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Councilor challenge on remarks

By Seth Daniel

Brazilian American Councilor Stephanie Martins is challenging Haitian American Councilor Gerly Adrien for comments deemed offensive by Martins and that questioned her authenticity as a Latina - calling her a "quote-unquote Latina" during Monday's Council meeting.

The situation began when, three hours into Monday's meeting, Councilor Gerly Adrien was speaking about her belief that the residents are not represented properly by race and ethnicity. She said while the City is majority people of color, there are very few on the Council. In doing so, she indicated that Councilor Martins was "quote-unquote" Latina – meaning that Adrien did not consider her truly a representative of the Latino population.

"There are two wards made up of Haitians and Latinos," she said. "I am the only Haitian on the Council and there is a quote-unquote Latina on the Council. The whole city is not represented the right way."

Martins was clearly distressed by the comment immediately on the Zoom screen and laughed it off, but did offer up an immediate response.

"This is unnecessary but I want to educate everybody that anyone from Latin America is Latino," she said. "I'm not quote-unquote. I'm a proud Latina and I'm proud to represent Everett.'

As the meeting closed, Martins did take a point of personal privilege to call out the comment in more depth. Adrien had left the meeting before then and was not present to hear Martins' comments.

"On behalf of the huge Brazilian population in our city and schools, we can't fight for the cause of diversity while 'quote-unquoting' people's heritage," she said. "I want to say that as a person straight from south of the border, who had to learn English and was not born with a Social Security Number, who had to pass the Citizenship Test

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WINTER WONDERLAND



Wehner Park became a Winter Wonderland on Sunday night, Dec. 20, and despite the rainy and snowy conditions, the drive-thru COVID-19 Christmas celebration drew out many families eager to get into the Christmas spirit. The celebration featured special guests Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus - as well as many other characters. See Page 7 for more



Discussion over

Council votes in favor of Charter change on ward-only voting

By Seth Daniel

Ending more than a year of discussion, the City Council voted 9-2 to make a Charter Change that would change how Ward councilors School Committee Ward representatives are voted into office - making their seats be a vote of the ward only and not of the entire city.

Councilors John Hanlon and Fred Capone voted against the matter. The matter now advances to the State House as a Home Rule Petition for further review and potential approval.

Right now, in one of the few communities to have such a system, Everett ward councilors and Committee members are elected by a citywide vote instead of a ward-only vote. That means a candidate can actually win the vote of the ward, but lose the election. The Council and the City has been moving to make that change since receiving notice from the Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston that the system is likely a violation of the federal Voting Rights Act as it could dilute the vote of communities of color. They have indicated to the newspaper several times they are watching Everett's moves on the matter, and are prepared to file a lawsuit if necessary to force the change.

They won a similar lawsuit in Lowell some years ago after a long and expensive fight in court.

The proposal in Everett had been voted down at the Dec. 7 meeting, surprisingly, but was called for Reconsideration by former Councilor Peter Napolitano, who has since resigned to pursue a City job. On Monday night, it was finally brought back to the body, where it was approved after about an hour of discussion.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia said her reading is that the Council needed to make the change with a Charter Commission, but she also said that would likely lead to a lawsuit being filed. She said there are other opinions that support the idea of it being a legal change as a Home Rule as well. In the end, she said there's no easy answer.

"I think you guys are between a rock and a hard place," she said. "Either

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CHA Everett vaccinates first employees on Saturday

By Seth Daniel

The CHA Everett hospital in Everett received the first shipments of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 vaccine on Thursday, Dec. 17, and began vaccinating workers at the hospital on Saturday.

The CHA Everett has been one of the major front-line hospitals in the fight against COVID-19 since last spring, with it being right in the middle of three high-risk communities like Everett, Chelsea and Revere. Workers in the Emergency Department and the ICU have been caring and coordinating care for patients over the last several months with no vaccine protection, so the arrival of the first of two shots was an historic

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Physician assistant Gaylen McCann (above left), from the Dept. of Surgery, and Critical Care Nurse Carla Cerrato (above right) were the first two CHA Everett employees to be vaccinated for COVID-19 on Saturday. The hospital received vaccine

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way you decide to act, the outcome is going to be the same. Either way would also be a valid way in the eyes of the state."

Wayne Councilor Matewsky was the lead sponsor on the change, and said it's long past time to take action on making this change.

"I think it's the right thing now," he said. "The truth of the matter is there are many people here that are open to this change. It's the fair thing to do. If a candidate gets 1,000 votes in the district, and the other candidate gets 100 votes in the district, but wins on the citywide vote, that's not how it should work."

Capone said he has no problem with the premise, but feels any Charter Change needs to be in the hands of the voters.

"I understand where everyone is coming from, but for me the Charter is akin to our Constitution," he said. "If we start chipping away at it, I don't think we have the authority to change it...When you get to larger things, you have to be careful with it... Different lawyers have different opinions, but the statute reads changing of manner of election is not allowed. My reading is it's a violation of the law and a violation of the public trust. Major changes to the Charter I will always vote 'no' because I believe it belongs in the hands of the people."

Councilor Gerly Adrien said she understands the desire to let the people vote on the matter, but said the City risks a lawsuit for a violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act. She said there are at least two wards in the City that aren't properly represent-

"We have wards in our city where there are communities of color, particularly Haitian - which I am proud to be of - and Latinos," she said. "We do not have the right number of representation in our city to reflect the whole city, which is why this is illegal. For some of my councilors who do not understand, we are violating a federal right. We need to make sure we do this right from the beginning. I understand the Charter Commission formed this, but they were wrong. We need to change this or we will get sued like the other city."

Councilor Anthony DiPierro said the former Charter Commission was too political, and this was a result of that. He said it's time to vote.

"I personally think this change makes us more accountable as ward representatives," he said. "There's not a whole city to hide it. You need to be accountable in that ward and make sure things are done. It makes us better representatives. It's simple...This is the right thing to do. We've been talking about it over a year and I'm tired of talking about it...You want to talk about a Charter Commission, I don't even want to go there. The last Charter Commission was as polit-

Councilor Michael Mc-Laughlin said it's time to take a tough vote, and noted he had talked to hun-

ical as it could be."

dreds of people about this and other recent Charter changes.

"If we're going to get sued, I don't want to send our City down a foxhole," he said. "If we vote on this tonight, we're not harming the City or the people. We're asking the state to look at it...If they tell us we're wrong, we go back. It's time for us to stand up as big men and women and take votes...If we don't do that tonight, we are doing a disservice to the men and women of Everett and we don't deserve our paychecks at the end of the month."

Hanlon said Everett is diverse across the board, and he doesn't think there are any particular "pockets" of people who are being disenfranchised. He said the change needed to happen with a Charter Commission.

"Maybe they into Lowell and found whole areas of that city that are Latino, so they had to change it," he said. "Where do you find that in Everett? Where are these pockets of people? I see Haitians all over the city. I see Italians all over the city. I see Irish people all over the city. I see Latinos all over the city. So the point is where are these pockets that deserve this representation? I don't find it bad that we want to change the charter, but we should be looking into electing a Charter Commission."

The matter will be forwarded to the State House, and it will likely be scheduled for a hearing in the Joint Committee of the House and Senate.

COVID-19 Briefs

COVID-19 TESTING SITE UPDATE

Beginning on January 4th, all testing will be conducted at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center at 47 Elm Street. Below please find the updated

•Monday – Thursday: 7am-1pm, 2pm-7pm

•Friday & Saturday: 12pm - 6pm

As a reminder, this is an indoor walk-up site. There is parking available at the center as well as on street parking and overflow parking at Everett High School and the DCR hockey rink. Public transportation is also available close by. It is important for those who get tested indoors to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing.

UPDATE COVID-19 TESTING HOLIDAY **SCHEDULE**

Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, there will be some modifications to the City of Everett's COVID-19 testing schedule due to the testing labs closure and inability to process samples. Below please find the changes for the week of Christmas:

- Wednesday, December 23rd – Closed at 12pm
- Thursday, December 24th – Closed
- Closed Testing will resume on Saturday, December 26th

at 12pm at the Rivergreen

• Friday, December 25th

Park Parking Lot. During the week of New Years, the following

changes will occur:

- Wednesday, December 30th – Closed at 12pm
- · Thursday, December 31st – Closed
- Friday, January 1st -
- Saturday, January 2nd Closed

Testing will resume on Monday, January 4th at 7am at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center at 47 Elm Street.

The COVID-19 testing site for senior citizens at Pope John XXIII High School will also be cancelled during this time beginning on Wednesday, December 23rd. Depending on the availability of additional CARES Act funding, this program may continue in the future.

Leaders endorse Michelle Wu's 2021 Boston mayoral bid

A dozen municipal leaders from across Greater Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announced their support for Boston City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu's mayoral campaign, including Everett Councilor Stephanie Martins.

The leaders listed below have endorsed Michelle Wu's mayoral bid in support of Boston's potential to be a catalyst for systemic change across the state and the country.

Town Watertown Councilor Caroline Bays Quincy City Councilor

•Somerville City Coun-

cilor Ben Ewen-Campen •Chelsea City Councilor Judith Garcia

 Brookline Select Board Member Raul Fernandez

•Everett City Councilor Stephanie Martins •Pittsfield City Council-

or Helen Moon •Lowell City Councilor Vesna Nuon

•Malden City Councilor Ryan O'Malley

•Newton City Councilor Holly Ryan

•Cambridge City Councilor Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler •Cambridge City Coun-

cilor Quinton Zondervan On Tuesday, December

15, these elected officials joined Wu for a virtual event to discuss the power of local government and the need for a regional vision and partnership to solve our deepest challenges, such as housing, transportation, climate, and closing the racial wealth gap.

"I'm grateful and proud to stand with these friends and trailblazers who share a fierce belief in the power of cities to lead," said Michelle Wu. "From housing, to transportation, climate change, and closing the racial wealth gap—we need regional vision and

partnership to solve the inequities our communities are facing."

Said Councilor Martins, "I am proud to support a sister in service with a proven record of fighting for education, climate, and closing the deep racial wealth gap in Boston. Michelle Wu has been and will be on the front lines fighting for a better Boston for everyone."

In September, Michelle Wu launched her mayoral campaign for bold, urgent leadership to build a Boston for everyone. Michelle is a mom of two young kids, a daughter of immigrants, and a fierce believer that we can solve our deepest challenges through building community. As a Boston City Councilor, Michelle has worked in coalition to deliver bold, systemic change and redefine what is possible through activist city leadership.

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and is here. To get to be an elected official is a huge milestone. We don't have a lot of people like me. To have a person that flies the flag of diversity diminish somebody's heritage I find unacceptable. I want to make sure every girl that looks like me and is fighting the battle to succeed in this country to feel

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On Tuesday morning, Adrien told the newspaper she had no further comment and stands by her statement about Martins - noting that she has made comments in the past that brought on her comments.

On Tuesday as well, Martins submitted a lengthy op-ed to the news-

Department of Surgery,

and Critical Care Nurse

CHA Everett plans to

vaccinate hundreds of

prioritized employees -

Carla Cerrato.

paper condemning the comments by Adrien and calling it "Color on Color Racism."

"The comment, which was dismissive and disrespectful, reflects a sad reality in our communities of color: the fact that color on color racism exists." she wrote.

The 600 gets financing, closes of property for upcoming groundbreaking

By Seth Daniel

The 600 residential mixed-use project on the top of the Broadway hill has received financing and closed on the property late last week, according to owners of the development company.

John Tocco said he and his business partner, Rich Volnay, now own the property at 600 Broadway, and have also officially launched a new development company called V10 Development.

"We now own the property and we expect to have a groundbreaking ceremony tentatively scheduled for the end of January pending the COVID-19 situation," said Tocco. "We're ready to go. We're ready to rock and roll."

The project sits on a section of Broadway near McKinnon's and DiBlasio's that hasn't seen new investment in decades aside from the 600 and a similar residential project across the street form Greg Antonelli. The 600 is an 85-unit new construction building, with 37 parking spaces, on two lots that are now a doctor's house office and a one-story professional building. The project would also include a new restaurant/café on the ground floor that will be operated by Chris Moreira of the Square Deli in Everett Square.

It was approved by the Zoning Board back in February, and got approval from the City Council for the mixed-use last summer.

"It wasn't easy to bring all this together in a the middle of a global pandemic," he said. "A lot of developers aren't getting financed and that speaks to the project we have put forward.'

Tocco said they are happy to bring the project to the next milestone, and they are in line with Mayor Carlo DeMaria's vision for the area.

"We're really excited to carry Mayor DeMaria's vision for this area of Broadway forward," he said. "We're excited for Chris at Square Deli to get a new restaurant and we're excited for our neighbors in the neighborhood. We'd also like to thank all our supporters who backed us along the way."

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EHS awarded Skills Capital Grant for Culinary Arts Program

Charlie Baker announced the awardees for the \$11.7 million Skills Capital Grant. Skills Capital Grants are competitive grants to educational institutions across the Commonwealth to update equipment and expand student enrollment in programs that provide career education. Everett High School

an in-house experiential

Last week, Governor

awarded this grant money," said Rep. Joe Mc-Gonagle. "These kids are such hard workers and this will create plenty more was awarded \$85,000 for opportunities for them and the culinary arts program. their futures. I look for-The high school will open ward to seeing the incredan onsite bistro to create ible culinary arts program

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learning opportunity for students. The experience will build students' real-world skills so they can meet the expectations of employers. "I am so thrilled that the very deserving students

of Everett High will be

State Senator Sal DiDomenico also expressed his excitement for the news, saying "Congrats to Everett High School on being selected as a FY21 Skills Capital Grant Awardee! This grant money for an onsite bistro will no doubt be a fantastic learning opportunity for students to build real-world skills and hands-on experience. The Everett Culinary Arts Program is always exceptional, and I look forward to seeing the amazing things they will do with this award."

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Showdown on 11th School Committee seat diverted to joint committee

By Seth Daniel

An intense showdown between City Hall and the School Committee over the past week cooled off substantially Monday night when the City Council voted unanimously to put off voting on a Charter Change adding an 11th member to the School Committee.

It is said that oil and vinegar don't mix, and at no time in the last year has the mixing of City Hall and the School Department been so much like those two substances in that they have found it hard to blend efforts. That has been made worse by quick actions taken by the City Council and Mayor Carlo DeMaria to adjust the membership of the School Committee without much consultation of the Committee itself. Under the Charter, such a vote to make those Charter Changes only lies with

the Council. Things started this fall when the Committee was surprised by an unexpected request from Mayor Carlo DeMaria to change the charter and add him as a voting member. That hadn't been discussed much, though it was a suggestion two years ago by the School Finance Blue Ribbon Task Force. That set off some less-thaniolly feelings between the two, though DeMaria indicated it had been a mistake to put the matter on the Council agenda in a rushed fashion. He began a Listening Tour of the City online with various constituencies, but before he could really get started, the Council surprised everyone by voting in the Charter Change earlier than expected.

Last week, also quite suddenly, another Charter Change was added to the Council agenda to add an 11th member to the School Committee – again done without any consultation of the Committee. Tragically, technical issues prevented that meeting from happening, so the matter was delayed until this Monday night.

By that time, a caustic stew had brewed throughout the world of elected officials in Everett.

The School Committee had asked to be part of a discussion before any such change was made.

The Council didn't appear to be interested.

Monday morning postulation indicated Change was headed to a near-unanimous vote that night. However, when push

came to shove, the Council voted 9-1 to call a joint meeting of the Council and School Committee to talk over the change and, perhaps, iron out their recent differences. "I'm fine with that,"

DiPierro. "If the School Committee wants to discuss it, I'm fine with that." Said Council President Rosa DiFlorio, "I think we can all come to an agreement because this

said Councilor Anthony

bickering back and forth is not right. We can add a member or take one away from the body. Let's have a meeting and discuss it." Councilor Michael Mc-

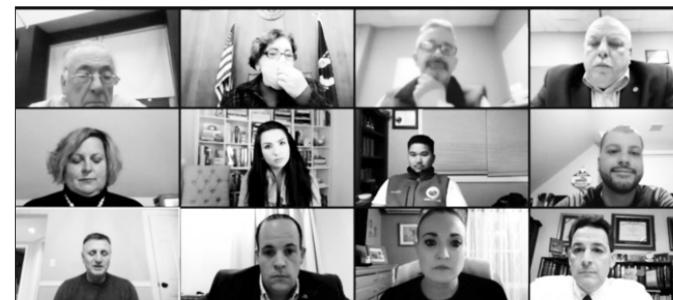
Laughlin said he didn't mind meeting, but his mind was made up.

"What I have a problem with is individuals telling us how to do our job," he said. "I'm happy to discuss it with the School Committee. Quite frankly, it's not going to change my mind one bit."

A date has not been set for the Committee meeting, but will likely be in the new year.

•THE \$471,000

Never (well maybe never) has such a small amount



Councilor Rich Dell Isola was voted back onto the Council on Dec. 16 by the City Council in an 8-0 vote. He was later sworn in and participated in his first meeting on Dec. 21. He returns to the Council after an absence of one year, and fills the seat vacated this month by Peter Napolitano.

of City money been batted around and discussed than the infamous \$471,000 COVID-19 refund request put in by the School Department.

But many minutes and hours have been plowed into this refund, which comes for the School's purchasing hand sanitizer and Chromebooks and PPE for the current school year. Time was of no value again on Monday night as the Council spent 80 minutes talking about the refund, only to learn that really they cannot do anything to advance the matter - as it is only actionable by the mayor and he is still reviewing the request.

"He has never indicated he is unwilling to put that order before the City Council," said Erin Deveney, chief of staff. "His position has been he thought he needed more information for the Council to understand because the money would have to come from Free Cash."

She said the mayor is set to discuss some questions about the transfer with Supt. Priya Tahiliani and the School Committee at their Jan. 4 meeting.

One key piece of information, though, came in solid questioning by Councilor Gerly Adrien of CFO Eric Demas.

A contention from the School Department is the City put in the \$471,000 CARES Act refund in early August, but never informed the schools of that refund. A day or so later, it was returned to the City in a large transfer and the School Department said they had no idea it was there as a reimbursement. Demas has said they would have to have been aware, and if they returned the money, they obviously didn't need it.

Monday, though, Adrien asked Demas if he specifically sent an e-mail to the School Department to tell them the money was

In fact, he did say that he never sent an e-mail specifically to anyone in the School Department about the transfer of the refund. However, he said they should have known.

"To say they were unaware of it, it's not possible," he said.

•QUESTIONING NA-POLITANO'S MOVE Councilor Gerly Adrien put in a motion on Monday to look into the vacancy of Assistant City Clerk and the resignation of Councilor Peter Napolitano so he could pursue that job.

She said she wanted the City Solicitor to look at the matter to make sure no Ethics Violations occurred and the Council wouldn't be violating those rules in voting on the next Assistant City Clerk. She also said him resigning just as the job opened up, and in just enough time to meet the 30-day "cooling off" period was too cozy for

her. "I do have a concern one of our City Councilors resigns and wants to apply for a (City) job and makes sure he did it within a 30-day period and to then magically a job opens up," she said. "I'm sick and tired of what happens here for so many years. Residents are sick and tired of it. We need to open jobs fairly. We need to interview people fairly. We need to give full consideration without already

having made a decision or deal to give it to the former City Councilor."

•WREATHS ON THE **POLES**

The wreaths on the poles throughout the City, including the lights that adorn other areas of the City have gotten a lot of attention. Some now are questioning the cost of them. While the lights and wreaths are not completely new, there has been some additions this year to brighten things up even more.

Monday night, Councilor Fred Capone said he has heard great things about the wreaths, and he has heard concerns about what they might have cost.

He said he has heard a lot of speculation and would like to get a breakdown of what was spent on the wreaths this year, if anything.

Councilor Anthony DiPierro said he looked forward to the conversation because the décor was brought on in prior years before the pandemic.

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PLANNING BOARD 484 BROADWAY EVERETT, MA 02149

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public Hearing on an application by DAG Realty Trust for Site Plan Review & Special Permit Premises located at 141-151 Bow Street

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A and with Section 19 and Section 30 of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM that can be viewed live on YouTube (Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwa-OnTb-geJaekx02IH54Q) to consider the above-listed application for Site Plan Review and for a Special Permit allowing six (6) residential units. The property at 141-151 Bow Street, Everett, Massachusetts, is a parcel located in the Lower Broadway Multi-Family Residential (LB-MFR) District that is currently occupied by two industrial buildings. The Applicant, DAG Realty Trust, proposes to convert the second floor of the existing structure located at 151 Bow Street containing 5,625 sf. from a vacant space into six (6) residential apartments. The 6 units will be comprised of four 2-bedroom, and two 1-bedroom units and the interior of the building will be completely renovated as part of the proposal. The Premises is approximately 57,425 sf. and is currently home to four commercial tenants, is designated as Assessor's Parcel No. H0-03-000046.

A copy of the applications and plans are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at http://www. cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours by contacting The Planning and Development Office at 617-394-2334.

All persons interested in or wishing to be heard on the applica-

tions may attend and participate in the virtual hearing designated above in accordance with the information for public participation that will be included on the Agenda of the meeting that will be posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law under Planning Board at: http://www.cityofeverett.com/AgendaCenter. Questions and comments can be directed in advance of the public hearing to Matt Lattanzi of the Department of Planning & Development at Matt.Lattanzi@ci.everett.ma.us or 617-394-2230.

> Frederick Cafasso, Chairman December 22, 2020 December 29, 2020

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PLANNING BOARD 484 BROADWAY EVERETT, MA 02149

Site Plan Review & Inclusionary Zoning Special Permit Premises located at 12 & 24 Vine Street and 337-349 Second Street

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A and with Section 19, Section 32 and Section 33 (Commercial Triangle Economic Development District) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM that can be viewed live on YouTube (Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCdwaOnTb-geJaekx02lH54Q) to consider the above-listed applications for Site Plan Review and for an Inclusionary Zoning Special Permit. The Applicant, Block Properties, LLC proposes to demolish the existing structures on the Premises located at 12 & 24 Vine Street and 337-349 Second Street, Everett, Massachusetts and to construct a new 6-story building with 320 residential units, of which 16 units are proposed to be affordable, with approximately 4,000 sf of ground-floor retail space along with a parking garage. The Premises is bounded by Second Street, Boston Street, Vine Street, and Third Street and is designated as Assessor's Parcel Nos. K05-000067, K05-000068 & K05-000176 and is located in the Commercial Triangle Economic Development District.

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Frederick Cafasso, Chairman

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484 BROADWAY EVERETT, MA 02149

PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING AMENDMENT

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c 40A, § 5, the Everett Planning Board will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, January 11th, 2020 at 7:00 PM that can be viewed on YouTube (Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwa-OnTb-geJaekx02lH54Q, to consider a proposed Amendment to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance.

The purpose of the Amendment is to create a new Section 34 of the City's Zoning Ordinance relating to Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and make related changes to the existing Zoning Ordinance. Requiring TDM participation is intended to prevent, reduce, and mitigate the impacts of development on the City's transportation system, neighborhood livability, safety, and the environment. TDM services provide residents, employees, and visitors with information and incentives to reduce drive-alone vehicle travel to achieve the City's transportation goals. The proposed new Section 34 includes a description of its purpose; definitions; applicability requirements; substantive and procedural requirements; TDM program requirements; occupancy, monitoring and review requirements and compliance and enforcement provisions.

In addition, the Amendment proposes to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add to Section 17 a new subsection W: "Any proposed site

plan or change of use that would not meet the off-street parking requirements of Section 17.A.2 through 13 will be subject to the requirements of Section 34." Strike the word 'minimum' from Section 30.G.2.c

Add a new Section 30.G.2.f: "Any proposed site plan or change

of use that would not meet the off-street parking requirements of Section 30.G.1 will be subject to the requirements of Section 34." It is anticipated that the language of the proposed Amendment

may be revised through the public hearing process. A copy of the Proposed Amendment is on file with and available in the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Planning and Development, both located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be inspected online anytime at http:// www.cityofeverett.com/449/Planning-Board and/or by request during regular City Hall business hours by contacting The Planning and Development Office at 617-394-2334

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THE TRUE SPIRIT OF **CHRISTMAS**

The Christmas season usually is the most wonderful time of the year.

But Christmas, 2020, is anything but wonderful.

We are undergoing a degree of hardship unlike any that we have experienced in our lifetime. More Americans are dying each and every day from the coronavirus than perished in any of our wars or on 9/11. As the cumulative death toll inexorably continues to climb, the total number of Americans who will have been killed by the virus likely will exceed all of the combat deaths in all of our wars against a foreign enemy.

The death count from the pandemic only tells part of the story, however. Those who have survived a bout with the virus face an uncertain future because of the serious long-term health effects on their vital organs.

The burden that has been placed upon our doctors, nurses, and other front-line workers has been enormous and continues to grow as the virus relentlessly attacks our populace and fills our hospitals to overflowing.

In addition, the economic impact of the pandemic has been profound for the millions of Americans who have lost their jobs, their businesses, and their homes. Millions of Americans, including one in five children, do not have enough to eat. The lines of cars at food banks stretch for miles.

For our nation's young people, the virus has disrupted their lives to such an extent that economists say the effects upon their education and future job prospects will linger for years to come.

The pandemic has eviscerated the usual holiday celebrations that bring together family, friends, and colleagues, adding to the mental health and anxiety issues, especially for older Americans, that are a by-product of the constant stress in our lives.

But amidst all of the chaos and danger that society is facing, this holiday season has provided us with an opportunity to discover a new-found appreciation for the things that really matter in our lives.

With the usual holiday frenzy of parties, gift-shopping, vacations, and other self-indulgent pursuits no longer viable, we have a unique opportunity to reflect on what is really important: The health and safety of ourselves and our loved ones, as well as the urgent need to assist those who find themselves in dire straits this

We hope that all of our readers will heed the warnings of our public health officials and that those with the means to do so will help the vast numbers of our less-fortunate fellow Americans.

If we do these things, we will come to a true understanding of what the Christmas season really is all about.

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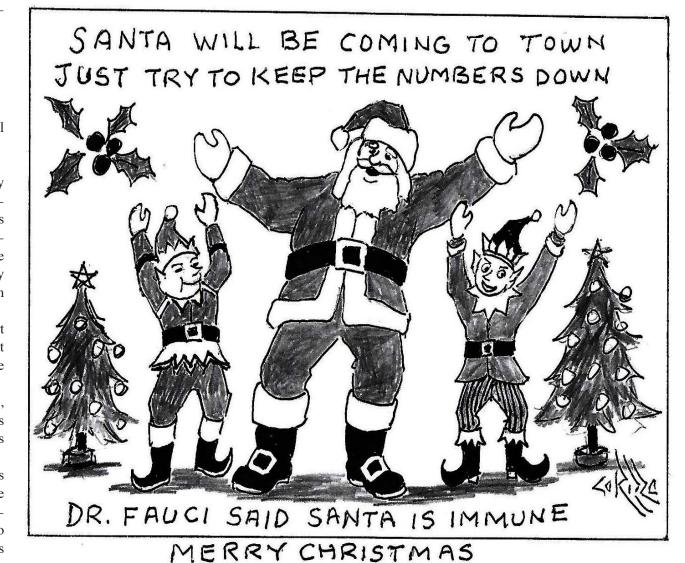
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GUEST OP-ED

Our Christmas Spirit

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Years ago, our church group was out Christmas caroling. We weren't far from the church and our leader led us out to the back of Mr. Castle's house to sing to he and his wife. His wife came to the door and greeted us with a smile and was gracious. We sang to her when suddenly through the window we saw her husband appear in the family room with a big towel around his body. He obviously had just gotten out of the shower. He came into his family room unknowing that 20 carolers had all eyes on him. Several of the women began to chuckle. I just knew we were all about to see something we had not planned on. Sitting down on his sofa he put his feet up and was preparing to relax. The volume of laughter from a couple of his adult friends grew louder when Mr. Castle looked up and saw

us. He immediately made an "Oh no" expression while shaking his head a bit and jumped up and departed to another part of the house. We sang to his sweet wife and moved on down the street with a new visual that I still remember to this day. I'll always remember what a good spirit he and his wife had and that we all left feeling uplifted by them.

This week I walked to the back of a local nursing home to look through a window to see a friend. Ms. Southard is 99. My wife and I visited in her home recently. She was agile, mentally sharp and dancing around like she always does. Her attitude always lifts us up. She did say on that very day we were there, "I don't want to end up in a nursing home. "I told my son I don't ever want to be in one," she said. Two weeks later while closing her curtains she made an awkward step, fell and broke her leg. Surgery was required and also rehabilitation. Her insurance plan would not pay for her to go to the local rehabilitation hospital but instead put her where she never wanted to be, a nursing home. I found out from a

nurse which room she was in and how to find the right window to look through. The nurse said she would meet me at the window and let Ms. Southard know I was there. I dreaded what I might see but wanted to wish her a Merry Christmas. Knocking on the window I was delighted that she was sitting up and started laughing and waving at me. We exchanged Merry Christmas the best we could yelling through a window. While I almost wanted to cry seeing her there, I was so encouraged by her good spirit.

The spirit of Christmas is inside you. This spirit is greater than you and I and

pulls us through the awkward and the very difficult times of life.

The Christmas season we celebrate is one of hope and celebration. The story of Jesus is the story of God's hope coming to us in the little baby a long time ago. 2020 has certainly been a year we've needed hope.

2021 is going to be a better year. Vaccines for Covid-19 are coming. May your spirit be rekindled. Share your spirit with others and may the year ahead be one of the best ever for us all.

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

GUEST OP-ED

Adapting to the times: A modern vision for the **Everett Fire Department**

By Mayor Carlo DeMaria

I recently read an article in a local newspaper which cited concerns regarding staffing at the Everett Fire Department. Rest assured, the health and safety of Everett's residents has always been, and will continue to remain, of the utmost importance to the City Administration. As a community, we will forever be grateful to the dedicated, hardworking members of the Everett Police Department and the Everett Fire Department. I have been asked, on multiple occasions, my vision for the City's approach to modern day public safety. Times have changed, as have the needs of our

Like many communi-

ties, the City of Everett

historically has viewed

staffing for the Everett

community.

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Fire Department as a numerical exercise focused on the number of positions that were filled rather than the needs of the community and type of services provided. While there will always be a need for fire suppression in the City, the Administration has thoroughly studied how to better serve our residents based on the type, frequency, and level of calls received by the Everett Fire Department over the past five years. The analysis of the data

has resulted in a strategic plan that will fill the vacancies in the Everett Fire Department and establish Everett's own fire-based EMS service for the first time in our history. This plan calls for new hires to be trained at the BLS (basic life support/EMT) lev-

el. With this, the City will

be able to operate our own ambulance service solely for Everett residents. In turn, the response time of EMS services in our City will significantly decrease.

The Everett Fire Department currently responds to all medical calls in the City but lacks the ability to transport those in need of services. Under this new strategic plan, the EFD will be given the ability to transport residents while providing a new City service. This plan demonstrates strong fiscal responsibility combined with a greater level of modern-day public safety services.

The history of the Everett Fire Department has shown their unwavering commitment to the residents of our City. I am

proud to say that under

the current Administration there have been no instances of insufficient personnel on any fire truck at any time and the City has maintained adequate staffing levels per the collective bargaining agreement.

Over the past six months, the Administration has worked diligently to develop this strategic plan. The investment of time in crafting this thoughtful approach will result in a fire department that meets the 21st Century needs of our City. We are currently in the final stages of hiring the necessary personnel to execute this plan. I look forward to welcoming up to 20 new women and men to the Everett Fire Department to execute our vision. Carlo DeMaria is the

Mayor of Everett.

LETTERS to the Editor

REPRESENTATION **MATTERS: IT'S** TIME TO TALK

To the Editor,

Monday was a sad day for the cause of diversity, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) individuals, and the significant Brazilian population in Everett, especially the younger kids that represent a near-majority our of schools. We cannot talk about diversity and fighting racism when we invalidate the diaspora, the identity, and the experience of other races. On Monday night while discussing the importance of representation on the Council, I was dismissed by my other fellow colleague of color as a "quote unquote Latina." The comment, which was dismissive and disrespectful, reflects a sad reality in our communities of color: the fact that color on color racism exists.

For the sake of eliminating any trace of ignorance, I first want to clarify that individuals who speak Spanish in the Americas are Hispanic and Latino, but anyone from Latin America is also Latino. Brazil is the biggest country in Latin America, and I have always been proud to embrace my "Latinidad" and educate others. I am Everett's First Latina City Councilor, and adding this new lens to our City government has opened many doors to reach previously disenfranchised individu-

At the end of our meeting, I rose on a point of personal privilege to briefly share my experience, which will not be erased by another Councilor as if one diverse race was more important than the other. I explained that I was particularly proud to be a first-generation immigrant who had to learn English, pass a citizenship test, and work really hard to be where I am and to dream higher as people like me aren't exactly the type you see in office.

Every day, wherever I go, I still look and sound Latina. That isn't something that is always received in a positive way. I have had to not take my husband's last name because I felt it would hurt job opportunities. The world outside does not "quote unquote me," and the struggle by the Brazilian community and all Latinos cannot be dis-

missed. Latinos in America often deal with the generalization that from Mexico down, we are all considered Mexicans. Breaking through the stereotypes and "quote unquotes" to advance has been a continuous and shared struggle. When the Councilor invalidates my experience, she invalidates everyone else's. If as a first-generation immigrant, I am being "quote unquoted," imagine individuals who were born here. Are they less of their heritage because of that?

The Councilor abrupt-

ly left the meeting before adjournment and did not give my community the courtesy to be heard. Unfortunately, I have experienced other instances of microaggressions by the same Councilor, as have other leaders of color in the city of Everett. When asked about her fellow Councilors colleagues of color during a recent TV interview, said Councilor misrepresented, invalidated, and discredited our work. I can talk especially about my housing work and the fight against food insecurity, which has been nonstop and with a record to show. I have also been repeatedly attacked with defamatory statements during live meetings on Facebook by family members of said Councilor.

When other leaders of color in our mutual circles wonder why I do not show up to support certain political matters associated to this Councilor, this is why. I cannot support someone who promotes a platform that does not include everyone. We cannot fight for our own justice while diminishing others.

All black, indigenous, and people of color (BI-POC) are in this fight together. Social justice will never actualize while there is injustice within our own communities of color and between fellow people of color towards each other. When folks are not heard, assumptions are made, and another's work is invalidated, we have failed our own cause.

> Councilor **Stephanie Martins**

THANK YOU FOR THE LONGTIME **SUPPORT**

To the Editor,

I am the Executive Director of For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) and writing to express my thanks to Mayor Carlo

DeMaria for his longtime support of afterschool programs and now remote learning programs. While I am not a resident, my husband Lawrence Keegan grew up in Everett, graduated from Everett Public Schools, and retired from the Everett Public Schools as a high school science teacher and track coach. I can proudly claim that I too am a long-term, active participant in the community of Everett and Everett Public Schools. My recent participation in the virtual learning tours seeking input about the Mayor's new role as a voting member of the Everett School Committee has inspired me to share my perspective with the broader community.

I first came to Everett in a professional capacity in 2007. I initially got to know Mayor DeMaria back then as part of the Everett After School Team (EAST) which convened city and legislative leadschool administraers. tors, and even parents and youth themselves. EAST led a broad community needs assessment process that identified afterschool services as a top community need. In response, the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools through competitive process, invited FKO to become the contracted afterschool provider for the community. This was a big step because at that time there were no licensed afterschool programs within the city limits. Children had to leave Everett to get services. With support of the Mayor and the backing of EAST, FKO opened programs at six different elementary schools which operated year-round up until the COVID-19 pandemic closed down school

buildings this year. I know Mayor DeMaria to be a champion of children's programs in the city and believe him to be firmly invested in providing a solid education for all. I believe his history shows that he can play an important role as an active member of the Everett School Committee. I have appreciated his willingness to promote quality afterschool learning programs, educating himself on the issues of the day, and being strategic in finding positive solutions to many challenges. Let me iust mention a few of the times that he has worked with FKO to achieve great

results for children and

families.

Since FKO's Everett Afterschool Program began, he has been a vocal advocate every single year for dedicated funding to give students in need afterschool scholarships and always made sure the city was focused on providing struggling working families with access to these important services. Further, his commitment to provide evening transportation services for homeless children through the dedication of city resources allowed many additional Everett students to enjoy afterschool programming with their peers.

I have enjoyed the Mayor's frequent visits to FKO programs, joining the kids at Showcase Nights and annual end-of-year celebrations, serving food at FKO potluck dinners, and participating in afterschool project-based learning classes. I fondly recall the time the students at the Keverian School got him directly involved in a special project they launched. They created a "Kids Youth Council" hoping to make an impact on their community and began advocating to update their school's playground. They wrote to Mayor DeMaria, explained the need for mulch to be added under the playground equipment for safety and invited him to come for a visit so they could make their case. The children were absolutely thrilled and so

proud when, just a few weeks after they reached out, they looked out the window to see mulch being dropped off.

When Covid first hap-

pened in March and

schools were closed, Governor Baker put out a plea for childcare providers to open as Emergecny Childcare Providers for first repsonders and essential workers, Mayor DeMaria immediately took initiative to work with FKO to open a program in the city, working with the public schools to make this happen at The Parlin School. He also persisted in providing access for working families and those in need of support this past summer, by supporting FKO to operate a summer program, once again working with the schools, to house the program at the Webster School. Perhaps this fall was when I truly saw Mayor DeMaria's full commitment to educating all of Everett's children despite school buildings being closed and classes operating remotely due to the pandemic. In response to many requests from families, FKO designed a brand new, full-day remote learning support program to care for and support students during remote learning days. We would never have been able to get this program off the ground without Mayor DeMaria and his team. We needed a building, and the Mayor and his staff worked tirelessly not only to help us find programming space at Pope John, but also made sure it was clean and safe for students with technology bandwith to serve the need; this help ensured we could remain open for Everett children so families could continue to work and our city's most vulnerable populations had support between the hours of 7:30am-5:30pm every

day. Over the years, Mayor DeMaria has worked with me, my staff and FKO programs in good faith and always sought to do what is best for our children. I look forward to continued partnership with the Mayor in his new role on the School Committee. His thoughtful and strategic problem-solving efforts have been invaluable to Everett families. I must also note that I am deeply appreciative of the Everett City Councilors, School Committee Members, and Everett Public Schools administrators and personnel who have also been excellent partners to FKO over the years. Working collaboratively together, we will continue to support Everett Public Schools' students and families, especially now with many challenges they are facing.

Deborah Kneeland Keegan **Executive Director For Kids Only Afterschool**



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EVERETT IN THE SNOW

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Everett residents cleared snow from their sidewalks and driveways on Thursday following the storm. Children enjoyed the change of weather, despite many of them already schooling from home amidst the pandem-

David Perez made use of his snow blower on Thursday



Eric Lucas spent his morning shoveling



Elm Street was quiet and dusted with snow on Thursday



Jose "Chamba" Cabria brushed the snow from the windows on his van



The City of Everett had a snow storm on Thursday



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Sofia Garcia cleared the sidewalk in front of her home on



Ernesto Martinez shoveled the sidewalk in front of his **Everett home**



Gary Eisner shoveled out his car during the storm on **Thursday**



Plows worked diligently to clear the streets after the storm





Happy Holidays May God Bless You! Gerly Adrien City Councilor At-Large

A WINTER WONDERLAND IN EVERETT

The City of Everett's Winter Wonderland drive-thru event took place on Sunday, December 20 at Wehner Park between 5-8 p.m. The park was decorated with holiday lights and decorations,

and live music played throughout the event.

"The Winter Wonderland event was simply magical," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "The children, and even adults, passing by were beaming with joy. It was truly wonderful to see the smiles and the happiness in everyone's eyes."

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and other holiday characters were in attendance to greet families as they drove by. Children who attended received a complimentary toy and gift bag. Residents who attended remained in their vehicles and followed the guidelines for social distancing.



Colorful wreaths were lit up.



A giant Nutcracker adorned the newly renovated Wehner



The Grinch, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and the Gingerbread man were there to say 'Hello' to the families

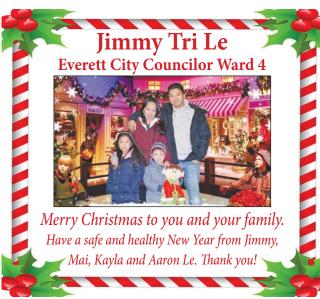


City workers from various departments helped to coordinate the evening.



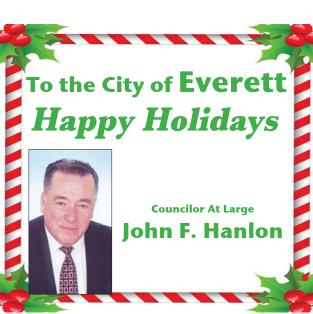
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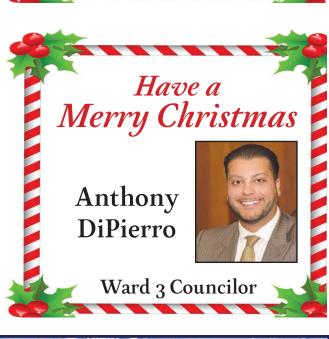




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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SEEKING MORE INFORMATION ON VACCINE

CHELSEA Councilor Damali Vidot said she is calling on the medical professionals in the state and in Chelsea to provide residents with more information about the coming COVID-19 vaccines, and she said as of now, she is skeptical of it even though she has an auto-immune disorder.

Vidot said she was recently asked if – as a community leader – she would advocate for residents to get the COVID vaccines.

"I said 'no," she said. "I feel it would be irresponsible for me to encourage people to go get the same vaccine that I have concerns about...I do feel if the vaccine does work and it's safe, Chelsea should be prioritized, but at the same time right now we need to be educating people about the differences between Pfizer and Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. We need to know the data. We shouldn't blindly go into something, and I won't encourage that, and just have people get injected with something blindly."

She said the fact that the Operation Warp Speed vaccine program was run by the Trump Administration brings doubts into a lot of people in the community of Chelsea, and she said having a medical professional explain what has happened would be a good way to combat that.

"In my personal experience I don't trust the vaccine because I don't have the research on it," she said. "If I read the scientific studies, I won't understand them. I need someone from the medical field to explain this to me and to the residents. I know people are tired of being at home – I get it – but we need to be careful."

She said one of her doubts lies in the fact that the vaccine came so quickly, and she wonders how that happened. While many vaccines and therapies take years to hit the market for public use, she said some steps must have been skipped. That process is something she said people need to know about before they get in line for the vaccine in the coming months so they can weigh the risks.

Particularly, one thing she isn't comfortable with is many people with doubts are scared to express those feelings. She said too many feel they'll be labelled "fringe" or "anti-vaxers."

"If our residents are too scared to say something, then that means we're playing politics with people's lives," she said. "I'm not into that...We have to be cautious. I won't be the first in line and I'm in a vulnerable category."

VACCINE SHOTS ADMINISTERED

CHELSEA - Boston Medical Center (BMC) received the area's first doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 vaccine last week, taking it into cold storage immediately and, on Wednesday, beginning the first rounds of vaccinations on staff members.

Mass General Brigham followed suit on Tuesday, receiving 9,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and putting it in storage as well. On Wednesday, prioritized employees began to be vaccinated.

At Mass General, the first vaccination was given to Registered Nurse Belza Betancur, a Chelsea resident, on Wednesday morning by Ellen O'Con-

At BMC, Registered Nurse Cheryl Tull was the

first BMC employee to get the vaccine around 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16. She is also the Associate Chief Nursing Officer at the hospital. The first five vaccinations at BMC were given to Tull, a Family

medicine doctor, an Infectious Diseases doctor, a respiratory therapist, and an environmental services employee whose job it is to disinfect patient rooms. BMC said it expects to

vaccinate 1,000 employees through Saturday, and a total of 2,000 by the end of next week. In the next two months, a spokesman said they expect to vaccinate 6,000 patient-facing employees using guidance from the state.

BMC said it received 1,950 doses Monday morning and planned to equitably disperse them throughout the front-line workers at the hospital, a process that started Wednesday morning.

"Monday morning, Boston Medical Center received 1,950 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 vaccine," read a statement. "Beginning Wednesday, we will begin the first wave of vaccinations to front line health care workers, a group including doctors and nurses from our ICU and Emergency Department and patient floors that treat COVID-19 patients, but just as importantly, employees from environmental and support services, and other crucial positions that work in COVID-positive patient areas."

The doses were put into a freezer at the BMC inpatient pharmacy.

Mass General Brigham (MGH) confirmed on Tuesday it had received its first shipment of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Mass General Brigham received an initial shipment of nearly 9,000 vaccine doses to

PIERS PARK SAILING CENTER LOOKS TO THE **FUTURE**



Harbor Explorers out on the water in kayaks this summer at Piers Park Sailing Center. The sailing program operated at only 20 percent of the enrollment of a normal year. However, the youth program cost more to operate in 2020 than it did in 2019.

be allocated proportionally across the 12 hospitals in its system. They also began vaccinating health care workers at the hospitals on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Community Health Centers like East Neighborhood Boston Health Center has been planning for their role in receiving and vaccinating workers and the public. Community health centers are expected to play a large role in the coming weeks and months as the general population starts to qualify for the vaccine.

"We are taking important steps to prepare for the COVID-19 vaccine to ensure its equitable distribution throughout our communities," said East Boston Neighborhood Health Center CEO and President Manny Lopes. "We have a specific team that will manage all aspects of the vaccine, from preparing for its arrival through to administering doses to our communities. Our Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Agreement has been approved, so we are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it becomes available. This is an important step in ensuring the safety of our communities, especially our patients that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic."

The Chief Medical Officer for the health center, Jackie Fantes said they are awaiting direction from the state Department of Public Health. She said the health center plans to vaccinate their staff and high-risk patients first.

"The big questions about how and when we will administer the vaccine will depend greatly on the guidelines developed by our partners at the Mass Department of Public Health as well as the amount of supply," she said. "We now serve more than 100,000 patients at our East Boston, South End, Revere and Winthrop facilities. Our priority will be to administer the vaccine first to our staff and patients at high risk of complications from COVID-19, such as the elderly and those with chronic health conditions. It is also important to us to focus on vulnerable populations like those in essential worker roles or those living in multi-generational households who cannot isolate."

In an historic press conference on Monday, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, Dr. Moncef Slaoui and General Gustave Perna all members of the Operation Warp Speed vaccine team - reported on the first shipments of the Pfizer vaccine.

The reported that 2.9 million doses of the vaccine had been shipped and another 2.9 million would be held back for the second booster dose that will be given to those inoculated in 21 to 28 days. The Pfizer vaccine requires an initial shot and a second booster for full immunity,

they said. Those shipments would

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"The point here is the initial push that we have shows we can execute," he said. "Now we're starting our drumbeat of continuous shipments of vac-

All vaccine shipments destinations and dosage amounts are determined by each state's governor, they said. For Massachusetts, Gov. Charlie Baker issues an initial priority list last week that is now being followed in the first dosages. There were 636 sites across the United States identified to Operation Warp Speed, with 145 getting shipments on

There were 425 that would receive shipments on Tuesday, and 66 on

All expected the Moderna vaccine, also a twoshot program, to get emergency use authorization by the weekend, and that would start to be shipped out by next Monday, Dec. 21. There would be approximately 100 million doses of that vaccine available initially as there has been more time to manufacture in the run-up to authorization.

They expected to be able to vaccinate 100 million people by the end of the 1st quarter of 2021. That will be bolstered if a Johnson & Johnson vaccine – a one shot program - is approved for emergency use in late January or early February. Another vaccine by AstraZeneca is also on the same timetable and could be in use before the end of the first quarter,

Meanwhile, Azar said they are confident they will have enough vaccine for anyone that wants it and that no American would have to pay for the vaccine if they want it.

"No American faces an out of pocket expense for this vaccine," Azar said.

The Centers for Disease Control has authorized \$140 million to pay for long-term planning for the vaccine. Meanwhile, Operation Warp Speed is paying for the vaccine cost and all of the supplies, including syringes and other materials.

PIERS PARK LOOKS TO FUTURE

EAST BOSTON - In his masterpiece "The Great Gatsby," F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past". The last lines of the novel were a metaphor of a burning desire to row against the flow of a current --even

when it seems pointless. In this era of COVID we can relate to the ending of Gatsby as many are trying to row against a negative current even when it seems useless to do so.

Some have had success while others have not, but nonprofits like Piers Park Sailing Center (PPSC) are weathering the storm and continue to row against the current--hopeful that the pandemic will be over and the world will return to normal soon.

"We have been a strong community through highs and lows," said PPSC Executive Director Alex De-Fronzo reflecting on this past sailing season and looking forward to next year. "Masked up, our students socialized, learned together, had fun together, and grew together."

However, pulling off the program was a big challenge this year and it seemed the entire program was operating in those last lines of Gatsby. "We went from a 1:6

staff to student ratio to 1:2 and many of our usual routines went out the window," said DeFronzo. "Our staff did it all with grace because one thing you'll find in every Piers Park Sailor is the ability to adapt and persevere." The Sailing Center had

45 instructors on staff this summer with 26 teen instructor trainees.

"We had 180 Harbor Explorers and 140 Science of Sailing students this past summer as well," said DeFronzo. "That's a community of 391, where in a normal year we would have more than 2,000." Now into the cold sea-

son PPSC is getting ready to run an in-person learning pod for high need students in partnership with Maverick Landing Community Services. This will allow students who are at home learning remotely to get the extra help they may need through the learning pod.

However, all this comes with a cost, and DeFronzo is hoping for additional community support as the pandemic continues to rage in Boston.

"Even though that's less than 20 percent of the enrollment of a normal year, our youth program cost more to operate in 2020 than it did in 2019," said DeFronzo. "We plan to come back strong again in 2021. An inclusive harbor isn't going to happen by itself – we need your help. Please join in and support what we are doing at Piers Park with a charitable gift today. Your past support was essential in the recovery and strengthening of our programs over the last four years. Building an inclusive community on and around the harbor is a team effort and we are asking for your help."

Donations to the Sailing Center can be made at https://piersparksailing. org/donate.

"The 2020 CARES Act allows you to deduct up to \$300 in charitable contributions even if you don't itemize your taxes," explained DeFronzo. "If you do itemize, the CARES Act also increases limits on charitable deductions."

A generous matching gift made by the Piers Park Sailing Center Board of Directors and by Elizabeth and David Basile means that the first \$5,000 raised through this campaign will be doubled.

STATE AID TO FIGHT COVID 19

EAST BOSTON - Last week Senator Joseph Boncore and Representative Adrian Madaro joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass the state's \$46.2 billion Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget.

Within the state budget is direct aid to an East Boston agency that has been helping the community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic by addressing food insecurity among residents.

East Boston residents. "Throughout

COVID-19 pandemic, the East Boston Community community."

Boncore added that as the state continues towards recovery from the COVID pandemic, the FY21 budget provides critical funding: including relief for the public health crisis.

cal families."

In addition to COVID support the state legislature approved funding to support students and families at East Boston High

The budget calls for full funding for Mass Insight. This will allow Mass Insight to continue supporting Advanced Placement and STEM Programming at the High School. Last month, these programs earned East Boston High School the Josh Boger Innovative School of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Biotechnology

"In addition, students at East Boston High School affected by virtual learning will continue to be fully supported in their AP and STEM programming as a result of the Mass Insight earmark," Madaro. "I was proud to vote in favor of this budget and I look forward to seeing it signed into law."

By Matt Lattanzi Sumner attended Ev-

At a time of widespread food insecurity in

the neighborhood due to the COVID, Boncorea and Madaro announced \$50,000 in funding for the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen. The earmark will allow the soup kitchen to continue their work providing essential food and nutritional aid to

Soup Kitchen has been on the front lines serving those in need," said Boncore. "The \$50,000 secured for the Soup Kitchen will allow them to continue these critical efforts and remain a welcoming, inclusive presence in our

those most impacted by "Despite the fiscal dif-

ficulties caused by the COVID-19 emergency, I am pleased that the legislature has passed a budget which has avoided any major cuts and preserves funding for critical programs across Massachusetts, including those right here in East Boston," said Madaro. "As many in East Boston continue to suffer from food insecurity, funding for the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen ensures that it will be able to continue the necessary work providing food to lo-

Education Foundation.

The budget now goes to Governor Baker's desk for his signature.

Sumner Gage Whittier was born on July 1st, 1911

erett High School, Class of 1930. During his high school years, Sumner was very well-rounded student, participating in a multitude of school activities, serving as the Senior Class Vice President, involving himself in school plays, broadcasting, team, art club, and serving as the Editor-in-Chief of the Senior class's Yearbook. Sumner was also a gifted public speaker and writer, engaging in public speaking contests and winning the American Legion Essay contest, two skills that served him well later in life as a politician. Sumner went on to attend and graduate from Boston University in 1936.

Sumner quickly immersed himself into the world of politics, being elected as an Alderman in Everett, followed shortly thereafter by being elected as a City Councilor for the City of Everett. Sumner shifted his political aspira-



HISTORIC FIGURES

More than a Name:

Sumner Whittier - From Everett to Washington, D.C.

tions to Beacon Hill, successfully running for State Representative and later as a State Senator, a position he held for ten years. He did not seek reelection for his State Senator position, opting instead to serve as Lieutenant Governor Massachusetts's Governor Christian Herter from 1953-1957. Following Governor Herter's one-term tenure, Sumner ran as the Republican Candidate for Governor of Massachusetts in 1957, but lost to Democrat Foster Furcolo.

Sumner's gubernatorial loss did not keep him out of politics for long. In December 1957, he was appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to lead the United States Veterans Affairs, serving as the V.A.'s 5th Administrator in its history. Sumner left this post at the end of President Eisenhower's term in 1961, transitioning to lead the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program at the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Maryland. Ever the dedicated public servant, Sumner served this role until the age of 80, residing in Baltimore for the remainder of his life where he passed away on January 8th, 2010 at the age of 98. One of Everett's finest, Sumner is laid to rest at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

To read more about Everett history, peruse the Everett Libraries' collections, engage in various programs for all ages, or utilize one of the free online databases, be sure to check out the Libraries new website (https://www. noblenet.org/everett/) and follow their Facebook page (@EverettPublicLibrary) for updates.

Cardinal urges Catholics to celebrate Christmas safely

Cardinal Seán O'Malley announced Tuesday that the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston have undertaken significant preparations to celebrate Christmas Masses during the current pan-

"By following Archdiocesan safety policies our parishes are able to welcome a reduced number of parishioners and visitors at Masses this week," said Cardinal Seán. "Despite all of the challenges we will celebrate Christmas; in smaller groups, with some attending Mass in person and others watching the Mass live-streamed from their parish or on Catholic television. We encourage people to review their local parish websites or call ahead to register for in-person attendance and request other pertinent information as required by the parish."

MC Sullivan, RN MTS JD, Chief Healthcare Ethicist and a member of the Archdiocesan Pandemic Response team joined the Cardinal today in discussing the expansive approach implemented by the Archdiocese of Bos-

Sullivan added, "Our message is clear: we want people to be able to safely share in the celebration of the Mass, welcoming the Christ Child.

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For in-person Masses, we will adhere to the state requirements regarding capacity levels. In fact, we operate well below the 40% threshold currently authorized. We know that we can be together by safely practicing well designed and established protocols that respect the common good."

Basic protocols that parishes have implemented and general informa-

 Mask wearing required for in person Masses.

•Social distancing required.

•Registration required prior to attending Mass (Churches operating at reduced capacity).

•Dress warmly, Church windows may be open to provide good airflow.

•Mass schedules may be different than you are accustomed to - please check your parish website or give the parish a call. •Most parishes are of-

fering Masses both in-person and live-streaming. •Some parishes are not

offering in-person Masses so please check locally. •In these pandemic

times, as indeed in all times, if people are not feeling well, they should not come to Mass. This is a good way of respecting the common good. •Cardinal Seán has is-

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sued a general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during the pandemic.

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Administration, Union at odds on 21st Century Fire Department plan

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced this week he will hire 20 new members of the Everett Fire Department (EFD) to create a new Fire-based ambulance service, but members of the Fire Union say they have been completely left out of the plan for their Department.

In an op-ed posted on Social Media, Mayor De-Maria said after reading an article last week about low staffing levels in the EFD, he was compelled to release his plan for the City's first-ever Emergency Medical Service (EMS) that would be based out of the Fire Department.

"While there will always be a need for fire suppression in the City, the Administration has thoroughly studied how to better serve our residents based on the type, frequency, and level of calls received by the Everett Fire Department over the past five years," wrote the mayor. "The analysis of the data has resulted in a strategic plan that will fill

the vacancies in the Everett Fire Department and establish Everett's own fire-based EMS service for the first time in our history. This plan calls for new hires to be trained at the BLS (basic life support/EMT) level. With this, the City will be able to operate our own ambulance service solely for Everett residents. In turn, the response time of EMS services in our City will significantly decrease."

The mayor wrote that while the EFD responds to all medical calls, but cannot transport those in need of services. Under the mayor's new plan, the Fire Department would be able to transport residents through a new City ambulance service.

"Over the past six months, the Administration has worked diligently to develop this strategic plan," he wrote. "The investment of time in crafting this thoughtful approach will result in a fire department that meets the 21st Century needs of our City. We are currently in the final stages of hiring

the necessary personnel to execute this plan."

Fire Union President Craig Hardy said his union has asked for and supported a fire-based ambulance service for years, but he said they have yet to be invited to the table to talk about this new proposal.

"We've been asking for an ambulance like that for the last five or 10 years," said Hardy. "We've said that and we support that, but we need to be in the discussions...They went out to hire two or three times and cancelled it. He's been reviewing this strategic plan for the last six months he said. We've been trying to talk about it for two months. We need to be part of the process... If he thinks 20 new EMS hires will be hired and go on an ambulance and it will be easy – it's not that simple. We're for it, but we need to hire first in the Department and then for an ambulance we need an-

other 16 men."
Hardy said their calls are up significantly over the last few years.

In a report from Chief

Tony Carli, total calls for service went form 5,797 in 2016 to 6,581 in 2019. Most of the increase came from more medical aid calls, and also an increase in the number of fire calls.

Hardy said at the same time, they have not hired any new personnel in five years, leaving the staffing levels very low and the morale in the dumpster. Adding people out injured and on leave for COVID-19, he said staffing over the holidays has been a huge hit to morale.

He said a lot of the mayor's plan in the op-ed was "fluff," and the Fire Department restructuring shouldn't be blamed for the lack of hiring over the last five years.

"We have men who went into work today (Tuesday) and won't be home until after Christmas because we don't have the manpower to replace them," he said. "I'm told by those working they looked so defeated. We'll have the minimum staffing on the pieces, but it's people there against their will. We have inju-

ries and COVID-19 and other things no addressed or calculated in that 21st Century Fire Department plan. We have people working in the firehouses the next four days, away from their families on Christmas, because there is no one to come in and replace them...As he stated in the article, we are there and ready and protecting the city, but we're getting worn out. We don't need to be blamed also for not hiring because of an

Hardy said while the Fire Department is understaffed historically, and out of contract for the last 18 months, the Police Department has seen new hires and has a good contract. He hoped the mayor would work more collaboratively with the union on this and other issues, he

ambulance plan. He's not

been hiring for another

said.

Meanwhile, at Monday night's City Council meeting, the spark that has ignited the Fire Department flame came up in an agenda item put forth by Coun-

cilor Fred Capone.

Capone said during budget times he noticed staffing seemed thinner than in previous years. He said he has heard from the Department they need more people and he'd like to get a better idea of what's happening. He said the ambulance plan sounds good, but he also requested to get detailed information about overtime and hiring - noting that younger firefighters are going to leave the Department if they're worked into the ground.

"I think it's unrealistic to think you'll hit the ground running on an ambulance service when you have such a shortage on the current Fire Department," said Capone.

He asked for detailed information to be delivered by the next meeting on things such as total number of firefighters, total overtime, and overtime by firehouse. The request was approved unanimously by the Council.

OBITUARIES

Christina Troville

Will be forever loved

Christina A. Troville passed away on Monday, Dec. 14 at Boston Children's Hospital following complications from her second lung transplant. She was 18 years old.

Christina has been living courageously with pulmonary disease for most of her very brief life.

Born in Boston, she was the beloved daughter of Jamette A. (Shipp) Troville and the late Thomas J. "T.J." Troville, Jr. Residing in Everett and attending local schools here, she was presently a member of the 11th grade class at the Devens School in Everett. Her limitations did not prevent her from enjoying playing basketball, joining the school color- guard or dreaming of pursuing a future career

in engineering.

She enjoyed drawing and listening to music, playing her guitar and caring for her pets, cats, "Sox" and "Phoebe," a dog, "Piper," and parakeets "Cupcake" and "Spartacus" belonging to

her grandparents.

She will be the forever loved daughter of Jamette A. (Shipp) Troville of Everett and the late Thomas J. "T.J." Troville, Jr.; dear sister of William T. Troville of Everett, cherished granddaughter of Thomas

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J., Sr. and Jean (Salvo) Troville of Everett, Mary B. Pierre

and her husband, Oral of Taunton; adored niece of Brian J. Troville and his wife, Laura of East Boston, Dominique Ferrante and her husband, Daniel of Everett, Venita Schandorf and her husband, Sai of Minnesota and Jimmy Le of California.

Funeral arrangements were by the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea.

Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit; www.Welsh-FH.com.

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Nancy Cassetta

Beloved wife for 40 years

Nancy (Melchionda) Cassetta of Revere passed away on December 16 at the age of 96.

Born in Revere on July 2, 1924 to the late Michael and Carmelinda (Sarnecharo), she was the beloved wife for 40 years of the late Santo, devoted mother of Diane Iovanna and Ronald of Plymouth, cherished grandmother of David Iovanna and Tara of Plymouth, Greg Iovanna and Jessica of Duxbury and Steven Iovanna and Erin of Plymouth and adored great grandmother of Emily, Francesca, Gabby, Stella, and Abby.

She will be truly missed by all who knew her.

Due to the current spike in COVID-19, the guidelines issued by the Com-



monwealth of Massachusetts and local officials, Funeral Services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of Paul Buonfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. For guestbook, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Frances DeSantis

She will be truly missed by all who knew her

Frances (DePaolo) De-Santis of Revere passed away surrounded by her loving family on December 15 at the age of 89.

Frances was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1949 and went on to graduate from Fisher Junior College. She was a homemaker who took great pride in raising her three children and later on her grandchildren. She enjoyed bowling, loved to travel and will be truly missed by all who knew her.

Born in Chelsea on April 19, 1931 to the late Anthony and Lena (Belmonte), she was the devoted mother of Joseph De-Santis of Revere, Janice DeSantis and her longtime companion, Rob McPherson of Chelsea and James DeSantis of Revere; cherished grandmother of Joseph DeSantis Jr. and his wife, Erin, John, Jenae and Rachael DeSantis and adored great grandmother of Lola Bartlett. She is also lovingly survived by



many cousins.

Due to the current spike in COVID-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and local officials, Funeral Services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of Paul Buonfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or at alz.org. For guestbook please visit www.buonfiglio.com

P-EBT benefits extended for Massachusetts

The COVID-19 pandemic caused uncertainty in families across Massachusetts regarding meals for their children who normally receive free or reduced-priced school meals. Through the CARES Act, the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer program (P-EBT) was developed in the Spring to assist these families in need. It was announced this week that Massachusetts will be the first state to extend these benefits through the remainder of the 2020-2021

school year. "Parents should not have to worry about providing a meal for their child," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "I'm proud that Massachusetts is the first state to extend these benefits. It's heartbreaking that our community has felt the impact of this pandemic, but I am incredibly pleased that through the CARES Act, children who depend on school meals will not go hungry this school year."

The Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), in collaboration with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), received approval to manage this program in response to the COVID-19 related school closures. Students that are eligible for this program must qualify for free or reduced-priced meals under the National School Lunch Program. They must also be in a hybrid or fully remote learning situation, and this must be

confirmed by the school.

•Eligible students in hybrid learning situations will receive \$58.60 per

•Eligible students in remote learning situations will receive \$117.20 per

Using P-EBT will not impact a parent or their child's immigration status. The public charge rule does not apply to P-EBT. Parents can also use P-EBT funds while still collecting food from Grab

and Go student meal sites. For more information regarding the P-EBT program and for questions regarding eligibility, please visit https://www.mass.gov/info-details/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt or https://www.map-ebt.org/.

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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.foreverett.church to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network www.everettcan.com to request any additional 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 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 Pastor's Office Hours:

Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appoint-Bread of Life Donations

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

We are on the Internet http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org **Glendale United Methodist Church Pastor David Jackson** 392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers) Please enter the church by the driveway on **Walnut Street** 617-387-2916 PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com **Pastor's Office Hours:**

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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 AM Worship service.

Wednesday hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible Study, via Zoom.

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

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GLENDALE CHRISTIAN LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH 701 BROADWAY EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS 02149 617-387-7458 Rev. Larry Russi, Sr. **Pastor** pastorlarry@ thelighthousechurch701.net

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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

able 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**

and socializing follow our

services. Parking is avail-

422 Main Street Everett, MA

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episco- hope, renewal and new be-

pal Church is open and welcoming to all. There are 3 services on

Sundays: 10am English, 1pm South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3pm Haitian Cre-Come all and let us walk

together in this season of

ginnings. **Grace Anglican**

Episcopal Church 67 Norwood Street, Everett, MA **Church Phone** 617-387-7526 or 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 Can-

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception

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

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

munity Masses are being held in

the Chapel.

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

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

Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Brink a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

Immaculate Conception Parish 489 Broadway Everett, Mass 02149 Phone 617-389-5660

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Everett City Councilor Michael J. McLaughlin

