbed for Brazilian immigrants, second only behind Florida in numbers. Of that Middlesex County has the second most concentrated population of Brazilians in the United States – which includes Everett and Framingham.

In the Everett Public Schools, the numbers of Brazilian students has skyrocketed and Portuguese speakers in the schools are second only to Spanish speakers.

School Committeeman Almeida Barros said that isn't lost on him, and he noted that six of the new Family Liaisons hired recently to assist school community families are Brazilian. He said when he could have never imagined when he came to Everett many years ago that he would be the first Brazilian American elected to the Everett School Committee.

"I am proud of that, not for myself, but for the community that I represent," he said.

But he also said raising the Brazilian flag does not

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Councilor Martins hopes Housing Task Force can be a clearinghouse for many issue

By Seth Daniel

Councilor Stephanie Martins is putting her eggs in the basket of the Affordable Housing Task Force, and said she hopes the mix of residents, professionals and elected officials can be a sounding board for some of the most critical housing issues facing the city.

"Most municipalities around us have a Housing Task Force and so do oth-

er states and Malden has one too," said Martins this week. "In Everett, it's time for us to move in a new direction in terms of housing. I'm excited because there are new ordinances coming from the Administration and the Council. I thought it would be good to create a platform for the community with a range of diverse voices to give us feedback on these proposals...It's made up of a diverse group of people in

terms of experience, race, and gender. We have landlords, tenants, non-profits, a representative for youth homelessness and members of the Council."

The Housing Task Force was created in February when it passed the Council and was just getting off the ground when COVID-19 hit the city – causing the effort to be put on hold so that more pressing needs could be tended to such as helping

at the food pantries.

Now, however, the Task Force is meeting again and the membership is getting solidified. Aside from Councilor Martins and Councilor Mike Marchese, the other non-elected members include:

• Laura Rosi – Housing Families (Housing and tenant advocate organization)

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Going Well

Schools open without a hitch

By Seth Daniel

Supt. Priya Tahiliani told the School Committee on Monday that last Tuesday's first day of remote classes was the most nervous she had been at her job since her first day as a teacher.

As she stood in front of the Parlin School where the first e-Learning Center group was starting to gather, she said all of her fears were put to rest by the commitment of the teachers and staff and families to make this odd school year work.

"After months of planning every facet of the opening, what I saw after all that was a collective group of teachers, staff and administrators wanting to do everything they could to help students," she said. "Though the vast majority of our students are learning online from home, there was a soothing buzz in our buildings last week. There was activity and energy, but done safely...I will never forget seeing those young kids interacting with classmates and teachers. Sheer happiness has been in short supply in the last six months, but I saw teachers

enthusiastic and happy... There is no substitute for learning in person, but given the situation we're in, I am happy to see the smiling faces of teachers and students on computer screens."

While most students – about 90 percent – chose remote learning from home, the Everett Public Schools did open e-Learning Centers on Tuesday last week, including at the Keverian, Lafayette, Whittier, Parlin and Everett High.

As of this week, she said there are 578 students at the e-Learning Centers, and 59 are on a waiting list. They are staffed by non-teachers and administrators and family liaisons.

So far, attendance last week hovered at around 50 percent of those signed up for e-Learning Centers had reported to them. On Wednesday, the number hit 50 percent, but that number dipped to 40 percent by Friday.

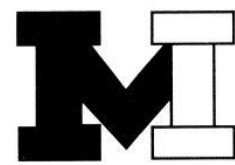
She said some parents had chosen the Centers for the sake of having reliable internet, but those technology issues were worked out for some students by

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'YOU SON OF A GUN!'



In the famous words of the late Paul Russo, it couldn't have been said any more appropriately Monday morning. On Monday morning, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and a host of family, friends and Connolly Center faithful gathered to dedicate a bench in front of the Center to Russo – who passed away in May. Here, relatives Carol Puopolo and Debbie Penta Petrone sit on the dedicated bench with Paul Russo's memorial plaque between them.



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Development projects show no COVID slow-down for the Planning Board

By Seth Daniel

One place that has shown no signs of slowing down due to COVID-19 is the development community in Everett and its ongoing submissions to the Planning Board.

On Monday night, the Planning Board took action on three items – just one week after having a marathon meeting that saw the presentation of a handful of major and meaningful development projects around the city.

Monday’s meeting was highlighted by the revised development plan of the historic home at 43 Corey St. behind the Sacro Plaza – one of the oldest and most historic homes in Everett.

Sergio Cornelio, who is also the City Clerk, bought the historic two-family property that sits on a huge lot that includes a Carriage House barn and intended to demolish it and build new construction. That wasn’t received well at a previous Planning Board meeting, particularly by Chair Fred Cafasso and Member Leo Pizzano. So, on Monday, Cornelio came back with a revised plan that focused heavily on preservation and keeping green spaces intact.

It was a dramatic departure from the previous plan, and a change that was noted.

“I like the plan and I’m sure this Board likes the plan much better than the one you had with multiple units and where you wanted to take down the building,” said Cafasso. “This keeps the integrity of that property and of the neighborhood.”

Said Pizzano, “I’m an advocate of no tear-downs in the City of any historic buildings. I wish a few councilors would be more proactive in coming up with a plan to prevent the tear-down of these historic homes that are so much a part of Everett’s history for hundreds of years. If we had an ordinance in place, we wouldn’t have to worry about that.”

Cornelio and Attorney David O’Neil explained the new proposal will feature six apartment units within the existing home, with three studio apartments and two, two-bedroom apartments along with eight parking spots.

“The hope of the petitioner is to take this historic property and maintain 100 percent of the exterior appearance of the property, maintain the grounds and keep it as much as much as it is now, but tak-

ing what has historically been a two-family residence and converting it to a six units of state of the art residences.”

The plan would keep the barn and much of the trees and green space, Cornelio said. He said they could have put the full 12 parking spots on the large property, but felt it would take away from the nature of the history there.

“I didn’t want to take down a bunch of the trees and pave over a lot of the green space,” he said, noting the decision will require them to go to the Zoning Board for a parking variance. “I want to preserve some of the green space. That’s why we did what we did with the parking.

“I bought this from a friend and promised to keep it intact as best as possible,” he continued. “That’s what I intend to do.”

The Planning Board voted 5-0 to waive the Site Plan Review process, and allow the project to move to the ZBA for variances.

•6 NORMAN STREET GETS SITE PLAN, ADDS AFFORDABLE UNIT

The developers of a 66-unit, new apartment building on 6 Norman St. – across from the City Yard – got kudos Monday night for adding one additional affordable unit to the project – resulting in approvals for their Site Plan Review and a special permit for Inclusionary Zoning on the project.

Attorney Anthony Rossi represented the developer on the matter last week at the meeting, and came back with some revisions to the project as discussed then. Chief among them was adding a fourth affordable housing unit to the required three units under the City’s ordinance.

The project will be built on an industrial, blighted lot just down from the Bone Up Brewery and across the street from the City Yard – abutting the Northern Strand Bike Path. The project will be five stories tall and will include parking on the site as well.

A traffic study submitted to the Board indicated that there would be no great impact on traffic due to the development, particularly on the Tileston Street/Main Street intersection. The property has parking egresses on Williams and Tileston Streets.

“For the record, as a result of this development you are saying you will not

add any traffic to the intersection of Tileston and Main,” said Member Leo Pizzano. “That’s a brutal intersection and you feel this property won’t add to the deteriorating conditions of that intersection. That correct?”

“Yes, that is correct,” said Traffic Engineer Steve Sawyer.

Chair Fred Cafasso said he appreciated the addition of a new affordable unit to the project – something that wasn’t required. The affordable units include three, one-bedroom units and one, two-bedroom unit.

Councilor Michael McLaughlin – who represents the area – said he agrees with the changes and the development.

“I am excited about the addition of the fourth unit and that’s a property that for a long time hasn’t been used in a meaningful way,” he said. “It’s going to clean up that lot which has been a blighted spot for a long time...I do agree that the traffic impact from this will not be noticeable because Tileston and Main Streets are only busy two ties a day. I don’t think this will be a major impact on that intersection.”

Both votes passed the Board 5-0.

•110 TREMONT GETS SITE PLAN

Developer Greg Antonelli has kept the momentum rolling on his projects throughout the city, getting a Site Plan Review stamp of approval on a proposed project at 110 Tremont St. – which is next door to the units he has just completed on Tremont Street.

Both properties at the back face the Northern Strand Bike Path and the newly-built RiverGreen park and sports fields.

Antonelli – of GTA Inc. – said they plan to put a 48-unit residential building on the property that will be two-stories tall and have ample parking in a front parking lot that will be hemmed in by a stone wall.

The project would take the place of an industrial building that is now vacant of tenants, and would be a compliment to the development now being finished next door by Antonelli.

The project is by-right, so it needs no further approvals from the Zoning Board. The project is not subject to affordable housing requirements as it was first filed with the City before those requirements were ordained by the Council.

The Planning Board voted 5-0 to approve the matter, with some conditions.

Everett Little League Board of Directors election Oct. 5

The Everett Little League will be holding its yearly board elections on Monday, October 5, at 7 p.m. in the Schiavo Club on Tileston Street in Everett.

All board positions are open and all people are welcome to come by and vote for the 2020-2021 Board of Directors.

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delivering them ChromeBooks or Wi-Fi hot spots. With that equipment, they no longer needed the Centers.

So far, attendance for remote learning isn’t available, she said, but the district plans to delve into that later this week and report back the initial numbers.

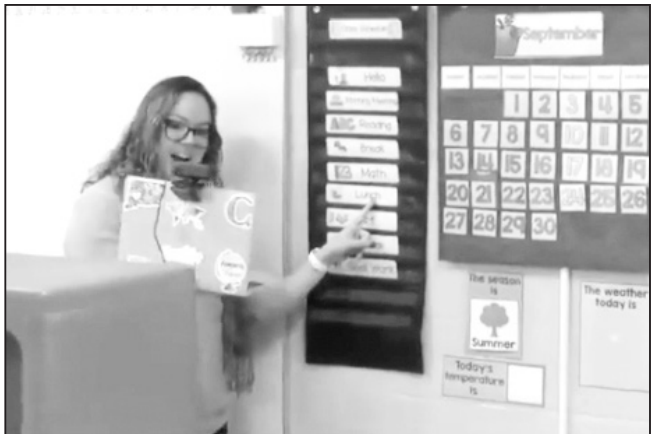
One of the big pushes right now by staff and administrators is to make phone calls to students that are not showing up for school, and many times those issues are being resolved with delivering them ChromeBooks or hot spots. She said they have made more than 200 phone calls and that is continuing this week. One challenge is that much of the technology is in high demand across the country, so computers and other equipment is on back-order and will be coming in at a later date.

One change made to help teachers and other district officials reach out to parents was the introduction of the translation service LionBridge. That service allows any district employee to request translation services in a variety of languages on the spot. It’s the kind of change that has brought families and teachers closer together, said Tahiliani, and it’s a change that will continue.

“We are delivering services to help our families today and in the future,” she said.

“We are seeing this paradigm shift just two weeks after implementing it,” she continued. “We are making shifts that will help not just today, but after the pandemic as well.”

School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros said he visited the Everett High e-Learning Center last week, and ended up staying for a few hours. A skeptic of the idea at first, he said he was won over



A video was shown at the Everett School Committee meeting on Monday, Sept. 21, that showed many of the teachers in the district going remote. Here, two district teachers (above and below) interact with students from their classrooms remotely.



and impressed. “I was skeptical at first because of the COVID-19 situation, but what I saw was kids that really needed to be there,” he said. “It was like a family environment and they weren’t doing that because a member of the School Committee was there...The e-Learning Center idea was fantastic and I was happy with what I saw.”

•HVAC Systems Pan Out At All Schools

One of the major pieces tripping up schools as they prepare for hybrid, in-person learning later this fall has been inadequate ventilation and HVAC systems. That will not be the case for Everett, Supt. Tahiliani said on Monday.

On Sept. 10 and 11, the schools contracted with an air quality inspector at all of the public schools.

The inspectors looked at indoor air quality, surface samples and temperature/humidity/CO2 readings.

For air quality, they looked at mold spores

and other contaminants inside the building, had the samples tested at a lab in New Jersey, and found that there were no readings that would be any different than a typical New England day outside of the building.

“They found all the buildings to have sufficient filtering and air flow,” she said.

For the surface samples, the investigators took samples on high-touch surfaces like desks, door knobs and switches. All of those sample at all of the schools came back safe and classified as clean. She said that shows the cleaning and disinfecting programs put in place are working.

Finally, the ventilation of the schools was tested and found to be well-within all of the recommendations at every school building. Tahiliani said they would continue these tests on a random nature, and would also suggest air purifiers for some classrooms.

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•Rafael Mares – TND (non-profit housing development)

•David LaRovere – Messinger Insurance (member of the business community)

•Kayla Mangan – Tenant/Everett resident

•Charles DiPerri, senior citizen from Everett Villa Co-Op

•Tony Sousa – City Planner

•Lucy Pineda – LUMA (non-profit leader)

•Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers – Everett Haitian Community Center (social services leader)

•Liliana Patino - Eliot Family Resources (social services leader)

•Domenic Puleo – Everett Housing Auth. (EHA appointee)

•Jean Granick – Cambridge Health Alliance (health care appointee)

•Jonathan Regis – Youth

Harbors (youth homelessness appointee)

•Keith Slattery – Asst. City Solicitor

A landlord appointment, which was Sal Sacro, is being reconsidered as he didn’t have enough time to devote to the Task Force, and a School Committee appointment is also still pending.

“It’s a platform I hope where we can discuss everything housing,” said Martins. “Even though it’s about affordable housing, it’s also about zoning and housing production. We already have a proposed Linkage Fee ordinance that will come before the Task Force in advance of going to the City Council.”

Right now, she said the first task they’ve identified is to come up with a landlord/tenant guide for residents – something that

will explain rights on both sides and try to help lay a groundwork for knowing the laws on housing. It will also include an extensive list of housing resources and services too. They will begin that work on Sept. 29 in a workshop meeting with the Attorney General’s Office.

The guide will be printed and available around the City, she said, and would also be posted online.

In the end, she said they hope to make the Task Force into a regular Commission that meets frequently and helps refine housing policy and protocols so Everett can move into a new era on housing and affordability.

“The vision for the Task Force is that it can become a Commission,” she said.

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License Board hammers home seriousness of social distancing

By Seth Daniel

The Everett License Board has taken a firm stand this week at meetings and in a general letter regarding the importance of social distancing and COVID-19 protocols at the City’s restaurant, bar and brewery establishments.

For the first time ever, the License Board agenda was dominated with complaints that had come from the public to the Mayor’s Office regarding establishments that allegedly weren’t practicing social distancing. With Everett still a ‘red’ community by Gov. Charlie Baker’s measuring metrics, Licensing Chair Phil Antonelli said they would be asking all establishments to close at 11 p.m. and to tighten up their oversight of COVID-19 rules.

“Every complaint we get about social distancing is taken seriously,” said Antonelli at the Board’s Monday meeting. “Everett is in a red zone and the mayor and his administration are very, very concerned. I’m not saying just one place...Whoever it may be – across the board – the mayor is committed to making sure the numbers go down. As much as restaurants are hurting right now, if you can’t adhere to the social distance protocols put out by the governor, we are going to shut you down. I’m saying this across the board to everyone and a letter will go out to everyone this week.”

On Monday, Lafania

Bar & Grill (18 Beacham St.), Lafinca Bar & Restaurant (37 Norwood St.) and Braza Grill (158 School St.) were called in to the Board to discuss complaints about their social distancing. Last month, Champions Bar & Grill on Ferry Street was written up by the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) for its alleged lack of protocols – which was discussed at the License Board at that time.

At Lafania, the owner said it was a disgruntled patron he had turned away because the capacity of 30 persons was in effect.

“I’m down to six tables and two high-tops,” said the owner. “I’ve been taking this very seriously. I’m sorry, but I think someone is disgruntled...There’s no dancing allowed and no standing around and no standing at the bar. I have a guy at the door counting people.”

Lafinca, however, has been an issue in complaints to the Board and in trouble with neighbors.

Councilor Michael McLaughlin said he has received several complaints and concerns from neighbors about how the business is being operated at the moment.

“They are concerned about what they’re seeing and the way this business is performing right now,” said McLaughlin.

Braza Grill had complaints logged to the Mayor’s Office, and also pictures of improper social distancing taking place. However, it appears

claims of live music in the establishment were unfounded, as Everett Police did a walk-thru inspection recently and there was no live music.

Braza already has a mandated closing hour of 11 p.m., so Antonelli told the owner he needed to tighten up his policies and oversight of social distancing. Antonelli referred to the submitted photos showing people in the restaurant without using masks properly and such.

•Night Shift looks at making wine

Night Shift Brewery on Santilli Highway put in a request to the Board for a Farmer’s Pouring permit expansion, an expansion to their permit that would allow them to also pour wine at their brewery.

The request also asked for the ability to extend their outdoor seating to another area of their parking lot.

“We want to make the parking lot space licensed for pouring, in addition we are looking for wine pouring on site – wine that we hope to produce,” said Night Shift owners.

There were few other details about the successful breweries expansion into the wine market, but it isn’t new for them. Last year they introduced an expansion into gourmet roasted coffee – which they roast at their Chelsea location and serve in their Boston Lovejoy Wharf tap room.

The wine venture appears to be slated for Everett only right now.

HONORED TO BE IN HER PRESENCE



Council President Fred Capone and Michele Capone would like to honor and add remembrances of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Justice Ginsburg had a special connection to their law school, New England Law. New England Law, originally Portia Law School, has the distinction of being the first law school in the country founded for women. Over the years, Justice Ginsburg visited the school’s campus, attended school sponsored events, and even taught courses for the school via summer abroad programs. In March 2008, Councilor Capone and Michele traveled to Washington, D.C., along with a small group of fellow graduates, to be sworn in as attorneys qualified to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Justice Ginsburg graciously joined them after the ceremony and spoke with each of them on an individual basis.

“We were honored to be in her presence and so grateful for her generosity,” said Councilor Capone. “Justice Ginsburg was much more than a legal icon. History will reflect her enormous role in advancing the cause of Equality under the law. On a personal note, we will remember her warmth, her soft-spoken voice, the delicate lace gloves she wore, and her abundant kindness to us that special day. Rest in Peace Justice Ginsburg, you are a shining example of a life well lived.”

Almeida-Barros secures grant to help students in need of housing assistance

Staff Report

Thanks to the efforts of Ward 5 School Committeeman Marcony Almeida-Barros, Everett High School (EHS) will once again receive critical grant funding to help students who need housing assistance.

The Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance (MHSA), a nonprofit public policy advocacy organization dedicated to ending homelessness, has presented EHS with a \$25,000 grant to help students who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. This follows two similar grant negotiated in each of the past two years. The grant was officially presented to the School Committee by EPS Chief Financial Officer Anu Medappa Jayanth on

Monday, September 21.

“We started this as a pilot project three years ago,” said Almeida-Barros. “EHS was the first high school in Massachusetts to implement such a program. I’m delighted and profoundly thankful to see the success of this program, leading to higher graduation rates among those students who participated. This has been so successful we have been funded for a third year. I want to thank the Mass Housing and Shelter Alliance for their support. It shows that housing stability, along with careful case management conducted by the Everett Public Schools, provides students in housing crisis with the tools they need to overcome these financial obstacles and graduate.”

The goals of the project

are to help students achieve immediate housing stability and improved educational outcomes, including decreased absenteeism, improved school grades, and higher graduation rates. This year’s grant funds may be used to help students with rent, emergency housing, and food.

MHSA focuses on transforming the traditional emergency response to homelessness into a system that prioritizes best practices and long-term solutions. MHSA’s advocacy, rigorous data evaluation and innovative program development demonstrate that providing permanent housing with supportive services is in the best interest of homeless individuals, government and society at large.

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collapses the distinction between decisional and impact bargaining and that does not persuade me,” he continued. “Here, the Union does not identify any impacts on a mandatory subject of bargaining that result from the City’s decision”. Ultimately, the City’s decision to use an assessment center to select the Chief’s position was well within their rights.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria maintained the selection of chief a under his jurisdiction and doesn’t require collective bargaining, even if using an Assessment Center.

“The role of Fire Chief is a managerial role under the jurisdiction of the Executive Office,” he said. “While the union’s input will always be welcome and taken into consideration, I applaud the decision of the Department of Labor Relations in being able to differentiate the roles between a union employee and that of executive level management.”

Said Chief Carli, “I can understand that new processes may seem difficult to grasp in the fire service with so much longstanding tradition. However, the fire service is changing along with the management of it. The City and other communities across the state have moved towards assessment center testing, rather than written. I appreciate the Department of Labor Relations understanding of management’s rights to select a Department Head.”

Union President Craig Hardy said they strongly disagree with the decision, and also said they will

contemplate an appeal – noting that the hearing officer’s decision is not a final ruling.

“This hearing officers decision only decided the City didn’t violate any collective bargaining laws,” he said. “It did not decide that the process was fair or objective. We still believe it’s inappropriate for the Fire Chief position to be selected in this manner regardless of the ruling of the hearing officer, which we strongly disagree with and are pondering an Appeal with the DLR.”

He said the Union still believes having Carli participate in crafting the Assessment Center when he was knowingly a candidate was not fair to other members that wanted to try for the position.

“We believe the city

conducted an unfair and biased process to benefit an ally of the Mayor,” he said. “The hearing established that the Mayor promised to promote the Acting Chief regardless of his performance in the process. The Acting Chief was involved in the critical decision-making of the process the City chose for the seat he occupied and wanted to fill permanently. Ultimately the City chose the process that advantaged the Acting Chief’s chances for the promotion. The City did not bargain with the union despite effectively promising to bargain this new process that benefitted the Acting Chief.”

Hardy said they would decide within 10 days whether they will appeal the decision by the DLR.

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WINTER SURVIVAL: MASKS AND FLU SHOTS

The testimony of Dr. Robert Redfield, the head of the Centers for Disease Control, before a U.S. Senate subcommittee last week regarding the need for every American to wear a face mask in public to thwart the spread of Covid-19 was stunning for its sheer simplicity. “A face mask is the most important and powerful public health tool we have,” said Redfield. “If we did it for six, eight, or 10 weeks, we could bring the pandemic under control. We have clear scientific evidence they work, and they are our best defense. I might even go so far as to say that this face mask is more guaranteed to protect me against Covid than when I take a Covid vaccine.”

Dr. Redfield’s statement provided Americans with the most direct and easiest-to-understand medical advice that we have heard in our lifetime from any health professional regarding any illness or disease.

Face masks have been shown in the past to be effective against the spread of airborne illnesses. During the 1918 flu pandemic, American cities that required their citizenry to wear face masks in public had much lower incidences of the flu and much lower death rates from that deadly disease than cities that did not require the use of masks.

The other significant thing we can do for our individual and collective health this winter season is to get a flu shot as soon as possible. Although flu shots typically do not have 100% effectiveness, they nonetheless can provide significant protection against the flu for most Americans, thereby reducing to a large extent the number of persons who might require medical treatment and hospitalization.

We also would note that there is substantial evidence that flu shots also provide protection for the heart, although it still is not completely understood why.

Together, masks and flu shots offer our best chance to avoid the so-called “twin-demic” this coming winter. Indeed, if everyone masks up and gets vaccinated (as well as stays home when they are sick), this could be the healthiest winter our nation ever has experienced.

COVID IS THE LEADING KILLER OF FIRST RESPONDERS

Recently-revealed statistics have brought into sharp focus the deadly and tragic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic upon our nation’s police and firefighters.

At least 101 police officers have died from Covid-19, and it is estimated that this figure represents only half of the Covid-19 deaths among police officers. This compares to 70 officers who have died in the line of duty from accidents and felonious attacks.

For firefighters, deaths from Covid-19 likewise have exceeded fatalities from other service-related causes.

These statistics clearly demonstrate that our public safety personnel put their lives and health on the line just by showing up for their jobs. They do not have the luxury of working remotely from the comfort of their home, as so many of us are able to do these days.

The work of first responders always has been difficult enough, but the added layer of the risks posed by Covid-19 has increased their line-of-duty danger exponentially -- and makes us even more grateful for the job they do in our communities each and every day, 24/7/365.

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AUTUMN NOW IS HERE, LEAF PEEPERS WILL APPEAR

GUEST OP-ED

One for all

The following remarks were made by School Committee member Marcony Almeida Barros during the city’s first-ever Brazilian Flag Raising and Brazilian Independence Day Ceremony at Everett City Hall.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Obrigado. Bom dia!

It is a pleasure to be here today. I moved to Everett 21 years ago. When I came to Everett, there wasn’t even half the Brazilian population we have here today.

But I could never imagine that I would be standing here today as the first Brazilian elected to the School Committee in the City of Everett. I am proud of that, not for myself, but

for the community that I represent.

In the Everett Public Schools, Portuguese is the second most-spoken foreign language in our district. We have one of the largest Brazilian populations in our school district, along with our friends from El Salvador, Haiti, and many other countries.

In 2018, just to give you an idea about the demographics of the Brazilian population, 10,538 Brazilians were naturalized US Citizens in Massachusetts alone, according to the American Community Survey and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

In 2019, half of the foreign-born population from Brazil resided in just three

states: Florida, Massachusetts, and California. New Jersey and New York followed.

Within the top five states, Brazilian immigrants were most concentrated in Broward County, Florida; and second, in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. And in Everett, we have one of the largest and most vibrant communities in the state of Massachusetts.

In our schools - and I am happy to be here joined by our Deputy Superintendent, Kim Tsai - among our newest wave of Family Liaisons that our district recently hired, six are Brazilians.

That means that we are here as one - as one community. Being here

and raising the Brazilian flag doesn’t make me less American. I am Brazilian by birth and proudly American by choice! So, I want to thank the Mayor and Mrs. DeMaria, and all of you for joining me today celebrating the date when we became independent from Portugal. And I hope that we will continue to work together, stand together as one community, and being part of a community that brings so much joy to our schools, our businesses, to our entire city. Happy Independence Day, Brazil! Feliz Dia da Independência! Obrigado, thank you so much!

GUEST OP-ED

Turn the page

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Fall season officially begins September 22 this year. For every season there is a change. Most of us like the seasons especially if we can have four of them.

I like the fall as the weather seems more stable in our part of the country. For our neighbors in California they are desperate for anything that will bring rain and an end to the devastating fires. This has been a cruel, harsh time that we pray passes by and ends very quickly for California.

On the east and gulf coast there is always another looming hurricane this time of year. Flooding and devastation have already occurred in Louisiana with the potential of more to come.

Every season brings the possibilities of pleas-

ant weather but also severe weather. Very much like our lives every season brings change because we have no choice but to deal with the change. When snow comes, we adapt and enjoy the change.

Our lives are like seasons - change comes. If we are fortunate, aging occurs. Children grow up. Our vocational lives and dreams change, mature, flourish or become a distant memory. Our lives are like an interesting book. Your life is probably very interesting if you were able to write out the whole story. Maybe you should write about your life? Write it out for someone later to read about. If you decide to do so write about the hard times as well as what you want everyone else to know.

Whenever you read or write a book it requires turning the page or writ-

ing a new page. You can’t finish the book if you stay on the same page. When our parents die, we have to turn the page. When we bury a spouse or loved one, we have to turn the page. When we change jobs or careers that require transition it’s tough but we have to turn the page. When children grow up and move away or no longer have time to be with us then we must turn the page.

A good friend is selling his lovely home. I can see that’s it a tough time emotionally as he has invested so many years into where he lives. He and his wife are moving into a smaller condominium. He loves his beautiful yard but he knows it’s time to turn the page as their age and health have changed.

The one difference between reading a book and life is that you may not

finish reading the book but we all finish life. You either turn the pages of life or in time they are turned for you. The worst decisions we make are no decisions. We procrastinate. We delay paying into retirement. We delay a health test. We put off what we dread and it doesn’t make it better.

Live a good life. Make decisions. Turn the page and keep going. Don’t get stuck on the same page in the same chapter. Run your race. Finish your course. Turn the page.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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Cool vibe, Hot coffee: New Koffee N’Box gives Broadway outdoor activity

By Seth Daniel

When Attorney David O’Neil built a retaining wall on the side of his Broadway professional office building a few years ago, his contractor wondered what he wanted to do with the little outdoor area next to the building.

O’Neil’s first answer was, “Nothing.”

However, that answer morphed into something and on Monday, a new Everett vibe had been firmly planted on a little space next to the building with Pricila Trancoso’s new Koffee N’Box outdoor café – based out of a container box and boasting several socially distanced tables on a sunny, outdoor space on a piece of land no one wanted previously.

“When I built the wall, my contractor, DeVincenzo & Sons asked me what I wanted to do with the space between the wall and the building and my

first thought was ‘nothing,’” said O’Neil. “Dave DeVincenzo suggested I put in a little patio for people in the building to use, and it was a great idea because before COVID we had well over a hundred people through the building every day between employees, patients at Cambridge Health Alliance, Dr. Masucci’s pediatric practice and Everett Bank’s lending office. So we built the patio, and it came out so well that Pricila Trancoso approached me about doing something with a pop-up coffee shop.”

That’s where the vibe was born that played out Monday morning.

Trancoso came from Brazil 20 years ago, and is an accountant at her full-time job located in the same building. She said she has another coffee shop in Cambridge that is under renovations, but is a totally different concept.

This concept is more of an outdoor, seasonal coffee spot that is based out of a container shipping box creatively painted by an artist from Miami. The shop serves up coffee, pastries, and Acai bowls – to name a few things. The outdoor tables and lounging chairs sit perfectly in the morning and afternoon sun and Trancoso said she is just very grateful for the opportunity to do something against the grain for Everett.

“This idea is just one of the ideas that God gives me all the time,” she said. “I also have a business in Brazil too but I don’t have the expertise in this concept. What I have is a very good group of people helping me and supporting me and giving me direction to make this business successful.

“This is a good location and I think I can enclose it in the winter, but right now this is the place out-

doors,” she continued.

For Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Koffee N’Box is the kind of vibe and business he has talked about since his re-election almost four years ago when he talked about his vision for locating container cafes and shops on the bike path and in Everett Square. The emergence of Koffee N’Box follows that vision and also shows great collaboration between a long-time property owner and an emerging professional/entrepreneur.

DeMaria thanked Trancoso for taking a chance in a very difficult time.

“It’s not easy to open a business, especially in these difficult times,” said the mayor. “Even myself, I’m in the coffee business and had to shut a couple stores down. I admire you for opening up during a pandemic and putting in the work to make this a success.”

O’Neil said he was

happy to have worked so closely with the City – including ISD Inspector Mike Desmond, who helped ensure handicap access.

“The Mayor’s planning and inspectional services offices have been great to

work with in getting the structure approved and running,” said O’Neil. “We are hoping the weather stays good well into winter so people can continue to be outside and enjoy a little bit of street life in Everett Square.”



Koffee N’Box owner Pricila Trancoso celebrated the grand opening of her outdoor coffee and food shop on Broadway Monday in a found space next to the professional building at 391 Broadway.



Billy Macedo, Capt. Demetri O’Malley and Attorney Dave O’Neil.



Chamber Director Cheryl Smith, Owner Pricila Trancoso and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria presents owner Pricila Trancoso with a citation for opening her new coffee shop.



Co-workers David Araujo, Flaviano Quaglio, Andressa Reis, and Lays Lemos.



Dave O’Neil, Pam DeMaria and Richard O’Neil. The O’Neils own the building adjacent to the coffee shop, and were excited to give owner Pricila Trancoso a chance to use a space that no one had yet claimed.



Daniel Nicolau on the violin and Adrian on the saxophone played favorites all morning during the grand opening.



The Koffee N’Box has drawn a crowd so far on Broadway.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Koffee N’Box owner Pricila Trancoso cut the ceremonial ribbon on the new outdoor shop.

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Connolly Center community, for two decades at least. Connolly Center Director Dale Palma said Russo was always willing to set up at events, clean up afterwards, and help everyone in between. Russo passed away in May at the age of 71.





A group of 12 people, including staff and volunteers, posing for a photo outside the Connolly Center. They are all wearing face masks. The building has signs for "Veterans Literacy Council of Long Beach" and "Connolly Center".

Family members with Mayor Carlo DeMaria in front of the Connolly Center.

A photograph of four women sitting side-by-side on a black metal park bench. All four women are wearing white face masks. From left to right: the first woman has short brown hair and is wearing a dark blue quilted jacket over a leopard print top; the second woman has blonde hair and is wearing a light grey knit sweater; the third woman has blonde hair and is wearing a blue and white plaid poncho over a blue and white striped shirt; the fourth woman has reddish-brown hair and is wearing a black jacket over a patterned top. She is also holding a brown leather crossbody bag. They are all smiling at the camera. The background consists of green bushes and a grassy area.

A photograph of two men standing outdoors. The man on the left is older, with white hair, wearing a dark polo shirt, sunglasses, and a light blue surgical mask. The man on the right is younger, with short grey hair, wearing a dark blue t-shirt under a grey and blue jacket, sunglasses, and a white surgical mask. They are standing in front of a green hedge and a large evergreen tree. A brick building is partially visible in the background on the left.

Jerry and Eileen Russo.



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CENSUS EFFORT



City workers canvassed the streets of Everett – hitting every home possible – on Monday with information on how to fill out the Census 2020 documents and to encourage people to do so before the Sept. 30 deadline. Everett is trending behind where it had hoped when the Census effort kicked off in February, despite an extension from the federal government. Now, the City is at risk of not growing in its official population, but actually losing population on paper. Here, City Clerk Sergio Cornelio hands out maps for the canvass, and City workers gather for a photo before fanning out across the neighborhoods.



CITY PAWS

Pet photo pointers

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

With smartphone cameras always at the ready, most of us take hundreds of photos of our pets. We can snap away and choose the best of what we shoot to keep and share. It’s easier if your dog or cat either ignores the camera or is a ham who loves to be the center of attention. With camera-shy critters, you have to use a full bag of tricks to capture a great photo.

Planning the Photo

If you hope to take a special photo, say for your pet’s birthday or a holiday card, plan ahead. A second person might help. They can distract the animal with a toy or treat or keep it safe while you sit or lie on the ground to get an eye level view.

Background is important. Find a light colored background for a dark dog. Our little white dog shows up best on a dark background. Look at the photos you already have of your pets to see what background works best for them.

Have treats, toys, and something that makes a funny noise on hand to capture your pet’s attention when you are ready to shoot. We’ve used squeakers, giggle toys, and made

funny sounds the dog doesn’t usually hear, or say a favorite word like treat or cheese. Be sure to have that cheese or treat on hand to reward your model. This will help train your dog or cat to look forward to and cooperate with photos.

Don’t forget the lighting. Outside, try for the golden hour. That’s the time shortly after sunrise or before sunset, when daylight is redder, softer, and more flattering to man or beast. Days with clouds and flat light create fewer shadows and are better for photography than bright sunny days.

Inside, try to dim or raise room lights and use shades or a piece of cloth to adjust the daylight coming through windows. We never use a flash because it can scare the animal and seldom results in a good photo.

Portrait or Action

Great portraits of dogs and cats are often those taken at eye level. This means that either the photographer has to get down or the animal has to get up. We’ve used comfy chairs, park benches, stairs and stone walls to raise up small subjects.

For action photos practice taking high speed bursts on your camera or phone. These will give you

more choices as you edit photos of your cat at play or your dog running on the beach.

Safety and Comfort First

Any time you are photographing an animal, try to be aware of both their comfort level and safety. Back when most of our photos were taken with big Nikon DSLR cameras with three inch lenses focused on a pup’s face, we had many dogs afraid of our camera. With research we learned that some dogs see the lens as a big, threatening eye staring at them. Phones are less scary.

You won’t see photos of our dog Poppy without a leash attached to us or a solid object unless she is inside. She’s a terrier and can never be trusted off leash in the open. While you are concentrating on taking a photo, your dog may spot a squirrel, another dog, or a favorite person and be gone in a flash.

If you think through the photo you hope to capture and have all the treats, toys, and camera settings ready, you’ll be able to take a great photo quickly and safely.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

City advertises position for Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

By Seth Daniel

The City has advertised a new position at City Hall looking for a person to lead efforts to make the workforce more diverse, equitable and inclusive.

The Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is a new department in the City proposed by Mayor Carlo DeMaria in his mid-term address last January – long before many others in surrounding communities added such offices in the wake of the summer protests.

The initiative was put on hold last spring due to COVID-19, but has now picked up with the advertising of the position late last week.

“This position reports directly to the Mayor and collaborates with senior leadership and other key stakeholders to advance our diversity and equity initiatives, and overall inclusion strategy,” read the job description. “The Director will be tasked with measuring and monitoring organizational diversity, with a concrete goal to diversify leadership and

staffing across the organization and to develop criteria for measuring the stations progress. This person must be able to create a vision of change that will inspire colleagues at all levels and help the administration meaningfully serve our ever more diverse public.”

The job is described as being within the inner circle of the City’s leadership, reporting directly to the mayor and his senior staff. The director of the new office will service as the mayor’s chief advisor relating to all things related to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Some of the other functions of the job will include:

- Make recommendations that work to build a more inclusive City workforce related to race, ethnicity, disability, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation.
- Providing vision, and leadership to all municipal departments, including boards and commissions, department managers and supervisors, to incorpo-

rate, prioritize, and value diversity in the workplace.

- Conduct training sessions with City departments and offices on a regular and on-going basis.
- Tracks the racial, ethnic, and gender metrics of the City’s exempt workforce.
- Work closely with various City departments help support minority, women, and disabled-owned businesses.
- Attend and participate in career fairs and vocational events to recruit candidates that reflect Everett’s population.
- Participate in local and regional organizations that promote and work to improve “quality of life” of residents without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, physical or mental disability, general or sexual orientation.
- Executing other duties related to diversity, equity, and inclusion matters as required by Mayor.
- Should have significant knowledge of federal and state employment laws, rules, and regulations.

State Treasurer Goldberg receives Jesse M. Unruh Award

The National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) announced that Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg was honored with the Jesse M. Unruh Award.

Utah Treasurer David Damschen made the presentation to Treasurer Goldberg.

The Jesse M. Unruh Award is named for a founding member of NAST and former California State Treasurer. This distinguished award recognizes a current Treasurer’s commitment to the association, the profession, and his or her state.

“Treasurer Goldberg truly epitomizes outstanding service to the association and the profession,” said Utah Treasurer David Damschen, “Her tireless work as the NAST President during these unprecedented times has steadied our course, as she provided truly extraordinary and timely leadership.”

Goldberg is currently serving as President of NAST. Throughout her year-long term she has



State Treasurer Deb Goldberg.

successfully led the association’s efforts to support sound fiscal policies and programs throughout the country. She has advocated for increased federal aid for states and localities hurt by the pandemic, legislation to rebuild our country’s infrastructure, increase access to financial literacy programs, enhance returning unclaimed property to its rightful owners, and grow affordable retirement and ABLE savings accounts.

“We are grateful for Treasurer Goldberg’s leadership,” said NAST Executive Director Shaun Snyder, “While

COVID-19 was certainly not contemplated when she was elected NAST President, she quickly pivoted and led us through very difficult times. As a result of her skillful stewardship, we have been able to provide meaningful virtual learning and networking opportunities for our members and have maintained and increased strong advocacy efforts, helping to shape legislation and regulations impacting public finance and the Treasurers’ constituents across the country.”

Treasurer Goldberg’s extensive business and fiscal management experience provided her with a strong foundation to effectively carry out NAST’s top priorities.

After being elected State Treasurer in 2014, Treasurer Goldberg was reelected in 2018. She is known for her deep commitment to the advancement of policies that break down barriers and create economic opportunities for everyone.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

TITO’S BAKERY CLOSES AFTER 45 YEARS

CHELSEA - Unfortunately, there’s no way to say ‘Hola’ without eventually saying ‘Adios,’ and while Vicente ‘Tito’ Avellaneda and his wife, Isabel, said hello to the community 45 years ago at the opening of Tito’s Bakery on Broadway, this summer they have sadly had to say good-bye as they closed the store so they could retire.

On Aug. 8, Tito’s Bakery served it’s last Bulkie roll, it’s final cup of joe and the last sandwich and pastry on Broadway – a bakery that has stood the test of time and has changed with the tastes and the population of the city over the years.

“So much time, so many things in between in those 45 years,” said Tito in an interview on Tuesday.

“When my father opened up in 1980 here, he was the first Latino business established on Broadway,” said his son, Council President Roy Avellaneda. “Now to say you are a Latino-owned business on Broadway is anything but unique. Honestly, the transition of Chelsea can be tracked through the display case in my father’s bakery. When he started he had coffee rolls, cheese Danish, Bulkies, frozen dough, figure eights and half-moons. That was what was selling back then and what people wanted. The display case now has been filled with Mexican bread and a lot of Salvadoran pastries and tres leches. It’s completely different. It shows how the product transitioned with the clientele.”

Beyond the great products in the past and present, though, is the loss of community that was sparked by Tito’s. It was a place where neighbors gathered, where they spoke Spanish and they spoke English and caught up with each other. It was also a familiar place people who had left Chelsea would come back to and enjoy fond memories. That, for the Avellaneda family, is the greatest loss.

“The sadness that is felt by so many as a whole is because Tito’s wasn’t just a bakery, but it was a community and the first stop for many who came

to Chelsea,” said Roy. “It’s where you got the Chelsea Record, El Mundo, Planeta, The Vocero. You went there to catch up with neighbors and the news. You went there for job leads, or a potential apartment rental. It was as much a bakery as it was a community center for residents, especially those who were immigrants.”

Tito told the Record he became a baker at an early age when his mother brought him to a baker in Rosario, Argentina. He had been rambunctious and to keep him out of trouble, she figured he could learn to bake. And he did.

After compulsory military service in Argentina at the ages of 18 to 20, he opened his first bakery in Argentina. There, he had a coffee shop and bakery, but would also sell his goods to local stores in the area to broaden his reach – something he actually perfected at Tito’s many years later (though not many know that, he said).

He first came to the United States and was working as Kasanofs Bakery on Blue Hill Avenue in Boston – a Jewish bakery where he learned to make many of the breads that became such a treat on Broadway and also where he learned to make his Bulkie roll, often served with cream cheese.

However, he had come on a tourist visa, and was eventually sent out of the country. The baker’s union, however, sponsored him so that he could get his Green Card and he returned to the U.S. free and clear and went back to Kasanofs. On the side, to make extra money, he would often work at the pizza shops and make their dough for them.

That’s where he got acquainted with the Falzone family, who now own John’s Pizza on Central Avenue. Tito worked with Giovanni Falzone at his Chelsea bakery and eventually they became partners; Tito ran the bakery/coffee shop and Giovanni ran the pizza side. Eventually Tito bought him out and started Tito’s Bakery in Chelsea Square.

After a good run there, he needed to expand to branch out into his wholesale business and create a reach for the Tito’s brand beyond Chelsea.

“My father was not just operating in Chelsea with the coffee shop and bakery,” said Roy. “He was putting a lot of product on the wholesale market that was being sold in the bodegas and Latino supermarkets in Boston. That growth required an expansion.”

That is where Tito said a great friendship between himself and the Chelsea Record newspaper began. Late Record publisher Andrew Quigley owned the current Tito’s location and stored rolls of paper for the Record there. Tito had expressed an interest in the building, but so had others. Despite better offers, Quigley decided he would rather give a break to a hard-working baker from Argentina.

“If there’s anyone to talk about why Tito’s Bakery opened and grew, it’s Mr. Quigley,” said Tito. “If anyone gets any credit for the location and the success, I have to give a lot of credit to Andrew Quigley – the owner of the Chelsea Record at the time. Mr. Quigley saw all the hard work I had been doing down the street for some time and he recognized my potential and hard work and wanted to give me a chance. He told me, ‘I’m getting some better offers, but I think I’m selling it to the better guy.’”

From that time, forward, the business took off. Many in Chelsea were regulars, including staff members at the time from the Chelsea Record. Over time, more and more came to the bakery – even those that had left.

He said he loved the variety he had at Tito’s, and was hard pressed to say what his favorite item was. In the end, he said he enjoyed the ‘Butterflies.’

However, Roy said he believed it was the tremendous variety of breads he served that were his favorites. That included the well-known Bulkie that he had learned to make so long ago on Blue Hill Avenue.

“When he started in the 1980s, there was still a Jewish population in Chelsea and that was a popular item,” said Roy. “To the last day, he was making the Bulkie rolls and cream cheese. That was even popular with the Central Americans that came in

and loved the sandwiches because of the Bulkie roll he used that he learned to make so many years ago at Kasanofs Bakery.”

Tito, now 74, and Roy both said that it wasn’t so much COVID-19 that closed down the bakery, but it did hasten the decision.

“He’s been working since he was 14 and he deserves a rest and that’s the plan,” said Roy. “It’s a fitting end. There were questions about whether COVID-19 was behind the decision, but not so much. COVID-19 probably pushed along the decision. The real reason is he needs to enjoy his life now.”

EAST BOSTON SOUP KITCHEN MARKS ANNIVERSARY

EAST BOSTON - It started as an idea and a way to address what Sandra Nijjar saw as a growing problem in East Boston. Nijjar was seeing an ever-increasing number of homeless in and around Maverick and Central Squares. So three years ago, Nijjar recruited Pastor Britta Carlson, John Ribeiro, Jr., Lydia Edwards and Baljinder Nijjar to establish the neighborhood’s first-ever soup kitchen.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen (EBCSK) in the basement of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church on Paris Street was feeding hundreds of people a week that are both homeless or just in need of a hot meal.

However, like many organizations, the EBCSK had to shift gears and reinvent itself in this age of social distancing. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic the EBCSK was forced to stop serving hot meals on Tuesdays from the basement of the Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. Instead, staff handed out grocery gift cards to residents and families in need.

This week marked the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen’s Fourth Anniversary and while the usual celebration and fundraising event has been scrapped due to the virus, the EBCSK volunteers are still going strong.

“Around this time last

CHELSEA CREEK MURAL



Susana Carella puts some purple paint of the Chelsea Creek mural - with the Creek in the background – during the annual Night on the Creek event for GreenRoots. The event was a little different this year, with small groups of supporters reporting to the outdoor event by appointment. GreenRoots Director Roseanne Bongiovanni said they were very excited to be able to do an in-person event and connect with their many friends and supporters.

year we gathered at ZUMIX with our friends, supporters, and partners to celebrate our achievements and envision the year ahead of us,” said Sandra Nijjar. “Never could we have imagined how the year would unfold. It’s disappointing that we won’t be able to hold an event this year. One of the things we will miss most is honoring the people at the heart of our mission, those who make the soup kitchen a true community.”

While the EBCSK team can’t invite them onto an event stage this year their stories can still be shared.

“Hundreds of guests visit the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen every week,” said Nijjar. “Yes, they come for a hot meal and groceries but many guests are seeking much more than the soup.”

Nijjar said pervasive inequality and material hardship manifest in many forms.

“For some of our guests it results in homelessness and addiction,” she said. “Our friend Victor, for example, has sought our help in finding rehabilitation for chronic alcoholism. He trusts us at the Soup Kitchen to make a connection, without judgment. We celebrate his successes alongside him, and we share his fears that the despair of being discharged back to the streets will lead to relapse. East Boston does not have a day shelter—or an overnight shelter for adults without children. Geographically isolated, with unique demographics, people like Victor don’t have a neighborhood safety net. With your help, EBCSK can continue weekly services — distributing food, clothing, essentials, referrals for treatment programs and housing — and we can plan to build a more robust program that Victor and the larger East Boston community deserve.”

NAVIGATORS TO RETURN IN 2021

LYNN - Derek January, owner and general manager of the North Shore Navigators, said the Lynn-based franchise in the Futures Collegiate Baseball League (FCBL) will return for the 2021 season.

January said it was challenging season for the Navigators organiza-

tion as it dealt with the state’s strict COVID-19 guidelines that prohibited spectators from attending the home games at Fraser Field.

“It was a tough season from an ownership standpoint where we had a lot of very good players but no one got to see them play for the Navs, unless they watched our games online,” said January, estimating that an average of more than 400 fans per game watched the games online.

January and his staff put together one of the most exciting teams in the franchise’s history. With the Cape Cod Baseball League canceling its season, several college players opted to play in the FCBL. For example, Boston College’s Sal Frelick of Lexington, a likely 2021 Major League draft pick, had an outstanding season for the Navigators batting .398 in the leadoff position.



Navigators fans no doubt would have enjoyed watching Marblehead’s Beau Dana, a 6-foot-2-inch righthander from Dickinson College who reportedly hit 97 miles per hour on the radar gun this season. Former St. Mary’s High School baseball star Ryan Turenne, who plays Division 1 college baseball at Maine, would likely have been a crowd favorite.

But there were no ticket sales at all at the Navigators’ box office.

“We had to refund all of our ticket sales,” said January. “It hurt a lot financially. The Navs averaged close to 1,000 fans per game in 2019. This was never about the money when our family purchased the team, but we wanted to make sure that we didn’t lose money and we lost a lot of money this year.”

Other supplementary sources of revenue, such as food concessions and souvenir sales, also never materialized due to the lack of spectators at games. Chomps, the Navigators’ popular mascot, was also a no-show for games due to the COVID-19 restrictions. There were no mascots this season at all FCBL venues.

The Navigators were set to unveil their new



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/s/Rosa DiFlorio, as President

Be it Ordered: By the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts, as follows:

To allow the public an opportunity to speak on the proposed CIP Budget of the City of Everett for Fiscal Year 2021, Section 6-5 of the City Charter.

Copies of the Proposed Budget can be found in the Office of the City Clerk the Parlin Memorial Library and/or on the City of Everett Website for public inspection.

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navy blue and burnt orange uniforms this season to fans across the FCBL. January said a limited number of fans were allowed to attend games in Nashua, N.H. (Silver Knights) and New Britain, Conn. (Bees).

“We’re putting together our online souvenir store so people will be able to purchase Navs’ gear and stuff in the next couple of weeks with our new logo and new colors,” said January. “The feedback was great for our new look. Everybody loves it.”

January said the organization had formulated a comprehensive plan in the spring “to make sure the city and fans knew what to expect at the ballpark” in the COVID-19 environment. “We just never got a chance to put our plan into place,” said January.

Jack Wallace, a Navigators’ pitcher from Winthrop and Franklin Pierce University, said he was grateful to the January family for giving him an opportunity to play a highly competitive brand of baseball this summer.

“It was an honor to play for the Navigators this season,” said Wallace. “We had a great group of players and it was a first-class organization. I just wish the fans could have come out and enjoyed our games.”

A former Swampscott Little League legend who played on back-to-back Massachusetts state champion 12-year-old teams and helped Frank DeFelice’s Swampscott High teams advance to three consecutive North sectional finals, Derek January pledged that the Navs will definitely return to Fraser Field in 2021.

“We started planning for next year back in July,” said January. “We look forward to seeing our loyal fans enjoying baseball in Lynn next summer.”

OVERNIGHT
PARKING GOES
INTO EFFECT
OCT. 15

REVERE - The City of Revere’s new city-wide resident parking program will take effect October 15 in an effort to maximize availability of parking for Revere residents, while discouraging long-term visitor parking on residential streets and commuter parking near public transportation access points. All passenger vehicles parked on city streets between 12AM and 6AM are required to have a permit displayed on the lower left corner of their windshield by October 15 to avoid a violation.

The program will be

enforced between 12AM and 6AM daily, except holidays. Citywide overnight parking stickers are valid on the street where the vehicle is registered, as well as any adjacent street, unless otherwise posted. Commuter zones remain 24-hour resident parking only and will be getting different stickers. Stickers have been mailed to residents whose vehicles are registered to a Revere address and meet the qualifications (i.e. no outstanding parking tickets, excise tax payments up to date). If residents have not received a sticker, they are encouraged to visit www.revere.org/parking to apply before October 15.

“This is a new program for the City and residents, and it will take some time for everyone to become familiar with it,” said Jim Rose, Director of the Parking Department. “I expect lots of questions as we launch this program and want the residents to know we are available to answer and assist them in whatever way we can.”

DEDICATED BUS
LANE COMING TO
REVERE

REVERE - Revere motorists who already are experiencing congestion on Broadway in the morning now will be sharing this roadway with a dedicated bus lane that will run from Revere Street to the Chelsea line starting on September 30.

The Revere Traffic Commission approved the Pilot Program that will be in operation from September 30 through December 31, 2020, at their meeting last Thursday.

The bus lane will run along the southbound side of Broadway and will be in operation Monday through Friday from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be no parking allowed on this side of Broadway during these hours. Motorists who use the lane are subject to a \$25.00 fine.

The dedicated lane will not operate in the immediate vicinity of the Central Fire Station approaching Park Ave. because Broadway is not wide enough at that point to accommodate the dedicated bus lane.

The primary goal of the bus lane is to improve bus service for passengers who use the two bus routes that traverse Broadway.

According to Eric Burkman of the MBTA, these routes, the 116 and 117, carry a combined ridership of more than 2,700 passengers each weekday and are the third busiest routes in the entire MBTA system. School buses and

emergency vehicles, as well as bicyclists, also possibly could take advantage of these dedicated lanes.

Jay Monty from Everett Transportation Planner told the commissioners of the experience with a dedicated lane in Everett. He mentioned that Everett’s dedicated bus lane was the first in the area and was started in 2016. Although there have been a few complaints, Monty overall termed the bus lane as “a home run.”

Commissioner Nicholas Rystrom asked if there had been any negative impacts with the bus lane in Everett.

Monty noted that while it took some time for people to become accustomed to the bus lane, this is not a high speed bus lane and the buses seldom exceed 17 m.p.h.

Julie DeMauro, the On the Move Active Living Coordinator for Revere who has been doing the community outreach, informed the commission that the entire cost for lane marking and signage will be paid for by the MBTA. She also noted that the red paint that will delineate the lane will wash off Broadway by the spring if the pilot program is rejected.

While most of the businesses in front of the bus lane are either closed or have off-street parking available for their customers, a few do not like Community Market and Deli at 270 Broadway. Raj Patel, owner of Community Market said his main concern is that most of his deliveries arrive during the proposed hours. However, City Planner Frank Stringi noted that for these few businesses, “The buses will work around early morning deliveries.”

Mayor Brian Arrigo commenting later on the designated bus lane said, “seating capacity restrictions forced by Covid-19 have forced the MBTA to add additional buses to their various routes, and to experiment with Bus Only lanes during high-traffic times in communities throughout their region. Revere’s pilot program, which will be in effect from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. only on the southbound side of Broadway from Revere Street to Chelsea, will expedite travel for our residents who rely on the T to get to work. Our role in this, in conjunction with the MBTA and surrounding communities, recognizes the importance of mass transit for our residents.

We have studied the similar program that was implemented on Broad-

way in Everett several years ago, which has proven to be hugely successful despite initial skepticism. The limited time frame preserves on-street parking during the normal business operating hours and maintains parking on the northbound side of Broadway. As we have observed in Everett, and in communities such as Arlington and Watertown as well, the dedicated bus lane not only reduces commuting time for passengers, it also expedites traffic because buses no longer have to pull in and out of vehicular traffic, an maneuver that causes consistent backups as buses pick up and drop off passengers.

We will monitor the new program before making any determination whether to make it permanent in this or some revised format.”

Mary Gandolfo of Washington Ave. was opposed to the pilot program, stating that she believed it will create unsafe conditions.

However, Commissioner and Revere Fire Chief Chris Bright summed up the consensus of the other commissioners. “This is a good time to initiate this pilot program. If it does not work, then we just back out of it,” said Bright.

In another matter that drew some discussion, the commissioners spent a few minutes debating whether to place a handicapped parking sign outside of a home at 839 Winthrop Ave. Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna spoke in favor of the request, noting that Winthrop Ave. is very con-

gested and that the senior citizen who have handicap plates and live at this home have a very difficult time walking from the driveway.

However, Commissioner Ralph DeCiccio noted that the house has off-street parking with a very wide driveway for at least four cars and that there is only a slight slope to the driveway.

“We have denied other requests that also have available off-street parking,” DeCiccio said.

“We have to be consistent, since we have denied other similar requests,” added Bright.

Stringi likewise urged that inasmuch as the building has a driveway, then the Commissioners should stick to their usual protocol.

The commissioners voted to deny the request.

In other business, the request from the Point of Pines Yacht Club to have additional parking along the front of their property on Rice Ave. was moved to a public hearing.

The commissioners also moved to a public hearing a request by the Turkish Cultural Center for a new street sign on Ford St. that will allow for a maximum of two hours for parking on Monday-through Friday from Revere St. to a point 60 feet northerly on Ford Street.

Handicapped signs for 20 Hauman Street, 22 Burnett Rd., 202 Constitution Ave., and 560 Revere Street also were moved to a public hearing.

A new truck route that will help make the Winthrop Ave. neighborhood safer was sent to the Massachusetts Department of

Transportation. McKenna noted that 16-wheel trucks have driven on Winthrop Ave. until they hit Crescent Avenue, and then are stopped at the rotary. Police Sgt. Christopher Giannino will be recommending that trucks use the Revere Beach Parkway and then go to Winthrop Parkway.

A new crosswalk and stop signs on Harris Street also will be headed for a public hearing.

City Councillor Jessica Giannino requested that a handicapped parking sign be placed at 25 Malden Street. This request, which the commission previously denied, was tabled.

Another motion that was tabled was to have the following streets -- Witherbee Ave., Bateman Ave., Fowler Ave., Whitin Ave., Lancaster Ave., Bickford Ave., Alden Ave., Delano Ave., Chamberlain Ave., Goodwin Ave., Harrington Ave., Pines Rd., and Wadsworth St. -- be posted for 24-hour permit parking.

Councillor John Powers noted that because of the Covid-19 pandemic, parking has become very difficult for residents on these streets and this could be the solution to providing more parking for the residents.

However, some commissioners noted that this could be problematic given that contractors and health care workers working in this area could be affected. The consensus was that it is better to wait until the overnight parking program that is scheduled to start on October 15 gets underway.

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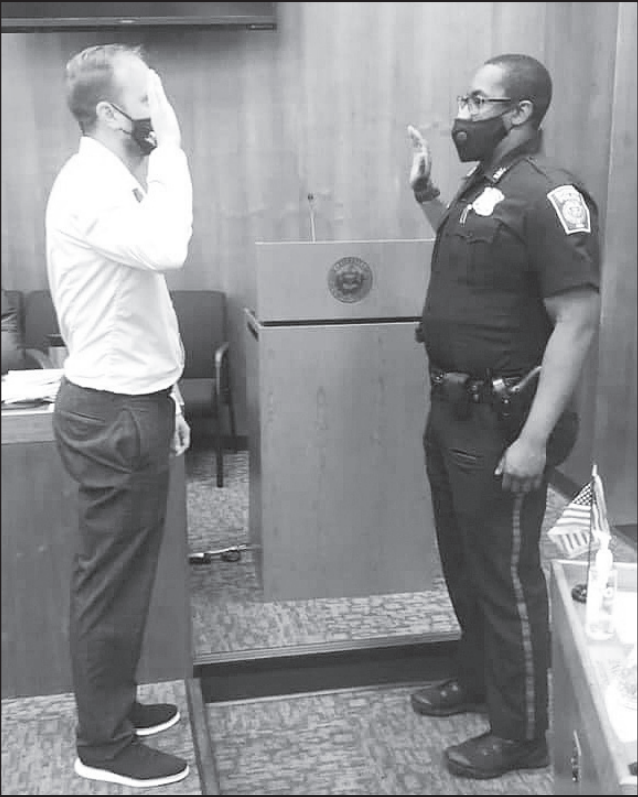
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SWEARING IN



The Everett Police Department officially welcomed Police Officer Ryan Silmon to the force on Monday, Sept. 14, as he was sworn in by City Clerk Sergio Cornelio in the Council Chambers. Officer Silmon recently transferred from the Brookline Police Department to come home to work in Everett. Officer Silmon is a graduate of Everett High School. He has been working back in Everett for about a month now, completing an abbreviated field training program.

Supreme Judicial Court issues new order regarding jury trials

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) last week issued an updated order regarding the operation of Massachusetts state courts and courthouses during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The order goes into effect immediately.

Under the new order, on or after October 23, 2020, courts will begin Phase 1 of the gradual resumption of jury trials, in general accordance with the recent recommendations contained in the report of the Jury Management Advisory Committee (JMAC). Phase 1 will consist of a limited number of six-person jury trials that will be conducted in person in a select number of locations, with no more than one trial at a time conducted in each location, and with specified limitations on the number of peremptory challenges available to each party. The cases that will be tried to juries during Phase 1, as well as the locations thereof, will be determined by the Chief Justice of the applicable Trial Court department, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Trial Court. The SJC shall issue direction regarding Phase 2 of the resumption of jury trials after reviewing the JMAC’s evaluation of Phase 1. It is anticipated that Phase 2 will begin in February 2021, although plans regarding the resumption of jury trials may be adjusted in response to significant changes in the rate of COVID-19 transmission in the Commonwealth.

Otherwise, courts will continue to conduct most business virtually and courthouses will continue to be physically open to the public for limited purposes, including certain other in-person proceedings. Judges will continue to schedule and conduct bench trials, either virtually or in-person. Each Trial Court department will continue to post notices to the court system’s COVID-19 webpage identifying how (virtually or in-person) it is addressing various categories of matters.

Clerks’, registers’, and recorder’s offices will continue to be physically open to the public, while still endeavoring to conduct business virtually as much as possible.

New grand juries may be empaneled subject to certain approvals and such conditions as may be necessary to minimize risk to members of the grand jury, court personnel, and witnesses.

All orders, standing orders, guidelines, and notices issued by any court department or appellate court in response to the pandemic, as well as all amendments, modifications, and supplements are posted upon issuance on the court system’s COVID-19 webpage.

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

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**Mystic Side
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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church
News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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Glendale United Methodist Church
News and Notes

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

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

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

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

Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can’t But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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News and Notes

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Zion Church - Everett
News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can’t physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed via their face-

book page, “Zion Church Ministries.”

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

Immaculate Conception Parish
News and Notes

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Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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12:15 p.m. Spanish Community
4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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

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

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mean he isn't proud to be an American also.

"We are here as one - as one community," he said. "Being here and raising the Brazilian flag doesn't make me less American. I am Brazilian by birth and proudly American by choice."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he was honored to be there with his wife, Stacy, to raise the flag over City Hall for the first time - showing the City is a welcoming place to everyone.

"When people see this flag in our city, it is my hope they will know Everett is welcoming for everyone and will remain that way indefinitely," he said.

"I hope this is the first of

what will be many, many celebrations of Brazilian independence and raising this flag," he added.

Councilor Martins is the first Brazilian American to be elected to the Council, and she said it was something she took great pride in knowing that those who came before her worked hard so that the younger generation could be at the decision-making table.

"The City of Everett is the home of one of the largest Brazilian populations," she said. "We are thankful to be able to call Everett our Home - where the people who built the foundation of this city extended Everett's mission of pride, progress, and possibilities to the

Brazilian community, so today we can also be a part of the building of this city. The many businesses that brought life to our storefronts, our entrepreneurs, renters, homeowners. The Brazilian community is now also part of the making of this city.

"Our parents who scrubbed toilets, cleaned houses, washed dishes, worked in construction and performed manual labor that they never imagined doing before, can now contemplate the first generation of college graduates, elected officials, army veterans, and police officers...This country gave so much to us and now we are giving back," she continued.

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said Brazilians have led the way in being 'One Everett.'

"When I look around our city, state and country, there's a lot happening now," he said. "We can combat all that's going on by sticking together with every ethnic group and everyone who wants to be a part of our community - One Everett - and Brazilians have led the way on that."

Following the presentation, City officials gathered as the Brazilian Anthem was played, and the flag was raised on the ceremonial flag pole. Then, Brazilian music and dancing was provided outdoors by Grooversity.



School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros said he was Brazilian by birth, but American by choice.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria welcoming everyone to the first-ever Brazilian ceremonial flag raising.



Councilor Stephanie Martins, the first Brazilian-American councilor in Everett, described how many Brazilian immigrants have gone from the lowest level jobs in America to being decision makers and professionals at all levels.



Sam, Lucca and Amato Zuki with Officer Hayli Hill at the flag raising ceremony.



Heloisa Maria Gal-vao, director of the Brazilian Women's Group of Boston, raises her hand in solidarity as the Brazilian National Anthem is played on Thursday.



School Committeeman Frank Parker, Asst. Supt. Kim Tsai, Supt. Priya Tahiliani and Robin Babcock.



School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros, Councilor Stephanie Martins, First Lady Stacy DeMaria, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Heloisa Maria Gal-vao, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and State Rep. Joe McGonagle.

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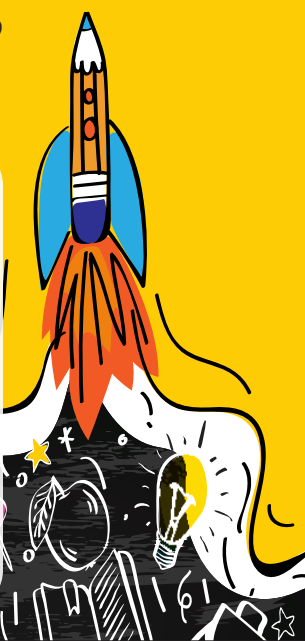
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The Brazilian band Grooversity played a lively music and dance set to celebrate Brazilian Independence at City Hall. (L-R) Marcos Santos, Dan Hoffman, Kaitlynn Jolly and Miguel Soto.