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Council passes Linkage Fee ordinance after years of discussion

By Seth Daniel

The City Council voted to enroll a Linkage Fee ordinance for residential and commercial properties after many years of discussion – and some rather intense negotiations over the last two weeks.

The Council voted 10-1 Monday night to enroll the Linkage Fee ordinance, with Councilor Gerly Adrien voting against. Linkage Fees are a surcharge on, in this case, commercial and residential development, and for Everett, the money collected would only be able to go to funding affordable housing projects.

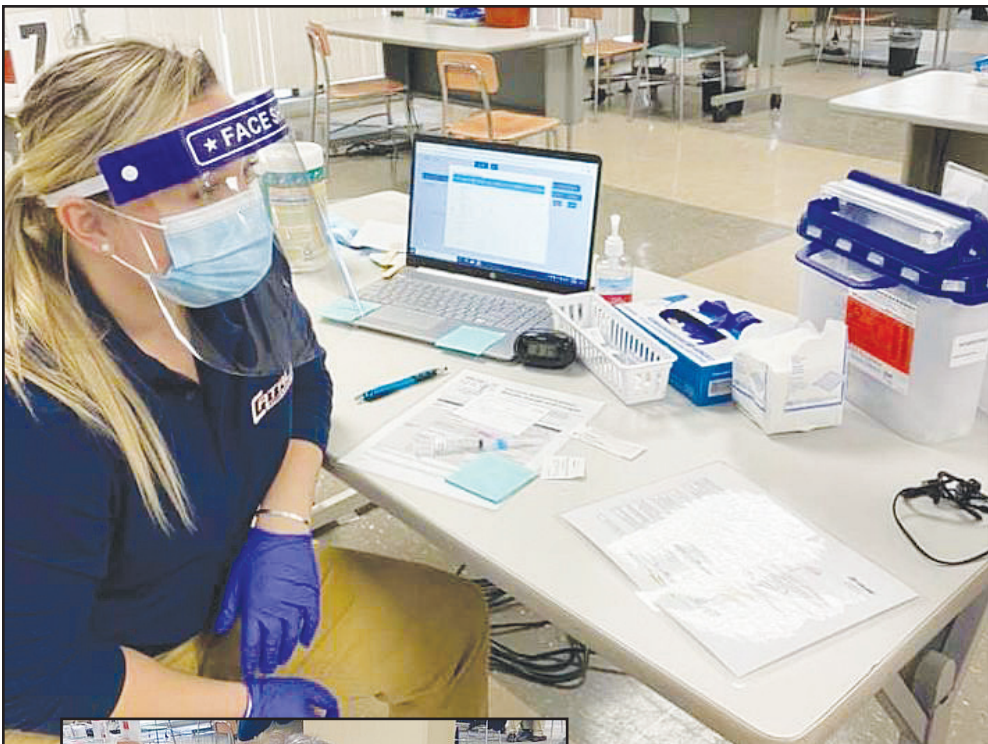
The matter came before the Council after having hit the agenda two weeks ago, and many legislators seeing changes for the first time made by Mayor Carlo DeMaria. That put a road block in the discussion, with the mayor advocating for quick action. After a Committee meeting last week that went into detail, the matter was brought forward on Monday night again.

This time, Councilor Michael McLaughlin moved to amend the ordinance fee structure, along with Councilor Fred Capone amending some language in the ordinance.

“Several hundred thousand dollars were brought in to fund affordable housing on Monday night by the Council’s actions and this compromise,” said McLaughlin. “It will bring millions to the City going forward and will entice developers to want to build more affordable housing on their own as well. It was a win-win for the City and for developers. Developers I talked to seem very satisfied with the compromise plan and don’t feel we’re being unfair with them.”

The compromise plan sets a \$2 per square foot Linkage Fee for all com-

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Above, one of the vaccinators on Saturday calls over a patient to be given the COVID-19 vaccine.



Left, two senior citizens wait at Pope John to get the COVID-19 vaccine on Saturday morning as part of the Vaccine Clinic stood up by the City in short time. The effort vaccinated 513 Everett residents 75 years and older.

City’s quick move to vaccinate senior citizens finds success

By Seth Daniel

When the state handed out disappointing news for vaccinating teachers, Everett turned that news into a major victory and movement toward getting immunity to COVID-19 for senior citizens in the community.

Approximately 513 senior citizens were vaccinated over the weekend at Pope John High School in a quick-moving vaccination clinic set up by Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his administration.

Contracting with Cataldo Ambulance, the City was able to establish its own phone bank system

to make appointments, get transportation for those that needed it with Mystic Valley Elder Services and use more than 500 of the 800 doses allotted by the state – originally hoped to be for teachers in the Everett Public Schools.

“This is the first step to getting back to the new normal,” said Mayor DeMaria.

“Thank you to City Staff and Cataldo EMS for spending your weekend assisting our residents. As the residents left, City staff made appointments for the second dose to ease the burden of our seniors. I look forward to continuing these clinics until all

of our residents have the opportunity to be vaccinated.”

Communications Director Deanna Devaney said the doses were originally hoped to be used for the teachers in the school system, but when the state put the kibosh on that, the City was told they could vaccinate those 75 and over.

So, it was literally recreating the wheel over a few days.

There was no call center yet from the state to schedule appointments, so Devaney said the mayor put all hands on deck and City employees stood

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Housing Court moves quickly to change processes during COVID-19

By Seth Daniel

Facing what many believed would be a catastrophic situation with evictions and Housing Court proceedings due to COVID-19, the state’s Housing Court reinvented its way of doing business last summer and fall and now – since re-opening for filings last October – have a system that is more user-friendly and provides more protections for all

parties.

It’s even a system that has modernized the court in short order, and many of the changes could continue long after the pandemic, said Chief Justice Tim Sullivan.

“It really is incredible how COVID-19 protocols have forced us to do things differently, but also opened our eyes to some possibilities for the future,” said Sullivan in a recent interview. “After

we get through this difficult time, we’re already starting to talk about some things that are improving access...We’ve had to think differently and accommodate the litigant population in ways that before the pandemic were probably unthinkable. Some procedures may remain and may be implemented long-term.”

Deputy Court Admin-

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State of the City

DeMaria focuses on equity, finances, vaccination and environment

By Seth Daniel

One year ago, the Council Chambers were packed to an overflow level to welcome in the new City Council and hear Mayor Carlo DeMaria give his annual State of the City Address.

It seems like a time and place from another world – a world without masks, distancing requirements or fear of sickness, job loss and hunger.

It was, though, just one short year ago, and on Thursday, Feb. 4, Mayor DeMaria hearkened back to those fine days as he delivered an online State of the City that detailed what was done to help COVID-19 in 2020 and looking forward to what 2021 could bring.

“There were over 200 people gathered in the Chambers – hugging, smiling, laughing,” he said. “We celebrated and I had the privilege of informing our residents about the City’s bold and innovative plans for 2020. Little did we know, two months later, that our City, our State, and our Country would be facing challenges unlike any others in our lifetime. The COVID-19 pandemic was unexpected, and unwelcomed.”

In an online address that lasted 33 minutes, the mayor first detailed all that had been done by the City and by the community to help out with



Mayor Carlo DeMaria delivered his annual State of the City Address virtually on Thursday, Feb. 4. The speech was heavy on looking back at 2020, and also moving forward with initiatives for 2021 when, hopefully, the pandemic has subsided a bit.

COVID-19 and the effects that followed the sickness – such as job loss, food insecurity and housing insecurity.

“The people of Everett have displayed their strength and resiliency,” he said. “On behalf of Stacy and myself, from the bottom of our hearts, we would like to personally thank each and every one of you for every sacrifice you have made for the betterment of our City. I have never been more proud to be your Mayor.”

That was followed with a moment of silence for the 67 lives that were officially lost to COVID-19 in the City of Everett.

He highlighted the decision to close schools on March 12, long before any other community. He lifted up the first re-

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Everett native Todd Angilly to sing at Kane’s Donuts on Valentine’s Day

Special tp the Independent

Love is in the air at Kane’s Donuts as Boston Bruins National Anthem singer, Todd Angilly, an Everett native who has been singing all over Everett during the pandemic, will now be singing Valentine’s Day-themed songs on the patio of Kane’s Donuts’ Route 1 location in Saugus the morning of Sunday, Feb. 14. Kane’s is collecting donations

to benefit the local non-profit Christopher’s Haven—a home for children and families when cancer hits home—and the legacy donut shop has decided to match the total amount raised.

Join Todd Angilly and spread the love this Valentine’s Day at Kane’s. He will appear at the Saugus location, 1575 Broadway, from 9-11 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14.



Everett native, and Boston Bruins National Anthem singer, Todd Angilly will be singing for charity at Kane’s Donuts on Sunday, Feb. 14.

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Who’s Your Valentine?

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Glenwood Cemetery improvements approved

Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced that the Everett City Council has approved an additional \$800,000 funding that will allow the City of Everett to make final improvements to Glenwood Cemetery.

Improvement plans include developing new grave space, renovating the driveway, redevelop the cemetery's entrance, upgrade the water system, and renovate the Civil War burial area. Reconstruction is scheduled to begin in the early Spring of 2021.

"It's important that we make these improvements to Glenwood Cemetery," said Mayor DeMaria. "Although those who rest there have passed, they are still part of our community and I want to honor them by improving the conditions of the cemetery. Residents should be able to visit their loved ones in a location that has easy access and brings them peace."

Currently, the cemetery is at full capacity and there is no space available. Through this renovation project, 227 new precast concrete double depth lawn crypts will be created. The current cremation site is also at full capacity and has space for 44 niches. With the improvements, there will be a new cremation niche installed that will have space for 166 niches.

The driveway is currently deteriorating and will be undergoing renovations as well. The existing curbing will be removed and replaced along with a full depth of reconstruction of the driveway payment.

The cemetery entrance will be redeveloped to improve appearance and accessibility. The entrance driveway will be reconfigured and ADA sidewalks and ramps will be installed. New entry signs with lights will be added along Washington Avenue and the sign at the opposite end of Sargent Street will be relocated. There will also be a reflecting pool and recirculating fountain installed.

There is currently insufficient water supply coverage throughout the cemetery and the lack of water supply has made lawn maintenance not only difficult, but costly. The reconstruction will address this issue by installing a new water supply line and self-draining faucets. The new system will help the cemetery become more cost efficient.

The Civil War burial area will be renovated during the reconstruction as well. This area has been deteriorating over the years and will see improvements. There will be a new flagstone patio to anchor and support the Civil War cannon in addition to new loam and seeding will be planted.

The City of Everett has contracted BSC Group as the designer and construction administrator for the improvements. During the time of construction, BSC Group has affirmed that they will do their best to be respectful of those visiting loved ones at the cemetery and of any funeral services that may occur. The reconstruction project is anticipated to be completed in the Spring of 2022.

Housing Court//

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istrator Benjamin Adeyinka said a lot of changes that were made over the past few months will make things easier for landlords and tenants to access the Housing Court divisions. Though there was some early pushback, most everyone now agrees the changes have helped smooth out the process in the wake of the pandemic.

"There was some trepidation at first," he said. "However, through time people have commented that this is a good way to do business. People have adapted. If you think of individuals that have to take a bus or a train to get to a court house, this is a safer way... We're getting great feedback."

The courts in Massachusetts are perennially one of the most difficult to change their procedures, as they are time-honored, and legal matters are spelled out in state law. Changes can't happen without great discussion or contemplation – and great amounts of time. However, that all changed during the pandemic when courthouses could not open, but life also had to move forward. A series of Standing Orders have helped to usher in new ways of adapting.

Chief Sullivan said the first change was actually made prior to the pandemic, when they made e-filing mandatory for some cases in January 2020.

"Little did we know we would depend on it so much and need to expand it," said Sullivan.

That was followed by creating a virtual clerk's counter online to assist tenants and landlords – a new system that sought to replicate the in-person process that has played out for generations inside the courthouse. Using Zoom, court employees were able to assist in any manner that they would in person in all divisions of the court.

"That's really been a big help," said Sullivan.

Other changes included getting cell phones for all employees, including leadership and staff; implementing language interpretive services via Zoom; and relaxing filing requirements so cases could be submitted by e-mail and documents could be deposited in a drop box at the courthouse. In a work of major transparency, they also established a Dashboard online for all courts, including housing court, to see up-to-date statistics about evictions cases by zip code and courthouse. No statistics readily available existed prior to that Dashboard.

At the same time, they have collaborated in an unprecedented way with other stakeholders, such as community organizations that are on the ground in places like Everett and Chelsea. That has also included a cooperation between the three courts that can handle eviction cases, those being Housing Court, Superior Court and the District Courts – a partnership which has maintained vigilance across the judicial landscape on housing matters.

"It's been quite an experience for everyone in the courts and in the litigant population as well," said Sullivan. "We're trying to encourage these changes as much as possible to increase access and remain user-friendly... It's really been a time of great work and enormous change in a short period of time. We're really now trying to help landlords and tenants get up to date on all these changes."

However, some of the most impactful changes have come from the Post Pandemic Planning Committee chaired by Housing Court Judge Fairlie Dalton, and including others such as Clerk Magistrates, Housing Specialists and

other judges. They started their work in May to prepare for what COVID-19 might bring in terms of economic disruptions that could unlock a waterfall of eviction – known as Summary Process – cases coming into Housing Court.

One of the changes was to create a two-tiered trial date system. Instead of day one in Housing Court being your trial date, the court moved to a two-tiered system to help mediate cases before actually going before a judge. If it cannot be mediated, day two becomes the trial date.

"Day one now becomes a status day and not a trial day and it allows litigants to sit down on Zoom with landlords and tenants and a housing specialist, which can help mediate their case if there's an opportunity," said Sullivan. "If there's a resolution, it's written out and signed electronically and approved by a judge. If there's no resolution, day two becomes a trial day and that happens within two weeks."

Sullivan and Adeyinka said that has given both parties the opportunity to work cooperatively with Housing Specialists from the court, and to identify resources that can be applied to the situation. Many times, the first hearing can be a way to steer both parties to a local court partner that can help both to apply for the state RAFT rental assistance program – or other resources as well.

Overall, it's been a great change that has probably helped to head off many cases before they progressed too far, and helped both the landlord and tenant to find a fair middle.

Another new piece has been the now-required Attestation Form mandated by the state Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). If a landlord wants to file for non-payment of rent, this new form has to be delivered to the tenant before a case can be accepted at Housing Court.

"We cannot even enter a case if we don't have proof they delivered their Attestation Form," said Adeyinka.

Sullivan said, so far, they are down about 50 percent in case filings across all divisions, but they realize that is likely because of the moratorium on filings that was in place until October. They also realize there has been an uptick in filings since that time. Some areas have seen more filings than others, and places like Everett and Chelsea have seen fewer filings than other areas outside of Greater Boston.

Sullivan said there's no real way to tell why that has happened, but he did say that the further out one goes, the fewer resources that are available in the community to help curtail evictions. He pointed to the agreement by landlords in many Greater Boston communities to hold off on evictions if possible – to look for mediation, which he said they do see that in the court.

"I will say there seems to be a very healthy appetite by landlords and tenants to settle cases by agreement," he said. "The lion's share of cases coming in are being resolved by agreement."

The quick pivot by a traditionally slower moving institution like the courts is a testament to the staff, Sullivan said. He said he is immensely proud of how Housing Court staff have moved online and moved to be fair to everyone.

"It's amazing how much the work of our staff has been able to help people," he said. "I've learned a lot about people's ability to adapt in these circumstances. I'm very proud and uplifted by what our staff at every division has been able to do and has done so by maintaining impartiality."

And as far as keeping some of the "silver linings" that have emerged in Housing Court during COVID-19, Sullivan said they are already beginning to talk about that as well.

"We've not gotten to a decision yet, but it's an initial conversation we're having now and when COVID lifts, we will probably have a more substantial conversation with our leadership," said Sullivan.

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All interested parties may attend.

Phil Antonelli - Chairman
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WINTRY BLAST IS NOT SO HARD TO TAKE

The polar vortex once again has spun out of control, as it has done often in recent years. Instead of remaining in a tightly-wrapped circular motion around the Arctic, the vortex has been weakened by record-high temperatures in the Arctic in recent years because of climate change, thereby loosening the vortex’s centrifugal force and allowing waves of cold air to drift from the Arctic to the continental United States.

We have to admit however, that the cold air has been refreshing. We’re not suggesting that we want the sort of cold that is gripping the midwest with below-zero temperatures and -50 wind chills, but what is winter without a little spell of cold weather?

We think all would agree that Sunday’s snowstorm, with those huge flakes of snow floating down upon us, was wondrous. Catching them in your mouth (as we did while out for a run before the Super Bowl) was something to be appreciated by all of the senses.

Sure, milder winters are easy on our heating bills and we don’t have to worry about freezing pipes, slippery roads, and all of the other difficulties that come with winter weather.

But it is precisely the harshness of winter that makes us appreciate summer all the more. It won’t be long before the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are here and these days of sub-freezing weather will barely be a memory.

TB SETTLED THE GOAT QUESTION

Yes Pats’ fans, it was bittersweet to watch the duo of Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski lead the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a Super Bowl championship.

On the other hand, no Pats’ fan should be deluded into thinking that if the Pats’ management had kept #12, New England fans would be celebrating with a victory parade this week.

Tampa Bay started the season with far more talent on its offense than the Patriots and then went out and added Rob Gronkowski, Leonard Fournette, and Antonio Brown -- all of whom not so coincidentally scored the Tampa Bay touchdowns.

But analysis aside, the game captured the imagination of fans -- and even non-fans --across the country because of the matchup between the greatest QB of all time, now at the age of 43, vs. the up-and-comer, 25 year-old Patrick Mahomes, from Kansas City.

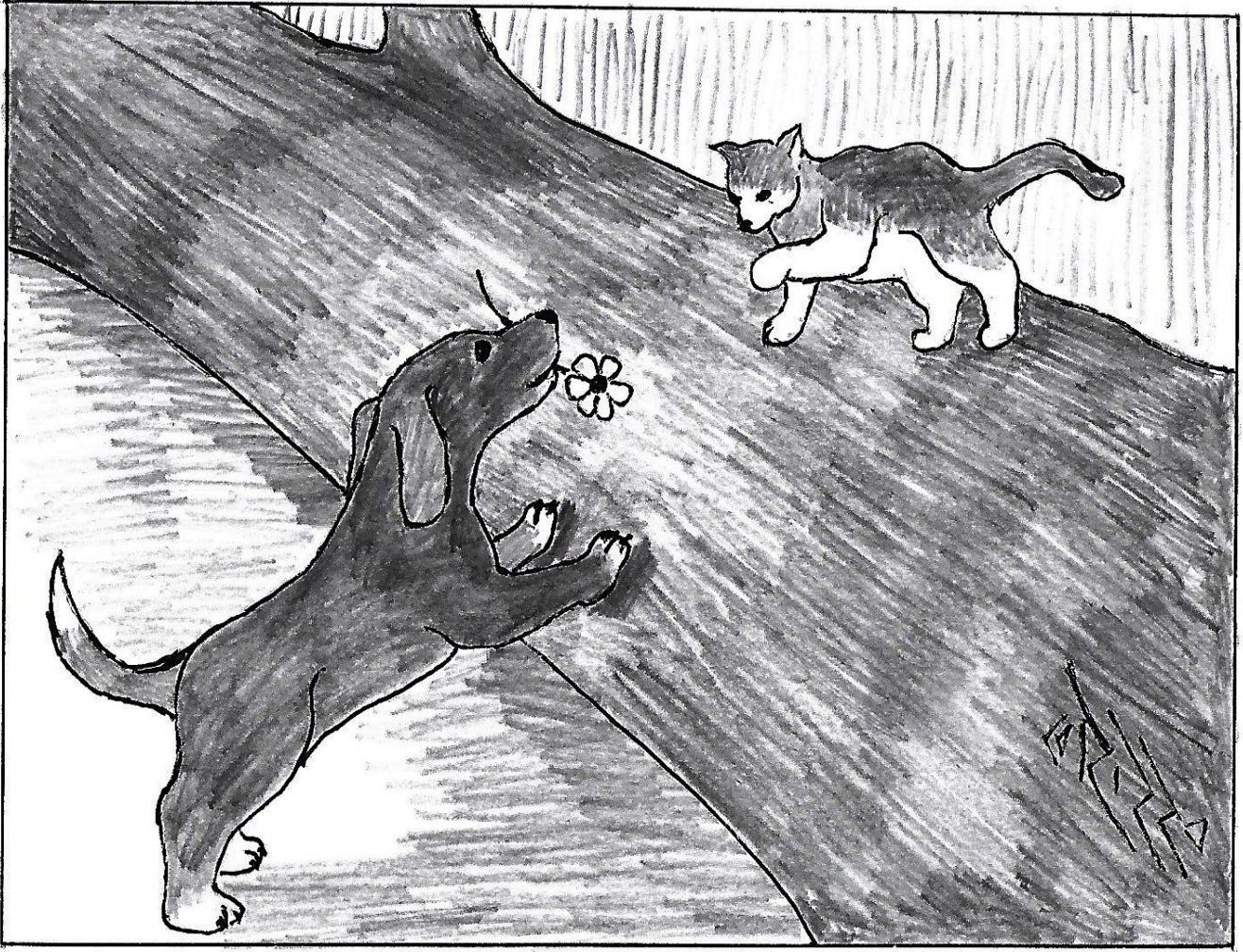
In addition, en route to the big game, Brady had vanquished two other GOAT wannabes, Drew Brees and Aaron Rodgers, while another GOAT pretender, Ben Roethlisberger over in the AFC, had fizzled out.

The Brady-Mahomes matchup was a classic, made-for-TV, duel-for-the-ages.

But in the end, it was #12 who stood tall and confident in the pocket, firing lasers to his receivers, while Mahomes was scrambling around haphazardly and making costly mistakes.

New England fans were fortunate to have had the joy of watching Tom Brady perform his magic for 19 seasons, including six championships in nine Super Bowl appearances.

It was a run of excellence that will not be repeated, either here or anywhere else -- because there is only one GOAT.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

DiDomenico files bill to provide universal school meals

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico has once again joined forces with anti-hunger organization Project Bread in sponsoring new legislation to provide free school meals to all children in the Commonwealth. SD519/HD1161, An Act relative to universal school meals, would allow every student who wants or needs a school breakfast or lunch to receive it—at no cost to their family and with no requirement to sign up or provide income or other information. Just as no student is required to pay fees at public schools when they enter the classroom, there would be no financial barrier in the school cafeteria.

Senator DiDomenico partnered with State Representative Andy Vargas, his former co-sponsor of Breakfast After the Bell legislation, in filing this legislation to provide universal schools meals. Last week, the legislative duo joined with Project Bread and the Feed Kids Campaign— a state-level

legislative campaign comprised of the most influential and dedicated anti-hunger partners in the state— to officially launch the campaign, announce their newly filed bill, and emphasize the need for this critical legislation.

“Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, too many in our Commonwealth were struggling to meet their most basic needs. Today, the COVID crisis has shed a stark light on the state of hunger in Massachusetts, especially for kids, with twenty percent of households with children being food insecure. That is unconscionable,” said DiDomenico. “We have a moral responsibility to take immediate action to end childhood hunger in Massachusetts, and we simply cannot do so without providing universal school meals to every child, free of charge.”

Right now, 1 in 5 Massachusetts families with kids is hungry, and 27 percent of children experiencing food insecurity in Massachusetts are not eligible for free or re-

duced-price school meals. However, as a result of flexibilities granted in response to the pandemic, every student in Massachusetts currently has access to free school meals. The barrier presented by cost and paperwork was temporarily removed at the federal level because this crisis put a spotlight on the need to ensure the right to the most basic of necessities—food—for all kids. Consequently, for the past 10 months, thousands more Massachusetts children and teens have been able to get free breakfast and lunch at hundreds of meal sites across the Commonwealth.

Despite this important step forward, without state-level legislation in place, there is a possibility that barriers to school meals will return once the waivers expire post-pandemic. To keep school meals accessible for all students, Senator DiDomenico, Representative Vargas, and the Feed Kids Coalition joined forces seeking a bold solution to end childhood hunger by

ensuring that every student receives the nutrition they need while they are in school.

“Our priority in Massachusetts, must be to feed our kids, full stop, and School Meals for All will do that,” says Erin McAleer, CEO of Project Bread. “Now more than ever, we need to be intentional about meeting the basic needs of students. We’ve seen during the pandemic that it’s possible to expand access to school meals for the benefit of all children. Every child and every community is better off when all students are nourished and ready to learn. Massachusetts has the opportunity right now, to invest in the health and future of our kids, and to lead the nation in providing School Meals for All. It’s a necessary step to solving hunger permanently.”

This is the first legislative session this bill has been filed. More information about the bill and the Feed Kids Campaign can be found at the FeedKids-Ma.org.

CAPT. HAMILTON RETIRES



Capt. Paul Hamilton retired late last month after a 37-year career in policing. Hamilton joined the Everett Police in 2004, transferring from the Boston Municipal Police Department. He rose through the ranks at the EPD to the rank of Captain. His most recent assignment was in charge of Support Services. Hamilton comes from a long line of police officers who were all proud of their service.

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MCU TO MERGE WITH GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL CREDIT UNION

Metro Credit Union (MCU), Massachusetts’ largest state-chartered credit union, today announced that it will merge with Gloucester Municipal Credit Union, founded in Gloucester, Mass in 1941, on February 26. Metro, which recently surpassed \$2.3 billion in assets, will absorb GM-CU’s nearly 500 members and \$2.3 million in assets. Metro’s newest members will have access to an expanded line of products and services as well as its 14 branch locations. “I’m thrilled to welcome members of the Gloucester community to the Metro family,” said Robert Cashman, CEO and president. “I encourage both existing members of GMCU and others who are or were previously employed by the city of Gloucester to take advantage of the many opportunities Metro has to offer our members.” When considering a merger, GMCU turned to Metro due to its strong reputation, digital and technological advancement, and obvious commitment to its more than 220,000 members. “Metro will offer our members additional benefits and opportunities that we have not been able to provide, including digital access, mortgages, home equity loans, and more,” said Lawrence Ingersoll, board president, Gloucester Municipal Credit Union. “We are particularly grateful to partner with a credit union that we know will treat our members with compassion and care and offer them the security and trust they deserve.” For more information about Metro Credit Union,

please visit metrocu.org or connect with us on LinkedIn.

MVES OFFERS SAFETY TIPS WHEN WALKING IN SNOWY AND ICY CONDITIONS

Each winter, slip and fall accidents cause serious injuries. Even when surfaces do not look especially icy or slippery, it is very possible that a thin sheet of transparent ice or “Black Ice” is covering your pathway putting you at risk. When you approach a footpath or roadway that appears to be covered with ice or snow, always use extreme caution. Many slips and falls happen in places people regard as safe and secure, typically outside their front door, on the doorstep, on the path or while getting out of the car. With the winter weather upon us, Mystic Valley Elder Services’ Safety Committee advises these 10 tips to make sure you are staying safe when walking around in snowy and icy conditions.

- Walk slowly and carefully. Wear boots or other slip-resistant footwear.
- Use special care when getting in and out of vehicles. Use the vehicle for support if you need to do so.
- Watch for slippery floors when you enter any building or home.
- Avoid walking with your hands in your pockets; this can reduce your ability to catch yourself if you lose your balance.
- Watch out for black ice.
- Tap your foot on potentially slick areas to see if the areas are slippery.
- Walk as flat-footed as possible in very icy areas.
- Avoid uneven surfaces if possible. Avoid steps or curbs with ice on them.

- Report any untreated surfaces to your town, property owner, or work’s maintenance department to help keep you safe.
- Remember: Ice and snow mean, “take it slow!”

If you are interested in knowing more about Mystic Valley Elder Services’ programs, please visit us here or call us at 781-324-7705.

MBTA SERVICE PLANNING TEAM HOSTS VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

The MBTA Service Planning team will be hosting virtual public meetings on Wednesday, February 17, and Wednesday, February 24, from 6-8 p.m. to share the temporary schedule changes that will go into effect in March and April of 2021. The MBTA is implementing service changes in response to the low ridership caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes on the bus network and subway system will begin on March 14. This will reduce frequency on some bus and subways lines and eliminate, shorten, or combine various bus routes. The Commuter Rail will also undergo additional scheduling changes, starting April 5. During the virtual public meetings, the team will share information as to why the route changes are necessary and offer insight into the service planning process. They will also share specific information about the service changes and impacted routes. Attendees are welcomed to ask questions and provide feedback regarding the service changes that will go into effect. For more information and to learn how to join the meetings, please visit www.mbta.com/service-changes.

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mercial projects over 15,000 sq. ft. - both in the queue and coming in the future. The residential portion was what caused the most wiggle-power. As part of the new fee compromise, all projects that have received Board approval, but not a building permit (which is the cutoff) will pay \$500 per unit, unless their project includes 15 percent affordable housing units. If there is 15 percent, the \$500 fee is waived. The transition fee would have to be paid within five years. For projects coming after the ordinance is ordained, which is expected at the Feb. 22 Council meeting, the residential fee would be \$1,000 per unit and developers would have seven years to pay the full fee.

That would apply even to small projects like the conversion of a one-family to a two-family. Such a conversion, which is quite common now in Everett, would result in a \$1,000 payment under the new fee structure.

McLaughlin said there were approximately 3,000 units in the queue that would be affected by the \$500 per unit transition fee. The transition fee for projects in the queue was a major concern earlier on when Mayor Carlo DeMaria’s plan surfaced two weeks ago and it contained fees that would be assessed on many projects currently. On Monday, Councilor Rosa DiFlorio said it was hard to agree with putting fees on those that have already gone through the Zoning Board and Planning Board process. She

did, however, agree to the compromise. “The Committee did not make a recommendation and that’s because there was a lot that we didn’t agree with,” she said. “We agree with establishing a Linkage Fee, but we didn’t agree with the retroactive part. That wasn’t fair.” The new fee structure compromise from McLaughlin passed 9-2, with Adrien and Councilor Michael Marchese voting against. Councilor Fred Capone moved to amend the ordinance to put the power to administer the program with the City Council and not Inspectional Services (ISD). Capone said he felt that’s a power that should remain with an elected body, and not be delegated to a City Department. His revision passed 7-3. Meanwhile, Councilor Gerly Adrien focused in on the history of the Linkage process, which goes back many years and includes a commissioned study done for the City in 2019. That process actually started in 2016 when the City got approval by Home Rule Petition from the State Legislature to create a Linkage Fee. However, in those five years, a local ordinance could never get accomplished. The 2019 study sought to get things moving, but again the matter stalled out until just recently – when the City, badly in need of revenues due to COVID-19 losses, began to hustle in order to collect some significant money from projects coming down the pipeline.

The 2019 study had not been widely discussed, and Adrien was able to learn from Attorney Jonathan Silverstein, a consulting attorney for the City, about the recommendations in the report. The report cited Linkage Fees in Boston of \$11 per sq. ft.; in Somerville of \$12.46 per sq. ft.; and in Barnstable of \$9 per square foot. The recommendation in Everett to remain competitive was around \$4-\$8 per square foot. The current proposal came in at \$2 per sq. ft. for commercial properties. Some developers were not entirely happy with the process of hitting those that were already in the process of starting construction – but were still waiting on a building permit. John Tocco, who is about to begin work on The 600 on Broadway, said he agrees with Linkage Fees in Everett, but felt it put developers in a tough spot to require them after Board approvals. “Construction is risky and banks and investors look for certainty,” he said. “What happens when the rules get changed this late in the game when a project is still under review, but approvals have been achieved and a groundbreaking has happened, is that certainty the City should provide is eliminated. It begs a lot of new questions from bankers and lenders.” The long-stewing ordinance could be ordained and become law if voted in at the Feb. 22 Council meeting, and then signed by Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

Massive Ferry/Elm Street reconstruction project inching closer to a start date

By Seth Daniel

The multi-year full reconstruction of Ferry Street and Elm Street is nearing a start date, according to project managers, with the City Council approving on Monday night some 300 easements needed to start the project. The easements are mostly five-year temporary easements along the route that will serve for temporary access to accommodate work crews and equipment. Some 13 easements will be permanent and used for sidewalks, said Project Manager Kristopher Surette. The Council voted to appropriate \$2 million for the easements, all of which is covered by a federal and state grant for the project. City CFO Eric Demas said it is a very significant project and would cost more than \$30 million.

The only piece that the City would end up paying for is some water line work that isn’t available for reimbursement. Surette said the project is in line to be advertised on March 6, and work could begin in late summer to fall. It is expected at the most to be a five-year project, but could be shorter. Already, the gas line and water line work has been completed. Surette said abutters

getting a permanent easement agreement are qualified to be paid for the land, but he said already three of the 13 have donated the land to help the project along. Significant work on the easements was done by City Solicitor Colleen Mejia as well, Surette said. Residents along the route can expect to have two or three days of disruption in front of their

properties as the project goes along. There is a chance they could lose parking for that short period of time or have their driveways blocked off. There will be strict rules about digging up the street once the project is completed, Surette said, since it is a federal project. “You will not have a trench dug down the middle of Ferry Street for many, many years after this is done,” he said.

The City of Everett partners with MAPC for digital access and equity plan

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett has partnered with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to address the digital divide in the community. Together, the City and MAPC are working to develop a Digital Access and Equity Plan to enhance the digital capacity throughout the City. “I want to ensure that the entire Everett community has digital access,” said Mayor DeMaria. “By partnering with MAPC, the City of Everett will be able to address the digital divide in the community. I look forward to seeing the results of the assessment and developing an action plan for next steps.” City Councilor Stephanie Martins, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, and members of the Administration met with MAPC to discuss the beginning steps in developing the Digital Access and Equity Plan. Factors that will influence the plan include access to affordable, high speed, and reliable internet, availability of computing devices, and digital literacy. “The internet is where we communicate, access important information, pay our bills, check the news, receive our education, and much more these days. Access to quality internet service is a mat-

ter of public health,” said Councilor Martins. “Having a connection that is inferior, congested, and constantly disrupted creates a digital divide when compared to other wealthier communities and leaves our residents behind. For the past two months, I have challenged our providers to step up the delivery of their services to our residents. I want to thank Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Department of Communications for supporting the efforts to mitigate Everett’s Digital Divide by retaining the MAPC to develop a Digital Access and Equity Plan. I am extremely excited to be a part of this work, along with the Department of Communications, Everett Public Schools, and community partners, and look forward to the next steps which will include an extensive and inclusive community needs assessment.” “I thank the City for including the EPS in its discussions and planning surrounding this critical issue,” said Superintendent Tahiliani. “Everett is taking a comprehensive and ambitious approach to digital access and equity, as evidenced by the fantastic decision to partner with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. The district looks forward to seeing this partnership develop a strong and sustainable plan that will ben-

efit our students for many years into the future.” Through the Federal Economic Development Administration Disaster Mitigation and Recovery Grant, MAPC will begin the process to address the challenges of internet access in Everett. The City of Everett looks forward to unveiling a clear strategy around providing fast, reliable, and affordable internet service to its residents and businesses. According to MACP, “Everett is set to become a leader within the Commonwealth by developing a plan that is scaled to fit the capacity of municipal staff while leveraging a strong resource network of local, state, and federal resources that cross the public, private, educational, and nonprofit sectors.” The next step is to create a working group to determine needs and issues throughout the community. Everett Haitian Community Center, La Comunidad, Cambridge Health Alliance in partnership with Teens in Everett Against Substance Abuse, Eliot Family Resource Center, and our local state leaders, State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Representative Joe McGonagle, have been invited to participate. MAPC anticipates the Digital Access and Equity Plan to be completed by Summer 2021.

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sponders, such as the police, fire, EMS and 9-1-1 dispatchers. He also noted medical workers, front-line workers, educators and volunteers that staffed the food pantries such as the Connolly Center and Grace Food Pantry.

Providing food and services was also a major part of 2020, and the mayor said the City and local organizations distributed more than 1.2 million pounds of food in 2020. As well, those that were homebound received approximately 120,000 meals delivered to their doors.

Then, after talking about all the ways that Zoom filled in the gaps for regular, in-person meetings, he said it was time to move forward in 2021.

“Needless to say – most of us are ready to ZOOM into 2021,” he said.

The first and longest part of his platform for 2021 revolved around equity and the new Diversity and Equity Advisory Board – which has been in place since the mayor declared racism a public health crisis last summer.

Right now, he said the Board is in the process of reviewing the Everett Police Department’s use-of-force policy – and listening candidly and confidentially to the experiences of people of color with the Everett Police.

“Once they share their findings and recommendations with the Administration, I promise to work diligently to address any issue that that will help our residents feel safe and included,” he said.

He added that members of his Administration have been meeting every other week with the Everett Safe and Welcoming Coalition, and the City has also expanded its language access at City Hall with a contracted interpretation service called Lionbridge – which is also being used in the Everett Public Schools.

“As Mayor, I will continue to embrace the diversity that exists in our great community,” he said. “There is no tolerance for racism in our City, and you have my word that my Administration will constantly strive toward ensuring equity and equality for people of all backgrounds, heritages, sexual orientations, genders, creeds and economic statuses. Our City must be

one in which every resident is able to peacefully share and exchange ideas, one where we can respect and celebrate our differences, and one where we are united in making sure that Everett is a place that we are all proud to call our home.”

Finance was also a big subject in the address, and while many municipalities suffered financially during the pandemic, the mayor said Everett has done well. New construction projects continue to roll in, and revenues aren’t down as much as many feared. He said Everett continues to be a community that many in the region and nation look to for innovative ideas.

He touched on the affordable housing project now emerging at the former St. Therese’s Church site on upper Broadway.

He said one of the things that will need to be considered moving forward is looking at familiar places differently than in the past – such as the Commercial Triangle and other areas that are attractive to developers right now but historically have been considered inferior properties by residents.

“Moving forward in Everett means looking differently at areas of the City and having the ability to see the places we all know in a new way - in a different way,” he said. “We have made significant progress in the revitalization of the Commercial Triangle Area, the area encompassing Revere Beach Parkway and Second Street in Everett.”

That led to the unveiling of a new initiative to increase the footprint of the Urban Renewal Plan in Everett. He said the current plan will add the Lower Broadway Master Plan, the Commercial Triangle, the GE Parcel and Everett Stadium. That was a new and interesting initiative.

“We have big goals, aggressive goals, but I’m confident they can be accomplished,” he said – calling on the City Council to work together with him to move forward in 2021 on such things.

Development talk quickly morphed into amenities and protecting the environment, and he said developing the City can also mean improving the environment.

He highlighted the new kayak ramp at RiverGreen,

the restoration of North/South Creek, and the expansion of the Northern Strand Community Path. He highlighted 20 new BlueBike Stations, and the advancement of the Mystic River Pedestrian Bridge that would unlock an uninterrupted path from Nahant to downtown Boston and Cambridge. At the same time, he highlighted the continued progress on public transportation, including the new Silver Line expansion study that kicked off this week.

He said strong public transit is a must to grow the city.

“Mobility remains the key to sustained economic development and enhanced quality of life for our residents,” he said.

Finally, he said that 2021 will be about – more than anything – making sure the vaccine for COVID-19 arrives in Everett and is distributed to anyone that wants it.

“I am proud that the vaccine has arrived in Everett and that our first responders have been vaccinated,” he said. “Over the next year, I will work to ensure that our entire community has the opportunity to be vaccinated.”

Winding down his Address, he referred to some silver linings that have come out of COVID-19. For his family, that has meant being under the same roof again and spending more quality time together. For the mayor’s family, he said that has meant gathering nightly around the dining room table to play the Uno card game.

Now, however, he said it’s time to move into 2021 and continue the progress that the City left off with in March 2020 when all things normal came to a halt.

“It’s now time to focus on 2021,” he said. “We will continue to make strides towards bettering our community in all aspects – with transportation, capital improvements, and our infrastructure. The pandemic required the City to shift gears and adapt to a global crisis however, we are ready to pick up where we left off and continue to move Everett forward.”

The full online State of the City Address is available on the City’s Facebook page and on its website.



Educators in Everett Public School were highlighted for their ability to quickly move to remote schooling last September.



Mayor DeMaria thanked police, fire, EMS and 9-1-1 dispatchers in his Address.



Like no other time, medical professionals were lifted up during 2020, with workers from CHA Everett pictured here during the Parade and Luncheon staged for them last April.



Mayor DeMaria thanked the Cardello Family for their work in standing up the Grace Food Pantry and keeping things running throughout the toughest times in 2020.



Mayor DeMaria welcoming a new police officer to the ranks, highlighting the work of the first-responders during the pandemic.



The new Kayak boat launch is shown here, being rolled out last summer at RiverGreen. The mayor said he cannot wait to have an official opening when it’s safe.

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Volunteers at the Connolly Center helped the City provide more than one million pounds of food to needy residents.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

O’FLAHERTY RETURNS TO CHELSEA

CHELSEA - When his friend and colleague in the House of Representatives, Martin Walsh, the newly elected mayor of Boston, asked him to be corporation counsel for the city of Boston, then-State Rep. Eugene O’Flaherty accepted the new job and the considerable challenge of the position.

And now after seven years of commendable and widely acclaimed service in the key role in the Walsh Administration, O’Flaherty is leaving and will be returning to Chelsea.

“It was an incredible opportunity to serve the City of Boston and to continue my public service,” said O’Flaherty. “When I got there, it felt like an overwhelming task. We have to manage over 60 attorneys, paralegals, and staff. It’s a very diverse law practice, with many qualified attorneys working on schools, on the Boston Police and Boston Fire, and all the different departments and commissions, as well as the Boston City Council,” said O’Flaherty.

If it sounds like a gargantuan operation, it is. All of the legal representation for New England’s largest city was under O’Flaherty’s jurisdiction, including more than 1,200 litigation cases per year.

There are close to 20,000 employees working for the city “so it was a very large law practice difficult to manage, but I quickly, with the help of some very public servants, figured out what the role of the job was,” said O’Flaherty.

“Being with the Mayor, my legislative colleague and friend, throughout all of that, it was a great honor working to fulfill a lot of what he wanted to accomplish as Mayor,” said O’Flaherty. “I’ve

been by his side almost since Day 1, and we’ll be leaving around the same time.”

Walsh has been nominated by President Joe Biden for the Cabinet position of U.S. Labor Secretary. O’Flaherty was asked by the Mayor to serve with him in Washington, D.C. in the Office of the Secretary of Labor.

“Maybe if I were 20 years younger, I would have taken advantage of that opportunity, but at this point in my life, it will be too disruptive to both myself, my wife (Patricia), and my in-laws,” said O’Flaherty.

“While I was very honored to be asked to serve in the Office of the Secretary of Labor and continue working with Mayor Walsh in his new role, I had to very emotionally decline the offer.

“I’m very proud of what he has accomplished as Mayor and now to be in President Biden’s Cabinet - but it would be too disruptive personally to me, my family, my friends, and our network that we have here, to leave here and go down to Washington,” said O’Flaherty.

Chelsea’s former state representative

Gene O’Flaherty was elected state representative for Chelsea and Charlestown in November, 1996, and took office in January, 1997. O’Flaherty and Walsh, who represented Dorchester, both started together as freshman legislators.

“Both of our districts had Boston, so we had mutual legislative interests at first and we quickly became friends because, like me, both his parents were from Ireland and both my parents were both from Ireland as well, so we had a lot in common and we hit it off,” said O’Flaherty.

They served in the House of Representatives together for 17 years. When Walsh was

elected Mayor of Boston in 2013 and took office in 2014, he met for dinner with O’Flaherty and asked him to join his administration as corporation counsel.

O’Flaherty accepted the offer. He stepped down from his state representative seat and gave up his private law practice.

Many accomplishments that bettered the city

Over the course of Walsh and O’Flaherty’s seven years together in Boston city government, there were many accomplishments.

Until COVID-19 arrived, the economy for the City of Boston was booming. The innovative Seaport District, now a national model, was developed during the administration.

New fire stations, police stations, and libraries were built in the city. There was new infrastructure and huge economic growth.

Returning to law practice

A graduate of Suffolk University and the Massachusetts School of Law, Gene O’Flaherty will be returning to private law practice, including government relations. He has been practicing law since 1994.

As he comes back to the city where residents overwhelmingly supported him in elections, O’Flaherty says he’s excited to back in Chelsea.

“It’s good to be home,” he said.

Said Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, “It’s great to have Gene returning to our city and being a big part of our community. He was an excellent, hard-working state representative who did so much for our city when he served in that position. I know he was also a tremendous asset to the Walsh Administrative in an important role. I look forward to seeing Gene at Chelsea events

FUNDING FOR CAMP FIRE NORTH SHORE



Camp Fire North Shore received a donation from Camp Lions and the Lynn Lions Club for \$50,000.00 for capital improvements. Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation also donated \$25,000.00 as well as the Gerondelis Foundation who will donate a \$100,000.00 over a three year period. This total donation amounts to \$175,000.00 for the initial improvements. Camp Fire Executive Director Laurie Hamill was so excited to begin the overdue renovations to the camp located on Cain Road. She continued to explain, “Thank you to these amazing benefactors; we can move forward on the first phase of the project to allow us to serve more North Shore youth and allows us to offer year round programs.” The future improvement program will provide a safe and inclusive curriculum helping young people to become “caring and confident leaders”. Pictured, the \$50,000 check presented to Camp Fire North Shore – (L-R) Richard Alfonsi, John Baker, Sean Crowley, Camp Fire Executive Director Laurie Hamill and Camp Fire Board Members Steve Antonakes, Lynn Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, and Matthew Lamothe.

and I wish him well in his law practice.”

SCHOOLS’ OUTREACH PROGRAM THRIVES

CHELSEA - On one day last summer, Supt. Almi Abeyta, members of the School Committee and her staff hit a pivot point.

After emergency schooling had wrapped up, video graduation had transpired, racial issues in the district had surfaced and many were simply coming up from survival mode after months treading water – it was time to think about school again.

The first thing to figure out was how in the world would the Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) engage with parents and students in a pandemic. With engagement historically challenging in Chelsea, adding a pandemic to the mix made seem insurmountable.

But incrementally, and with building a foundation, the district not only figured out how to engage, but also ended up launching a long-term plan for co-design of the district with parents, students, community members and business leaders.

Last Thursday, The Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy highlighted the district for one of three key pillars of success in state school districts – that being shared voices and shared leadership.

“The one silver lining in all of COVID, it’s the family and community engagement we’ve been able to do during this time,” said Supt. Almi Abeyta during a panel discussion last Thursday.

Center Director Chad d’Entremont said they are pushing the idea of shared leadership in school districts, going a step beyond just collabor-

ating. He said it could come with elevating student voices, having student-led conferences, School Committee seats for students with full voting privileges, or changing other formal structures.

He said the Harvard School of Education’s Design Lab has innovated in creating Children’s Cabinets, which Chelsea Public Schools has adopted this year in the midst of its ambitious co-design plan. The Cabinets create a table for those working with youth – including departments, agencies, businesses, civic leaders and non-profits.

“They come together to develop a collective vision and system of supports for youth development and growth,” he said. “CPS has taken such an approach to this. Along with establishing the Children’s Cabinet, they have also launched the co-design pilot to include families in every step of the district’s plan to improve learning.”

In doing so, they’ve established nine teams to look at everything from discipline practices to remote learning to improving School Site Councils to changing the demographics of the teaching staff.

“Chelsea is a largely immigrant with a high LatinX population and a predominately white teaching staff,” he said. “One goal is to shift racial power dynamics in the community.”

In the panel discussion, Abeyta said you have to lay a foundation before attempting such a move. As a new superintendent last year, her entry plan called for new and better engagement with families.

“That kind of led me to say one pillar will be family and community

engagement as I start a new superintendency,” she said. “Building on that, the community and the teachers were so hungry to engage families. We hadn’t made the effort because we were so busy with everything else.

Then COVID presented this silver lining and you can’t let the crisis go to waste. We were thinking that we were in remote learning and we didn’t know how long we would be there. We had to engage our families somehow. They aren’t coming to the schools and we have to engage students and make sure attendance rates are good.”

That’s when they decided to do trust visits last summer.

Though simple, they were effective in creating a personal bond. Teachers and administrators scoured the community and had visits or conferences on sidewalks and porches of the homes around the city. Some parents actually came to the school for the upper grades and talked with teachers in large tents outside.

That activity was built into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Chelsea Teachers Association. The understanding was in the 10 days of professional development training, some of those days would be reserved for outreach and trust visits.

“We thought about having parent/teacher conferences out front, but we don’t really call those parent/teacher conferences,” she said. “Instead we called them trust visits. The trust visits happened on the sidewalk. We also bought big tents and put them outside so teachers could meet with

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Mystic Valley Regional Charter School recently released its second quarter Honor Roll for the 2020-2021 academic year. All in all 327 MVRCS students in grades 7-12 achieved either High Honor Roll or Honor Roll Recognition. Twenty nine men and women hailing from Everett were part of the list. To be on the Honor Roll a student needs to finish the quarter with no grade lower than a B-, to be on the High Honor Roll a student needs to finish the quarter with no grade lower than an A-.

Since its inception in 1998, Mystic Valley Regional Charter School has educated students from the communities of Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield. The school has nearly 1,600 students in grades K-12 and strives tirelessly to deliver a world-class education characterized by a well-mannered, disciplined and structured academic climate. Located in Malden, MVRCS has an extensive character education program as well for students in all grades, incorporating core values and fundamentals ideals of American Culture

embodied in the Declaration of Independence and United States Constitution. MVRCS is proud to be the lone public school in Greater Boston to offer a 5-day in-person learning option.

Honor Roll Students from Everett

High Honor Roll
Grade 12: Janae Green, Rachel Silva.

Grade 8: Lily Van Campen, Kevin Capa, Vy Nguyen, Lucas Santos, Victor De Souza.

Grade 7: Brady Capa, Rihanna Closeil, Elijah DeTore.

Honor Roll

Grade 12: Aidan Casey, Bryant Nguyen, Crystal Truong.

Grade 11: Brandon Paris.

Grade 10: Sofia Blandino, Amira Harda.

Grade 9: Eva Boudreau, Joshua DeSouza, Ava Green, Esther Souza, Eva Truong.

Grade 8: Laila Graham, Emerson Lyons, Corey Meady, Keira Michenzie, Hannah Mulugheta.

Grade 7: Mohammed Daoud, Olivia Laidlaw, Zion Presume.

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO HOLY CROSS' DEAN'S LIST

WORCESTER, MA (02/05/2021)-- A total of 1,453 students were named to College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List

for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year. The following local students made the list:

Julianne Lopez-Picardi of Everett, a member of the Class of 2021, majoring in History

Angelo Carbone of Everett, a member of the Class of 2022, majoring in Political Science

Dennis Ryan of Everett, a member of the Class of 2023, majoring in Undeclared

Ralph Carbone of Everett, a member of the Class of 2024, majoring in Undeclared

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC HONORS

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following students were recently named to the University's dean's list for the Fall semester, which ended in December 2020.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, these students are members of the University Honors Program, which offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest residential communities, participate in enriched, interdisciplinary courses, and engage in research and creative endeavors, service, and global experiences. Invitation into the University Honors Program is highly competitive and students must maintain a high GPA

to maintain membership.

* Everett resident Christian Berlus, majoring in pharmacy

* Everett resident Hao-ming Zhu, majoring in architecture

* Everett resident Adrian Velasquez, majoring in business administration

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Northeastern's comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programs-in on-campus, online, and hybrid formats-lead to degrees through the doctorate in nine colleges and schools. Among these, we offer more than 140 multidisciplinary majors and

degrees designed to prepare students for purposeful lives and careers.

CRAFTS NAMED TO FALL 2020 DEAN'S LIST AT SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

Named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2020 semester was Molly Crafts, a senior music education studies major from Everett and a graduate of Pope John XXIII High School.

About Saint Michael's College

Saint Michael's College, founded in the great Catholic intellectual tradition, which also recognizes the principles of social justice and compassion, is a selective, fully residential Catholic college in Vermont's beautiful Green Mountains. Our closely connected community delivers internationally-respected liberal arts and graduate education near Burlington, one of the country's best college towns. To prepare for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives, young adults here grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to be responsible for themselves, each other and their world.

OBITUARIES

James Conti

Retired Everett Police Officer

James V. Conti, a lifelong Everett resident, entered into eternal rest on Monday, February 1 in the Cambridge Health Alliance-Everett Hospital after a brief illness. He was 95 years old.

Born in East Boston, he was a police officer for the City of Everett retiring after many years of faithful service protecting and serving the Everett community. He was a US Army veteran of WWII and a very skilled carpenter working in many homes and businesses in and around the Everett area.

Jim was a life member of the Saugus-Everett Lodge of Elks, #642, the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

The beloved husband of the late Maureen C (Crafts), he was the dear and devoted father of James R. Conti and Carol Ann Stevenson of Everett and Michael Conti and his wife, Kathryn of Andover;



brother of the late Joseph Conti, Marguerite Lepore and Robert Conti and his surviving wife, Lillian of Revere; loving grandfather of Katie and Nicholas Conti of Andover and Marnie Stevenson of Lowell.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in James' memory to any veterans' charitable organization would be sincerely appreciated. Due to the current restrictions placed on all of us because of COVID-19, services will be held privately for the immediate family. Arrangements are by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts releases updated notice to quit requirement and resources for landlords

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has put new requirements in place for landlords regarding the issuance of notices to quit. The notice to quit is a legal document that formally notifies the tenant that the tenancy will be terminated on a specific date. Effective December 31, 2020 through the end of the COVID-19 state of emergency, landlords must do the following:

1. Together with the notice to quit itself, provide tenants with a completed copy of the Notice to Quit Attestation Form. This form has been developed by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) and is available at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/landlord-attestation-and-tenant-notice-form-and-translations/download>.

2. Submit a copy of the notice to quit to EOHED at <https://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-notice-to-quit-form-submission>.

The Attestation Form is now a requirement that was developed by the Massachusetts Legislature and it was signed into

law by Governor Baker on December 31, 2020. On the Attestation Form, the landlord must answer three questions:

1. Has the tenant declared that they are covered under the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's order "Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19"?

2. Is the unit a "covered dwelling" as defined in the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act")?

3. Are there existing agreements between the tenant and landlord related to the repayment of overdue rent?

If the answer to any of the above questions is "yes," special restrictions may apply to eviction of the tenant. By completing and submitting the Attestation Form, landlords can help ensure that their eviction actions are in compliance with state and federal law.

The Massachusetts Housing Court and District Court have issued updated orders telling landlords what they need to do

to start an eviction action by filing a summary process complaint effective January 25, 2021. Under these orders:

• The courts will not accept a summary process filing for nonpayment of rent without an Affidavit of Compliance confirming that the tenants were given the required Attestation Form.

• The landlord must sign this form "under the penalties of perjury." This means that false statements may be subject to criminal penalties, including fines or imprisonment.

• The courts will rely on the Affidavit of Compliance to determine whether to accept a summary process filing.

• Landlords may be asked to provide the court or the tenant evidence of delivery of the Attestation Form.

There are additional resources available for landlords. Landlords who own less than 2- units of housing may apply directly for the state's assistance programs (RAFT/ERMA) on behalf of their tenants. It is very important landlords coordinate with tenants before they apply for

RAFT/ERMA. Landlords must obtain and submit a signed tenant consent form before applying for assistance. New free or low-cost legal assistance is now available for income-eligible owner-occupants of homes with rental units.

Massachusetts Community Mediation Centers are offering free pre-court mediation between landlords and tenants for COVID-19 related lease disputes in addition to the summary process cases referred through the courts. To find your local Community Mediation Center across the state check out www.resolutionma.org housing.

More information on resources available through the Eviction Diversion Initiative is available at www.mass.gov/CovidHousingHelp. Additionally, further information regarding this topic, including instructions for completing the Attestation Form and links to applicable law and regulation, is available at www.mass.gov/noticetoquit.

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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5:30 p.m.
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News and Notes

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Last Thursday area residents took advantage of the vaccination clinic hosted by EBNHC at the Revere PACE site on Garofalo Street. Residents who meet the state criteria can currently be vaccinated. All are encouraged to make appointments and come down and receive the vaccine.



Rita Krassnoff receives her first dose of the vaccine.



Volunteers administering were (left to right) John Benecchi, DMD, Adrienne Maguire RN and School Nurse in Revere, Lauren Buck, Public Health Director for the City of Revere, and Revere resident Kathy Savage, NP for Element Care SCO program.



Gloria Torre, 93, gets ready to receive her first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine



Revere's Paul Saintil receives the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.



Alice Haskell, Chair of the Winthrop Senior Center moments before receiving her vaccine.



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Revere's Louis Krassnoff receives his vaccine.

Cases of COVID-19 show dramatic drop in February

The numbers of COVID-19 cases in Everett backed off in a major way last week after the major post-holiday surge seemed to be firmly in the rearview mirror, going down from the 600 range a week in January to less than 200 this past week. This week, there were 136 cases throughout the week, which was down from more than 200 last week. It showed a continued steady decline and brought case numbers back into last summer's lower case numbers. It comes as most all hospital

employees at CHA Everett, most first responders in Everett and an initial round of 75-plus year olds have been vaccinated. The most recent numbers are as follows:
•Tuesday, Feb. 9 - 9
•Monday, Feb. 8 - 8
•Sunday, Feb. 7 - 31
•Saturday, Feb. 6 - 27
•Friday, Feb. 5 - 20
•Thursday, Feb. 4 - 11
•Wednesday, Feb. 3 - 7
•Tuesday, Feb. 2 - 23
On Monday, Jan. 4, Everett moved its testing full-time indoors at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center on Elm Street. Testing is

done Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday and Saturdays, testing is done noon to 6 p.m. Additionally, there is a new testing resource for Everett residents only via the Mass General COVID-19 testing van. The van is located every Thursday at the Norwood Street Parking Lot in Everett Square. The hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and proof of Everett residency is required. Updates on the van are posted on the Kraft Community Health website.



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