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### **Encore** casino analyzing changes under new state regulations

By Seth Daniel

The impact to the workforce at the Encore Boston Harbor casino is still being analyzed after the major rollback of hours by Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday due to escalating case numbers statewide – a rollback that will take effect on Friday and is still an uncertainty as to how it will affect the casino and other businesses in Everett.

On Monday, Gov. Baker put a new stay-at-home curfew statewide from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., calling on businesses of many types to close by 9:30 p.m. to in-person services, including restaurants that are already hurting and the casino which had just gotten some gains in bringing back the Roulette game to its offerings.

The governor cited that cases are up statewide 278 percent since Labor Day, and hospitalizations are up 145 percent in the same time period.

"These measures are meant to disrupt rising trends now, so the Commonwealth can keep the economy and schools

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**EVERETT VOTES** 

The long-awaited General Election finally arrived on Tuesday, Nov. 3, with the revised COVID-19 polling places opening to the public for in-person voting. While early in-person voting showed strong turnout and mail-in voting saw thousands cast their ballot from the safety of their homes, in-person voting was relatively quiet in Everett Tuesday morning. Poll workers expected to see a larger rush of people in the afternoon and evening - and many said there was a small line outside the door at the 7 a.m. opening. It is estimated that 16,000 residents will vote in the General Election this time around.

Above, Linda Shedden helps to check in a voter at Ward 5 Precinct 2 in the Wellness Center. Also shown are 5-2 poll workers, including Rosemarie Fiorentino, Linda Shedden, Theresa Shalsi and Janet Egan. For full local results, check the Everett Independent website at www.everettindependent.com, or at the Twitter feed @EverettIndy.

#### HAPPY HALLOWEEN, CITY OF EVERETT!

The City of Everett RiverGreen. hosted several events for the Halloween celebration, including a safe trick-or-treat in the neighborhoods, and drive-in movie offerings as well at

"Tonight, I saw laughter and smiles [through masks] that I haven't seen from children in quite some time," wrote Mayor Carlo DeMaria in a statement. "I saw adults prac- ing of children and adults ticing social distancing while eagerly awaiting the arrival of excited children. I saw committed City of Everett employees ensur-

alike. This is truly what community is. Thank you to everyone who made tonight's Trick or Treat and Drive-Thru movie a success."



Mr. Potato Head and a young trick-or-treater joined Mayor



City staffers and Everett Police were on hand to welcome revelers to the Drive-in movie at RiverGreen.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and First Lady Stacy DeMaria welcomed trick-or-treaters to their home.



Kevin O'Donnell and other staff members helped to hand out candy for trick-or-treat.

# **Missed**

City leaders, family remember the late Lorrie Bruno with memorial bench

On her first birthday, Abby (Bruno) Picano expected to get ice cream and bubble gum, but what she got was a sister – her sister Lorraine 'Lorrie' Bruno – and it was the best gift she would get in her whole life.

"She was a wonderful human being; I loved her so much," said Picano. "We were one year apart, but we were really like twins. I miss her."

The late Lorrie Bruno was a fighter and remembered as a persistent neighbor and politician that served on the old Common Council from 2004 to 2013. Her family and City leaders gathered in Swan Street Park on a cold November afternoon on Monday to celebrate

and remember her life with a memorial bench in the park overlooking the playground.

She served as the Ward 5 representative on the Common Council under three different mayors, and was the Council President in 2008. She was an athlete who loved softball and was the past president of the popular Everett Women's Volleyball League. She loved animals, and fought hard for the dog park in the 7-Acre Park.

"I remember serving with Lorrie on the Common Council and she was transparent and honest, and she always told you exactly what she thought," recalled Mayor Carlo De-Maria.



Abby (Bruno) Picano sits on the bench dedicated to her little sister, the late Common Councilor Lorraine 'Lorrie' Bruno, at Swan Street Park during a dedication ceremony on Monday afternoon. Several family and elected officials gathered to remember Bruno and her persistence as a neighbor and a public official - and a sister!

### Due to the *Veterans Day* Holiday, November 11 trash will be delayed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you. Capitol Waste Services, Inc.



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## Superintendent offers rebuke of mayor's change to School Committee

After nearly two hours of discussion between Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the members of the School Committee about a change to the Charter that nearly went through last week without any notice to the Committee - the frank discussion seemed to come to wrap up with some better measure of understanding.

Committee School members felt left out by the mayor's sudden and unannounced move which had sought to make him a voting member of the Committee.

The mayor explained he didn't intentionally try to sneak anything through, and he is only looking to get more involved in the School Department and set up a better City structure for the future.

Then Supt. Priya Tahiliani spoke.

To date, the new superintendent has been marked by smiles and congeniality. Her speech on Monday in opposition was more pointed than previously

"This is a City that has been shrouded in some level of silence," she said. "It has been mired in scandal. This is a City, and I think we've gotten past that as a School Department, where decisions

haven't been made with everybody's best interest at heart. I feel like that's what we're not saying right now. I'm hearing a lot about how the people in this room feel and not enough about our students in this conversation and how they're impacted by this. Many of us in this room are elected officials and are meant to give a voice to those that don't have a voice. We know the elected officials aren't always representative of the full community out there.

"I am worried about this and there is a reason only 29 of the 250 districts in the Commonwealth have their mayor on the School Committee," she continued. "It is because of the need for checks and balances because we already go to the City to ask for funds...We ask for everything we do."

She said the Council should make sure they're voting for the right thing - the students - when they take the matter up, which could be next Monday.

#### **MAYOR SAYS HE** WANTS TO BE **INVOLVED**

Prior to Supt. Tahiliani's speech, Mayor Carlo DeMaria shared with members of the Committee about his intentions - noting that other City's like Revere, Malden and

Somerville have their mayor as a voting member of the School Committee.

He first clarified that he didn't even know that matter was on the Council calendar last Monday with the other Charter Change – that one being for ward-only voting for councilors and School Committee members. That change was well-known, but the piece about the mayor becoming a voting member was a surprise to most – and the mayor said it was to him as well.

The mayor said he had the change written up two years ago when the School Blue Ribbon Task Force suggested it as a change that deserved community discussion in their final report. However the mayor said he never acted upon it until now. He says he believes the City's outside law firm - KP Law - forwarded that change mistakenly to the Council

with other changes. He said he has always believed the mayor should have a vote on the Committee, and he viewed this change as only cleaning up mistakes of the past mistakes attributed to the power of former Supt. Fred Foresteire.

"Many of the Charter Commission members who looked at this change years ago had family members working in the schools," he said. "I won't go any further in saying that. The past superintendent had a lot of power in the community. The mayor should have been made a member of the School Committee, and maybe the chair, like the rest of the communities around us...I don't see how a mayor being on a School Committee of 10 would interfere or strongarm something in a negative way. It's putting the CEO of the community on a board that is probably the most important Committee in the community... What bothers me is so many people are worried."

He added that sitting there for four hours at a meeting as an ex-officio, listening to all the arguments – then not voting on anything – seems wrong.

"I've never been part of an elected body I went to and sat through meetings for four hours and I don't get a vote," he said.

Though he has been able to attend meetings as ex-officio, and has declined most all meetings, he said it's because he didn't have a vote.

"It's like going to the gym and working out,' he said. "If your personal trainer is there, you're going to go. If your trainer isn't there, you're probably going to blow it off."

"Never had a personal

trainer," quipped Chair Tom Abruzzese.

"I'm not against it," said School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros. "But a head's up that the Charter is changing and the mayor will be a voting member with you goes a long way...It's not a concern. It's about respect."

Said Member Samantha Lambert, "We dive deep into the weeds on issues. I worry that a current mayor or future mayor will not have the bandwidth to be in the weeds with these issues. Just to find out about this Tuesday that this could have been approved the night before – that was disappointing to me as a taxpayer."

Added Member Frank Parker, "I'm feeling a little left out. The change to the Home Rule Petition we have not seen the language yet. I say that as a stakeholder. Up to this point, it's been a lot of rumor and hyperbole."

Another piece that the Committee took offense to is the frequent references to the past, which the Committee has worked hard to get beyond, they

thing a little insulting about the way this was done," said Abruzzese.

"There was just some-

"It wasn't done intentionally," said the mayor.

"The last thing I want to say is we don't talk about going in the past up here and particularly about a former superintendent,' Abruzzese replied. "I strongly suggest to you that maybe you've got to stop looking at us and the School Department in that same way. Get that outta' your head and realize where we're at here. What we've got going on here... in my humble opinion is exciting stuff with a great future for the kids of Everett. Every time we reach back and talk about that debacle of 2018, hey, have your Task Force take out the minutes of what I said about that. You know how

#### THINK ABOUT **YOUR VOTE**

I feel about it."

Tahiliani finished her speech at the end of the meeting by imploring that the Council think about what and who they're voting for. She implored them to let it be voted on by the people next year on the state ballot. Otherwise, she said, they have to question who that vote is for - themselves or the children and families in the schools.

"I just ask when the Council makes this vote, that they consider who they are doing it for," she

# Diversity Commission takes different approach to forums

By Seth Daniel

The intent of the new Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Equal Employment Commission was to get public input and testimony about their true experiences with the Everett Police Department – testimony that was to come from young and old, no holds

It seems, however, such a conversation was a little too much for many residents to have in public, so Chairman Bishop Robert Brown said they have decided to have such meetings with the Commission in more of a private format

Bishop Brown said last Wednesday's opening forum was moved last minute to a private forum with the Commission and those wishing to give testimony.

"At the last minute, folks started to feel a sense of intimidation talking

about the Police Department," he said. "The kids didn't want to tell their truth in front of Chief Steve Mazzie. We talked about it and decided to do it anyway and postpone that format. We met with folks until 9 p.m. on Zoom in a different way. Folks were very, very open. Maybe talking about the City is one thing, but folks

could be retaliation." He said it was still very

talking about the Police

Department felt there

first-hand experiences that people had to share about their interactions with the Police Department, which is why they continued on with the Zoom meeting.

"In the end, I'm finding out it wasn't just young people, but the older folks too - especially in the immigrant population that are trying to stay clear of any type of law enforcement, particularly ICE,"

Brown said the Commission will continue to important to find out the hear testimony and will

present it in a final report that retains confidentiality so they can hear the real truth, but also protect those giving it.

"This has become a little more involved than we first thought it might be," he said. "So we have to do things a little different to get the information we want. We will have a public forum where we will relate these experiences confidentially to protect people who have con-

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: Property Address: 43 Corey Street Map/Parcel: C004-000038 Person Requesting: Sergio Cornelio 43 Corey Street

Everett, MA 02149

**Reason for Denial:** 

Applicant seeks to alter and convert an existing two (2) family and change the use to a six (6) unit residential dwelling located within the Dwelling District on a 15,553-sf lot.

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

Zoning Ordinance:

1. Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 4(a)1 limits a single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance (1926) to convert to not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units. The applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance allowing the conversion of a double semi-detached dwelling to a six-unit dwelling.

2. Everett Zoning Ordinance APPENDIX A Section 17(A)2 requires two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit. The proposed plan contains four (4) parking spaces requiring relief in the form of a variance for eight (8) parking spaces.

Mary Gerace - Chairman

Roberta Suppa - Clerk

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: Property Address: 94 Wyllis Ave. Map/Parcel: D0-06-0000772 Person Requesting: Mr. Sujan Kharel 94 Wyllis Ave. Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/applicant owns an existing single-family house, built in June 1925, and would like in to convert it to a three-family (3) dwelling. The existing 8128 sf lot is located in a Dwelling District.

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

• The floor area ratio of 0.95 is above what is allowed in the Dwelling District. Zoning Ordinance:

Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional Requirements 2 Lot Area line c which states

c. All other uses--0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91 Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: Property Address: 536 Broadwayß Map/Parcel: C0-05-000098 Person Requesting: 536 Broadway LLC Mani Farahani 523 Cambridge St. Alston, MA 02134

To the said Board of Appeals, the applicant proposes an interior renovation to convert the existing building to an eleven (11) unit multi-family residential structure. The existing lot is 7629 sf and is located in a Business District where the proposed use is allowed by right. The proposal use change provides no parking on the lot.

Reason for Denial: 1. Appendix A Section 17 (A) 2: Requires two (2) parking spaces for each dwelling unit for a total of 22 parking spaces. The project provides no parking therefore the applicant must seek a

variance for 22 parking spaces from the Board of Appeals.

Mary Gerace - Chairman Roberta Suppa - Clerk Board of Appeals October 28, 2020 November 4, 2020

# More Than a Name

#### Charles Devens was a Union hero, distinguished Attorney General

Born on April 4th, 1820 in Charlestown, Charles Devens Jr. was an attorney, politician, judge, and renowned military leader during the American Civil

Charles Devens attended Boston Latin School, Harvard College, and Harvard Law School, successfully admitted to the bar in Franklin County, Massachusetts upon his graduation in 1840.

Devens practiced law for nine years before entering the political realm. In 1848, Devens was elected to the Massachusetts Senate as a member of the Whig Party. He subsequently served as the United States Marshal for Massachusetts from 1849 to 1853.

One of Devens's most notable acts as Marshal came as a result of a conflict between his official duties and his personal virtues. He was forced to remand a fugitive slave, Thomas Sims, to slavery in 1851, feeling his hands were tied in this decision.

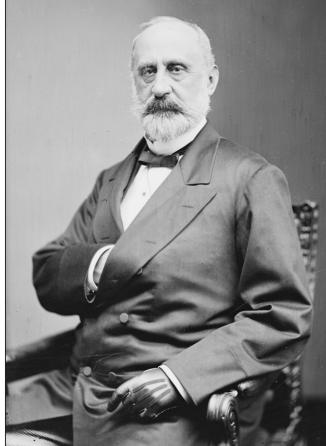
Suffering personally from this decision, Devens attempted, unsuccessfully, to purchase Sims's freedom with his own money. Although the initial attempt to purchase the man's freedom was unsuccessful, Devens kept a close eye on Mr. Sims, later appointing him to serve a position in the United States Department of Justice in Washington D.C.

Embroiled in one of America's worst conflicts, Charles Devens became passionately involved in the Civil War for the Union. In a call to arms on April 16, 1861, Devens urged a group of young men at Mechanics Hall in Worcester to "rise up and go" with him to the "rescue of Washington." A few days later, Devens was appointed Major of the 3rd Massachusetts Rifle Battalion. Quickly climbing the ranks for his heroism in battle and aptitude for military strategy, Devens was appointed to colonel of the 15th Massachusetts Infantry in July 1861, promoted to Brigadier General of volunteers in April 1862, and Division Commander of multiple divisions throughout the War. Despite several serious injuries during battle, Devens was known not only for fighting valiantly, but for never leaving the side of his men, even when his sustained injuries required urgent medical care. He was highly regarded among both those he led and those he served as a man of utmost honor and respect.

Following the conclusion of the Civil War, Charles Devens was nominated and confirmed in 1866 for the award of the honorary grade of Brevet Major General for the United States Volunteers for his services during the Richmond campaign – Devens and his troops were the first to occupy the Confederate capital after its fall in April 1865, in what marked one of the final and most important Union victories over the Confederacy. Serving his country in a non-military capacity, Devens served as a Judge for the Massachusetts Superior Court from 1867-1873, and then as an Associate Justice for the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court from 1873-1877 and again from 1881-1891. During the gap from 1877-1881, Devens was appointed by President Rutherford B. Hayes as the 35th Attorney General of the United States.

Charles Devens passed away from a heart failure in Boston on January 7, 1891 and found his eternal resting place in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

He is the namesake of the Devens School in Ev-



Charles Devens Jr., more than just the name of an Everett

### East Boston Savings Bank named 2021 Best Small Bank in MA by Newsweek place and comparison site

Newsweek recognizes East Boston Savings Bank as Massachusetts' 2021 Best Small Bank in their first ever ranking of the financial institutions that are working to meet the needs of customers during this unprecedented time.

The criteria for this award was extensive and focused on the 55 separate factors that would be most important to customers in choosing their bank. Factors that were assessed included current and historical interest rates, a wide array of fees, account terms, consumer service features, mobile app satisfaction and bank profile, among others.

"We are extremely proud to be named among the best banks in the country by Newsweek. 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. At EBSB we focused on the safety of our employees as well as continue to provide our customers not only with great service but also provide them with resources to help them navigate through the crisis. Our directors, senior management and entire staff work hard as a team for our customers every day. This recognition is a great reflection on the entire EBSB team," said Richard J. Gavegnano, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Newsweek published its inaugural bank rankings in September in partnership with LendingTree, an online loan market-

for financial services. The rankings were based on a subjective assessment of checking and savings accounts as well as digital banking tools from more than 2,500 FDIC-insured institutions.

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# **Keverian School gets closeout from** state on \$1.5 million upgrades

Staff Report

The Keverian School received final approval on Wednesday, Oct. 28, for \$1.5 million in funding for their Core Program and repairs to the building.

State Treasurer Debo rah B. Goldberg, Chair of the Massachusetts Sc hool Building Authorit y ("MSBA"), and John K. McCarthy, MSBA E xecutive Director/Deput y CEO, announced that the MSBA Board of Di rectors approved final a udits for three projects from three Districts tota

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To the said Board of Appeals, the applicant

proposes to convert the existing noncon-

forming accessory structure garage into

a single-family dwelling by renovating

the interior and installing new windows,

doors and means of egress. The existing

lot is 5112 sf and is located in a Business

District and contains an existing principle

structure two family dwelling. The applicant

spaces but the layout does not comply with

proposed an adequate number of parking

1. Appendix A Section 3 (P): which states

Property Address: 319 Main Street

Person Requesting: Elson Alves

Map/Parcel: D0-02-000034

and the public safe.

319 Main Street

Everett, Ma 02149

local zoning ordinances.

Reason for Denial

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and also on the Board's website. This

**Emergency Executive Order dated March** 

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ling over \$7 million in grants from the MSBA. The final audit stage is the last step in the MSB A building process and represents the successfu l completion and closeo ut of these projects.

"Every project undert aken by the MSBA is a step toward creating th e 21st century learning environment that all M assachusetts students d eserve," Treasurer Gold berg said. "We are deli ghted to have made the se important investmen ts in Massachusetts sch ools."

The Board approved the projects from the M SBA's Core Program an d Accelerated Repair P rogram, which consist of repair or replacemen t to roofs, windows/doo rs and/or boilers. The c ombined grant value of the audited projects wa s \$7,080,400.

"Approval of the fina 1 audits brings these vit ally-needed projects to a successful conclusion , which benefits student s all across the Commo nwealth," said Executiv e Director Jack McCart

#### - LEGAL NOTICE -**CITY OF EVERETT**

**BOARD OF APPEALS** the following: 484 Broadway

"Up to three (3) dwelling units shall be prohibited except by the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning board of Appeals in the Business, Business Limited, Industrial and Industrial Limited Districts.'

The applicant needs relief in the form of a special permit from the Board of Appeals. 2. Appendix A Section 3 (M): which states the following:

"Any lot, which is to be occupied for residential purpose shall have a frontage of at least twenty (20) feet wide on one or more streets and there shall be not more than one (1) structure of the type permitted for each such lot."

The applicant needs relief in the form of a variance from the Board of Appeals. 3. Appendix A Section 6 (B) 5: which states

the following: Side Yard: "None required unless a lot

line adjoins lot used for one or two family or three family dwelling use, in which case the side yard shall be not less than four (4) feet in width for a building proposed to be not more than thirty (30) feet in height; and seven (7) feet for buildings proposed to be more than thirty (30) feet in height.

The applicant must seek relief in the form of a special permit pursuant to Appendix A Section 3 (F)1 4. Appendix A Section 6 (B) 6: which states

the following: Rear Yard: "Twenty-five (25) feet minimum

The applicant must seek relief in the form of a special permit pursuant to Appendix A Section 3 (F)<sup>1</sup> 5. Appendix A Section 17 (I): which states

the following: .....the total area of any parking

facility for more than five (5) cars shall average two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet per car."

The applicant needs relief in the form of a variance from the Board of Appeals.

Appendix A Section 17(J): which states the following: "Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to

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and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other

motor vehicle.'

variance from the Board of Appeals 7. Appendix A Section 17(L): which states the following:

"All properties which abut such parking lots shall be protected from headlight glare by

1. "A strip at least four (4) feet wide, densely planted with shrubs or trees which are at least four (4) feet high at the time of planting and which are of a type may be expected to form a year round dense screen at least six (6) feet high within three

(3) years, or" 2. "A wall, barrier, of fence of uniform appearance at least five (5) feet high, but not more than six (6) feet above finish grade, or above the roof level if on a roof. Such wall, barrier or fence may be opaque or perforated, provided that not more than fifty (50) percent of the face open." The applicant needs relief in the form of a

variance from the Board of Appeals 8. Appendix A Section 17 (M): which states the following:

"No parking stall shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building."

The applicant needs relief in the form of a variance from the Board of Appeals. 9. Appendix A Section 17 (O): which states

the following: "The design of parking lots for the parking

of more than five (5) vehicles shall be submitted to the inspector of buildings for review and approval and shall be subject to the following requirements:" Except for one- and two-family dwell-

ings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway."

5. "All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to Allow ingress and exiting at same time." The applicant needs relief in the form of a variance from the Board of Appeals.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by: Property Address: 39 Cedar Street Map/Parcel: B0-01-000057 Person Requesting: Mr. Tiago Moreira 39 Cedar Street Everett, MA 02149

#### Reason for Denial:

Applicant seeks to alter the existing single family into a two-family structure by adding a new dwelling unit within the basement. The existing structure was built in 1915 and pursuant to Appendix A Section 4 (1) allows conversion by providing parking for only the additional unit. Plans indicate the provision for a single parking space where parking is required for two vehicles under the current ordinance. The 2265 sf lot is nonconforming as to area where the current zoning requires a single-family lot to be 5500 sf. The lot is insufficient in area for the conversion to a two-family dwelling where zoning requires a lot area of 7000 sf.

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

Zoning Ordinance: Section 3 General Requirements paragraph C which states the following

Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall

not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure. Section 17 Off Street Parking: Requires two (2) parking spaces for each dwelling unit. Plans indicate only one parking space will

be provided therefor the applicant will need to seek relief in the

form of a variance from the Board of Appeals. Mary Gerace - Chairman Roberta Suppa - Clerk Board of Appeals

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#### THERE WAS ONLY ONE "BOND....JAMES BOND"

The passing last weekend of Sean Connery, who became known to everyone throughout the world for his role as James Bond in the 1960s films, was a sad event for all of us who grew up mesmerized by his perfor-

Although many other actors have played the role over the years in the subsequent Bond movies, none came even close to epitomizing the charm, strength, and sense of humor that Connery brought to the role. (We have enjoyed the most recent Bond films starring Daniel Craig, though his Bond is of an entirely different sort than Connery's.)

Sean Connery's performances in those iconic films have stood the test of time. They are every bit as much fun and enjoyable to watch, no matter how many times we see them, principally because of Sean Connery.

Beyond his Bond roles, Connery starred in countless other outstanding films over the next 40 years and earned an Academy Award. Off-camera he also was a larger-than-life figure. He was well-respected and beloved among his peers and was an outstanding professional actor in every sense of the word.

He overcame his hard-scrabble background as a youth growing up in Scotland through hard work and determination and never forgot where he came from.

Although he was named People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive -- at the age of 59 -- his off-screen persona was hardly the raconteur he portrayed as Bond. Sean Connery was married to the same woman (his second wife) for 45 years, quite a feat in the movie business.

We came across a quote from his wife, Micheline Roquebrune, which in our view epitomizes the ideal that all men -- real men -- should strive for:

"He was a model of a man," she said.

Her words bring to mind the lines of Marc Antony from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar when Antony eulogizes Caesar:

His life was gentle, and the elements So mixed in him that Nature might stand up And say to all the world, "This was a man."

Sean Connery brought fun and joy to hundreds of millions of people for generations.

May he rest in peace.

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# Independent Forum



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## GUEST OP-ED

## The City of Everett perseverance during a pandemic

By Mayor Carlo DeMaria

The COVID-19 pandemic was unexpected and uninvited. It has affected every resident in some shape or form. As your Mayor, I have been, and will continue to be, committed to providing assistance and resources to help us all, as a community, persevere through these unprecedented times.

On March 14th, we became the first city to shut its doors and began working remotely to serve our residents. Their health and safety have been our highest priority. We have made COVID-19 testing available at numerous sites throughout the city. We have drive-thru sites and walk-up sites all in partnership with the state. Now that flu season is upon us, we are now offering flu shots at no cost at City Hall.

The City Administration has maintained constant communication with the residents of Everett during this time. Each day, we post updated COVID-19 numbers with a thorough breakdown of infection rate by age and gender, number of residents recovered, and how many have unfortunately lost their battle with the virus. As new developments arise, we promptly update our COVID-19 section of the website. Our 3-1-1 call center has remained open, providing direct assistance and guidance to residents since the pandemic broke.

The City of Everett has developed an abundance of fully staffed and functional food programs to help ensure no one goes hungry. At the beginning of the pandemic, the Connolly Center was transformed into a robust food pantry. They have distributed over 768,000 lbs. of food in addition to 1,600 pallets of bread to those in need and on average the center services between 1,500 - 1,800 individuals each week. The center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with 25 volunteers. We are also working with other pantries in the community to accommodate their food requests specific to their clientele and cultures. On October 20th, our schools began providing meals for

Everett students and their

Our Meals-To-Go pro-

families.

ery service that includes delivering meals and groceries to seniors and those who are homebound. On a weekly basis, we are delivering approximately 140 bags of groceries through requests made through 3-1-1, texts, emails, phone calls, and referrals. We are also delivering over 500 meals a day, over 2,500 meals a week, to those who have requested them.

gram offers a food deliv-

In May, the City teamed up with non-profit organization, Breaktime Café, who created over a dozen restaurant jobs for young adults experiencing homelessness. They have served 9,000 meals to the vulnerable populations throughout Everett. In collaboration with Breaktime Café, distribution network to get hundreds of meals to Everett residents daily, partnering with LUMA, Eliot Family Resource Center, La Comunidad, and the North Shore Evangelical Church to help facilitate this distribution.

The Bread of Life in Malden also set up a drive-thru food pantry at the Lafayette School in Everett, where they have been feeding an additional 300 families on Thursdays from 3pm-5pm.

The Administration has worked with For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) to distribute 9,600 snack packs to children in need in the City. These snack packs contain USDA-approved snacks that would last for 7 days and include fruits, granola bars, graham crackers, milk, and yogurt. In partnership with the

World Central Kitchen and Off the Plate, the City of Everett provided 500 meals per week. Through this program, we served 15,000 meals to Everett residents. Through the Emergen-

cy Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) grant, the Office of Human Services has paid over \$35,000 in rental, fuel, and utility assistance to those in need since March and there is another \$15,000 in aid that is pending. We expect to pay an additional \$20,000 in assistance for these services for the year.

is here to provide help to

those in need. Each year

week. With the holiday season fast approaching, our Holedented times, provididay Assistance program

for Thanksgiving and Christmas, we provide meals to approximately 250 families and toys to over 700 children. Due to unprecedented times, we are anticipating an increased demand, and the City of Everett will be here to help. The City of Everett, the Office of Human Services, and other donors provide gift cards for meals and other necessities which are given to those in need. These gift cards are distributed not only during the holiday season, but as needed.

mCorp during the months

of July, August, and Sep-

tember to hire 46 Everett

teens to participate in a

Virtual Youth Works pro-

gram. We also worked

with the YMCA to hire 6

Everett teens to distribute

hot lunches and snacks to

residents. Our Summer

Food distribution days

took place 5 days a week

at 5 different sites across

the City during the July

successfully ran the Crim-

son Kids Program, where

we provided 15 Everett

teens, each of whom were

negatively impacted by

COVID-19, an opportu-

nity to help manage and

lead the program. In the

summer months, 2 Ev-

erett youth were given

the opportunity to work

with Everett Community

Growers at the Northern

Strand Community Farm

munity is, we all need a

bit of normalcy. Together,

we celebrated Memorial

Day, joining together as a

community to remember

and honor the lives of Ev-

erett residents who served

our nation. Just outside

City Hall, we conducted

Everett's first Pride Flag

ceremony in addition to

the first Brazilian Flag

Raising ceremony, cele-

brating Brazil's Indepen-

dence Day. Halloween

will also be safely cele-

brated with modifications

to help prevent the spread

of COVID-19. Residents

will be allowed to go trick-

or-treating under strict

guidelines, attend a drive-

in movie, and decorate a

pumpkin at home. We are

also planning to celebrate

Veterans Day virtually to

promote social distancing

tle COVID-19 and the

challenges that accompa-

ny it, I want the residents

of Everett to know that I

As we continue to bat-

among our veterans.

As resilient as our com-

(NSCF).

This summer, the City

and August months.

The Council on Aging (COA) has sent out 1,500 letters of well wishes to our seniors. They have also launched "The Fall Fest for Seniors Program" where members on the we were able to establish a COA along with members from Cambridge Health Alliance assembled over 100 bags of cheers that were delivered by volunteers to senior housing complexes throughout the City. To brighten their days and provide some sense of "normalcy" to our seniors, the COA will be planning a "Rolling Rally" with good cheer and caroling to these complexes. Additionally, the Office of Human Services is working with the COA to provide 500 rides each month for seniors to and from Doctor and Health Appointments via the Senior Shopping Shuttle. Free Legal Assistance, Meals on Wheels Program, At Home Health Care, Caregiver Support (which includes in-home assessments), home safety programs, Health Benefit Counseling through SHINE, and other programs are also offered by Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES), with whom the City maintains a close relationship. The Everett Adult

Learning Center has served 120 immigrant students with free English classes. These classes are being taught remotely through ZOOM and Google Classroom. The City is working

with the MBTA to provide "Youth Passes" to eligible college-aged students at a discounted rate of \$30.00. We are distributing between 20-25 passes each During these unprecam here for you. I want to sincerely thank you all for coming together as a community and working with one another to fight this virus. Until we have defeated COVID-19, I encourage you all to continue to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing. We will get through it together. We are a resilient community. We are Everett

Mayor of Everett.

ing assistance to children Strong. and teens is essential. We Carlo DeMaria is the teamed up with Com-

#### GUEST OP-ED

#### The sun is shining

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Sun is shining today and will rise tomorrow. For more years than we know the Sun has followed this same pattern.

The rising Sun is a good pattern for all of us. We know each day we can count on the Sun. Somedays the Sun is hidden by clouds but it's there. Too often we forget to notice the Sun. Often it feels too hot or we wish it would warm up. We are never completely satisfied with the job the Sun does. Too hot, not hot enough. Too bright. Through all of our life's discontents with the Sun's performance, the Sun keeps performing. Throughout my lifetime I don't know of a day that the Sun has let me down. It just keeps on glowing regardless of the day or world events.

I remember the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. His death was one of the darkest days I can remember as a child but the Sun never ceased to shine.

When Americans came home from Vietnam in boxes and thousands of funerals were held around the country, we mourned but the Sun kept shining.

I've buried a wife and a baby and it seems like looking back that for a period of time I doubt that I even noticed the Sun was shining. Often life's traumas block the Sun from our eyes even if we are starring right into its rays.

Millions of Americans are unhappy with the election, and some aspects of American life. We don't like Covid-19, unemployment nor the unrest that is all over our country. We

sadly have become alienated from good people who have different opinions than we do and this is tragic.

Today we need to look for the Sun. The Sun is not political. The Sun shines on the Democrats and the Republicans. The Sun shines on sinners and the righteous. The Sun takes care of the planet providing our warmth, growth and our very lives. We take the Sun for granted. So often we don't even pay attention to all the Sun does and provides. However, we need the Sun. We do hear about the importance of clean water and air but are you grateful for the good air and water that you do have?

Take time to notice the Sun today. A clear day or a cloudy day will find the Sun shining. Another day

of life means another day to enjoy all that God has created and made. I've never known a day of life without the Sun. I've never known a day that I couldn't find good people with whom to talk. I've never experienced a day that I didn't feel there were people to love and people who cared about me.

God has provided the Sun and as long as our creator wants it to shine it's going to shine. Today, let the Sun shine on you.

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.

#### **CITY WILL NOT** TICKET OR TOW IN NOVEMBER FOR STREET SWEEPING

November

proaches, the City's policy of NOT ticketing and towing for street sweeping will continue. Because this is the last month of sweeping, Mayor Carlo DeMaria humbly requests that everyone cooperate to the best of their ability to move their vehicles on street sweeping day. The DPW is working TIRE-LESSLY to clean tree pits, catch basins, and drainage to prep for the winter. Please help out and do your part. #moveyourcareverett

#### LEGISLATURE **PASSES UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EXTENSION** TO 17,000 **LOW-INCOME** RECIPIENTS

Rep. Joe McGonagle along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature on Monday, October 26 passed An Act relative to additional unemployment benefits for the neediest recipients currently excluded from the Lost Wages Assistance program, which would enhance unemployment benefits for 17,000 people in Massachusetts by as much as \$1,800 each.

"Many people are continuing to be hit hard by the fallout effects of this pandemic," said McGonagle. "We in the Legislature have to do everything we can to make sure we are supporting these workers and their families to pull through. I believe this legislation will greatly benefit thousands across the Commonwealth. Thank you to Speaker DeLeo, Senate President Spilka, Governor Baker and all those who pushed this for-

"The House has an ongoing and long-standing commitment to supporting workers, and these benefits will ease the economic burden of the pandemic on individuals and

monwealth," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "I thank Chairs Michlewitz and Hay and House Members for their diligence n this important issue, and appreciate the leadership of Senate President Spilka with the support from our colleagues in the Senate. The legislation autho-

families across the Com-

rizes an increase to unemployment compensation for every recipient in Massachusetts not receiving at least \$100 in weekly benefits. This enhancement would apply retroactively to approximately 17,000 recipients.

The Governor signed the legislation into law on Monday.

#### CITY TO HOLD VIRTUAL **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY** NOV. 11 The City of Everett an-

nounced they will host a virtual, online Veterans Day ceremony on Weds., Nov. 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Approximately 70 percent of Everett's veterans are over the age of 65 making them more vulnerable during the pandemic. Because of this, please join virtually on Nov. 11 at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Mayor Carlo De-Maria's Facebook and ECTV for Veteran's Day.

The Ceremony will be hosted by the mayor.

#### **CONNOLLY CENTER FOOD PANTRY MOVES INSIDE**

The Connolly Center Food Pantry on Wednesdays will start new protocols on Nov. 4, with the drive-in aspect being moved to walk-up only.

Beginning on Nov. 4. the Connolly Center Pantry will be for walk-up only between the hours of 9:30 to 11 a.m. each Wednesday. Please remember to bring bags, wear a mask, and maintain social distancing.

The line forms on the west side of the building in the driveway.

#### Cases of COVID-19 continue to stay in double digits 31. There is no appointa.m. to noon.

numbers COVID-19 cases in Everett continues to stay in the double digits every day with the last week (Tuesday to Tuesday) registering 148 new cases in the city. That is an increase from the prior week when there were 104 cases for the week, and the previous week when there were

The numbers are as fol-

•Tuesday, Nov. 3 - 18•Monday, Nov. 2 - 19

•Sunday, Nov. 1 − 20

•Saturday, Oct. 31 - 21•Friday, Oct. 30 - 19

•Thursday, Oct. 29 – 19 •Wednesday, Oct. 28 –

•Tuesday, Oct. 27 - 11

Everett is still a beneficiary of the state Stop the Spread testing program and there is ample free testing all over the city right now through Dec.

ment necessary, and test results are usually available within 24 to 48 hours. The sites and times are as follows:

•Mondays – Big Flo Park, Chelsea Street, 7 a.m. to noon. Glendale Park, noon to

•Tuesdays – Sacramone

Park, noon to 6 p.m. •Wednesdays – Little

Flo Park, Nichols Street, 7

Edith Street Park, noon to 6 p.m.

•Thursdays, River-Green Parking Lot Drive Thru Testing, noon to 6 •Fridays, Swan Street

Park, 7 a.m. to noon. Everett City Hall, noon

to 6 p.m. •Saturdays, RiverGreen

Parking Lot Drive Thru Testing, noon to 6 p.m.

#### **Everett Housing Authority awarded Self Sufficiency Program funds** tunity to extend for up to

The Everett Housing Authority (EHA) in a joint application with the Chelsea Housing Authority (CHA) was recently awarded \$70,000 in funding to run the state-aided Self Sufficiency Program (SSP) for one (1) year. The grant has an oppor-

five (5) years. This innovative pro-

gram will enroll a minimum of 38 participants selected from the combined state-aided public housing and Mass Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) managed by both agencies. It provides funds to hire a coach who will offer support for employment, education and asset building.

EHA and CHA will build partnerships with local service providers to offer employment, financial literacy and education services to support SSP

participants in meeting their desired goals. The Everett Housing

Authority and Chelsea Housing Authority look forward to this partnership which will assist participants by providing the tools needed to achieve self-sufficiency.

gatherings at private res-

idences are limited to 25

people. The limit on gath-

erings held in public spac-

es and at event venues

(e.g. wedding venues) re-

mains the same. The new

order also requires that all

gatherings (regardless of

size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 p.m.

The new gatherings

order also requires that

organizers of gatherings

#### Encore // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 open for residents and to

prevent the need to roll back to Phase I or Phase II of the reopening plan," he said in a press conference on Monday afternoon.

All orders and advisories will be effective Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:01 a.m.

Encore Spokesperson Rosie Salisbury said they will analyze the business demand under the new regulations, but they fully support the governor's new regulations.

"We're still analyzing the impact to our operations and making adjustments accordingly," said Salisbury. "We need to better understand what the business demand will be under this new operating model. Encore Boston Harbor supports and will adhere to the additional directives put forth by the Commonwealth aimed to reduce the ongoing risk to public health. As a result, the resort will adjust its operating hours to be in compliance with new regulations." The new casino operat-

ing hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week, beginning Friday, Nov. 6. In addition, all hotel reservations at Encore

Boston Harbor have been cancelled through Dec. 15. Wynn Resorts has a quarterly earnings call on during that call.

Thursday, Nov. 5, and the matter is likely to come up The early closure of businesses comes at a time when many restaurants

and licensed establish-

ments – such as bar and

grill setups with alcohol sales - had been struggling with an 11 p.m. closing time across the board. Now, with a 9:30 p.m. closing time, many will

The specifics of the business closures are as Effective Nov. 6, the

struggle to keep the doors

open.

following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. A full list can be access at the state's website. \*Restaurants (in-per-

son dining must cease at

9:30 p.m., although takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages, but not alcohol) \*Liquor stores and other retail establishments that

sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m. (but may continue to sell other products) \*Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30

p.m. (not including medical marijuana) \*Indoor & outdoor

\*Theaters/movie theaters (including drive-in

movie theaters), and performance venues (indoor and outdoor)

\*Youth and adult amateur sports activities \*Golf facilities

\*Recreational boating and boating businesses \*Outdoor recreational

experiences \*Casinos and horse

tracks/simulcast facilities \*Driving and flight

schools

\*Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers

\*Close contact personal

services (such as hair and nail salons) \*Gyms, Fitness Centers

and Health Clubs \*Indoor and outdoor pools

\*Museums/cultural & historical facilities/guided Gov. Baker's announce-

ment on Monday also included an updated face covering mandate in public places, and a reduction for gatherings - which have been a prime area for spreading COVID-19 this fall. The new gatherings order reduces the gathering

size limit for gatherings

at private residences: in-

door gatherings at private

residences are limited to

10 people and outdoor

report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a

particular gathering.

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cil, and working with her

"Her word was strong,"

to get things done.

said DiFlorio.

#### Bench/ CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said he owed a lot to Bruno for helping him learn the ropes in Everett politics after first being elected to local office. He said she was a great confidant, and helped him to decide to run for state senate more than 10 years

"When she had an issue that someone had, she didn't stop until it was solved," said DiDomenico. "She wouldn't give up until she got it done."

Ward 5 School Commit-

teeman Marcony Almeida Barros said Bruno was his landlord when he first moved to Everett 21 years ago. After getting married to his spouse, Mark, they continued living in Bruno's home for seven years.

"She was like a mother to me and my spouse," he said. "That's why it's very special to be here because when she was sick, Mark and I would visit her. I love and miss her deeply."

Councilor Fred Capone had put in the order to get the bench placed in Swan Street Park. Capone also remembered serving with Bruno and said she was a champion for people who



said he knew Bruno to be persistent.



needed help of any kind.

"If it was a small or big

issue, it was always a big

issue for Lorrie," said Ca-

**Council President Rosa** working closely with Bruno

pone.

Council President Rosa DiFlorio said she missed Bruno being on the Coun-





DiFlorio said she misses State Rep. Joe McGonagle and knowing her as a neighbor.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria recalled how he served with Bruno on the Council years





State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said Bruno was one of the first elected officials to show him the ropes around Everett, and was involved in the early days of his State Senate campaign.



**School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros** shared that Bruno was his landlord when he first came to Everett 21 years ago. "She was like a mother to me," he said.



Family, friends, neighbors and elected officials gather around the memorial bench to Lorrie Bruno on Monday.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Abby (Bruno) Picano, and Joey Santagate pull off the covering for the new Lorrie Bruno memorial bench.



The family gathers around the memorial bench at Swan Street Park.



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# Everett, equity, and the 2020 election: Translating the polls

By Seth Daniel

When voters came to the polls on Tuesday, there were to be no misinterpretations.

That's because for the first time ever, the City and the Election Department stationed language translators – speaking Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese - at every polling place to make sure no one got confused and left without voting.

For the first time in Everett's history, there are translators at all polling locations to assist in communication while voting. This was done in an effort to make the 2020 Presidential Election voting process more accessible to the City's diverse population and in an effort to increase voter participation in the City.

"It's a very important thing because we can make sure everyone's voice is heard," said translator Renato Trombini, who was the lead translator at the Wellness Center on Tuesday. "We need to make sure they know what they're doing and if they're in the right place. These are new polling places (because of COVID) so returning vot-

ers might be confused, and there are also a lot of new voters this election. That's part of why we're here to make sure every voice is heard and every vote is cast at the polls. We're here to make sure people don't get confused and leave and that a language isn't a barrier to vote. We look forward to continuing this work in the future."

A good many of the translators are actually high school students, and at the Wellness Center, Everett High juniors Jazlyn Previlon, Jennifer Flores and Diana Sola were on hand with Trombini to translate and answer questions. All said they have grown up in Everett, and have seen family or friends hit road blocks in terms of voting or protocols due to a language barrier.

"I think it's important for us to be here because many in our community may not understand how to do certain things," said Previlon. "When people don't totally understand the language, they can get frustrated and leave, and they feel hopeless. We're here to help them and give them the right path to go through and restore that

Added Sola, "It is particularly good interpreters are here now because this year is a year where many people haven't voted before have come out. It's great there is a lot of diversity here and people can vote and we can help them if they need it."

"It's very inclusive," added Previlon.

Everett's Election Commission in collaboration with Everett's first Latina City Councilor, Stephanie Martins, and the City Clerk's Office utilized a portion of a grant accepted by the City Council to add language interpreters to each of the City's six polling locations on Election Day.

"Many of our diverse voters might face challenges checking-in, finding the correct polling place, and understanding the voting process," said Martins. "The polls can sometimes be intimidating. I am incredibly proud to be able to have the city and the Administration fully embrace such a bold initiative to encourage our diverse voters to feel included and vote. We put a lot of effort into this and our interpreters, who are mostly current EHS students and graduates,



For the first time ever, translators in several languages were stationed at all the polling places in Everett to help voters overcome any language barriers to voting. Some were adults and others were Everett High students. Here, at the Wellness Center, were Jennifer Flores (Spanish), Jazlyn Previlon (Haitian Creole), Renato Trombini (Portuguese), and Diana Sola (Spanish).

are proud to use their language skills to help others feel included. The City continues to move forward faster each day.'

Added Mayor Carlo DeMaria, "I was so pleased to hear of such a bold initiative be presented in our City. Voting can be an intimidating process of those who have never done so before. Having someone who speaks the same language as you being able to answer questions about the process of voting will definitely increase voter participation in this election and elections to come. I'm grateful to Councillor Martins, the City Clerks Office, and the Elections Commission for stepping outside of the lines for the purpose of equity and inclusion."

Some of the translators are Everett High School students, and all will be paid for their service. These individuals have received adequate training by the Clerk and Councilor Martins.

The collaboration and team work also counted on the efforts of Lucy Pineda, Everett's first Latina Elections Commissioner, who joined Councilor Martins in sending polling and elections information and materials to multi-lingual newspapers.

# Investigation is on as controversial Council meeting is hacked

By Seth Daniel

In a case of the weird getting weirder, the only remaining video from ECTV of the controversial City Council meeting on Oct. 26 was hacked from the station's servers and deleted - prompting a police investigation into the

City officials confirmed this week that DA Marian Ryan's Office, Everett Police and State Police are investigating the matter to find out who accessed the servers illicitly and deleted the controversial meeting, which featured several councilors squaring off against one another in a heated debate about in-person or online meet-

ECTV Director Deanna Deveney said the meeting had been deleted that same night from outside, but using credentials from inside City Hall. She said they went to upload the meeting to the website and someone from outside City Hall gained access to the server at 9:48 p.m. They accessed Monday's meeting and deleted it in its entirety.

"The City is working with a third party data recovery specialist to try to get this video back," said Deveney. "There is also an active investigation that is occurring with the Everett Police, the State Police and the DA's Office. We've never had this kind of problem before."

A specialist on Monday was not able to recover the data remotely, and so the servers will likely have to be removed and sent to the specialists. The City is also working with Com-

The meeting drew the attention of several media sources throughout Boston due to its confrontational nature and the subject of having in-person meetings or online meetings - particularly when a few

councilors indicated that Councilor Gerly Adrien, who chooses to participate online for medical reasons, had tough choices to make about continuing as a councilor and not coming in person. It fell in the context of a larger argument within the Council that has been raging for months. Those media outlets have requested to get a copy of the meeting, but it was soon discovered that it wasn't available as it had been deleted by some unknown person or entity.

The investigation is ongoing.

Deveney appealed to the public for a copy, saying if anyone had a recorded copy they could share, please contact her. She can be reached at Deanna.Deveney@ci.everett.ma.us.

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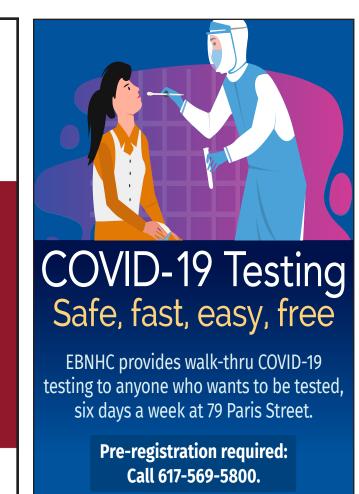


Approximately 70% of Everett's veterans are over the age of 65, making them more vulnerable during the pandemic. Because of this, please join us virtually on Wednesday, November 11th, at approximately 10:30 AM on Mayor DeMaria's Facebook and ECTV for Veteran's Day!

Mayor DeMaria and the Administration would like to honor Everett's Veterans and phone number of any by delivering them a hot meal to thank them for their service.

In an effort to account for all Everett veterans, please submit the name, address, Everett veteran you may know to

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#### EVERETT POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS 'NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET' HALLOWEEN EVENT

The Everett Police Headquarters on "Elm Street" was the home for an assortment of ghosts and goblins last Friday afternoon. Chief Steven Mazzie and members of the department dressed to kill so to speak and welcomed lots of local children dressed in their favorite monster, superhero, fairy princess and everything in between. Vehicles entered through the rear garage door and were greeted by costumed members of the Everett Police Department, passing out candy and other treats as well as a pumpkin for every child. In this day of social distancing and disappointment on many levels for celebration, Halloween was not forgotten in Everett, thanks to the staff and officers in blue of the Everett Police Department.



Mary Costanza looks a little leery as she passes through the haunted garge of the Everett Police Department.



Big smiles from Maurice and Jamie Vance.



Great costumes from Jadiel and Jayliella Marichal and their friend, Leilani Jonatnas (center).



hand last Friday afternoon for the Spooky Drive-thru. From left; PO Heather Dupont, TJ Flammia, Sarah Nawoichick, Stephen Ramunno, Chief Mazzie, Sgt. Sean Bagley, Det. Rich Connors, Det. Steven Sabella, and Capt. Paul Strong.



Evey and Eva Tang with Isabella Fuon were the first children at the Everett Police Dept. Spooky Drive-thru.



Kaylee Boyd with a 'peace sign.'



costume choice.



Logan and Sophia O'Malley were all smiles last Fridat afternoon.



**Everett Police Chief Steven Mazzie greeted the cars full** Trick or Treaters at the Everett Police Station.



Wonder Woman insignia and all was Yasmini Rodriguez's



Declan Brooks had a great time last Friday afternoon.



Mary, is Everett PD's explosive sniffing dog, handled by Officer Anthony DiNuccio, but last Friday she was in uniform greeting lots of costumed children.



Pumpkins for all the kids last Frida afternoon at the Everett Police Department spooky drive-thru. Shown from left; PO Brendon Previlon, PO and president of the officers union, Jermaine Bellard, PO Mike sabella and TJ Flammia.

## NASCAR, Wynn Resorts announce national multi-year sports betting partnership

NASCAR and Wynn-BET, the digital gaming division of Wynn Resorts Ltd. that is responsible for Wynn's mobile sportsbook and casino app, announced last week a multi-year national sports betting partnership. As an Authorized Gaming Operator of NASCAR, WynnBET will collaborate with NASCAR to create and promote engaging sports betting experiences for racing fans across the United States.

"We're excited to partner with such a deeply experienced and innovative team to drive engagement and expand our sports betting offerings," said Tim Clark, SVP and Chief Digital Officer, NA-SCAR. "Wynn is a trusted and iconic brand and our new relationship advances NASCAR's position in the rapidly evolving gaming space while delivering fans with yet another livein race engagement tool."

WynnBET is launching a nationally scaled sports betting business that is built upon the strength of its best -in-class brand offering with an innovative approach to sports betting products. WynnBET offers unique products comprised of one-of-akind experiences, unique social betting mechanics and a high-quality user experience evocative of the Wynn brand to drive engagement and to attract both new and existing loyal customers.

As the historic 2020 NASCAR season reaches its penultimate race in Martinsville, Va. this weekend, WynnBET is formally submitting an application to become a legal gaming operator in the state of Virginia . Earlier this year, the Virginia state legislature passed a bill that will legalize sports betting and could grant up to 12 online sports betting licenses by the end of the

Wynn, "Like NA-SCAR is an iconic brand," said Craig Billings, President of Wynn Resorts . "Together, Wynn Interactive and NASCAR will provide sports bettors in Virginia with one-ofa-kind experiences, both digitally and at NASCAR facilities in the Commonwealth."

NASCAR deep-rooted history in Virginia, with two of its most iconic tracks, Richmond Raceway and Martinsville Speedway, located in the state. Pending Wynn's approval within Virginia, WynnBET will become the Official Online Sportsbook of Martinsville Speedway and Richmond Raceway, resulting in the construction of WynnBET Lounges at each venue. Martinsville Speedway and Richmond Raceway will combine to host four NASCAR Cup Series races per year, the most of any state in the country.

"We take great pride in providing fans with an unforgettable experience at our racetrack and WynnBET is best-in-class in delivering a premium experience to its customers," said Clay Campbell, President Martinsville Speedway . "We are excited about what this new venture could mean for the Commonwealth of Virginia and for our loyal fans visiting our track in the years to come."

Richmond Raceway and WynnBET have a number of shared attributes. We are both strong, trustworthy brands that believe deeply in customer hospitality and creating incredible experiences," said Dennis Bickmeier, President, Richmond Raceway . "We wish the Wynn well in their future endeavors here in the great Commonwealth of

Virginia and look forward to years of successful partnership."

WynnBET will expand the portfolio of bet types offered on its mobile app throughout the NA-SCAR season, including pre-race and in-play bets. Bet types currently being explored include top-finishing drivers, driver matchups, stage winners and bets tied to the number of the winning car (over/under), among others. Beginning in 2021, WynnBET will offer live, in-play betting through a partnership with Genius Sports and live betting product, Betgenius, as the sport continues to strengthen its position around in-play sports bet-

NASCAR has experienced across-the-board growth in its sports betting handle and has added blue chip partners in the space in the last year including Penn National Gaming, BetMGM and IMG Are-

About NASCAR The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, LLC (NA-SCAR ) is the sanctioning body for the No. 1 form of motorsports in the United States and owner of 16 of the nation's major motorsports entertainment facilities. NASCAR® consists of three national series (NASCAR Cup Series TM, NASCAR Xfinity Series<sup>TM</sup>, and NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series<sup>TM</sup>), four regional series (ARCA Menards Series, ARCA Menards Series East & West and the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour), one local grassroots series and three international series. The International Motor Sports Association<sup>TM</sup> (IMSA®) **IMSA** governs the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship™, the

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NASCAR also series. owns Motor Racing Network, Racing Electronics , Americrown Service and ONE DAY-TONA. Based in Daytona Beach, Florida, with offices in eight cities across North America , NASCAR sanctions more than 1,200 races in more than 30 U.S. states, Canada , Mexico and Europe . For more information visit www. NASCAR.com and www. IMSA.com, and follow NASCAR on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat (' NA-SCAR ').

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ited (Nasdaq: WYNN) is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the ticker symbol WYNN and is part of the S&P 500 Index. Wynn Resorts owns and operates Wynn Las (wynnlasvega. Vegas com) Encore Boston Harbor (encorebostonharbor. com), Wynn Macau (wynnmacau.com), and Wynn Palace, Coati (wynnpalace.com).

Wynn and Encore Las Vegas feature two luxury hotel towers with a total of 4,748 spacious hotel rooms, suites and villas, approximately 194,000 square feet of casino space, 22 dining experiences featuring signature chefs and 11 bars, two award-winning spas, approximately 560,000 rentable square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 160,000 square feet of retail space as well as two showrooms, two nightclubs, a beach club and recreation and leisure facilities. Wynn Las Vegas recently unveiled the new Wynn Golf Club and 18-hole, 129-acre championship golf course, and in February 2020 debuted 430,000-square-foot meeting and convention space expansion powered by 100 percent renewable energy.

Encore Boston Harbor is a luxury resort destination featuring a 210,000 square foot casino, 671 hotel rooms, an ultra-premium spa, specialty retail, 16 dining and lounge venues, and approximately 71,000 square feet of state-of-the-art ballroom and meeting spaces. Situated on the waterfront along the Mystic River in Everett, Massachusetts, the resort has created a six-acre public park and Harbor walk along the

private, single-phase development in the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Wynn Macau is a luxury hotel and casino resort located in the Macau Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China with a total of 1,010 spacious rooms and suites, approximately 252,000 square feet of casino space, 12 food and beverage outlets, approximately 31,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, approximately 59,000 square feet of retail space, and recreation and leisure facilities including two opulent spas, a salon and a rotunda show.

Wynn Palace is a luxury integrated resort Macau . Designed as a flodestination, ral-themed it boasts 1,706 exquisite rooms, suites and villas, approximately 424,000 square feet of casino approximately 106,000 square feet of designer retail, SkyCabs that traverse an eightacre Performance Lake, an extensive collection of rare art, a lush spa, salon and recreation and leisure

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Sophie Galardi

Retired seamstress who loved her family and enjoyed life

Sophie (Rizzo) Galardi of Revere passed away surrounded by her loving family on October 27 at the age of 98.

Sophie worked as a for many seamstress vears in Boston, Revere and Chelsea. A member of the Teamsters Union 841 of Boston, she was a woman who loved family, enjoyed life and will be sorely missed by all who

knew her. Born in Boston on July 1, 1922 to the late Martin and Elizabeth Rizzo, she was the beloved wife of 61 years to the late Guy Galardi, devoted mother of Elaine Draper and her late husband, Fred "Skip" of Revere, Cheryl DiChappari and her husband, Frank of Burlington and the late Robert "Bobby" Galardi and his surviving wife, Ruthann; grandmother cherished of Eric Galardi and his wife, Kim, Marc Galardi and his wife, Olga, Craig Draper and his wife, Lynn, Wendy Ward and her husband, Joe, Derek DiChappari, and Ashley Moore and her husband, Kyle; adored great grandmother of Michael, Kimberly, Joseph, Joshua, Jack, Benjamin, Adelina, Capriana and Bellezza and the dear sister of the late Arthur Rizzo and his surviving wife, Josephine "Tootsie," Salvatore Rizzo, Carmella Lombardi, Florence Rizzo, Samuel Rizzo and Edith Mercurio. She is also survived by many loving nieces and neph-



A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, November 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. (The family respects your decision if you can't attend due to the current circumstances we are facing with Covid-19). Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Due to Covid-19 guidelines and due to strict capacity limits, we ask everyone to make a brief visit and then exit the funeral home so others may enter. Social distancing and masks are required at the funeral home and church. Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere on Friday, November 6 at 11 a.m. Everyone to meet directly at church (Names and temperatures will be taken upon entrance). Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sophie's name to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th St, suite 609, New York, NY 10036 or at give.bcrf.org. For guest book please visit www.

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## Stonepeak announces agreement to acquire Astound Broadband from TPG for \$8.1 billion

Stonepeak Infrastructure Partners (Stonepeak), a private equity firm specializing in infrastructure investing, today announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Astound Broadband (Astound), the sixth largest U.S. cable operator in the United States that operates leading regional providers RCN, Grande, Wave and enTouch. Stonepeak will acquire the company from TPG Capital and Patriot Media Management for \$8.1 billion. The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of 2021 and is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory ap-

Stonepeak is partnering with Patriot Media, the industry-leading management team headed by Steve Simmons and Jim Holanda that currently manages Astound. The company is a premier broadband provider offering internet, entertainment, communications, connectivity and fiber infrastructure solutions for residential customers and businesses of all sizes. The company has built modern, top-quality, high-speed communications infrastructure networks that offer gigabit speeds serving eight of the top ten largest metro areas throughout the United States. RCN, Grande, Wave and enTouch serve over one million customers with 23,000 miles of fiber across Chicago, Eastern Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York City, Northern California,

ton, DC., and Washington. "We are delighted to partner with Steve, Jim and the Astound team for the next chapter of growth. Astound is the premier operator of critical broadband infrastructure in the United States with a long history of delivering market leading customer service and

Oregon, Texas, Washing-

network performance to communities across the country. In our increasingly connected society, we believe there is an extraordinary opportunity to deliver faster speeds and greater coverage, fundamentally enabling many aspects of everyday life," said Brian McMullen, Partner at Stonepeak.

The company is at the forefront of the residential and business connectivity transformation, providing customers across the country with access to great high-speed broadband along with other innovative TV and phone services. As part of the partnership with Stonepeak, Patriot Media will continue to invest significantly in the network and in technology, enabling the company to expand and grow its fiber rich infrastructure, deliver gigabit per second high-speed data services and create the premier internet experience in their markets.

"We have created a market leading broadband platform with national reach, broad capabilities and expertise, and exciting growth potential," said Jim Holanda, CEO. "We are very eager and excited to partner with a premier investor such as Stonepeak to further accelerate our growth and take our companies to new levels of customer satisfaction and performance. We also want to thank TPG for their great support and partnership over the past four years."

"As we continue to grow our platform, our core objectives remain the same: to deliver exceptional service to our customers and communities, a best-in-class experience for our employees, and outstanding results for our investors," said Steve Simmons, Chairman of Patriot Media and member of the Cable Hall of Fame. "Our mission and management vision are aligned with Stonepeak and we very much look forward to our partnership with them."

Patriot Media has been involved with these brands for more than a decade, beginning with its management of RCN in 2010. The team has led the businesses, each of which operates under its respective name, through significant periods of growth.

"We've had a long-held theme and belief in the growing value of broadband infrastructure, culminating in our successful investment in Astound Broadband, in partnership with Patriot Media," said David Trujillo, Partner at TPG. "We're proud to have been part of the company's journey, which has been characterized by significant platform expansion, strong growth and great leadership. We wish Steve, Jim and the outstanding Patriot management team well, as they continue to grow Astound in partnership with Stonepeak."

Stonepeak's ment in Astound reflects its strategy of partnering with leading management to support market leaders within digital infrastructure to enable growth oftentimes through incremental capital investment. Stonepeak has been an early and active investor in digital infrastructure, with multiple investments across the data center, fi-

ber and wireless space. BofA Securities and Lazard are acting as financial advisors to Stonepeak, and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP is serving as legal counsel. J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC are acting as financial advisors to Astound, and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, LLP and Seyfarth Shaw, LLP are serving as legal counsel.

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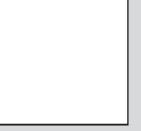
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#### MVES receives \$10K grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) announced that it has received a \$10,000 grant from Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation (EBCF). The grant is part of a commitment from the EBCF to provide financial support to local organizations focused on COVID-19 relief.

MVES is receiving this grant for its work in helping older adults in its communities of Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, as they cope and adjust to new circumstances in food insecurity, financial challenges, and isolation brought on by the

"We are so grateful for the support of the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation," said Daniel O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services. "Our agency relies on the generosity of business partners like the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation so we can continue to provide services and programs to older adults who have been affected by COVID-19."

"Evidence of the impact of this virus outbreak on our neighbors, families, and small businesses is everywhere," said Nancy Huntington Stager, Presi-

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dent and CEO of Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. "And, we also see the resiliency, sheer will, and hope of people across our region as they band together to help one another. The need for assistance continues to grow, and we will do what we can to give back and support the most vulnerable populations in our communities as well as encourage those who are able to do so to join us." EBCF is providing

a total of \$8 million in COVID-19 philanthropic support in the communities it serves.

Celebrating 45 Years of helping older adults keep their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency located in Malden, Mass., that provides essential homecommunity-based care and resources to older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, regardless of their income level. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.

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#### **CHURCH** News

#### **Mystic Side Congregational Church**

News and Notes

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

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

#### **Grace Anglican Episcopal Church**

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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

Come all and let us walk together in this season of hope, renewal and new be-

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

#### Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.foreverett.church to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network www.everettcan.com to request any additional

#### **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 Sponsor the bulletin! For

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

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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

Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appoint-Bread of Life Donations

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daleumc-everett.org **Glendale United Methodist Church Pastor David Jackson** 392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers) 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.

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News and Notes

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### **Zion Church - Everett**

News and Notes book page, "Zion Church

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-

Ministries."

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#### **Immaculate Conception Parish**

News and Notes

Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike,

S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Can-

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. Spanish 12:15 p.m.

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.

Our Parish Staff: Father 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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#### MARC FERREIRA RECEIVES THE FERDINANDO & LENA NAVARRO/JOHN & LENA CARDELLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Attorneys Fred and Michele Capone recently presented 2020 Everett High School graduate Marc Ferreira with an academic scholarship. The scholarship is given through the Italian American Association of Everett by the Capones in memory of Fred's grandmother, Lena, who was a founding member. Marc attends Wentworth Institute of Technology and is studying architecture and engineering. He also plans to pursue his Master's Degree. While a student at Everett High School, Marc took Advanced Placement and Honors classes, was a two-year member of the Track team and a three-year member of the Mystic Valley AAU Basketball team.

"Marc is an exceptional young man with a bright future. His thoughtful and heartfelt application was very impressive. We extend our sincere congratulations to Marc and his wonderful family and wish Marc continued success," said Fred and Michele.

#### LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

#### **GERMAIN ENROLLS** AT EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

More than 1,150 firsttime and transfer students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University for the fall 2020 semester. Among the new Eastern students is Madison Germain of Everett, a part-time graduate student who is majoring in Non-Degree.

The new students come from all six New England states and 10 other states, as co, China and India.

This year's freshman class, set to graduate in 2024, is among the strongest in Eastern's history. Their average high school GPA is 3.4 (up from 3.0 in 2014); 41 percent are from the top 25 percent of their high school class (up from 28 percent in 2014); and 13 percent are from the top 10 percent of their class (up from six percent in 2014).

Eastern Connecticut State University is the state of Connecticut's public liberal arts university, serving

well as Saudi Arabia, Mexi- 5,000 students annually at its Willimantic campus and satellite locations. In addition to attracting students from 162 of Connecticut's 169 towns, Eastern also draws students from 34 other states and 19 countries. Ranked among the top 30 public universities in the North Region by U.S. News and World Report in its 2019 Best Colleges ratings, Eastern has also been awarded "Green Campus" status by the Princeton Review 10 years in a row. For more information, visit

www.easternct.edu.

## **School Committee moves to** all-remote learning beyond Nov. 16

With COVID-19 cases in Everett on the rise in many categories - including for children ages 0-19 - Supt. Priya Tahiliani strongly recommended the schools remain in the current remote learning setup until the numbers can come down, a suggestion everyone on the School Committee backed up Monday night.

The schools had set a phased-in plan to go to a hybrid in-person model for those students choosing to do so on Nov. 16. However, with a rolling average of 24 cases per day in the city, according to the Public Health Department, the numbers of cases and the transmission rates seem to be going the wrong way to convene school in person, she said.

"The numbers do not support a genuine return to in-person teaching," she said. "The numbers we are seeing are pointing towards cases going down on any given day, let alone over two or three weeks...It's our strong recommendation we stay remote."

recommendation The to the School Committee came with the help of the Everett Public Schools COVID Task Force. That is made up of the following

•Hannah Galvin, MD, Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA)

Christian Lanphere, Department Emergency (CHA)

•Alan Geller, MPH, RN, Harvard School of Public Health

•Ann Fitzgerald, LCSW, Eliot Community Human

•Gregory Hagan, MD,

•Sabrina Firicano, MD, Everett Board of Health

to the superintendent that with Everett having some of the highest positivity rates in the state, it probably wasn't safe for a hybrid in-person return on Nov. 16. A key metric was the numbers of cases in Everett among kids 0-19, which has gone from 15 in July to 42 in October - an incremental climb that is close to the surge numbers in April that reached 55.

One of the concerns, Tahiliani said, was lunch rooms and cafeterias, where there have been outbreaks and clusters of cases cited in Boston and other areas.

"They believe transmission is increasing because of people gathering in restaurants and other large establishments," she said. "They talked about the clusters in Boston that have traced back to breakrooms at work places. That leads us to think about our own cafeterias."

recommendation, though, that would break the monotony of remote learning is to somehow carve out times for in-person clubs, activities and social-emotional days in smaller groups safely at the schools – while also doing everything possible to keep high-needs students in the schools to get services.

"I don't think we're quite ready to go to full-scale hybrid," said Member Millie Cardillo. "I'd love to say we were, but it's not ready.

Member Marcony Almeida Barros said he would like to see some in-person activities, as he knows parents are struggling – as are many kids – with fully remote learning.

"For me, I agree we can't bring back thousands of kids now, plus our staff," he said. "At the same time, one thing I could suggest is I want to think about par-That Task Force reported ents. Parents comment all the time that this is just too much."

Tahiliani said they are working with their coaches, club sponsors and counselors to put together learning opportunities through the winter to help kids be able to have some human contact in person while remaining remote in their teaching. That is all being investigat-

One key point, however, is to try to give a timeline to parents about a decision.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, who was in attendance as an ex-officio, said he thought they should give a date to revisit the matter so parents have something to look towards. The School Committee will have some decision on that by the end of the week, which they will report out to the public - though they said it was hard to make any decisions based on the increase in cases now. Most likely. many said, there would be no realistic revisiting of the issue until cases can come

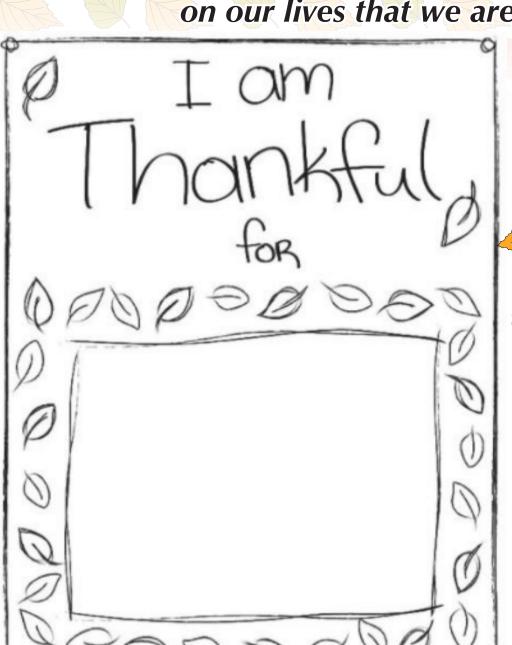
under control. Member Allan Panarese - who is a respiratory therapist at CHA Everett - said he works on COVID-19 patients 80 percent of the time and has for months. He warned to be cautious and to respect COVID-19, as it is serious and will kill you.

"If you saw what this disease does to people, we have to be careful," he implored. "It does kill people. I don't want to see any kids or educators get this. I think people are taking it a bit too lightly...I think we should look at our plan month by month. We have to give this time and be safe...We need to be cautious. What I've seen is not pretty. I don't want to see anyone get it...The numbers are accurate and aren't inflated. It's

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