

Sheriff’s office remains vigilant against COVID-19

The Middlesex Sheriff’s Office (MSO) today announced it is entering a seventh consecutive week without an individual testing positive for COVID-19 while incarcerated inside the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction.

During those weeks, 43 COVID-19 tests were administered. Of the 43 tests, eight (8) were for symptomatic individuals, while 35 were for precautionary reasons including outside housing placements. All 43 returned negative.

“Since February, we have worked aggressively to prepare for and respond to COVID-19, implementing a comprehensive, medically-driven strategy of education, prevention and intervention,” said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. “With cases continuing to increase outside our walls in communities across the Commonwealth, we recognize we are not a fortress on a hill and must remain vigilant. With new individuals entering our custody each day from the community from know it’s not a matter of if we see new cases, but when. As we have from the outset, we will continue to follow the direction of medical professionals including infectious disease physician Dr. Alysse Wurcel and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.”

Among the steps the MSO has implemented to address COVID-19 are:

- Enhancing medical screening for newly committed individuals entering the facility.
- Staff must wear masks while inside the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction.
- Incarcerated individuals must wear masks while in common areas.
- Individuals are being encouraged to follow CDC recommended steps for preventing the spread of the virus. This includes frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

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good...I guess it’s also just realizing that viruses like the flu love the cold, dry air.”

The differences between the first and second waves has also been dramatic in the age range and the mystery in which how the disease has been contracted, Lai-Becker said. It is a much younger group of people, and many of them have been doing all the right things for the health protocols, but somehow got sick anyway.

“I want to confirm for people that last spring our hospital was filled with a lot of different populations and Nursing Home populations,” she said. “Now, as we look at the start of winter, it seems like we have plenty of people that are 20 or 30 years old. In the spring, it felt like the 30 or 40 year olds were in the front line essential jobs – like a grocery store cashier...This time there seems to be just enough people saying they don’t know where they got it. It is a bit of a puzzle. Many say they have been doing all the right things for the last six months...It’s not like they attended a 200-person wedding.”

Right now, the hospital is in an enviable position, as they invested in several different testing platforms and ample testing supplies. When people come into the Emergency Room, there is plenty of ability to test people for the traditional flu and COVID-19. That was a testament, she said, to the Laboratory Department at CHA which was very scrappy in securing

testing equipment during the surge last spring, and then continuing with that push through the summer so that any second wave wouldn’t come without supplies – including all of the PPE that was missing in the spring at times.

Adding onto that the fact that the hospital has adopted newly-informed COVID precautions that are constantly changing with new discoveries and conditions, and Lai-Becker said the hospital is very safe and fully supplied.

“I believe we hit an inflection point in the summer and still are at that point where it’s safer in the hospital than to go grocery shopping,” she said, “just because of all the precautions everyone around you is taking at the hospital.”

That, of course, is one of the key differences between then and now. The preparations are in place and the experience of the first time around was so valuable that health professionals still maintain a confidence even as cases do go up week after week. That brings about a contentious issue regarding another lockdown or shutdown, something Dr. Lai-Becker said probably isn’t necessary again. Instead of lockdowns, she said it should be more about adjusting to the circumstances as they come – being vigilant and going back to good habits when cases increase.

“Look at the fact that hospitals operate and grocery stores operate and they do it by wearing a mask in the hospital and they wash their hands

thoroughly,” she said. “People are still functioning. We’re not shut down. In a hospital people will be able to maintain some perspective. It’s not a shutdown or a lockdown. It’s just adjusting to what precautions we’re taking. We’re going into winter now and viruses love cold, dry air. I don’t know why, but they do, and we should remember that.”

TESTING PLATFORMS INVESTMENT

One of the great items of readiness marked off on the CHA Everett checklist is the fact that the hospital and the network invested in testing and testing supplies – multiple different kinds and platforms so that a second wave wouldn’t cause the same disruption as the first wave when testing was in short supply.

The Laboratory and Pathology Departments both got on waiting lists for different analyzing systems and testing supplies in the surge, and then took advantage of that place in line when their number was called in the early summer. Then throughout the summer they continued to invest in testing kits to be ready for any second wave.

It has proven to be a good ally now that more people are arriving in the Emergency Room with COVID symptoms. They can be quickly tested with quick turnarounds – as opposed to the spring when testing had to be done off-site and often delayed due to supply issues.

“We’re very fortunate

that our Lab and Pathology Department, they did not want to take any chances of running out of any one type of test,” she said. “We have several different platforms and a couple of different analyzers. That’s been a pretty good boon for us in our supply chain...So it’s been a lot to run all these different types of tests and to have enough agents and supplies and testing kits on hand. We’re positioned well.”

To date, since March, CHA has done 81,000 tests and around 4,250 have come back positive.


COME TO THE HOSPITAL

Dr. Lai-Becker said they are also encouraging people to come to the hospital when they are experiencing non-COVID emergencies – such as chest pains or stomach pains or any other injuries.

She said there was a clear message in the spring to not come to the hospital, but that time has passed and they now want patients to come in if they feel a health issues. Ignoring the emergency visits and even check-ups and follow-up visits can complicate health problems.

She stressed that the hospital is very safe, even with the increase in cases lately.

“If you’re having chest pains, that’s a good reason to come to the hospital,” she said. “If you have belly pain, that’s a good reason to come to the hospital. We really want to encourage people to come to the hospital when they need to. It is safe.”



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This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM in regards to an application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker’s declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board’s website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the City and City Clerk’s website. In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address: 345 Main Street
Map/Parcel: D0-02-000129
Person Requesting: Dr. Elizabeth Covino
345 Main Street.
Everett, MA 02149**

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks alter the existing mixed-use building of a Business and a single residential unit into a Business and two (2) residential units.

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- Parking is shown in the front yard setback and the vehicles are backing into the street
- Parking is shown to be tandem in that one car would need to be move to allow another to exit the property

Zoning Ordinance:

Section 3 General Requirements paragraph P which states the following:

P. 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. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph J which states the following:

J. Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other motor vehicle. The Board of Appeals, however, may by special permit modify this requirement and the dimensional requirements of paragraph (I) of this section, where a parking facility is under full-time attendant supervision.

Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph K which states the following:

K. Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located.

Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph O line 4 which states the following:

4. Except for one- and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway.

Mary Gerace - Chairman
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
Board of Appeals
November 18, 2020
November 25, 2020

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they received a letter from the mayor saying the first two requests were “premature” and the Devens lease should be paid out of transportation costs.

“It was pretty clear what the answer was and it was ‘no,’” said Member Frank Parker. “Our entire Athletic Department budget is \$400,000 and we’re being denied \$471,000. That should show how important that money is.”

Mayor DeMaria said he simply asked for a budget request and wanted to see what the money would be spent on before reimbursing the schools.

“I don’t think the City refused or denied the schools,” he said.

He also said the City is trying to utilize every dollar to clothe, house and feed families that are in dire straits due to COVID-19 – so every dollar counts.

“Every dollar we are given by the taxpayers will be used to house and feed families,” he said. “We’re having serious problems with COVID...The social-emotional well-being programs (in the schools) are very important to me with kids struggling with remote learning. I don’t think anyone on the City Council would have a problem with okaying that funding...When you talk about tax dollars coming from a City to the School Department...the City would like an itemized budget of what you’ll do with the funds.

“The (\$471,000) was last fiscal year. That fiscal year is over,” he continued.

The situation bothered Chair Abruzzese, who said he texted the mayor about the letter and wondered if it was a ‘no,’ and that it had disappointed him. However,

er, he never got a text in return, and that led to a chippy argument between the two on the matter.

“The letter was not ‘no,’” said the mayor.

“I sent you a text and you never responded,” said Abruzzese.

“That text was abrupt to be honest with you,” said the mayor.

“The text read, ‘So I guess the answer is no,’” responded Abruzzese.

“That’s not how I operate,” responded the mayor.

“By giving a direct answer?” said Abruzzese.

“That’s all I wanted to hear was ‘yes’ or ‘no.’”

“The answer is neither,” said the mayor.

“So we have a maybe,” concluded Abruzzese.

That led to a long discussion on inviting City CFO Eric Demas to the meeting and allowing him to talk about the budget and funding impasse. Demas had spoken at the meeting two weeks ago, and it had been a very intense conversation


that he often said was “contentious.” Both he and the schools said they hoped to get going on a better, more cordial relationship at that time.

However, that didn’t pan out on Monday night, when the Committee wasn’t in the mood to be “lectured” on the budget request. The Committee voted 7-0 (Millie Cardello was absent from the vote) to approve the Budget Presentation that Tahiliani gave, but then they also voted 5-2 to block Demas from speaking at the meeting. Members Cynthia Sarnie and Alan Panarese voted to allow him to speak, and Cardello was absent.

The matter is teed up for another discussion at the School Finance and Review Commission at City Hall on Thursday, Nov. 19. It will likely come before the City Council for a vote, potentially if the mayor allows it, at the Nov. 23 meeting or in December.

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– the long-time administrator of RAFT, said they have distributed \$4.7 million to more than 1,300 households in Greater Boston since July, but have had some challenges in ramping up to meet demand.

“We agree that the process is taking too long,” he said. “We have hired 47 new staff for RAFT since October 22. We anticipate that by the end of this week we will have contacted every person who has submitted an application. Hopefully the residents of Everett will see some improvement very soon.

He said they have had a hard time making sure and getting complete applications.

“Very often the applications that are submitted do not include all of the necessary information and it usually takes a significant amount of time to collect it from people,” he said. “The other challenge we have experienced is people who think they have submitted an application but who have not. A number of the recent situations highlighted by the media, when we looked

into them, actually involved people who started an application but never submitted it to us. Verifying that someone actually completed the entire application and included the supporting documentation and then submitted it is the best way to make sure things move as quickly as possible.”

Martins said this is one reason she and Councilor Michael McLaughlin called on the City to create a municipal rent relief program last month, similar to what Chelsea has done over the past several months.

That hasn’t come quickly though, but Martins said the City Administration has told her they plan to use federal money coming soon to establish that kind of emergency rent help.

Right now, with RAFT being the only line of help, Martins said she is trying to work with applicants so the pitfalls aren’t an issue. She also said there needs to be better communication with landlords, education of landlords that might be new immigrants to the country and also cooperation from landlords.

“They are not notifying

landlords there is an application in process,” she said. “So there is a communication issue, challenges with filling out an application and requests that don’t make sense... What really seems to be the problem is both landlords and tenants seem not to be aware of the law. We need to educate the city as a whole on this.”

The official eviction process in Massachusetts can take months, and it has been estimated that any eviction filed at the first week of the moratorium lift last month would get action just after Thanksgiving. So, very few legal evictions have yet taken place. However, there are plenty of verbal and high-pressure situations occurring in Everett where landlords try to force tenants out.

“A lot of the eviction situation I’ve been helping to handle with the City Solicitor’s Office are verbal evictions where they’re trying to force the tenant to leave,” she said. “We’ve had situations already where landlords cut off the electricity or show up without notice and enter the apartment.”

Teachers/

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ticularly because she isn’t dealing with home-life distractions.

“It’s really satisfying to have my desk at school and my big whiteboard and laptops,” she said. “Being here has been a game-changer. I have a dog and he gets upset when I’m not paying attention to him at home. When I get up in front of my classroom, I’m in my zone and everything is controlled and that’s helpful.”

Added Artyunova, “I can say the students are more organized and are more accountable for their work.”

Jonuz said they have even kept the bell schedule going, and that has helped teachers, but provided a small comfort sound for students who hadn’t heard the familiar school bell in months.

“I feel like the bell is wonderful to get everyone’s attention and set the tone that we’re in school,”

said Jonuz.

Science teacher Joe Paone said one thing that has been valuable to him is to be able to use the SmartBoard – a computer connected chalk board – to teach directly onto the screens of students at home. That equipment wasn’t available when he taught from home, and it made things harder. Likewise, he also has space to do lab experiments on the camera to show students demonstrations – something virtually impossible when teaching from home.

“One thing I’ve also been doing since I’ve been in the building is making videos of the class and then posting them and kids can go back and watch them later,” he said.

He also has used simple principles in his classroom, using things like a spinning chair or a spinning egg, to demonstrate scientific ideas in conjunction with the SmartBoard.

“The spinning chair

– that principle is the same exact principle for how satellites work up in space,” he said. “It’s also how the Hubble Telescope makes turns to look at a new planet.”

Right now, teachers are mostly in a bubble environment. Though they are in the classroom, interactions are limited and there is no “teacher’s lounge” situation. Staff have been very good about monitoring their symptoms and staying home if not well, plus Jonuz said there is a protocol in place every morning for the teachers to follow before they go to a classroom.

That plan, so far, has worked, and until the time when the kids can come back in person to class, at least they can see their teachers there in person.

“We’re trying our best to make the best of this situation,” said Jonuz. “It can be difficult, but our team is trying as hard as they can.”

Mayor DeMaria’s virtual listening tour for School Committee seat

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to share that he will be hosting a Virtual Listening Tour to gather feedback from the Everett community regarding his request to become a voting member of Everett School Committee. In compliance with social distancing, the Mayor will be hosting meetings via Zoom over the next few weeks.

“As a parent and a leader, I feel it is important to serve and support our schools,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “I am hopeful and excited to have a more active role on the Everett Public School Committee and look forward to receiving feedback from the community about my proposal”.

The Mayor envisions these feedback sessions as a brief Q&A between interested parties and the Mayor followed by him hearing from the residents

as to their thoughts on the proposal.

A proposal has been submitted to the City Council to amend the City’s Charter to make the Mayor a voting member of the Everett School Committee. Since this movement has been said to be rushed, the Mayor would like to take a moment to listen to the residents, students and stakeholders in the Everett Community.

The Mayor is excited for the Virtual Listening Tour to kick off and have meaningful and constructive conversations. There are multiple different sessions scheduled on Zoom:

- November 17 at 9 – 10 a.m. Clergy and Religious Organization
- November 18 at 4:30pm - 6:00pm Social Organizations
- November 23, at 5 p.m. - 6:30pm Everett Teachers Association
- November 24 at 7

p.m. - 8:30pm – Parents/Residents/Interested parties

- December 1, at 6 p.m. - 7:30pm – Parents/Residents/Interested parties
- December 2, at 11am -noon - Employees/Boards and Commissions
- December 8, at 7:00pm - 8:30pm - Facebook Live
- December 9, at 6:30pm – 8 p.m. Parents/Residents/Interested parties
- December 10, at 6 p.m. – Telephone Town Hall [more info to come]

To participate in one of these sessions, please email Michelle Doucette, Communications Specialist at Michelle.Doucette@ci.everett.ma.us and she will provide you with the Zoom link. Please check Mayor DeMaria’s Facebook for the most current and up to date information regarding the Tour.

Man shot during day-long domestic confrontation with police


On Oct. 11, at approximately 10:46 a.m. first responders, including Cataldo EMS and Everett Police, responded to a Woodland Avenue residence for a report of an alleged ongoing altercation between two parties inside the home who are known to each other.

Upon arrival first responders entered the home and located a 47-year-old man in possession of an apparent firearm. Over the course of the day police

attempted to make contact with the man and get him to exit the home. After multiple hours of negotiation officers deployed pepper spray. The man subsequently attempted to exit the home while allegedly still in possession of what appeared to be firearms and engaged in an altercation with officers, allegedly charging at them in the doorway of the residence. The preliminary investigation suggests that at approximately 3:41 p.m. officers deployed less lethal munition striking but


failing to stop the man before an Everett Police officer discharged his firearm also striking him. He has been transported to a Boston hospital for treatment. The two officers were also transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

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The announcements in the past week that two vaccines have been shown to be remarkably effective in providing immunization against the coronavirus have given our nation hope that the pandemic might be brought under control.

Finally, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

However, with 250,000 Americans already dead from the virus and the holiday season approaching, this is no time for any of us to let our guard down. The virus does not take a holiday and is spreading like wildfire across the country, leading even Republican governors to issue mask mandates and resulting in additional shut-downs of businesses that already were on the edge of permanent closure.

It is estimated that if we do not wear masks and maintain physical separation, at least 250,000 more Americans will be dead in the coming months.

Hospitals and healthcare workers already are stretched to the limit in many states. If the pandemic is allowed to spread further, there will be a total breakdown in the American healthcare system, endangering the lives not only of healthcare employees and coronavirus patients, but anybody else who needs hospitalization from accidents, heart attacks, strokes, and cancer.

In addition, we would note that even for those who recover from the coronavirus, there can be lasting damage to the heart, lungs, and other organs.

We urge all of our readers to listen to the warnings and directives of our public health officials and to consider how we can spend the holiday season with our loved ones in a safe setting, if at all.

A small wedding in Maine in August was linked to 178 COVID cases and eight deaths -- and none of those who died attended the wedding.

Our government leaders can urge us to protect ourselves and others, but COVID-19 safety this holiday season ultimately comes down to each and every American assuming personal responsibility to observe and obey the rules.

Your opinions, please

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LETTER to the Editor

DON'T PASS AMENDMENT NUMBER 75

To the Editor,

The Catholic Church teaches that life itself starts at conception and ends with natural death.

The Massachusetts state legislature is currently debating the annual budget to fund state government for the balance of the fiscal year. As part of that process many amendments are filed for consideration. House amendment number 759 will be considered by the full House in the coming days. This amendment would expand abortion access in

the Commonwealth well beyond what is enshrined in state law.

While we acknowledge the amendment addresses some concerns that were raised about the deeply troubling provisions of the ROE legislation, the fact remains that abortion would remain an option under certain circumstances for the full term of the pregnancy. That fact alone is in direct conflict with Catholic teaching and must be opposed.

In addition, current law requires a young woman under the age of 18 years old to gain the consent of a parent, guardian or the court to have an abortion.

The amendment under consideration would decrease the age of consent to 16 years old. In its simplest terms, a 16 or 17 year old girl would be deprived of the guidance and support of an adult at the time of making this life changing decision.

Finally, although life-supporting equipment would be required to be in the room for abortions performed after 24 weeks, the specific language in the amendment is nuanced enough that the physician would not be required to use the equipment. Specifically, it would "enable" the physician performing the abortion to take ap-

propriate steps, in keeping with good medical practice....to preserve the life and health of a live birth and the patient.

For these reasons we urge the full House of Representatives not to pass amendment number 759.

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Are you descended from a Mayflower passenger? Finding out just got easier

It is estimated that there are more than 35 million living descendants of the Pilgrims around the world. Proving family connections to this group used to be a daunting task, but no longer. American Ancestors and its partners—the General Society Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) and FamilySearch International—have introduced an online resource that makes the question "Am I descended from a Pilgrim?" easier to answer than ever before, a timely offering in this 400th anniversary year of the Mayflower's arrival in America.

Today, American Ancestors/New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) announced the release of a new online database on its website at AmericanAncestors.org/Mayflower-Family that contains authenticated lineages of passengers on the Mayflower who left descendants. These family histories are compiled from names and dates of approved membership applications to the Mayflower Society (GSMD). The earliest application dates to 1895. The searchable database is available to members of American Ancestors/NEHGS, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting family history. In coming weeks, the database will be available to all active members of the Mayflower Society.

"Descendants of famous Pilgrims such as William Bradford, John and Priscilla Alden, and others, can now easily search for and find family histories spanning as many as 13 generations," said Brenton Simons, President and CEO of American Ancestors/NEHGS. "It's a huge step forward for Mayflower family historians, and a useful research tool for anyone interested in family history and genealogy."

According to Don Le-

Clair, Associate Director, Database Search & Systems at American Ancestors, "Linking your name to someone on a tree in this database may more quickly identify a Mayflower line, and aid in your application process to the Mayflower Society." American Ancestors assists hundreds of its members each year with making a formal application to the Mayflower Society for membership.

In addition to the searchable database of more than 4.5 million names, family trees—built on the application known as American Ancestors/TREES, a proprietary program of American Ancestors—will display valuable information for any individual interested in researching a possible ancestral connection to a passenger on the Mayflower. A complete tree has been created of the 24 Mayflower Pilgrim families who are known to have left descendants, a complete tree has been created. Where previous online Mayflower databases offered information on generations one through five of a Pilgrim, this new database now expands the online resource to include up to the 11th, 12th, or possibly the 13th generation descending from a Pilgrim family—through the year 1919. Due to privacy restrictions, no name or data has been included of any individual on a GSMD membership application who was born after December 31, 1919.

"The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is honored to once again partner with NEHGS," said Jane Hurt, Governor General of GSMD. "As the custodian of family lines going back fifteen generations or more from founding families in America, being able to share our information with American Ancestors will help us identify additional descendants, find undiscovered lines, and wel-

come new members to our society."

A partnership makes challenging research easier

The new database is the result of a three-year collaboration between American Ancestors/NEHGS, the General Society Mayflower Descendants (GSMD), and FamilySearch International, a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The historic membership applications from the archives of GSMD were digitized by FamilySearch International to create a storehouse of images of each page of an application. Names were meticulously indexed for search functions online. American Ancestors then created a searchable family tree for each Pilgrim on its American Ancestors/TREES platform, using the new indexed data and merging it with data from an earlier project done with GSMD for its renowned Silver Books collection.

American Ancestors CEO Simons stated, "This is an unprecedented collaboration between three of the 'greats.' FamilySearch is a giant of the field and brings the best technologies to bear. The Mayflower Society (GSMD) is one of the most esteemed hereditary societies, and it champions the story of the Pilgrims. And American Ancestors is the public face of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the founding genealogical society in the world and best known for maintaining the highest standards in the field of genealogy."

Simons emphasized that free online access to the documents and lineages from the verified GSMD member applications sheds new light on one of America's founding legacies. In the year commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's landing, many of the planned events

marking its significance have been postponed. But investigating one's possible ancestral connection to the iconic Pilgrim family may take place comfortably at home and at any time through the use of new resources such as the database announced today.

The Mayflower Society (GSMD), one of the leading lineage societies

General Society Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) started taking applications for membership in 1895. It currently has more than 30,000 active members. This year, with attention being given to the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage in 1620, more individuals have sought recognition of their ancestry by submitting an application for membership to be verified by GSMD.

Scholarship undertaken by the GSMD over the years has resulted in publication of 30 volumes of the Silver Books, known as such for the color of the covers. The books incorporate genealogical data covering generations one through five of a Pilgrim. That data was indexed by American Ancestors from 2017 to 2018 to create an initial online database called "The Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants." That has now been merged with the information contained in the more than 100,000 Mayflower Society applications utilized in this project, respecting the privacy of data of anyone born after December 31, 1919.

To view the new database, "General Society of Mayflower Descendants Membership Applications, 1620-1920," and explore its content, visit AmericanAncestors.org/Mayflower-Family. Many other resources pertaining to Mayflower research may also be viewed at Mayflower.AmericanAncestors.org.

HISTORIC PROPERTY

Former church rectory a gem on Bucknam Street

Staff Report

(The following is a weekly feature in the Independent based on the City's 2018 Historic Property Survey done to note the many little-known historically significant properties within the city.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

St. Joseph's was the third Roman Catholic parish in Everett and was founded in 1912. It was formed to meet the needs of the large French-Canadian population in Everett and nearby Malden and Father Victor Choquette was appointed pastor. Initially services were held in the barn of Colonel Harry Converse in Malden. Soon, Father Choquette was able to buy part of the True estate on Bucknam Street in West Everett which had a home- stead that could serve as a chapel. The church was constructed in 1917 according to designs by Walter Fontaine under the leadership of Choquette's successor, Father Henry Joseph Filion. The church was dedicated on November 16, 1919. The rectory was built a few years later, in 1926-7. The architect of the rectory was Matthew Sullivan.

St. Joseph's Church was closed in 2001 due to declining attendance. Parishioners moved to either Sacred Heart Church in Malden or Immaculate Conception Church in Everett. As part of the Archdiocesan Reconfiguration Plan, the St. Joseph's Church property on Bucknam Street was sold by the Archbishop to Frank Mastrocola of Mastrocola Development in 2003. The Church building was demolished in 2004. The two-acre property, re-named Parish Point, contains 20 new town houses located in two wood frame buildings as well as three condominiums in the former rectory.

The rectory's architect, Matthew Sullivan (1868-1948), was born and educated in Boston and received his architectural training in the office of Edmund Wheelwright. In 1901 he joined the architectural partnership of Charles Maginnis and Timothy Walsh as a junior partner (Maginnis, Walsh, and Sullivan). He left the firm in 1906 to practice independently. Sullivan designed many churches and other buildings in the Boston area for the Catholic church. Locally, Sullivan also designed Our Lady of Grace School at

190 Nichols St. in 1927 and St. Therese Church at 801 Broadway in 1928, as well as St. Rose Roman Catholic School in Chelsea in 1911.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The former St. Joseph's Church Rectory is a 2 ½-story, brick building set on a concrete foundation and capped by a steeply-pitched slate roof. The five-bay west elevation facing Bucknam Street is five bays wide with the center bay highlighted by a concrete quoined panel that extends the full two stories. The entrance is set into a shallow archway with a shield above and a Gothic lantern scone to the side. The south elevation of the building which originally faced St. Joseph's Church (demolished) has a steeply pitched gable at either end. The entrance centered on this elevation is deeply recessed with a quoined surround and arched broken pediment with cross-topped shield over the doorway. Below the shield is the inscription "Presbytere Saint Joseph".

The rectangular window openings contain double-hung 6/1 (replacement) sash. On the Bucknam Street elevation the



The home at 193 Bucknam St. was once the rectory for St. Joseph's Church – a church that closed in 2001 and was transformed into townhouses in 2004. The Rectory still stands as a residential home. It is one of many historically significant – though little-known – properties in Everett.

first floor windows are set into the brick with a row of slightly projecting stretcher bricks several courses above suggesting a lintel and a small square tile between the windows. The second floor windows on the same elevation have molded surrounds that are without lintels. On the south side there are 6/1 windows with molded surrounds as well as two sets of three windows capped by decorative concrete lintels. A series of low gable dormers punctuate all of the roof slopes except the north and brick exteri-

or chimneys rise from the ends of the front section. Brick exterior chimneys are A single-story brick porch spans the east end of the building. Behind the former rectory is a small, hip-roofed brick garage with two bays facing Kinsman Street.

St. Joseph's Church stood to the south of the rectory and a bronze plaque on a granite base set into the lawn near Bucknam Street reads "St. Joseph Church occupied this site 1912-2001". Two large condominium buildings were constructed

on the site of the former church. The larger of the two buildings faces Bucknam Street and the other faces Kinsman Street. The 2 ½-story, gable end buildings are set on high poured concrete foundations and are sheathed in vinyl siding. Victorian Revival in style, they display two-story, three-sided bay windows, cross gables, scalloped shingles in the porch gables and staircases with stick balusters and knobbed newel posts. Between the two buildings there is a paved parking lot.

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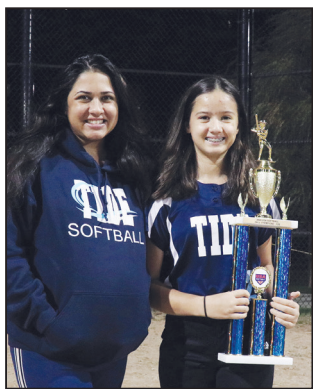
By Cary Shuman

Sophia Clarke tossed a two-hitter with 11 strikeouts as the Everett Tide 12-Under team defeated Salem, 5-1, to win the Middle Essex Eastern Massachusetts championship last Sunday in Salem. The all-Everett contingent, led by head coach Nick Olson and assistant coaches Danielle Nadeau, JT Morello, and Ivan Velev, finished their spectacular season with a 12-1 record in the 19-team league.

Clarke, a talented right-hander who was in her first season as a pitcher, was truly an ace all season, tallying 97 strikeouts in 13 starts to go along with a few shutouts.



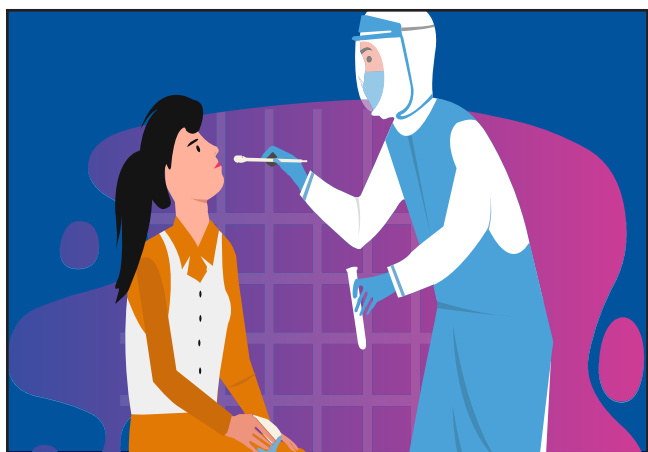
Ashley Seward with her mother, Michelle.



Luiza Velev with her mother, Natalya.



Emilia Maria Babcock with her mother, Robin.



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“Sophia always had aspirations to be a pitcher,” said Coach Olson. “She put in the hard work and really excelled. She’s a really good kid to coach.”

Salem was undefeated coming into the game with its own exceptional pitcher, but Everett used their top-notch bunting, speed, and baserunning to score five runs.

Leadoff batter Jayla Davila had two key bunt singles and scored two runs. Luiza Velev and Julianna Ferguson scored runs by stealing home.

First baseman Alexa Morello was a defensive standout all season. Starting catcher Amelia Marie Babcock limited opposing



Sophia Clarke was the winning pitcher and has 97 strike outs for the season, behind the plate for Sophia, calling a great game is catcher, Emilia Maria Babcock.



Julianna Ferguson with her Aunt, Danielle Nadeau.



Michaela Marchant with her mother, Kelly.

baserunners to few steals on the bases. Sarah Tiberii also had an outstanding campaign as one of the league’s top outfielders. Third baseman Ashley Seward was the team’s unsung hero, according to Coach Olson.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented awards to members of the championship team during a ceremony Nov. 12 at Glendale Park.

“This team was a special group of kids,” said Nick Olson, who served eight years in the United States Marine Corps. “Their camaraderie and teamwork were great. They were a fun team to coach.”



The coaches of the U-12 Champions from left; Asst. Coach JT Morello, Head Coach Nick Olson, Asst. Coaches Danielle Nadeau and Robin Babcock.



Arianna Osorio Bonilla with Alex, and Alanna Gutierrez.



Jordyn Sikora with her parents, Jessica and Peter, and sister Janessa.



Alexa Morello with her parents, Lisa and JT.



Sarah Tiberii with her parents, Laura and Jim.



The U-12 Tide softball team with coaches.

Housing Task Force leads the conversation on evictions and foreclosure protection

Staff Report

The Everett Housing Task Force, formed in February as a result of a resolution introduced by Councilor Stephanie Martins, has become a forum for important discussions pertaining to the current housing crisis. “My first order of business on the Council back in February was to create a platform for important housing discussions and an incubator for housing policies. The Everett Housing

Task Force received full support from Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Council President Rosa DiFlorio right from its inception, and was voted unanimously by the Council.

“An amazing and diverse group of reputable individuals has since come together to discuss vital housing matters affecting our City and upcoming housing ordinances,” said Councilor Martins. “Together, we have discussed landlord and tenant’s rights in collaboration

with Attorney General Maura Healey’s Office team, resources with Housing Families Inc., Eliot Family Resource Center, and The Everett Haitian Community Center - EHCC, and Right to Counsel with State Senator Sal DiDomenico.”

This Friday, the Task Force will collaborate with City Life/Vida Urbana to bring a series of workshops live on the City of Everett’s Facebook page (English at 6PM, Spanish at 7:30PM),

and in Portuguese with Attorney Rafaela Garreta, on important rights information regarding evictions and foreclosure protection after the expiration of the moratorium. The workshop will also be presented in Haitian Creole by the Everett Haitian Community Center on Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 p.m. Public participation during the Q&A is encouraged.

Follow www.facebook.com/everetthousingtaskforce for more details.

Everett native picked for ‘Chopped’ television show this week

By Seth Daniel

Everett native Dan Rassi had his knives sharpened and the ovens warmed up this week as he prepared to compete on the Food Network’s ‘Chopped’ television show – a show that premiered Tuesday night after Independent deadlines.

A 2001 Everett High graduate who played football and basement – and also took classes for two years in the Everett High Culinary Program – Rassi now operates two restaurants in North Conway, NH with his brother-in-law Marc Iannuzzi, also from Everett.

“There’s a lot at stake on the show – a lot of bragging rights, of course the prize money and the notoriety for my restaurants,” he said. “They found me and emailed me. When I first saw the email I didn’t believe it because it didn’t come directly from them, but from a casting agent. I was like, ‘Yea, right.’ But then I saw that it was correct and gladly accepted. I am grateful for the opportunity.”

The family is no stranger to culinary TV, though, as his sister, Kathy Iannuzzi, won the Cupcake Wars competition on the Food Network a few years back, helping her to launch a successful cupcake shop in New Hampshire.

Kathy had spent four years in the EHS Culinary Program and was a great mentor to Rassi, he said. He said he loved growing up in Everett and learned his initial passion for great food there in the Culinary Program and in other restaurants and sandwich



PHOTO BY DAWN HUFFMAN/FOOD NETWORK

Everett native Dan Rassi was set to compete on the Food Network’s ‘Chopped’ television show this week. Rassi, who graduated Everett High in 2001, now operates two restaurants in North Conway, NH, with fellow Everett native Marc Iannuzzi.

shops.

“My parents still live in Everett,” he said. “I have a lot of friends there still. Everett provided me a great upbringing and great friends. My first job was at the Silver Fox, where my brother in law got me a job washing dishes at the age of 13. I worked at Antonetta’s and DiBlasi’s and then R. Wesley’s on Broadway...I worked at R. Wesley’s for six years and learned the high end of food. I’ve always been around restaurants, but it took me awhile to realize I wanted to be a chef.”

After high school, Rassi said college didn’t work out for him, and he “float-

ed” around Everett for a while, being a “knucklehead.” Finally, he said, he decided to clean up his act and moved to Florida with Marc and Kathy for a fresh start. Getting a job in a restaurant there, he said he learned important skills and developed a passion for making great food.

After working in the restaurant at a top golf course in Florida, and a couple of other places, he decided to follow his sister to North Conway, NH, to open her shop on the heels of her Cupcake Wars win. However, he said while cooking sweets is fun, he was made to be a chef.

“I finally said enough

with the sugar, I need some salt,” he said. “I’m a chef and I needed to cook again.”

After working under Chef Theresa Stearns in North Conway, he said he became very serious about his food and his abilities in the kitchen. That helped him to partner with Marc Iannuzzi to open Wicked Fresh Craft Burgers, which also spawned Fire by Fresh, a new brick-oven pizzeria.

“We put together the burger joint and it just blew up,” he said. “There are no burger joints up here and there was a need. Three years later we’re at 250,000 burgers sold. My dining room is closed now because of COVID, but we just came off our best summer. Fire by Fresh is doing okay, but has had some trouble because of location, but maybe that will all change after ‘Chopped.’”

The show was filmed last summer in Kennebunkport, Maine, Rassi said. The set-up was an outdoor kitchen with a stove, grill, griddle, blender and mixer. The title of the show is ‘Comfort Food Feuds,’ and the specialty competition focused on burgers. The show brings in four chefs in four rounds of competition and whittles it down to two through challenges of making the burgers, but with odd ingredients like pigs feet and chocolate crickets or other oddities.

Rassi couldn’t reveal how he did on the show, but hosted a watch part online at his restaurant Tuesday night. He said in the past, chefs spent all their time in the kitchen

and weren’t on TV. Now, with celebrity chefs and cooking shows like ‘Chopped,’ it opens up a world of notoriety. He said he hopes the show will propel the North Conway dining scene and his restaurants too.

“I hope the show sheds a little light onto North Conway and specifically our restaurants,” he said. “With COVID, we were closed three months in one restaurant and two months at the other one. It was a big hit. It would be nice to get that notoriety and have people come in because they saw the show and what I can do. That’s not just for myself, but for the staff. It’s also confirmation for me that all the hard work I put in – the thankless jobs over the

years and all the holidays I missed with my kids – it was all worth it.”

Meanwhile, Rassi, 37, said he is proud to be from Everett and makes mention of it all the time even though he’s up in North Conway.

“I loved growing up in Everett and I’m proud to be from Everett and to say I am from Everett,” he said. “I’ve lived in Canada, Puerto Rico, New Hampshire and Maine and there is no place like Everett to get the community feeling I had there.”

Rassi is the son of Rafael and Irida Gonzalez, who still live on Hospital Hill. His wife is Angelys Rassi and they have four kids and live in Fryeburg, Maine.

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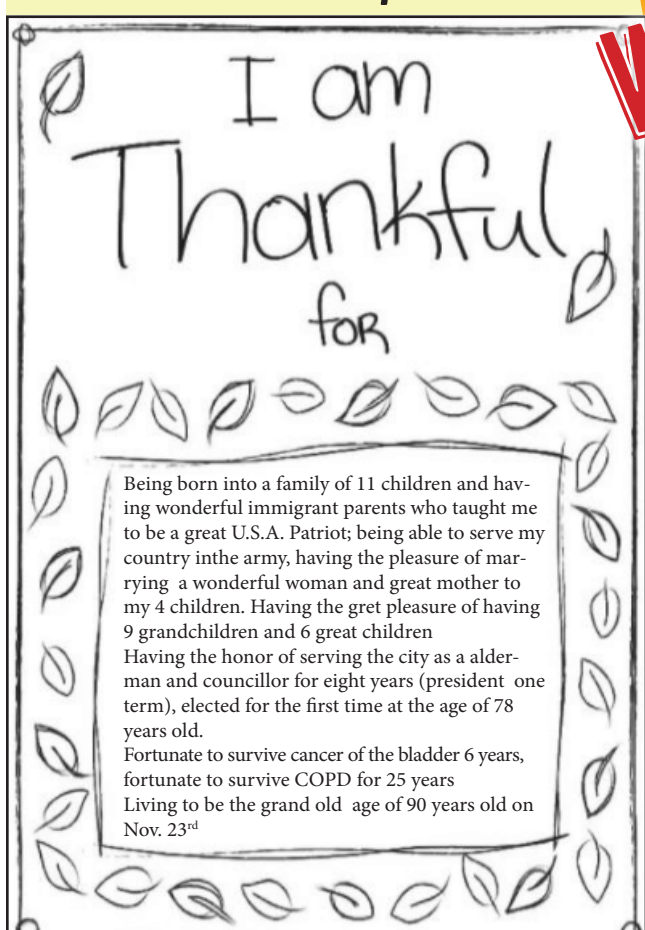
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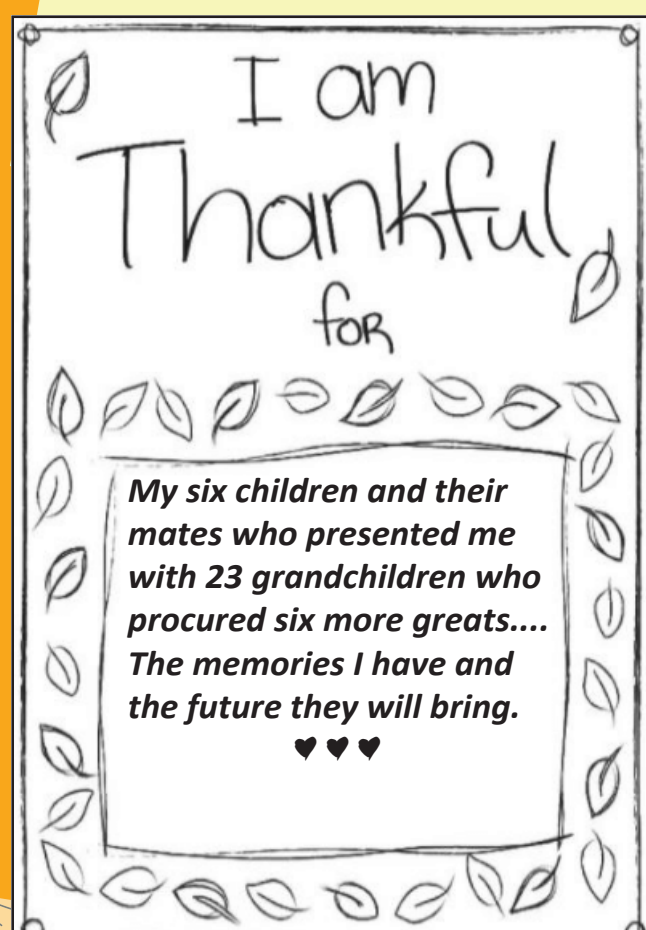
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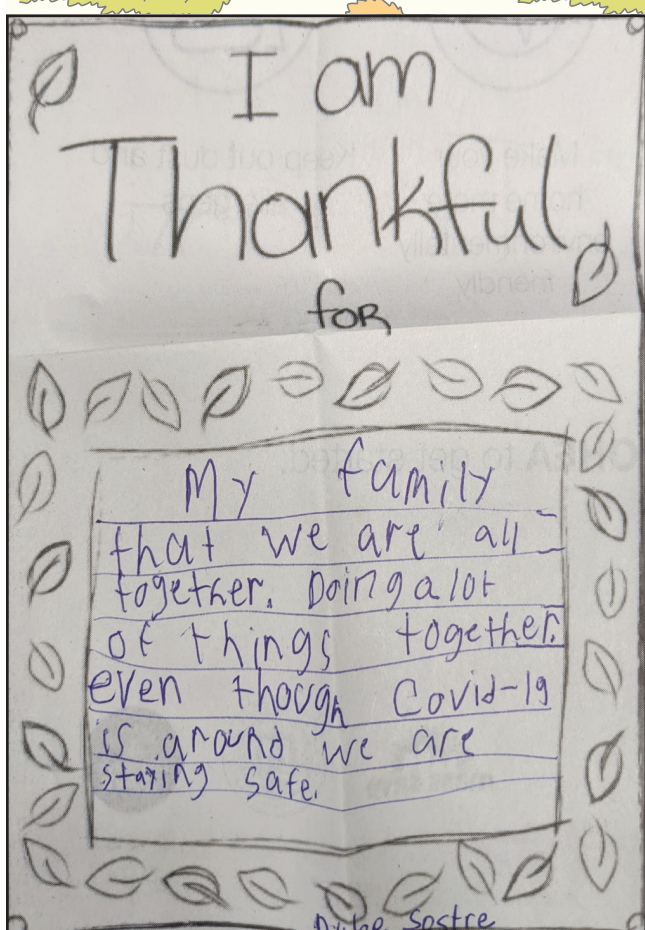
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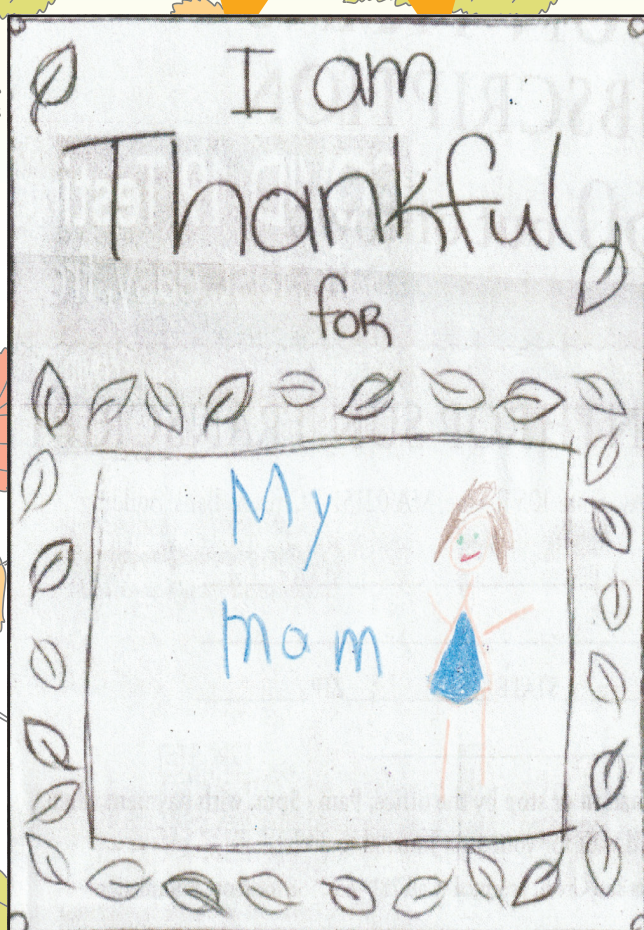
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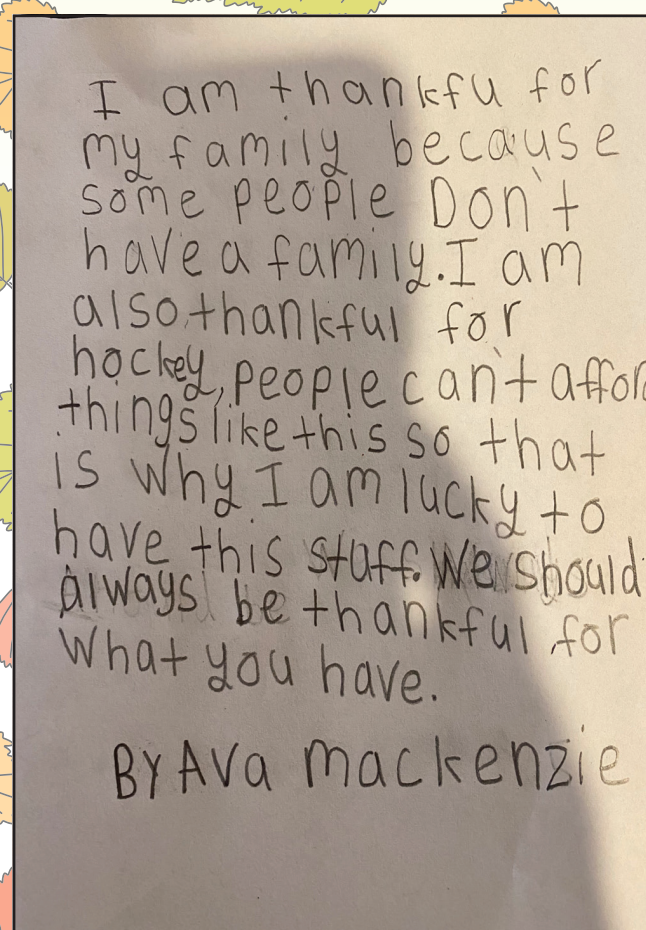
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NEWS IN BRIEF

ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR INVITES NON-PROFITS TO REACH OUT FOR GENTLY USED OFFICE FURNITURE DONATIONS

Encore Boston Harbor is asking members on non-profits to reach out to them for donations of gently used office furniture to include desks, chairs, filing cabinets, tables and other items. Hundreds of pieces of furniture will be donated by Encore Boston Harbor to any charities who have a need for it. Beginning immediately, Encore Boston Harbor asks that interested non-profits and charities reach out to Encore Boston Harbor at 857-770-7000 to request information on furniture and items available for pickup and please ask for Beth Gibbons. All equipment and furniture must be picked up by the organization.

A list of the donated items available include: single cubicles, double cubicles, office chairs, office stools, long meeting tables and filing cabinets. Interested organizations must be able to provide a 501C3 to receive the furniture, free of charge. The pickup will take place starting this week through the end of the month.

Encore Boston Harbor is located at 1 Broadway in Everett, MA. For additional questions, please

email Beth Gibbons at Bethany.gibbons@encorebostonharbor.com.

CHILD SAFETY SEAT NIGHT

In order for a child safety seat to work, it needs to be properly installed and probably used. The Everett Police child seat safety technician is available to assist parents and caretakers with ensuring the safety of children when traveling in a vehicle. This is a free service and takes just a few minutes and will be available Nov. 19, from 5-8 p.m. Children do not need to be present at the time. For more information contact the child seat safety technician by visiting EverettPoliceChild-Safety.com or call/text/whatsapp (617)410-6176.

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WHERE:
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WHEN:
Carter Street, Dyer Avenue, Somerset Street, and Whittier Drive Complex

Paving is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th and Friday, November

20th from 7am – 4pm

Morris Street and Lewis/Davis Street

Paving is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th and Friday, November 20th from 7am – 4pm

Crews are currently working to raise castings on Morris Street

Fuller Street

Ongoing sidewalk improvements

Belmont Place

Improvements are planned, but have yet to be scheduled

SENIOR PANTRY SHOPPING DAYS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging sponsor Senior Pantry Shopping Days at The Connolly Center . Senior shopping will take place Thursdays for the month of December. The dates are December 3,10 & 17 by APPOINTMENT ONLY from 9am until noon.

Seniors, a limit of 10 per hour, will be escorted through The Connolly Center by a staff member in where the senior will be able to choose two bags of groceries. You must enter the rear door of the building, where there is handicapped parking .You must wear a mask, remain socially distant, and temperatures will be checked. This program is available to Everett Seniors aged 62 and over. For an appointment please call Dale or Margaret at 617.394.2323.

Unemployment benefits fraud

The COVID-19 pandemic caused millions of people to lose their jobs and file for unemployment benefits in Massachusetts. Unfortunately, Massachusetts, along with numerous other states, has been hit hard with fraudulent unemployment claims. The Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has reported that over 58,000 fraudulent unemployment claims have been detected throughout the state, preventing the loss of over \$158 million.

“It’s frustrating to hear that there are fraudulent unemployment claims happening in our state and our community,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “The people who are genuinely filing a claim because they lost their job should not have to face another hurdle to try to collect unemployment funds. These are uncertain times and it is my hope that the resources provided by the DUA can help rectify this situation.”

The DUA has verification steps in place to help validate your identity when filing for a claim. They have stated that there is no evidence of a state data breach and is working diligently with claimants to ensure their protection.

If you feel that your identity has been stolen, the DUA has provided steps you can take to protect yourself:

- File a police report with your local police department. Be sure to ask for a copy of the report so

you will be able to provide it to creditors and credit agencies.

- Change your passwords on your email, banking, and all other personal accounts.
- Reach out to your credit card companies, banks and other financial institutions where you do business. Explain to them that you suspect that you are a victim of identity theft and request that they put a “fraud alert” on your account.
- Run a credit report and dispute any charges that appear fraudulent. You may request credit reports online from the major credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion or by calling the Federal Trade Commission, 1-877-322-8228.
- Place a credit freeze with each of the major credit reporting agencies. Additionally, place a “fraud alert” on your credit file by contacting just one of the credit agencies and this will add an alert to the others.
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- o Experian: 1-888-397-3742 or <https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html>
- o TransUnion: 1-888-909-8872 or <https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>
- Take notes of all conversations and keep copies of all documents.

The DUA wants to assure the residents of Massachusetts that protecting claimants’ information is

their top priority. If you feel that someone is using your identity to falsely claim unemployment benefits, there are signs to recognize this activity:

- Asking you to pay a fee
- o The DUA will never ask you to pay a fee for assistance with your claim.
- Be aware of false websites
- o The official state website is Mass.gov
- o The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) website is <https://ui-cares-act.mass.gov/PUA/>
- o The claimant login website is <https://uionline.detma.org/Claimant/Core/Login.ASP>
- Email and Text Messages
- o The DUA will never ask for your private personal information (Social Security Number, Bank Account, Credit Card, etc.) by email or text message.
- o The DUA may send information by email or text message, but this information will always direct you to Mass.gov resources.

If you suspect that you may be a victim of unemployment benefits fraud, you can complete a form to report it to the DUA that can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/forms/unemployment-fraud-reporting-form> or reach the DUA customer service department at 1-877-626-6800. Additionally, if you are an employer and you wish to report fraud, you can email your complaint to UIFraud@detma.org.

New warehouse proposal would build 220K sq. ft. building, solve long-standing flooding issues

By Seth Daniel

A major “last-mile” warehouse on Market Street that would be strongly pitched to e-commerce companies, such as Amazon, would not only bring new investment to the Second Street industrial area, but also solve long-time flooding issues in most of the southern half of Everett.

The Davis Companies pitched its project to the City’s Planning Board at a Nov. 10 meeting of the body as the company’s first public airing of the project at the Board. The project certainly has the goal of attracting an e-commerce tenant to a brand new 220,000 sq. ft., one-story warehouse distribution facility, but in the shorter term the project would also solve a long-standing issue with flooding caused by collapsed drainage pipes leading up to and under the site – which Davis acquired last fall.

“If you’re wondering what I’ve been doing the last year, I’ve been working very closely with the City Engineer and his counterpart in Chelsea to design and repair that culvert,” said Chris Mora, of the Davis Companies. “We expect to do a groundbreaking on that part a couple months from now on that.”

The Market Street culvert has been a source of ire for more than 10 years, and causes severe flooding issues on Spring Street and further up into Everett. The culvert is formerly the Island End River, and drains about 430 acres of Everett. The collapse has prevented the proper flow and has resulted in litigation and horrible flooding for a long time. That intends to be fixed very soon, Mora said.

The City will be undertaking a project to “daylight” the culvert and allow the free flow of water on the surface. That will account for about 400 feet of the problem and is more environmentally sound as well and prevents and future collapses because it is open to the air.

The Davis Companies will undertake the complete replacement of 280 feet of culvert under their property as part of the



A last-mile warehouse distribution center is being planned by The Davis Companies for the old Market Street Terminal at the corner of Second and Market Streets in the Produce Center. The company is targeted the warehouse to an e-commerce tenant, but has no contract with anyone yet.



As part of the plan, The Davis Companies and the City are cooperating on fixing a failed culvert housing the Island End River, a culvert issue that has caused major flooding issues in a large part of the City for many years. Here, on Monday, the high tides overwhelmed Spring Street and had nowhere to drain.

agreement with the two cities, and at a cost of \$7.2 million. They will replace a 16’ x 9’ corrugated steel culvert with a 16’ x 12’ concrete box culvert. Another 70 feet of concrete box culvert will be in Chelsea.

Beyond that issue is the actual project, the warehouse.

The large warehouse would be targeted to companies looking for “last mile” distribution for e-commerce. There, however, is no tenant as of yet.

“We have built into the program for a last-mile distribution warehouse and now we understand how these facilities operate, but we don’t have yet a contract with a potential tenant,” said Mora. “Hopefully during the course of the next month or two we will have news on that.”

Traffic Consultant Liz Peart of Howard Stein Hudson said the building would have 185 employee parking spaces and 495 parking spaces for the delivery van fleet. The peak traffic for such a facility would be around 5-6 a.m. when they expect about 120 vehicles per hour. That said, there are currently 1,300 trips to the existing Market Terminal,

and there would be an estimated 994 to the new warehouse. That, Peart said, would mean an overall reduction in traffic to the site.

Planning Board Member Leo Pizzano said the traffic estimates were made using a Produce Market as a base of operations, while this would be an Amazon type facility such as is located on Beacham Street a short distance away.

“You’re building a really nice building,” he said “It would behoove us to know if we have a produce center there or Amazon there or someone using all these vans.”

Member Jim Tarr wondered if there were alternate options built into the plan if no e-commerce tenant emerges.

“The building is designed with the thought of if we don’t end up with an e-commerce tenant, then we can design it also for a more traditional tenant,” Mora said.

“I’m happy to hear that; I’m glad it’s not Amazon or bust,” said Tarr.

Davis Companies agreed to pay \$25,000 for a peer review study, and they will likely be back to the Board on Dec. 7 or in January.

Real Estate Transfers

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Rivas, Oscar A	Rivas, Jose I	545 Broadway	\$230,000
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Gace, Zerina	Brooks, Beau	30 Chelsea St #701	\$400,000
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Krasowski, Evgeniy	Geiger, James W	24 Corey St #404	\$454,000
Kennedy, Kristin	Mccullough, Kaitlyn	53 Corey St #25	\$490,000
Zakaullah, Shehla	Hung, Alexis	43 Edith St #2	\$439,000
Zywina, Dariusz	Laigner, Fabio	284 Ferry St #284	\$315,000
Serrano-Martinez, Pedro J	Covelle, Christopher F	38 Glendale St	\$685,000
Nally, Travis A	Sage, Shelley	32 Mansfield St #2	\$421,500
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Walmart, Bimbo Bakeries USA, Tyson Foods partner with Feeding America give back to local communities

For the fourth year in a row, Walmart, Bimbo Bakeries USA and Tyson Foods have joined forces to help end hunger across the United States.

Coronavirus hit The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) especially hard this year, with food insecurity projected to increase 66 percent in eastern Massachusetts so that one in eight people are expected to experience hun-

ger this year. In response to this increased need, GBFB’s distribution has surged, increasing nearly 65 percent since March.

The three companies donated 15,000 pounds of food – equating to 12,500 meals – to The Greater Boston Food Bank through a partnership with Feeding America.

Representatives from each of the organizations held a virtual gathering to

celebrate the donation to The Greater Boston Food Bank this past Friday. As part of this partnership, Walmart, Bimbo Bakeries USA and Tyson Foods donated 5,000 pounds of bread and 10,000 pounds of protein that will be given to individuals and families over the coming weeks.

“The holiday season can be an especially difficult time for families ex-

periencing food insecurity,” said Cheryl Schondek, Senior Vice President of Food Acquisition and Supply Chain. “This year has been extra difficult for so many. Our partner agency food pantries report serving over 90-percent more people since the beginning of the pandemic – many who never thought they’d be in this situation. We cannot thank our corporate partners

enough for this generous donation during these trying times.”

Since the beginning of the pandemic in March, GBFB has experienced the eight largest distribution months in its 40-year history, a total of nearly 77 million pounds of food distributed in only eight months. This unprecedented distribution is the equivalent of 64 million meals delivered to our

neighbors in need that reside in nine counties and 190 cities and towns of Eastern Massachusetts.

Through its partnerships and individual donations, Feeding America – the largest domestic hunger relief organization in the United States – provides food to millions of Americans through a network of 200 member food banks and 60,000 partner agencies.

OBITUARIES

Mary Morrill

Former Everett resident

Mary (Costa) Morrill, 90, of Swampscott, formerly of Everett, passed away on November 14, 2020.

She was the beloved wife of the late Stanley D. Morrill, loving mother of Stanley Morrill of Raynham, Stephen Morrill of Swampscott, Kenneth Morrill of Newburyport and Nancy Morrill of Beverly; cherished grandmother of five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild, Mason; dear sister of Jean Imbornone of Georgetown and the late Rose Papile, Fran Filburn, Marion Izzo, Anne Tine, Peter, Tommy and Joseph Costa and baby Catherine and Salvatore. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mary will be laid to rest with her husband Stanley at Holy Cross Cem-



etry in Malden. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Funeral Service will be private. In accordance with State and Federal CDC guidelines, all visitors to the funeral home must wear a mask at all times and practice social distancing. In addition to signing the guestbook for the family, you will also need to print your name and telephone number for contact tracing purposes. For online guestbook please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Anthony Matewsky, Jr.

‘Legendary Standout’ for Malden High School Football team 1969 to 1971

Anthony J. Matewsky, Jr., 68, of Everett, passed away by accident at home, on November 9.

The loving son of Marion Matewsky Antonucci of Everett and the late Anthony Matewsky, he was the father of Karla Matewsky Antonucci of Hubbardston, brother of Wanda Huizenga of Los Angeles, California, Robert and Kathleen (Conrad) Matewsky of Winchedon and Everett City Councilor Wayne Matewsky.

Tony was a “legendary standout” for the Malden High School Football team 1969 to 1971, a graduate of Nebraska State College and a former member of Labors Local #22. He was an avid bicyclist and regular visitor to Everett’s Parlin Library. He enjoyed all football games



and was very proud of his daughter, Karla, and making friends everywhere he went.

Funeral arrangements were by the JF Ward Funeral Home, Everett. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Mrs. Marion Matewsky at 86 Lewis Street, Everett, MA 02149. For online guestbook please visit: www.jfwardfuneralhome.com

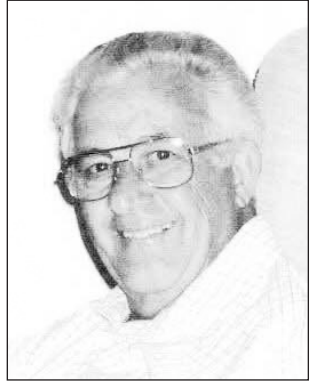
Charles DeMattia Sr.

Well-known musician

Charles DeMattia Sr. of Revere passed away at the age of 92 on November 4.

Born in Medford on August 29, 1928 to the late Michael and Marina (Potito),

he was the beloved husband of the late Rita (Insani), devoted father of Charlene McDonald of Salem, Judith Melanson, David DeMattia, and Robert DeMattia, all of Revere and the late Charles DeMattia Jr.; cherished grandfather of Courtney McDonald, Krystal Vacketta, Lauren Melanson and Amanda, Stacey, Rachel, Jonathan and Jennifer DeMattia; dear brother of Jody Caruso of Maine and the late Michael DeMattia, Helen Carvotta, George DeMattia, Clara DiCarlo, Arthur DeMattia and John DeMattia. He is also survived by his former son-in-law Vincent “Jimmy” Melanson and many loving nieces and nephews. Charlie, as he was known, proudly served his country in the United States Navy during WWII. He studied electronics, and during the early days of television, owned a TV repair shop in Everett.



He later worked at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Then, at Raytheon, for the Department of Defense in Quality Control. Charlie came from a family of musicians and played the clarinet and saxophone. He performed at many weddings and social gatherings with his brother, Mike. Charlie was a devoted Catholic and member of the St. Mary’s Holy Name Society.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all services were privately held for the immediate family. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33 rd St, New York, NY 10016 or at kidney.org. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

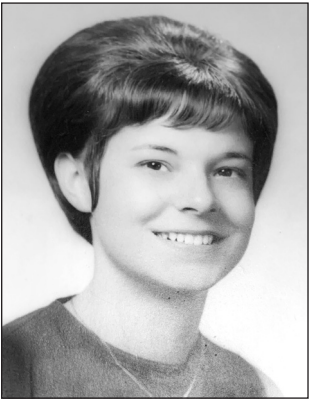
Regina Dow

Being a wife and mother was her proudest accomplishment

Regina I. (Keck) Dow entered eternal peace on November 4.

Regina was born on May 27, 1947 and was a lifelong resident of Everett. The daughter of the late Emma (Keck) and Lawson Goodwin of Everett, she was a graduate of Everett High School, Class of 1966. Regina’s most important job and proudest accomplishment in life was being a mother and grandmother.

Regina was the loving mother of Joseph Dow of Everett, Kristine Dow, Robin (Dow) and her husband, Mark Rotondo, all of Winthrop and Jennifer Dow of Everett and her loving grandchildren, Joseph M. Dow, Jr. of Colorado and Victoria and Emma Rotondo of Winthrop. She also leaves be-



hind her former husband, Joseph as well as extended family and friends.

Funeral services were private. Arrangements were by the Murphy O’Hara Funeral Home, 519 Broadway, Everett. Donations in Regina Dow’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or www.cancer.org.

Barbara Rocco

Family was always first and foremost on her mind

Barbara A. (Dorion) Rocco of Everett and Harwich Port, 85, passed away on November 15 after a long battle with Dementia along with numerous physical ailments.

Barbara was the beloved wife of the late Richard S. for over 55 years, loving mother of Richard Jr. and his wife, Daniela of Lynnfield and sister of the late Geraldine Dorion. Barbara is also survived by her adored granddaughters, Sara, Emma and Lily Domenica, all of Lynnfield. Barbara was the oldest daughter of Mary Dorion and Joseph Ramuglia.

Barbara was raised in Cambridge by her mother, Mary and shared a childhood with her late sister, Geraldine before Geraldine passed away in her early teens. They struggled to survive for many years until an angel by the name of Joseph “Joe” Ramuglia showed up in their lives and took care of both mother, Mary and daughter, Barbara until his own death. Barbara eventually fell in love with and married Richard S. Rocco. Together they lived and raised their one and only child, Richard S. Rocco Jr. on Second Street in Everett surrounded by cousins who all resided in the same neighborhood.

Barbara always loved staying active in clubs and organizations. She was involved in the Centre School Parent Teachers Association, Cub Scouts for the local kids, and helped organize summer beach parties for the Wyndemere Bluffs Association in Harwich Port. Later in life, she served as a trustee for the Parlin Memorial Library in Everett for many years.

As Barbara and Richard got into their “golden years” they would split time between Del Ray



Beach, Florida and Harwich Port, yet always returning to Everett for the holiday season. They were avid travelers and visited destinations from Europe to the Far East. Although later in life, no matter where Barbara was, she had to check in with her beloved family. Her son, Richard, his wife, Daniela and three grandchildren were always first and foremost on her mind. She lived to listen to the stories that flowed from Sara, Emma or Lily around the dinner table and lit up like a beacon of joy hearing them talk.

Ultimately time caught up with Barbara and she was called home to be with her departed husband Richard, mother Mary, father Joe and sister Geraldine. May they all rest in peace and embrace each other eternally. God Bless you Barbara you are finally at peace.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the family has chosen a private funeral service for the safety and protection of those who loved her. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in memory of Mrs. Rocco to the Dementia Society of America by mail to PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901 or online www.DementiaSociety.org/donate.

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Seven out of 10 Americans unlikely to travel for Holidays

A new national survey commissioned by the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) shows that many Americans are not expected to travel this holiday seasons. Results show that 72 percent of Americans are unlikely to travel for Thanksgiving and 69 percent are unlikely to travel for Christmas, compounding the challenges for the hotel industry during this public health crisis.

Business travel has been even more impacted. Only 8 percent of Americans say they have taken an overnight business trip since March, and just 19 percent of respondents who are currently employed—or 8 percent of all adults—expect to travel for business within the next six months. Sixty-two percent (62 percent) of employed Americans have no plans to stay in a hotel for business.

The survey of 2,200 adults was conducted November 2-4, 2020 by Morning Consult on behalf of AHLA. Key findings of the survey include the following:

- Only three in 10 (32 percent) respondents have taken an overnight vacation or leisure trip since March
- 21 percent of Americans say they are likely to travel for Thanksgiving, 24 percent are likely to travel for Christmas
- Looking ahead to next year, 24 percent are likely to travel for spring break
- 44 percent say their next hotel stay for vacation or leisure travel will be a year or more from now or they have no plans to stay in a hotel

“This holiday season will be an especially difficult time for all Americans, and our industry is no exception” said Chip Rogers, president and CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association. “Fewer people

will be traveling, and business travel remains nearly non-existent. That’s why it’s so important for Congress to pass a relief bill now. Millions of Americans are out of work, and thousands of small businesses are struggling to keep their doors open. We cannot afford to wait until the next Congress is sworn in for relief. They need help now.”

“For those who are considering traveling for the holidays, hotels will be ready to welcome you. Through our Safe Stay initiative, hotels have enhanced our already rigorous cleaning protocols to be more transparent and give travelers even more peace of mind,” said Rogers.

The hotel industry was the first impacted by the pandemic and will be one of the last to recover. Hotel occupancy rates partially rebounded from record lows in April, but they have continued to decline since Labor Day. According to STR, nationwide hotel occupancy was 44.4 percent for the week ending October 31, compared to 62.6 percent the same week last year. Occupancy in urban markets is just 35.6 percent, down from 71.8 percent one year ago.

As a result of the significant drop in travel, more than half of hotels report they have less than half of their typical, pre-crisis staff working full time currently. Without further governmental assistance, 74 percent of hotels said they would be forced into further layoffs. Business and group travel are not expected to reach 2019 peak demand levels again until 2023. As a result of the sharp drop in travel demand from COVID-19, state and local tax revenue from hotel operations is estimated to drop by \$16.8 billion in 2020.

CHURCH News

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can’t physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed via their Facebook page, “Zion Church Ministries.”

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

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

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

NA Meetings – Mon.

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

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

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

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

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News and Notes

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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
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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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

Come all and let us walk together in this season of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church
67 Norwood Street, Everett, MA
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617-389-5765

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4:00 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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

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

Bring a Book-Buy a Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It’s called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Bring 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.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

PUBLIC FORUM HELD

CHELSEA - Alexander Train, director of Chelsea Housing and Community Development, and Sayou Cooper, project manager, hosted a public forum on the Route 1 Housing Enhancements Program Monday.

The meeting was conducted via a remote Zoom broadcast.

Cooper said at the outset that the meeting would focus on the scope of the Enhancement Program itself, the MassDOT project, and the application process for funding.

“Through his program we strive to improve housing conditions and public health for Chelsea residents,” said Train. “We’re extremely pleased to be launching this program. The Program seeks to improve properties that are adjacent to the Route 1 Corridor.

Chelsea residents who live adjacent or parallel to Route 1 North and Route 1 South, from Beacon Street to Carter Street (10 streets total including Walnut, Arlington, and Chestnut Streets), are eligible for funding through the Enhancement Program.

The Program will be focused on noise installation, air quality, and interior and exterior renovations.

Train said the application process will be launched on Monday, Nov. 16. The funds (\$200,000 has been allocated for the program) will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

“We see this as one of the first housing programs that targets noise and air pollution,” said Train. “So we are confident that this will be a model that we will be able to build off of in the future.”

Train expects that the city will be able to assist 10-15 housing units in the program.

“This program is only open to owner-occupied properties,” noted Train. “The applicant has to live in the property as the principal resident.”

During the meeting, residents raised concerns about the ongoing state construction project (the replacement of the actual Tobin Bridge structure between Fourth Street and Carter Street) on Route 1. “We’ve relayed those concerns to the state and we’re working on the issues that they identified,” said Train.

REP. RYAN INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

CHELSEA - For State Rep. Dan Ryan and his family, the Boys & Girls Club is a multi-generational way of life, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) recognized that commitment in a ceremony last month that saw him inducted into one of the rare spots in their Hall of Fame.

Ryan’s parents attended what was then the Boy’s Club and the Girl’s Club in Charlestown, and he also attended as a kid, along with his sisters. Now, his kids also are growing up at the Club. Add that to the exposure he got to local government while a youngster at the Club – an experience he credits with getting him into politics – and it equals a Hall of Fame tradition.

“It is truly a great honor to be recognized by the Boys and Girls Club Community and join to the ranks of former ‘Club Kids’ who attained this title mostly by never forgetting the ideals and values taught inside our Clubhouses for generations,” he said.

Josh Kraft, Nicholas President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, said Rep. Ryan exemplified the value they seek to teach young people in their Clubs in Boston and Chelsea.

“Danny Ryan exemplifies all the values that make Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston such an important part of Boston and Chelsea for the past 130 years: commitment to

community, respect and love for all, and thoughtful leadership,” said Kraft.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston Hall of Fame celebrates a tradition of positive influence and impact across the communities of Boston and Chelsea. Inductees are individuals who attended Club and have gone on to make important contributions in their field, are role models of exemplary service to their community, and continue to have a positive impact on their Club. Their stories are very different, but all start out the same: with the life-changing programs, caring and attentive staff, and fun and safe environments provided at Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

Ryan is currently serving his third term as State Representative for Charlestown and Chelsea from the Second Suffolk District in the Massachusetts Legislature. Dan serves as Vice-Chair of the House Post-Audit and Oversight Committee.

A Charlestown resident, he and his wife Kara are raising a third generation of “Club Kids.” Their daughters Ella and Audrey are both members of the Charlestown Club Swim Team. Their son, Myer, is a Club alumnus currently attending graduate school at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. Myer was also a swim team member and played basketball at the Club. Ryan and his two sisters, Carla and Marnie, grew-up at the Club. Carla currently serves on the Charlestown Club’s Local Advisory Board. Ryan’s mom, Maryanne, swam for the Girl’s Club as a youngster and his dad, Carlo, a World War II veteran, also attended the Boy’s Club as a kid in the 1930s.

Ryan’s introduction to public service was a direct result of his involvement in the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. As a kid, Ryan said he enjoyed summer camp, playing basketball and attending the Friendship Club. These experiences led him

to become a staff member at the Club as an adult. As Teen Center Director in the 1990s, he chaperoned the annual Rocket Club trip to Washington, D.C., with then Club Director Jerry Steimel. A seed was planted. The following year, Ryan was living in Washington, D.C. while working as a legislative aide for Congressman Mike Capuano when the Rocket Club returned for a tour of the Capitol building. After a 14-year career in the Congressman’s office, Ryan won his seat at the Massachusetts State House in 2014.

CAR BREAKS SHOW INCREASE

EAST BOSTON - In what will be the last Boston Police Department’s crime statistics report before the end of the year, the recently released report shows larceny from motor vehicles, or car breaks, in East Boston continue to skew the overall crime stats in the neighborhood.

Part One Crimes, the more serious crimes the Boston Police track, are up 25 percent overall in Eastie when comparing Jan. 1 2020 through Nov. 8 2020 with the same time period last year.

The main culprit continues to be larceny from motor vehicles, which are up 105 percent in the neighborhood.

By this time in 2019 there were only 92 reported car breaks but that number has increased to 189. It seems the number of motor vehicle larcenies, an opportunistic crime that only takes seconds to pull off, is up all over Boston. Citywide the number has gone from 2,332 in 2019 to 2,932 so far in 2020, a 25.7 percent increase.

“The Department obviously takes great pride in the fact that arrests were made in all three incidents, nevertheless, we would like to take this opportunity to remind community members to employ common sense preventative measures to protect items

ZOOM VIOLIN CLASSES BEGIN END OF NOVEMBER



Last Monday and Wednesday, violinist from our Elementary and Middle Schools Strings Program stopped by the MCB Complex to pick up music and have their instruments tuned up. After eight months of not playing, Zoom violin after school class will be starting at the end of November.

of value when exiting their vehicles,” said the statement. “As simple as it may sound, protecting your motor vehicle from a break-in starts with locking the doors and closing windows. Simple? Yes. And, highly effective.”

In fact, simple steps can often spell the difference between your car being broken into and the would-be thief moving on to another, more desirable target.

“More than anything else, thieves look for the easy score,” said the police. “So, don’t make it easy. If you have items of value, be it a cell phone, charger, money or iPad, take them with you when you exit your car. Because if a thief can see it, you can be sure he or she will do everything they can to steal it.”

As for other Part One Crimes in Eastie there have been zero reported Homicides for 2020; Rape or Attempted Rape is down from nine to five; Robbery or Attempted Robbery is up from 47 to

54; Domestic Aggravated Assault is up from 40 to 47; Non-Domestic Aggravated Assault is up from 46 to 53; Commercial Burglaries are up from 21 to 27; Residential Burglaries are up by one from 46 to 47; other Larcenies are down from 162 to 158; and Auto Theft is up from 38 to 38.

So far this year there have been a total of 628 Part One Crimes, up from the 503 reported during the same time period in 2019.

Again, police are reminding residents that of the 125 additional reported Part One Crimes reported so far in 2020, 97 of those crimes have been traced back to motor vehicle larcenies.

As always, if you observe any unusual activity or observe a car theft or a break-in in progress, don’t hesitate to call 9-1-1.

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RESTAURANTS FEELING COVID PRESSURE

EAST BOSTON - The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on the local restaurant industry over the past eight months.

At the beginning, restaurants switched to a delivery or take out only model until their dining rooms could reopen. That process was slow going and over the summer the city allowed for outdoor seating before cautiously moving to indoor dining--albeit with limited seating and capacity.

With most restaurants already operating on tight margins, last week's announcement by Gov. Charlie Baker that restaurants in Eastie and across the state would have to close at 9:30 p.m. was the last straw for restaurateurs like Eric Jeveli.

Jeveli, the longtime owner of Jeveli's Restaurant in Day Square, told the Boston Globe Monday that he plans to close the restaurant for the winter. The restaurant began its hiatus Tuesday.

It seems Eastie's oldest Italian Restaurant that opened nearly a century ago in 1924 has become the latest victim of the pandemic and fear many have over indoor dining. Jeveli's did not provide outdoor seating during the summer months--a move many restaurants did in Eastie to stay above water.

Jeveli told the Globe this week that the newest restrictions will make it nearly impossible to keep his restaurant afloat during the winter.

"We tried. There's not enough customers to stay open right now," Jeveli told the Globe Monday. "It's the whole COVID thing right now. I think everyone's paranoid to come out."

Jeveli's has historically catered to an older crowd during the day and a lively bar scene at the restaurant's Terminal J Lounge at night.

With senior citizens staying away due to fears of contracting COVID, a disease that is far more deadly to seniors, coupled with the inability to stay open past 9:30 p.m. for the late night bar crowd was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

"Senior citizens -- they're not going out," he said, adding. "I have a few employees concerned about being so close to people all the time. I feel bad for my employees, most have been here forever. But it's COVID, COVID, COVID."

In 1924, Jeveli's grandfather Pasquale opened Jeveli's. At the time it only seated about 30 people but the restaurant was a success.

In 1943, after Pasquale passed away, his son Armand took over the restaurant and after his death in 1957 Jeveli's father Ted became the owner of the family business.

It was under Ted that the restaurant began to expand with the addition of the "The Mediterranean Room" that added 120 seats to the restaurant. In 1982, Ted would build another dining room simply called the "New Room" which would add 75 more seats to Jeveli's.

In 1987, Ted retired and Eric Jeveli took over day to day management of the restaurant.

Jeveli's most memorable achievement was when he had the honor and pleasure of personal-

ly cooking for President Clinton and over 70 of his staff in 1997.

After the President's visit, Jeveli transformed the "New Room" into the "Presidential Room."

YMCA RECEIVES FUNDS FOR FOOD PROGRAM

LYNN - As part of the fourth round of the new \$36 million Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program from Governor Baker, the Lynn YMCA of Metro North has been awarded \$130,000 to ensure that individuals and families have equitable access to healthy, local food. This round of the grant includes 47 awards totaling nearly \$6 million to fund critical investments in technology, equipment, capacity, and other assistance that will help local food producers, especially with distribution in food insecure communities.

The funding will enable the YMCA of Metro North to purchase a refrigerated van to deliver meals, distribute food donations and service supplies, obtain equipment to increase capacity at several Y locations, and create cafeteria space to serve food at the Lynn YMCA.

"Food insecurity was on the rise before the pandemic hit. More partnership and funding for nutrition programs are vital as families continue to struggle in the long road to recovery ahead," says Andrea Baez, Senior Branch Executive of the Lynn YMCA. "The Lynn Delegation has been a crucial ally in helping us expand our food distribution efforts, especially to children who need a safe place to find a meal when they are not in school."

"These funds will ensure that the Lynn YMCA has the necessary infrastructure to distribute food and help keep the community healthy throughout the pandemic," said Senator Brendan Crighton. "Right now it is more important than ever to work together to ensure that individuals and families across the Commonwealth have equitable access to nutritious meals."

"I would like to commend the Lynn YMCA and staff for their commitment to the people of the greater Lynn area," said Representative Dan Cahill. "Their efforts of helping those who need it the most in this difficult time will keep children and seniors from going hungry."

"This grant will go a long way in helping address food insecurity among our communities' most vulnerable," said Representative Pete Capano.

"Too many people in Massachusetts are struggling to make ends meet, and the pandemic has made those challenges much worse. I'm grateful to see the Lynn YMCA receive these critical funds to fight hunger locally as we continue to fight the pandemic into the winter. Too many children and families are going hungry, and that is unacceptable in a state like ours. These funds will go a long way to help people in Greater Lynn feed themselves and their families," said Representative Lori Ehrlich.

"This grant of \$130,000 couldn't have gone to a better organized than the Lynn YMCA," said Representative Wong. "The grant will help the Lynn YMCA to distribute more food to more people in

our community. With COVID-19 and the winter coming, our community welcomes this grant. This is just one example of the State working hand in hand with local communities."

Applicants were evaluated based on equity, economic impact and need, sustainability and scalability of efforts, and ability to support producer readiness to accept SNAP and HIP benefits. Groups that were eligible included organizations that were part of the Massachusetts local food system, including production, processing and distribution, emergency food distribution networks, Buy Local, community and food organizations, school meal programming, urban farms and community gardens, non-profits, and organizations that provide business planning, technical assistance and information technology services.

The Request for Responses for applications closed on September 15, 2020 but applications that were submitted before the proposal deadline will be considered for future rounds of funding.

COUNCIL HONORS VINCENT

REVERE - It would be an all-time testimonial dinner, a capacity-crowd tribute to her many years of service to Revere residents on Beacon Hill, the last six-and-half years as state representative for Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus.

RoseLee Vincent is retiring from her elected position in the House of Representatives after working as the chief of staff for the late former Mayor and State Rep. William Reinstein and his daughter, Kathi Ann Reinstein, who succeeded her father in the position. Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino, whom Vincent endorsed, was elected to the seat on Nov. 3.

With coronavirus cases surging, Revere's citizenry will not be able to

salute Vincent at a large-scale public gathering at this time.

Last week, the City Council voted unanimously to present a Certificate of Commendation to Vincent on the occasion of her retirement. Councilors praised Vincent, one of the city's most well-known and admired residents, while others said they will save their farewell remarks for the popular legislator when the presentation is officially made to her.

We can count on a prolonged standing ovation for Rep. RoseLee Vincent when that historic moment arrives inside the Council Chambers and broadcast live on Revere TV.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS REVIEW FINANCIALS

REVERE - At the last Revere Public School Committees Ways and Means subcommittee meeting members discussed the first quarter financial report that includes the first three months of the current fiscal year.

According to the report presented by RPS Chief Financial Officer Matthew Kruse, Revere has an operating budget of over \$94 million with \$25 million expended so far for the current fiscal year.

With an available balance of \$68.8 million Kruse said things are looking pretty good for FY2021.

"The most useful part of this report is to look and see if anything has already entered into a deficit or are they all tracking with surplus balances," said Kruse. "When you look through the detailed pages and line items there is only one red line item that stands out."

Kruse said the sole red line item was due to early retirement incentives RPS gave to staff that were nearing retirement. RPS offered early retirement due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a number of staff took advantage of the offer.

"This resulted in a \$37,000 deficit but it is not a big one," said Kruse.

Going forward, Kruse said, RPS will look at any surplus in other areas that can flow to help cover the deficit in the retirement accounts.

In other areas RPS has spent \$697,666 for administrative costs out of a \$2.6 million budget.

Instructional services totaled \$6.75 million in the first quarter of FY2021 out of a budget of \$57.4 million and other student services have cost \$3.94 million so far from a budget of around \$10 million.

Operation of plant and maintenance has cost RPS \$3.68 million in the first three months of FY2021 out of a budget of \$9.2 million.

Employee benefits and insurance has totaled \$168,441 so far out of a budget of \$751,500 for the fiscal year.

Civic activities and community service have cost the schools \$15,692 out of a budget of \$39,783 over the first three months of the fiscal year.

There's a \$832,294 budget for school improvements but none of that money has been spent thus far for FY2021.

Revere has spent \$10 million through programs with other schools out of a budget of \$13.1 million.

RPS is also expected to receive two grants due to the COVID-19 pandemic that can be used to help any foreseeable deficits as Revere moves into the second quarter of FY2021. One grant will be \$1.6 million and the other will be for \$2 million. The \$2 million grant would need to be spent by the end of December according to RPS Superintendent Dianne Kelly.

Kruse said there will also be a "Carry Forward" allocation of roughly \$7.92 million left over from FY2020. This money will be added to the budget during the second quarter of FY2021. Kruse said RPS is on target to release a report on where the money will be allocated

ed at a School Committee meeting in November.

NEW DOG PARK PLANNED

WINTHROP - While COVID was at the forefront of everyone's minds at last week's meeting of Town Council, councilors also discussed a number of other issues impacting the community, including a new dog park, the Center Business District project, and new tennis courts.

Election Day
A member of the public wrote in to thank the town clerk's office for realizing a flawless election on Nov. 3. Council President Phil Boncore publicly thanked Town Clerk Joanne DeMato.

"She was short-handed, but her staff did a fantastic job," he said. "Winthrop had its results by 11pm on election day, even while the rest of the country waited days."

Dog Park

Winthrop is about to get a much needed dog park, with help from the Winthrop Foundation. The Dog Park Finance Committee has been looking at potential sites for years, and finally settled on a site on Veterans Road. The cost to build the park will be \$125,000, of which the Winthrop Foundation is contributing \$100,000. This means the town only has to come up with the remaining \$25,000. Council voted unanimously to approve the funding.

Center Business District

Work continues on the Center Business District (CBD) project. Currently the project is on schedule and is expected to wrap up for the 2020 season on Dec. 15. The water and sewer mains have been installed, and drainage is now being completed. Starting in the spring, surface-level changes like sidewalks will be finalized. Department of Public Works Director Steve Calla said he hopes the project will be fully finished by the end of 2021.

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Florence Street Park renovation ready for second phase

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Jacob Scharf Park, also known as Florence Street Park, will be undergoing its second phase of major renovations.

The final design is currently underway and the project is estimated to take 9-12-months.

“I’m looking forward to the second phase of renovations to begin,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “The first phase of this renovation was truly fantastic and I am excited for the Everett community to be able to enjoy the park fully when the final phase is complete. It will remain my goal as Mayor to continue to improve our infrastructure with parks being a major component of that”>

This phase will include the reconstruction of the ball field, the community garden, and the retaining wall. Additionally, new synthetic turf will also be installed along with new lighting features. During



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this time, the fields north of the basketball courts and the community gardens will be restricted to the public due to construction activities.

The first phase of this renovation was focused on the reconstruction of lower Florence Street Park and

was completed in the Fall of 2018. These improvements have provided the community with updated features in the park that consist of a reconstruction of the basketball courts, splash pad, and playing structures.

The Mayor is eager for the final phase of the renovation to begin and has been supportive of funding park improvement projects. The City of Everett has been working diligently throughout this process to ensure that the improvements at Florence Street Park will help create a special place for the community to gather.

Boston Ballet’s ‘The Nutcracker’ to air on NBC10 Boston

For the first time, Boston Ballet will bring Mikko Nissinen’s “The Nutcracker” to homes across New England through a broadcast partnership with NBC10 Boston. The beloved holiday ballet will be broadcasted as a one-hour special excerpted from the 2019 production, with featured narration by Hoda Kotb (“Today”) and Colton Bradford (NBC10 Boston’s “The Hub”) as Drosselmeier. The broadcast also features local talent, NBC10 Boston’s JC Monahan and Telemundo’s Grace Gómez and Miguel García. “The Nutcracker” will air on NBC10 Boston starting

Saturday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m., with encore airings and on-demand viewing opportunities on NBC10 Boston, NECN and Spanish-language Telemundo. It will also be available free of charge on bostonballet.org for a limited time.

Nissinen’s “The Nutcracker” is “an immediate plunge into theatrical splendor that seems to follow audiences right out the door at the ballet’s end.” (Karen Campbell, The Boston Globe) This version of the classic tale, created for Boston Ballet in 2012, is one of the largest builds the Company has ever done, engaging crafts-

people from across the United States. Acclaimed, award winning scenic and costume designer Robert Perdziola illustrated more than 40 sketches that were transformed into the production’s larger-than-life sets that range from calm, subtle colors in the Act I party scene to vibrant colors in Act II’s Nutcracker Kingdom. The production also incorporated more than 350 beautifully intricate costumes, designed by Perdziola. Lighting design is by renowned Finnish designer Mikki Kunttu. The Boston Ballet Orchestra, the second largest musical organiza-

tion in New England, led by Boston Ballet Music Director Mischa Santora, performs Tchaikovsky’s renowned score. Mikko Nissinen’s “The Nutcracker” is sponsored by Primark. Additional support is provided by Hood Eggnog and PNC Bank.

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- Saturday, November 28 at 7 pm on NBC10 Boston
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