

Sky Everett gets early blessing at ZBA, but more study needed

By Seth Daniel

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) signaled an overall openness to the 21-story mixed-use residential tower proposed by V10 Development for the center of the Commercial Triangle area, but the Board also wanted more study and to move cautiously on the area’s first high-rise proposal.

Sky Everett is proposed by V10, which is made up of Ricky Beliveau and John Tocco, and would be their second development in Everett after being approved for The 600 on Broadway. On Monday, they were before the ZBA for their first meeting to proposing Sky Everett – a 21-story tower on Spring and Second Streets abutting Market Forge. The proposal includes 366 residential units, with 5 percent affordable, a significant contamination clean-up of the former industrial property, and a noteworthy rooftop restaurant brought by the well-known Varano restaurant family.

The big question for the night was whether or not height would be acceptable in that area – which is far from most of Everett’s traditional residential neighborhoods but also several steps closer than the Encore

tower. To date, more than 3,000 units have been built out or approved for the Commercial Triangle area – a 100 acre swath of land south of the Parkway that few in Everett really cared about until recently. It has, however, become hot property for developers in the Greater Boston area – buttressed by the promise of an extension of Chelsea’s Silver Line on Second Street and soaring lab space buildouts in nearby Cambridge, Somerville and Charlestown. However, most of those developments have been about six or seven stories tall, and though most have far more units, they are nowhere near as tall.

There were lots of questions from the Board, mostly about the height, but most agreed that the height might be acceptable in that area of Everett.

Chair Mary Gerace set the tone, saying she liked the project, but wanted to study the shadow and view blockage before the Board opens the gates on high-rises in the Triangle.

“I like the project and I think it’s an exciting project and will be an asset to the City eventually,” she said. “But you’re the first of many and I want to make sure the view blockage for the

future doesn’t take away the million dollar views that exist in Everett. Up by the hospital, that is a panoramic view. I don’t want that to be blocked and we need to study that.”

The end result was a continuation of the public hearing and the matter to the next meeting in two weeks, with the order to conduct a thorough peer reviewed shadow test and view blockage study.

Tocco said they have been working on the building for about a year. When they first began thinking about it, they were going to do the same “high-density donut” development that exists there, but decided to try something new and to give this new section of the city some variety. The only thing left to do was height with open space and a signature rooftop restaurant.

“We didn’t go into this process thinking we were going to build a tower like this,” he said. “We thought it would be something like The 600. What we wanted to do was differentiate the project from the other 3,000 units in the area. We weren’t adding anything to the area or helping to draw attention to it with a regular high-density donut development with a courtyard in the

middle. The Pioneer is great and is a pioneer for a reason. It would be the first. We would be the fifth on the block.

“We want to create something and place a centerpiece in the middle of the Commercial Triangle that creates some sense of destination,” he continued. “You come into Everett and pass the casino and turn the corner and see that something exciting is going on.”

Member Tyler Le Cao wanted to know why go 21 stories – jumping from six or seven stories to 21. He said it seems like a giant leap, especially with the maximum height without a permit being 100 feet.

Tocco explained that in the construction world, one won’t see many buildings at or just below 100 feet. There will be 70 or 80 foot buildings, but beyond that the necessity of structural steel calls for going up higher.

“You can’t just jump two more floors because then you’re into a whole new type of construction,” said Tocco. “You need to make that significant jump...You need to jump well over 100 feet.”

Member Roger Thistle said the height is new and a concern because of that, but said it is the right area for that kind of



John Tocco (center) and Ricky Beliveau (right) of V10 development with their project team during Monday’s online ZBA meeting.

building.

“If it was anywhere else but there, I would not support it,” he said.

Councilor Michael McLaughlin said he supported the development now, after having some reservations at the beginning. While the height of the building is a concern, it isn’t enough to stop the progress, he said.

“I don’t necessarily like the height,” he said. “I think it sets a precedent and we could have other developers come in and want the same thing. It’s an isolated area of Everett though. We wouldn’t allow it on Broadway or Ferry Street...It concerns me, but not enough to make me not support the project going forward.”

Councilor Rosa DiFlorio also said she supported the project as well.

“I am in full support of the project and I think it will bring a lot to Ev-

erett,” she said. “It’s in an out of the way area that needs to be cleaned up and if anyone will do that right, it’s John and his company.”

There is one hitch to the height of the building, and that is the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and MassPort. The building lies directly under a Logan Airport flight path, and so the FAA will eventually dictate the allowed height no matter what the ZBA approves.

Tocco said they have hired Jamie Fay of Ft. Point Associates to help them through that process later in the life of the development, if approved. He indicated they would build to the limit of what the FAA says, if they are not allowed to go 21 stories.

The project is to be back before the ZBA with the two peer review studies on April 20.

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to school, the education might not be as vigorous online as it is in the classroom.

And with that question, it seems there was also a new lexicon formed as Supt. Tahliliani referred to remote students as “Zoomies” and in-person students as “Roomies.”

She said classrooms so far are set up different according to teacher preference. Some of the Zoomies are facing the Roomies and the teacher, while other classrooms had Roomies and Zoomies out of sight.

“The one thing I saw was that both groups were engaged,” Tahliliani said, but encouraged parents with concerns to bring them up to the district quickly so they can be adjusted – as it is a totally new way for teachers to be practicing their craft.

One thing that will be expected with in-person learning is somewhat frequent setbacks on COVID testing. She said they would be doing pool testing on about 82 percent of the K-5 students, and they are grouped in cohorts. Already one cohort has

had to be quarantined and go back to remote learning because of a positive within the group. That, she said, will be the nature of the game in living with COVID.

“We do expect no matter how diligent we are, we will have positive cases in our schools and that could mean a temporary return to remote learning,” she said. “In fact, this has occurred and we are at least reassured by being able to provide in-person learning where we can and also confident of the robust process we’ve put

in place for remote learning.”

If all goes well over the next few weeks, EPS plans to return Pre-K and grades 6-8 to school by April 26. The choice forms for those grade levels will be out on April 7 for parents to consider. In the meantime, the district said it has plans forming for high school students to return, but are awaiting guidance from the state on high school return. She said they needed to gauge interest with the older students for a return and would be sending out an interest form soon.



WELCOME MAP: Parlin School teachers Mayra LaRossa and Tara Cavanaugh handed out maps of the historic Parlin building on Broadway on Monday morning, as the Everett Public Schools welcomed back students in Grades K-5 for in-person teaching and learning.

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2020 is a threat to repeat itself at any moment in 2021. Dr. Lai-Becker said they may not have all the answers, but there is so much better understanding of the sickness by those in the hospital and those in the public.

“I don’t feel we have all the answers as much as we’ve figured out what should be done,” she said. “A year ago we were wearing head-to-toe Tyvek suits, wiping down surfaces constantly and we were having trouble with PPE. Now we have wipes from our usual distributor and not homemade wipes. We seem to have enough in stock. People are wearing their usual work clothes to the hospital – meaning they’re wearing scrubs. It’s just standard now. You see it in the patients too. They come in and wear their masks. They’re very good about it.”

So, with that “new normal” of COVID treatment and reaction, it strikes a question up about what COVID is now. Though everyone must remain diligent in taking precautions to

prevent it from spreading, perhaps it should no longer be viewed by the public as the killer it was when it presented itself to America one year ago.

The discussion amongst virologists and doctors and other health care workers, Dr. Lai-Becker said, is that COVID could be another type of sickness that will be with us for some time – like influenza. Are we experiencing a fourth surge, or like influenza, has COVID just mutated in the last year as influenza has mutated as well? It could be that we never get “rid” of COVID, but that we work moving ahead with prevention and understanding of what the virus is each year.

It’s a hard reality to grasp for those outside a medical setting, as everything has been pointed with great energy at eliminating the virus. However, it might instead have become more of a seasonal flu scenario.

“There is a lot of talk about a fourth surge,” she said. “You know we have the vaccine. Maybe

what this is developing into over time is a flu scenario. Technically, it’s still a pandemic. But you now have variants and we’ll address each of them. People ask if they’ll have to have a new vaccine every year. Maybe. There are all these different variants. We are already used to getting the flu shot every year. Viruses are good at mutating.”

•ANTI-BODY STUDIES REVEALED

Last June, about 8 percent of the hospital staff at CHA participated in a COVID-19 anti-body testing study – a study that potentially revealed who had been exposed to or infected with COVID whether they knew it or not. The body is known to develop anti-bodies for COVID-19 if a person has been exposed to or infected with the virus. So it was that within that small testing group, about 12 percent tested positive for anti-bodies. The meaning of that is still a little uncertain, but it shows that certainly more people in the hospital had COVID than was known in the early days

of the virus in Greater Boston.

“When you extrapolate that backward and forward, though there were only 8 percent tested, it probably means that overall there were about 20 percent of us in June 2020 that had been exposed to or developed anti-bodies for COVID,” said Dr. Lai-Becker.

She said there are probably a lot of reasons, mostly though that testing wasn’t as prevalent and the understanding of the virus wasn’t as advanced yet.

“From a medical standpoint, it’s probably we were treating a lot of COVID patients and there was a lot of chance for exposure,” she said. “It probably also has something to do with PPE, which we hadn’t figured out that well yet. My own thought is there is no way we’ve had 20 percent of our staff with symptoms out from work. That probably also shows in all likelihood there’s been a lot of asymptomatic people walking around.”

•SEASONAL ALLERGIES

The coming of seasonal allergies has presented a problem for patients coming to the Emergency Room and also for staff – as the symptoms cross over very closely to those of COVID-19. So it is that a lot more testing is going on for those that end up just having the usual seasonal allergies.

“We’ve have a lot of employees that need to get tested because of seasonal allergies that create symptoms,” she said.

•A BETTER FLU SHOT?

The advent of the COVID-19 vaccine has brought on the less-heralded perfection of using mRNA based methods for vaccination. The COVID vaccines are in fact the first mRNA-based vaccinations to be used on humans in large scale, though testing on that method of vaccine treatment has been ongoing for several years.

Now, with that process perfected, Dr. Lai-Becker said many in the medical and virology communities are wondering if it can be used to better

predict how to best make the flu shot.

She said right now a lot of the annual flu shot is based on predictions that don’t always come true – at times the strain of the flu infecting the public is not the one that was contained in the flu shot. That’s because so often, providers have to have their flu shots by October and that means manufacturers have to begin making them in the summer. That leaves a lot of guess-work that many are wondering could be eliminated using the new techniques that gave the world COVID vaccines.

“Technically the flu is a pandemic,” she said. “For many years it’s something we’ve had a vaccine for. We went through the Swine Flu of 2009-2010. We created a new vaccine then. That’s where we are now. But now we have mRNA vaccines and DNA vaccines. It’s brought many to wonder if we can use the mRNA technology to make the flu vaccine more accurate.”

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bound on Broadway were key provisions in the Reimagine Broadway initiative launched early last fall.

The survey paves the way for the potential of a new extension of the Silver Line using dedicated bus lanes in Everett to take residents on a quick trip into jobs and amenities and unlocking the potential for more housing development along the Broadway corridor.

“Getting people from Everett to downtown Boston on a one-seat ride would be a game-changer,” said Julia Wallerice, a program manager for the Institute for Transportation & Development Policy (ITDP). “There is a value for sacrifice and not having parking on the curb. The more you recognize what you get back for that, the more you are willing to make that sacrifice. Everett will most likely be included in that (Silver Line) corridor. Everett is a great partner and is willing to build out infrastructure. Everett is on track to continue to be a leader in access and mobility...Everett is doing everything the right way.”

Reimagine Broadway is a partnership between a number of organizations like ITDP, Ad Hoc Industries, the City and the state – among others. It has become a precursor for the Silver Line Extension study that is underway right now, and that has a public meeting scheduled on April 27. For Everett, enhancing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) facets has been a major priority for Mayor Carlo DeMaria since his Administration introduced the region’s first dedicated bus lane southbound on Broadway many years ago.

The Reimagine effort has included adding the northbound afternoon lane to Everett Square, adding a spur on Main Street off Sweetser Circle, and adding the permanent lane on Sweetser Circle. Other measures have been branding pieces that include new color schemes for bus facilities and COVID-19 safety kits/markings (called the ‘Distance of Care’).

There’s also a part of it that includes a little fun and enjoyment for riders – all courtesy of Adrien Gill of Ad Hoc Industries, who has been intimately involved in the planning of Reimagine and previously coordinated BRT oddities such as the Flower Bomb on Everett Square bus stops two years ago.

“When you’re looking at transit, we’re also looking at overall experience to maximize the en-



PHOTOS OF AD HOC INDUSTRIES AND BOSTON BRT
An overview of the dedicated bus lane on Sweetser Circle introduced early last fall has gotten good reviews in a new survey unveiled this week about the whole Reimagine Broadway initiatives.

gagement we have with people,” he said. “We want to make sure BRT is accessible not just in transit circles, but also for the broader community...A lot of times people focus on getting on and getting to where they want to go quickly. The place they experience the pain is during the wait. So we focus on the wait and acknowledge it is a pain point.”

Another pain point is crowded buses, a major issue during COVID-19. However, the survey showed that after Reimagine Broadway, respondents that use the bus reported the buses were less crowded.

“They said that before they were hesitant to get on because the buses were too crowded,” said Wallerice. “They felt that after the bus lanes were in, the buses were less crowded. That’s probably because without the buses being stuck in traffic, they could run more buses up and down the corridor and reduce crowding.”

In the survey, some 42 percent reported having refused to get on a bus in Everett because it was too crowded. However, they also said they felt the buses were now less crowded with the new bus lanes. Some 231 out of those surveyed agreed buses were less crowded, and only 26 said a definant ‘no.’ Many (139) were not sure.

As for safer bus stops in COVID due to the ‘Distance of Care’ campaign and markings at the stops, 178 said they felt safer and that it had produced less crowding and more direction for people waiting for the bus and those walking past the stop.

The overall survey of the Reimagine Broadway measures showed 259 were satisfied, 66 were somewhat satisfied, 61 were neutral, 13 were somewhat dissatisfied, 24 were dissatisfied and 19 did not respond.

One part that gave mixed results was the Shared Street initiative.

Gill said part of the overall effort was to also make feeder routes for pedestrians getting to bus stops more safe. That included slowing down vehicles and using temporary measures like parklets to change driver behaviors.

“The Shared Streets effort was mixed and some of that might have been how it was rolled out,” said Wallerice.

While people surveyed agreed with the concept of slowing down traffic on major bus stop feeder roads, they didn’t like how it was simply plopped down one day last year without a lot of notice.

Of those surveyed, in cooperation with local community groups like the Everett Haitian Community Center, the majority of those asked responded in Haitian Creole (193), with the second largest language being English (180). There were 50 that responded in Spanish and 19 in Portuguese. Some 256 responses were collected online, and 186 on the street.

The key takeaway for Wallerice and Gill was the fact that so many wanted to see an extension of the dedicated bus lanes and the potential of making the Broadway corridor a major transit corridor for quick mobility to Boston and Cambridge without a car. Some 70 percent wanted to see it extended to Glendale Square, and 77 percent wanted to see it extended to Sullivan Station or downtown Boston.

“No matter how people use the corridor, even if they don’t use the bus, the survey shows us they see the importance of the bus lane and know transit is key to this corridor in Everett,” said Wallerice. “It sets up Everett as a priority community to transit...The more that is publicly recognized and there is buy-in of what might seem like a sacrifice...it supports the vision of a sustainable and equitable future for Everett.”

Gabby Capone gets her short story, ‘The Lobster,’ published

Staff Report

Gabby Capone, daughter of Michele and Fred Capone, recently had her short story “The Lobster” published in Cleaver Magazine, Philadelphia’s International Literary Publication.

Cleaver Magazine showcases art and literary work from both established and up and coming artists, writers, and poets. Gabby has also been recognized as a Cleaver Emerging Artist. Her tale is about a lobster that shows up unexpectedly at her doorstep. It was one of 3,000 submissions this year, with only 7 percent accepted for publication. Gabby is a 2019 graduate of Pope



Gabby Capone.

John XXIII High School, the final class to matriculate from the school. She has always loved creative writing and has won awards and accolades from the Everett Public Libraries Poetry contests for her poems Dartmouth, Mermaid, An

Ode to the World Around Me, and Body. While at Pope John, Gabby served as Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, The Mercury, was Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Secretary of the Drama Club, Founder of the Culinary Club, and was an active member of the Poetry Club and Tingers and Tutors.

In addition, Gabby was awarded the Wellesley College Book Award for her academic record and contributions made to her school and community. Gabby is currently a sophomore at New York University, majoring in English Education with aspirations to teach creative writing in the future.

Encore Boston Harbor and Night Shift Brewing announce partnership

Staff Report

Encore Boston Harbor and Everett’s Night Shift Brewing this week announced their new collaborative restaurant and bar, Night Shift Brewing Kitchen & Tap, located inside the resort and opening on Thursday, April 15.

The new dining concept will feature elevated interpretations of classic pub fare created by executive chef Kyle Bradish as well as an extensive list of Night Shift Brewing’s locally crafted beers.

“We are thrilled at the opportunity to partner with another local Everett business, whose products are beloved in the region,” said Brian Gullbrants, Encore Boston Harbor President. “Night Shift Brewing’s reputation for high-quality craftsmanship and strong

community ties created a natural synergy that we know our guests will love.”

Night Shift Brewing Kitchen & Tap’s well-rounded menu will include small bites such as hot onion rings with Frank’s RedHot™ sauce, creamy ranch dressing and blue cheese crumbles; sandwiches like the tamarind glazed grilled pork belly banh mi with cucumber, carrot, daikon, jalapeno, cilantro, lime aioli and French bread; entrées such as the marinated steak tips with roasted garlic potato puree, grilled asparagus, crispy onion straws and mushroom gravy; and more. Save room for dessert and indulge in the Night Shift “Wide Awake” warm chocolate brownie sundae with candied pecans, chocolate sauce, maraschino cherry, and Wide Awake

Imperial Stout.

The beverage menu includes more than 20 beers on tap and a wide-ranging selection of canned beers and seltzers, including Night Shift Brewing favorites such as Whirlpool, Santilli, and Nite Lite.

“We always aim to craft better experiences for our fans,” said Night Shift President and Co-Founder, Rob Burns. “We are doing just that with this Encore Boston Harbor partnership. This will be a pinnacle experience of food and beer in the Boston area.”

Night Shift Brewing Kitchen & Tap will be open Thursday from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. by walk-in only. For the full menu and additional details, visit encorebostonharbor.com.

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GET THE VACCINE

For the vast majority of people, getting a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible is a no-brainer.

COVID-19 not only has a high death rate for older persons and those with underlying health conditions, but it also has been shown to have serious after-effects for young, healthy people who experienced only mild symptoms when they contracted the disease.

The ramifications of the health consequences for the so-called COVID long-haulers promises to adversely impact the lives of millions of Americans, as well as burden our society and health care system, for years to come.

However, despite the obvious health risks posed by COVID-19, many of our fellow citizens say they will refuse to get the vaccine. No doubt many of those who tell a pollster that they will not get a vaccine are doing so just to be contrarian. In the end, they will get a vaccine.

But unquestionably there are segments of society on all sides of the political spectrum who are opposed to the idea of vaccinations.

In our view, vaccine-hesitancy in the face of a world-wide pandemic is both inexplicable and sad.

It is inexplicable because the benefits of vaccination are so clear. There is every reason to get it and absolutely no reason to oppose it.

But it also is sad because the vaccine-hesitancy movement shows that so many of our fellow Americans are susceptible these days to rumors, misinformation, and conspiracy theories to the detriment of their own health and that of their loved ones.

The COVID-19 vaccines are a modern scientific miracle. They represent the best avenue of protection for individuals, as well as the only chance for society to overcome the pandemic in order to return our economy to normal.

In addition, with early trials showing that the vaccines are 100 percent safe and effective for older children, a vaccination program for children will assure that our schools can reopen safely. In our view, a COVID-19 vaccine should be required for all children as a condition for returning to school, similar to the requirement that children be vaccinated against other diseases.

We urge all of our readers to get the vaccine as soon as they are eligible under state guidelines.

And to those who have some degree of vaccine-hesitancy for themselves or their children -- please stop listening to those wacky and ill-informed opinions on social media.

ROYAL FAMILY, COMMON PROBLEMS

On a certain level, it is easy to dismiss the recent interview of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle as frivolous and irrelevant to the lives of the rest of us. To most Americans, the concept of a royal family is a joke to begin with, an anachronism of history.

On the other hand, there were certain aspects of the interview that made the travails faced by Harry and Meghan all too real -- and extremely relevant to the 21st century.

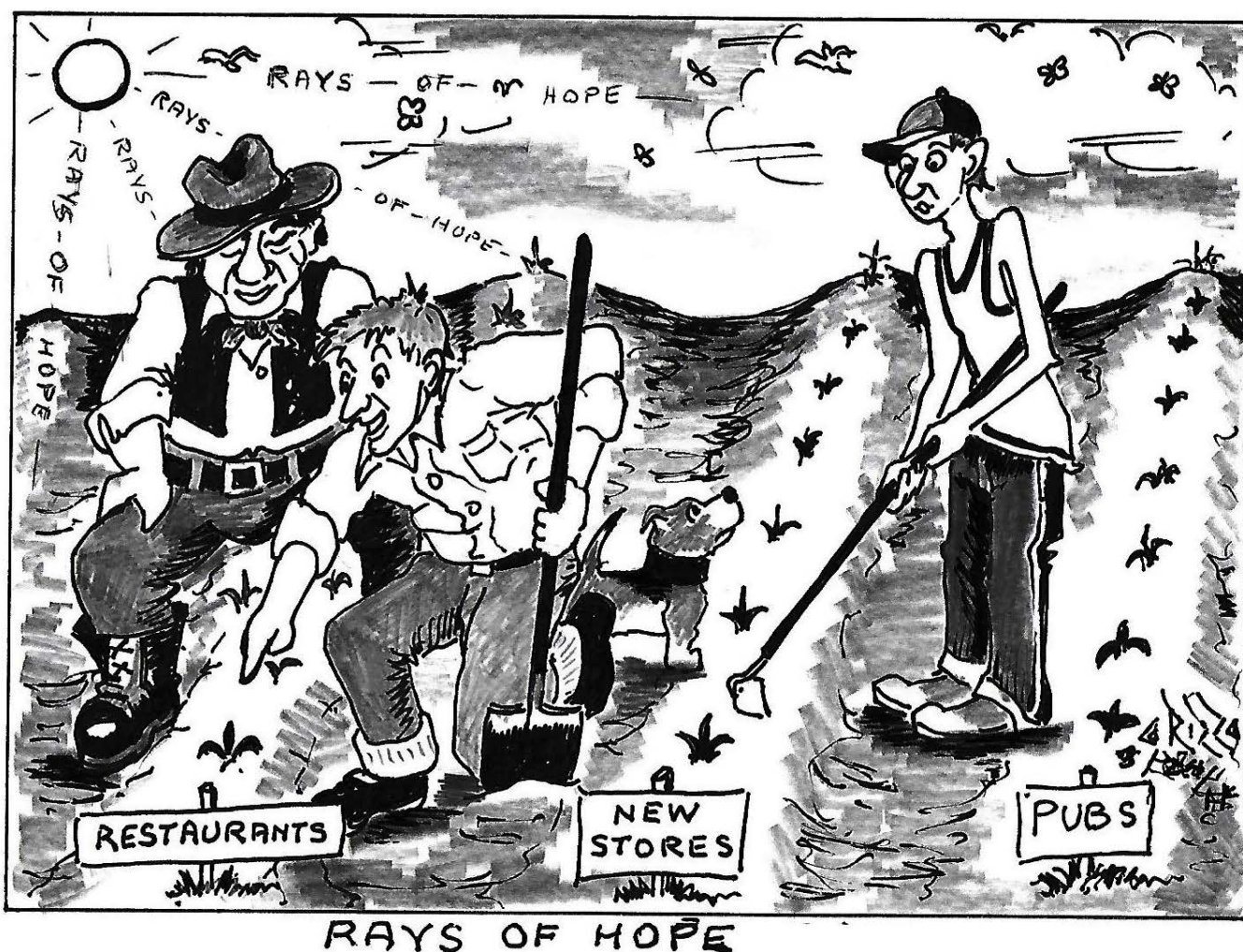
The revelation that Meghan contemplated suicide, but received no mental health support among the royal family because it would make them "look bad," was shocking, but it is something to which ordinary families can relate.

Mental health problems still carry a stigma in society at-large. If nothing else, Meghan Markle's willingness to discuss her issues hopefully will serve as an inspiration both to those suffering from depression (among other mental health illnesses) and their families to seek help in the same way that we do for physical health issues before it is too late.

Then of course, there was the discussion of race, which demonstrated just how deeply embedded racism remains in every strata of society across the globe in 2021.

The concept of royalty may be a bunch of nonsense, but the issues of mental health and racism are not and we are grateful that Harry and Meghan were willing to share their personal and painful experiences to shed light on these matters that bear relevance to everybody, regardless of social status.

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GUEST OP-ED

Easter message

By Cardinal Sean O'Malley

Easter is the center and core of Christian faith. Christian faith is Resurrection faith; the Risen Christ, having conquered sin and death, remains with us across the ages. When we celebrate "the Triduum" — the great feasts of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday — we recall and present again through words and worship the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

The Lord's Easter gift to the Church and the world is the gift of hope. Because the Risen Christ remains with us personally and collectively, we never face the challenges of life alone. Christian hope teaches us that we are destined for eternal life, and hope also is meant to sustain us in the concrete realities we face each day. As we celebrate this Easter, no truth is more relevant than hope built on Christian faith.

The past year, lived in the shadow of the

COVID-19 pandemic, has tried our sense of hope personally, socially, and as a country. The process of recovery and rebuilding our society will test us again in new ways. In some form, we have all been impacted by this silent and elusive but deadly virus. No community has been spared, and some communities have been devastated. Recovery will require a spirit of collaboration, cooperation and compassion. Easter tells us we will not be alone in this effort; the Risen Christ calls us to be very good neighbors to each other.

Throughout the past year, there have been multiple examples of what being a good neighbor means. We have seen health care workers risk their lives to save lives; we have seen front-line workers in stores, delivery agencies and police and fire departments show up every day, even at personal risk, so basic needs could be met and life could be sustained. These examples inspire

hope in human terms; we will need this kind of generosity on an even wider scale in the days and months ahead.

Nationally and locally, the pandemic illustrated again that, even when broad structural issues like a pandemic affect us all, they impact some in catastrophic fashion. African American and Hispanic communities suffered dramatically greater losses — of life and welfare — than the general population. Often, these communities have been where many front-line workers live; they kept faithfully serving others even as they suffered disproportionately themselves. National recovery should reward this service appropriately in gratitude and in public policies focused on these communities.

Any assessment of how we have responded to the pandemic will need to address two realities. There have been countless acts of charity and compassion offered

quietly and effectively each day to those in need. And, by contrast, there have been intensified expressions of racism in our public life; historic patterns aimed at Asian Americans, African Americans, and immigrants. Children and youth perceived as different are often the object of bullying that can push young people into depression, risky behaviors or suicide. There will not be lasting healing and recovery unless we are committed as a society to expand the circle of compassion and charity manifested by many and resist, by word and deed, by law and policy, the forces in our society which refuse to acknowledge the dignity of every person. Easter offers hope: it also calls us to be signs of hope, not hatred, on the road to recovery. This Easter is time to make clear choices to renew our common life."

Cardinal Sean O'Malley is the Archbishop of Boston.

AS SEEN FROM EVERETT

Chelsea fire as viewed from Everett.



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This photo from Gustav Braun shows huge smoke and fire plumes from the Great Chelsea Fire of 1908 as seen from Everett. The fire took place on April 12, 1908 and burned down nearly two-thirds of the City of Chelsea.

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“CHA Management has taken us from hero to zero.”

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How does the management team at Cambridge Heath Alliance (CHA) thank its nurses and healthcare professionals for their hard work and sacrifice during the COVID pandemic?

- By withholding long-overdue wage increases.
- By insisting on cutting their sick-time benefits.
- By dismissing their requests for simple, affordable improvements to nurse staffing.
- And by refusing to treat healthcare professionals from Everett Hospital fairly and equitably.

A year ago, when CHA nurses and healthcare professionals first began caring for COVID patients — often without proper PPE and always at the risk to themselves and their families — CHA management was happy to speak publicly about how much it valued its staff. But now that it is time to resume discussions with staff about their working conditions, management has changed its tune, instead opting to drag out an already long and unfair contract negotiation with the goal of ignoring needed improvements to staffing, pay, and benefits.

CHA's nurses and healthcare professionals deserve better.

MAYOR CARLO DEMARIA, AND THE CITY OF EVERETT, HOSTS EGG-STRAVAGANZA EGG HUNT

Last Saturday morning at Everett's Glendale Park Mayor Carlo DeMaria hosted the annual Egg-Stravaganza egg hunt, and visit from the Easter Bunny. This event was done in two separate venues, the first at 9:30 a.m. and the second at 11:30 a.m. Preregistration was required and social distancing was enforced. Along with the scattered egg hunt,

the event also included, balloon animals, seasonal decorations, giant bubbles, and a DJ song master of ceremonies. Bunny ears were supplied to children of all ages. A terrific time was had by all. Mayor Carlo DeMaria stopped by to say hello and took a moment for a photo with his special guest, the Easter Bunny.



Mia Flynn with her double find of Easter Eggs.



Cozy warm and hunting Easter Eggs is Emma Bennett.



Zoe Sousa with a big wave to her dad as she poses with the Easter Bunny.



Pixie the balloon artist was busy with many requests, she is shown here with Oz and Maya Costanza.



JoJo Boyd with a hula hoop and showing his famous around the neck move to his parents.



Easter Bunny approved face masks were worn by Jeannie Broderick and Jeannie Vitukevich.



Miky Munguia and her cousin Yane Buruca had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.



Everett's Tajada family was enjoying the event at Glendale Park last Saturday morning with their children and the Easter Bunny.



The Easter Bunny was joined by his friends from Paw Patrol and Nayiah and Skylah Correia.

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MAYOR CARLO DEMARIA, AND THE CITY OF EVERETT, HOSTS EGG-STRAVAGANZA EGG HUNT



Meckenzie Burke-Hutchinson is standing next to the giant carrot balloon statue.



Children were ecstatic to be outside and participating in an event for the first time in months. Many of the Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays this year had to be relegated to Zoom, with Easter the first opportunity to celebrate with friends and the community.



COURTESY PHOTOS
One youngster and his mother tried to move as fast as possible in Mayor Carlo DeMaria's annual EGG-stravaganza Easter celebration at Glendale Park on Saturday, April 3. Numerous families came out to hunt for Easter eggs, and celebrate with the community for the first time in a long time.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria talked to one young resident about a book she got as a gift from the Easter bunny.



The Everett Fire Department was out and gave children an up-close view of the Fire trucks.



Let's see...1...2...3: One youngster counted his eggs during the hunt.



Children were able to visit with the Easter bunny during the day.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, two excited children, and Paw Patrol character, Skye.



Organizer Deanna Deveney and the City of Everett employees that volunteered to make last Saturday a special day for ten children of Everett.



The host of the Easter Egg Hunt, Mayor Carlo De Maria stopped by to say Happy Easter to the many residents at Glendale Park.

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cans all over the country in the last month were clearly weighing on him.

He held his mother, Iko's, hand tightly, and said for the first time in his life – he is worried about what might happen to her.

"I'm proud to say I'm from Everett and lived in Everett most of my life – 37 years as a student, educator and administrator in the Everett Public Schools," he said. "I nev-

er thought I would have to worry about my mother walking down the street. This is my mother; her name is Iko and she's from Okinawa. Am I concerned? Yes, a lot. My mother is my hero. She's a human, a person and a mom. Get to know your neighbors and the people around you... Even if it's not easy, we need to stand for all marginalized populations and step up against hate."



Everett High Principal Erik Naumann with his mother, Iko, said he and his brother do fear for their mother, but he said he is encouraged by the support against such acts from the leaders in Everett.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria addressed the audience and then led an emotional moment of silence.



Bishop Robert Brown said the Asian community has been battered upon in recent weeks at an ungodly rate. He thanked those who came out to push back publicly against hate, prejudice and bigotry.



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said the national rhetoric has empowered those who think they can do or say whatever they want to those in the AAPI community, and those in the Black and brown community.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle said the State Legislature needs to strengthen laws governing hate crimes so that hate isn't walking free-ly on our streets.



Ryan and Ellis Rowlinson with Sunghwa Chang at the rally in Wehner Park on Thursday, April 1.



School Committee members Marcony Almeida Barros, Cynthia Sarnie and Chair Frank Parker were in attendance to condemn the violence against AAPI members.



Pictured (left to right) Hung Goon, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Corina Chan and Wing Chan at the event.



Elected officials and members of the AAPI community from Everett gathered at Wehner Park.

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Marcia Brown and Dominique Gooding showed their message of 'Stop AAPI Hate'.



Students from Everett High School were in attendance to condemn the recent attacks. They were joined by (standing, L-R) State Rep. Joe McGonagle, Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Councilor Jimmy Tri Le, Bishop Robert Brown, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Patti Cheever, and Councilor Stephanie Martins.



- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



BOARD OF APPEALS
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts 02149
(617) 394-2498


To Whom It May Concern:
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM in regards to an application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board's website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the City and City Clerk's website. In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 14 Harding Avenue
Map/Parcel: N0-04-000016
Person Requesting: Marcio Tolomelli an
Thais Tomomelli
14 Harding Avenue
Everett, MA 02149


To the said Board of Appeals, the owner/appl-icant proposes to construct a 4-unit structure on the vacant lot and in addition provide parking spaces at the rear of the property and on the

ground floor garage under the building. Three spaces are proposed to be undersized. Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance
Reason for Denial:
The proposed parking spaces are shown to be:
• The parking spaces are 8'-0" X 16'-0"
• One proposed parking space is shown to be in the side yard setback.
Zoning Ordinance:
1. Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph I. which states the following: Each required car space shall be not less than 9 feet in width and 18 feet in length exclusive of drives and maneuvering space, and the total area of any parking facility for more than five (5) cars shall average two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet per car. No driveways or curb cuts shall exceed thirty (30) feet in width. (Ord. 01-046/2001)
2. Section 17 Off-Street Parking paragraph (K) which states the following: "Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located" Please be advised that you have thirty (30) days from the date of this refusal to appeal this decision
Topic: ZBA Meeting (public call in) 04/20
Time: Apr 20, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 87 Mt. Washington St.
Map/Parcel: M0-07-000304
Person Requesting: Mr. Miguel Sanchez
87 Mt. Washington St.
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant is seeking approval to create a new parking area in the front yard of the lot as described on the plan submitted by Mr. Sanchez. The applicant's

proposed parking layout violates the following City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A: Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance:
Reason for Denial:
• The proposed parking is shown to be located in the required front yard setback which is required to be 20 feet per section 4 Dwelling Districts b) dimensional Requirement's line 4 front yard
• There appears to be a window in the base-ment in the area of the proposed new parking space.
Zoning Ordinance:
1. Section 17 paragraph (K) requiring "Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located"
2. Section 17 paragraph (M) requiring "No parking shall be located within eight (8) feet of any window of habitable rooms in the basement or first story level of any building"
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

BAKER SENDS MILLIONS FOR CHELSEA AID

CHELSEA - After weeks of negotiating with local leaders in Chelsea and Everett after being shorted by the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the federal delegation, Gov. Charlie Baker announced his Administration would dedicate a total of \$100 million of additional federal funding to those two communities – and two others that were shorted.

The additional funding announcement brought Everett and Chelsea further up from the low levels of funding they did have under the Plan, but still far behind more affluent communities like Newton and Brookline and others.

“When this issue was first brought to our attention and when you look at the numbers generally, when you have what I would describe as relatively better-off financially communities getting \$70, \$80, and \$90 million, and you have places like Chelsea and Everett..., which have been hit pretty hard by the pandemic and don’t have the kinds of resources many of these other communities have, getting \$6, \$7 and \$8 million – it was pretty clear there was a problem there,” said Gov. Baker. “We began serious conversations with the local leaders in those communities to figure out how we might frame this to figure out how to solve it. Once we reached what I would describe as a general agreement to the problems they were trying to deal with as part of their own initiative, we then talked to the folks in the legislative leadership here to incorporate that into the planning we do here on how we do allocate federal resources that are part of the ARP.”

The details were still very fuzzy when announced on Thursday, March 25, at a regular COVID-19 update press conference, but those close to the situation seemed to indicate that Chelsea and Everett might be in line for about \$28 million each in additional funding, while Methuen and Randolph would receive slightly less amounts.

For Everett, that would bring up their total funding (including county resources) to approximately \$41.59 million. For Chelsea, that would bring their approximate Rescue Plan funding up to \$39.61 million. That still trails more afflu-

ent communities who weren’t hard hit with COVID-19 by a long shot. Under the original Plan – assuming no more federal dollars were awarded to them – Newton is funded at \$65.29 million and Somerville at \$79.06 million. However it would bring them on par with communities like Revere, which got \$30.54 million.

“As a result of the way the bill was designed, Chelsea, Everett, Methuen and Randolph are due to receive significantly smaller levels of funding compared to other significantly hard-hit communities,” continued the governor. “We believe it’s critically important these communities get the resources they need to continue to recover from the devastating effects of the pandemic. We’ve been talking regularly with local leadership in these communities to develop a plan for the shortfall. As a result of those conversations and with the legislative leadership here, we’re pleased to announce we’ll direct \$100 million in additional aid to these four communities.”

Gov. Baker said they continue to speak with the U.S. Treasury Department for guidance on how these monies could be used, which are outside the Plan’s direct allocation to cities and towns. The new plan for \$100 million came after long and difficult talks with local leaders, particularly State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino. All worked behind the scenes with the federal delegation since around March 4 to try to remedy the problematic formula used in the Rescue Plan before it was voted on, but for whatever reason, the federal delegation wasn’t successful in helping to remedy the problem at that time.

“After we had many meetings and conversations with our partners at all levels of government, I am grateful that Governor Baker has committed to helping Everett and Chelsea and will be sending much needed funding to our communities,” said Sen. DiDomenico, who was instrumental in identifying the problem to state leaders and creating a new solution. “The original federal funding formula only exacerbated the inequities that our cities have already faced and I am relieved that there is a resolution to correct this problem. I

was happy to work with Governor Baker, Mayor DeMaria, City Manager Ambrosino, my colleagues in the Federal delegation and at the State House to get the resources Chelsea and Everett deserve.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he was thrilled after weeks of wrangling to improve the situation.

“I’m thrilled with the decision and very grateful to the Baker Administration,” he said.

Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria said the allocation by the governor was very positive news, and he said he thanked the state for acting quickly and listening.

“The City of Everett was slated to receive \$4.5 million, whereas the City of Newton was slated for \$65 million,” he said. “Disproportionate is an understatement. ‘I would like to personally thank Governor Baker and his team for acknowledging and quickly responding to the inequitable funding of the Federal formula. I would also like to recognize the relentless advocacy of State Senator Sal DiDomenico who has stood by our side through this entire process. Everett deserves this funding and I’m proud to say that our persistence has paid off.’”

Baker estimated the state would be getting \$7.9 billion in direct aid from the American Rescue Plan, and of that \$3.4 billion would come to counties, cities and towns – part of the money that was allocated using a formula that left Everett and Chelsea short of equitable funding.

Baker said the additional \$100 million still needed to be vetted through the Treasury Department at the federal level for the legality of the move and the potential uses. However, he said it is expected the additional monies could be used for anything related to COVID-19 responses, including economic assistance, replacing lost revenue, and water/sewer/broadband upgrades.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA PROJECT EXPANDS BANNERS

CHELSEA - There will be a day when folks in the future look back at the work of Chelsea photographer Darlene DeVita and her ‘People of Chelsea’ project – particularly during the last year of the pandemic – and marvel at it.

But why wait for the future when her work is

TEACHERS FROM REGION FLOCK TO CHELSEA EDUCATOR VACCINE CLINIC



CPS Buildings and Grounds Director Joe Cooney receives his vaccine from CHS Nurse Kim Sammons.

ready and available now?

DeVita has had banners on the fence of the Chelsea Public Library for many months, but now she has created new banners and expanded the project to Chelsea High School on Everett Avenue.

“The banners are there and they are to celebrate,” she said. “I just finished putting up new and larger banners at Chelsea High School along Everett Avenue. It’s still pandemic work, but these are new portraits. There are quite a few new ones and some old ones too. There’s new Black Lives Matter images from last summer and the holidays at La Colaborativa and giving out food. There’s joyful ones and people dancing. Who knew it would turn into this? Even without the pandemic, I’ve always been amazed by this community.”

DeVita said it was one year ago this week after the pandemic set in that she ventured out with her camera to see what she could find. She had already been doing her ‘People of Chelsea’ project for some time, and wasn’t sure what to do when COVID hit. The answer came quickly when she found people and organizations, families and neighbors, coping with the tragedy as – well – People of Chelsea.

That early work turned into a series of banners that were put up on the fence of the Chelsea Public Library. Those are still up for viewing, and now the ones at Chelsea High School are available too.

In addition, DeVita reported she has recently gotten a Heritage Grant from the Cultural Council to archive her work with the Friends of the Chelsea Library.

The portraits and text she has created will be preserved as part of that grant, and they will also go up on the Library fence for all to see sometime this fall. That work is a little different from the banners and features portraits of Chelsea residents and vignettes of their life’s story.

“People seem to enjoy the work and want to see it and I feel like I’m doing so much,” she said. “I meet people now and they have stories to tell and they want to tell their story to me...I still have a lot of Chelsea people to photograph.”

EDWARDS ON MOST IMPACTFUL LIST

EAST BOSTON - Get Connected!, a local business networking organization, released its first ever list of Boston’s Most Impactful Black Women, and District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards was on the list.

Get Connected! CEO Colette Phillips said the honors included two subgroups, the 25 Most Impactful Black Women in Health Care and Sciences, as well as the 25 Most Impactful Black Women Pioneers.

Edwards joined a distinguished list of female Black leaders that included City Councilor Andrea Campbell, WBUR’s Paris Alston, and Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Casselli-us.

“Black women rule right now,” said Phillips. “These women have forged trails as powerful and impactful as early Boston activists from abolitionist Elizabeth Riley to civil-rights leader and icon Melnea Cass.” It’s part of the mission at Get Connected! to showcase the contributions of people of color in the state, and the list is a logical next step to promote those achievements. To see the full list, take a look at the video below.

Edwards, who was elected as District 1’s first African American woman to serve the district, which includes East Boston, Charlestown and the North End, said that she was honored by being included on the impressive list.

“Obviously, I am humbled because I assumed I would need to be a little bit more older and have some more victories under my belt,” said Edwards. “I just felt very much congratulated that people feel like I’m doing a good job and that makes me feel wonderful.”

Being part of a really impressive group of women, Edwards said that she was honored just to be nominated.

“To be in that group was really the honor because many of these women included busted down doors and barriers,” said Edwards. “This list has a lot of incredible women who have done some incredible so I took the nomination as an incredible compliment and now being listed among

them is amazing.”

Edwards said the honor has inspired her to keep going, keep fighting, keep thinking and keep challenging.

“I hope I’m making a difference but sometimes you don’t see that,” said Edwards. “When you’re in the middle of some many different things sometimes you don’t know your true impact but I hope I’m making people’s lives better.”

Edwards’s work on ensuring equitable development at Suffolk Downs, increasing community affordability through proposed development projects and her initiatives to overhaul the ZBA and address housing issues and displacement has made her a champion of her working-class constituents.

“I think those are the little victories sometimes but I don’t forget that a lot of these decisions are permanent and impacting our community,” said Edwards. “I’m hopeful people understand how hard I work to get to those decisions. I’m just so honored to represent my community and I’m so grateful, especially to East Boston residents who put me on the map and I hope to continue to make my entire District proud.”

Edwards has spent her entire career as an advocate, activist, and as a voice on behalf of society’s most vulnerable. She served as the deputy director within the Mayor’s Office of Housing Stability where she was responsible for developing and delivering innovative solutions to fight displacement and brought together all stakeholders: landlords, management companies, housing authorities, and tenants.

Before becoming elected Edwards worked as a public interest attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services focusing on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, fair treatment for domestic workers, and combating human trafficking. She served as the statewide campaign coordinator for the Massachusetts Coalition for Domestic Workers, which advocated for the passage of the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. In 2015, she was named Bostonian of the Year by the Boston Globe.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW BIKE RACKS

Twenty new bike racks on Broadway have been installed to promote use of the bike lanes and create easier access to bus stops and businesses. We are happy to encourage residents to bike for exercise and provide the community with more non-automobile options to travel through the City.

STORY TIME WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Carlo DeMaria online for a monthly story time on Zoom for kids. The first event is on Weds., April 7, at 3:30 p.m. The mayor will appear on the first Wednesday of every month for the time and will have special guests too.

COUNCIL ON AGING/CONNOLLY CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging, together, have been working diligently to be able to offer programming to our senior residents to slowly open up The Connolly Center while maintaining current safety practices and protocol. We are happy to announce our “Coffee Clutch” program. The Connolly Center will be open Mondays and Fridays only, beginning Monday April 12. There will be two sessions offered to Everett Seniors, and one session offered on Friday. Each session will allow a maximum of 24 seniors. There will be 6 tables of 4 people each for a 90 minute session. Seniors will have the opportunity to see old friends, enjoy a snack and coffee and scheduled entertainment. Safety protocols, such as mask wearing, temperature checks and social distancing are mandatory. Our staff is required to sanitize before and after each session. The “Coffee Clutch” Schedule is as follows: Monday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday from 10:45 a.m. to noon Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Reservations are a must. To make a reservation please call Margaret @ (617) 394-2323.

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EVERETT POLICE REPORT ON SPEEDING ISSUES

Being able to get feedback to our residents is important on issues of concern to them. As Spring has arrived we have been out using our Speed Data Analysis equipment to monitor reported problems of speeding. In the first 4 streets of study over a week period we have some good data that shows us that speeding is not as big a problem as originally thought with enforceable violations low in the single digits. This equipment helps us monitor the traffic volume, speeds of vehicles, the avg speed, fastest and lowest speeds matched up against the actual speed limit for the varied streets of Baker Rd, Lafayette St, Prescott St, Waverly St. This technology helps us efficiently identify valid problems and allows us to use our resources where needed the most.

EVERETT CITIZENS FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Citizens Foundation Granting Funding application for Round 2 in FY21 is now available. The request limit for this round of funding is set at \$10,000. All applications are due Monday, April 5. “This is a great opportunity for organizations to receive additional funding,” said Mayor DeMaria. “The Everett Citizens Foundation seeks to assist organizations that have a positive impact on the residents of Everett. I encourage all organizations in the community to apply.” Any nonprofit organization can apply, however organizations who received funding during Round 1 are ineligible to receive any funds during Round 2. Applications can be found online at <http://cityofeverett.com/719/The-Ev>

erett-Citizens-Foundation.

For questions or concerns regarding the application or eligibility, please email ECFoundation@ci.everett.ma.us.

EVERETT POLICE OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSION

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Police Department is looking to recruit a diverse applicant pool of potential candidates interested in a career in law enforcement. There are many career opportunities within law enforcement such as school resource/field training/patrol/traffic/canine officers, marine/bicycle units, SWAT/CISM teams, crisis negotiation, DEA task forces, arson investigators and much more. The Everett Police Department will be hosting an open house, along with an information session for those who would like to learn more about the career opportunities that lie within law enforcement. The open house/information session will be held at the Everett High School Auditorium (100 Elm St.) on Wednesday, March 31 from 6-8 p.m.

STATE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE SILVER LINE EXTENSION ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

The MBTA and MassDOT project team will present an overview of the Silver Line Extension (SLX) Alternatives Analysis, share the findings so far, and gather input from the community at a virtual public meeting being held at 6 PM on Tuesday, April 27. The project team is seeking the public’s input on the project’s needs, goals, and objectives; the findings so far; and what alignments should be considered in connecting Chelsea with Everett, Somerville, Cambridge, and/or downtown Boston. Feedback can be provided via online polls



POLICE ASSIST EASTER BUNNY: The Everett Police Department members were happy to assist the Grace Food Pantry for its Easter distribution last weekend, and even chipped in to give the Easter bunny a special detail. Here, officers at the Pantry join the Easter bunny for the Easter distribution and celebration.

during the meeting. An online feedback form will also be available closer to the meeting date and for the weeks following the meeting. The virtual meeting will be held via Zoom. Participants are asked to pre-register. The meeting will be recorded and posted online for those who cannot attend.

WYNNBET LAUNCHES MOBILE SPORTS BOOK IN FIFTH STATE

WynnBET, the premier casino and sports betting app from the global leader in luxury hospitality, Wynn Resorts, opened its mobile sports book in Indiana today. Since the app’s debut in New Jersey in July 2020, WynnBET has solidified its foothold in the quickly evolving mobile and online sports betting industry with four additional launches in the past four months, including Colorado in December 2020, Michigan in January 2021, Virginia in March 2021, and now Indiana. Several pending entries into major jurisdictions across the country are planned throughout 2021. WynnBET gained market access in Indiana through a multi-year deal with Full House Resorts and its Rising Star Casino Resort. The app is available for download anywhere in the state on Apple and Android devices. In addition to the five live states, WynnBET has market access opportunities in Iowa*, Massachusetts*, Nevada, Ohio*, and Tennessee. Such market access and licensure are subject to legalization and required approvals by regulatory authorities in each jurisdiction.

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HYDRANT FLUSHING TO TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK, INTO MAY

The Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the City beginning April 12 through May 21. The purpose of flushing is to remove sediment build up in the mains and to verify the safe operation of hydrants and valves. Hydrant flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles that dislodge during the flushing as well, temporary reduction in pressure. Discolored water will be temporary and is not


harmful. However, the discolored water might stain your laundry, especially white materials. Therefore, please avoid doing laundry during the noted flushing period Prior to washing clothes, including times after the hours stated in this notice, please check the cold water for possible discoloration. If water is discolored, let the cold water run for a few minutes until water becomes clear. If it does not clear at that time, try again later. Unfortunately, the City cannot fully guarantee the safety of doing laundry and/or the possibility of discoloration even during the evenings and other times of the day as the water system has been disturbed. Therefore, please check your water carefully prior to doing laundry and inspect the laundry before drying it. Hydrant flushing will be performed between the hours of 8 A.M. and 8 P.M. Monday through Friday. The Water Department appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of the drinking water. If you would like additional information, please call the Water Department at 617-394-2327.

COVID-19 case continue to climb in Everett

The numbers of COVID-19 cases dipped to 103 over the past week, a decrease of about 30 in the holiday week, though many were bracing for what could be an increase in cases next week following the Easter and Passover holidays. There were 133 cases in the previous week, and 122 cases the week before. Additionally, last weekend, on April 3, the City announced it had received new quantities of the COVID-19 vaccine and resumed its City-coordinated vaccine clinic. That is expected to happen again this weekend.

Appointments for those that qualify under state guidelines can be had by calling 3-1-1. The most recent numbers are as follows: Tuesday, April 6 - 6 Monday, April 5 - 4 Sunday, April 4 - 23 Saturday, April 3 - No Testing Friday, April 2 - 9 Thursday, April 1 - 20 Wednesday, March 31 - 24 Tuesday, March 30 - 17 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. It was announced this week that the Rec Center test site will remain open until June 30. Additionally, there is also a 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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This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM in regards to an application for zoning relief. In response to Governor Baker’s declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Zoom will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Board’s website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Board meetings and hearings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the City and City Clerk’s website. In addition, Everett Community TV (ECTV) may provide coverage of these meetings. We extend our thanks for your understanding and participation in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Board and the public safe.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:
Property Address: 65 Clinton Street
Map/Parcel: B0-01-00132A
Person Requesting: Denir Rosa
10 Hammersmith Drive
Saugus, MA 01906

To the said Board of Appeals, the applicant seeks to convert the existing 2 family residence into a 3family residential building the current building was constructed in 1900
Reason for Denial:
• A three (3) family is not permitted in this zoning district if the standards required are not met. (parking and FAR require relief)
• The plan is proposing three (3) the applicant must provide parking for all of the units in the building in this case SIX (6) are required.



• The FAR (floor area ratio) for the proposed use is .94
Zoning Ordinance:
Section 4 Dwelling Districts Uses A. Uses. Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, of for other than the following specified purposes:
1. A single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of the Zoning Ordinance may be converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units provided that the following standards are met: Any addition shall comply with the front, side and rear yard requirements and height limitations of the Zoning Ordinance.
Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements line
C. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91 Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)
Section 4 Dwelling Districts paragraph 17 which states the following:
Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off-street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)
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HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Mystic Side Church: From grocery store to grand building



Fig. 1 - c.1900 view of Church
Source: Mystic Side Congregational Church

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

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Located at the southwest corner of Main Street and Wyllis Avenue, just south of the Malden city line, the Mystic Side Congregational Church is a modest Shingle Style building designed by the prominent Boston architectural firm of Hartwell and Richardson. Sheathed in wood shingles above a mortared stone foundation, the building presents a steeply-pitched, asymmetrical gable to Main

Street. Originally the extension of the front gable capped a porch with recessed entrance but at some point this was enclosed and double doors and a 6/6 window with sidelights were installed on the front wall. Other alterations include the replacement of an oval window next to the entrance with a rectangular window and the removal of an arch and panel capping the central window on the second floor of the façade. The church spire has been replaced several times. Originally it appears to have been an octagonal drum with spire; this was later replaced by an elongated steeple. The present lower cupola was installed in 2014. Fenestration on the façade includes original double-hung 8/1



and 6/1 sash, modern 6/6 sash and a three-sided bay window. On the north elevation there is a two-story polygonal tower with cap and a variety of windows including 8/8, 6/1, 9/1 and four large leaded glass windows. A small two-story addition, projects from the rear elevation.

The church is set on a lot measuring nearly a half-acre and is surrounded by lawn with parking to the north.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Mystic Side Congregational Church was established in 1889 as a mission; it takes its name from an early designation for this section of Everett and southeastern Malden. The society was founded by members of the First Congregational Church in both Everett and Malden. Initially the congregation met

in a grocery store at the corner of Main and Peck Streets (now Woodville). In 1890 this land near the city line was sold by Elisha Converse of Malden to trustees Herbert Porter and Arthur Wellman of Malden and John Ross of Everett for \$3,400 (Book 1961, Page 334). Two years later construction began on a church building. By July 23, 1892 corner stakes had been placed for groundbreaking and the cornerstone was laid on September 20, 1892.

The church was dedicated on February 23, 1893. As described in the Boston Herald, the following day: “The building is one of the cosiest structures of its kind in this vicinity. It is 36 feet wide, 70 feet in length, including the Sunday school room of about 30 feet, which is connected with the church auditorium by sliding doors...



In the basement is a large social hall, kitchen, pantry and toilet rooms. The church cost about \$10,000”. At the time of its dedication, the membership of the congregation numbered 70 persons. The building still serves as the Mystic Side Congregational Church today.

The church was designed by the noted architectural firm of Hartwell and Richardson, which was established in 1881. Henry Walker Hartwell (1833-1919) was born in Boston and educated at Lawrence Academy in Groton. He had no formal architectural education but trained under Boston architects Joseph and C.H. Hammatt Billings starting in 1851. By 1856 he had opened his own architectural practice. In 1881 Hartwell joined with William Cummings Richardson (1854-1935) to form

Hartwell and Richardson. Richardson was born in Concord, New Hampshire and studied architecture at MIT from 1873-5. The partnership lasted for almost 40 years. Richardson was primarily responsible for design while Hartwell oversaw construction. Most of their work was in the greater Boston area and included residential, commercial and institutional buildings in the Queen Anne, Shingle Style, Colonial Revival and Richardsonian Romanesque. The MACRIS database includes over 100 listings associated with Hartwell and Richardson, including eighteen churches. Most of the other churches are stone structures in the Romanesque Revival style. The Everett church is one of the more modest examples of their work.

MGC receives public safety impact reports after eight months of full operations at Encore Boston Harbor

Staff Report

During a remote public meeting on March 25, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) was presented with Public Safety Impact Reports analyzing changes in police data after eight months of full operations at Encore Boston Harbor.

A legislative mandate requires the MGC to carry out an expansive and groundbreaking research agenda to understand the social and economic impacts of gambling in the Commonwealth, including the relationship between gambling and levels of crime.

MGC consultant and

crime analyst Christopher Bruce conducted public safety research and analysis, building upon analysis from prior baseline reports and follow-up public safety reports related to Encore Boston Harbor and MGM Springfield.

The public safety report for Encore Boston

Harbor reflects the property’s first eight months of operations, along with three months of closure for COVID-19, and three months of restricted reopening in 2020. Encore Boston Harbor drew more than 3.5 million visitors during its first eight months of operations, and the study

concluded that the facility’s overall effect on crime numbers in the region is “commensurate with a facility of that size hosting that many visitors.”

Related to Encore Boston Harbor, Mr. Bruce said, “In the surrounding areas, various crimes increased and decreased.” Mr. Bruce further noted, “Few patterns and trends so far have shown any direct casino ties, but this report flagged a handful for future monitoring.”

A summary of findings from the Public Safety Impact Report for Encore Boston Harbor:

•Overall violent, property, and total crime were within expected ranges

for the region and most cities individually.

•A preliminary analysis of drunk driving evidence suggests that the casino may be responsible for a “small number” of drunk drivers on the road, with Encore Boston Harbor listed as the “last drink” location by seven drunk drivers adjudicated in 2019-2020.

•The immediate areas around the casino showed few increases in crimes or calls for service. The major exception is an increase in traffic complaints in neighborhoods to the north and east of the casino, which could reflect patrons parking on local streets when the garage is full.

OBITUARIES

Patricia “GiGi” Moscone

September 22, 1936 - March 24, 2021

Patricia “A” (GiGi) Moscone, a longtime resident of Everett, got her angel wings on March 24.

The beloved mother of Vincent (Vinnie) Moscone of Reading, Deborah Wetherbee and her husband, James of Everett, she was the loving grandmother to Samuel Ragucci and Nicholas Ragucci of Everett and Matthew Ragucci and his wife, Alexis of Saugus and great grandmother (GiGi) to Samuel J. Ragucci of Everett and John Luca and Noah Ragucci of Saugus, who



she loved spending time with

Due to COVID-19, services were private, the family will hold a celebration of life at a later date.

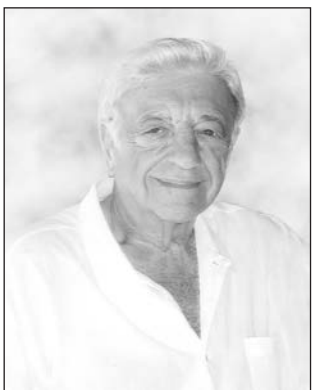
John Festa

Of Revere, formerly of Everett

John R. Festa, 90, of Revere, formerly of Everett, passed away on Sunday, March 28.

He was USMC Korean War veteran, “Once A Marine Always A Marine” Semper Fi.”

The cherished son of the late Gabriel and Edith (Marciano) Festa, he was the devoted husband of Phyllis (Colameta) Festa for 70 years, loving father of Pamela J. Rao and her husband, Joseph Jr. of Billerica and John R. Festa Jr. of Boston; adored grandfather of Jennifer McLaughlin and Joseph P. Rao III, great grandfather of Kaeleigh and Nathan McLaughlin and Anna Rao and great great grandfather of Charlotte Malette; dear



brother of G. Daniel Festa, Karyn Russo and the late Marilyn Gaylardi and Judith Storella. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, all services were held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John’s name to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, 670 Washington Avenue, Revere.

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News and Notes

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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Crimson Tide Girls claim GBL Champions

The Everett High girls basketball team saved its best for last, toppling previously unbeaten Lynn English, 47-41, to claim the Greater Boston League championship Saturday at the Paul Cavanagh Fieldhouse in Lynn.

Junior guard Andrea

Manley was sensational for the Crimson Tide from start to finish. Manley was clearly the MVP of the game with 27 points, showcasing her superb dribbling, play-making, and long-range shooting skills.

Maya Kirnon, playing the final game for her excellent career for Everett High, was immense down the stretch, netting

a clutch three-pointer and three free throws to help Everett take charge in the final minutes. Ashley Fitzgerald also made a major contribution to

the victory in her final game.

Other members of the GBL championship team were juniors Gigi Boyce, Celeste Fucillo, Jane

Odiari, and Ashley Cordeiro, and sophomores Kayley Rossi and Tatiana Moran.

Everett head coach Riley Dunn did an out-

standing job in her first season, leading the Crimson Tide to an 8-1 record and the GBL title.

The future of the program looks very bright.



Senior Captain Maya Kirnon holds the GBL Championship Trophy high over her head as she heads towards the bench to join her teammates.



Junior Guard Andrea Manley brings the ball into play for the Tide in the third quarter.



Senior Captain Ashley Fitzgerald was a major contributor to the Tides success all season. Shown here setting a play for her teammates.



Junior Forward Jane Odiari drives to the basket, despite heavy coverage from a Bulldog.



Junior Guard Ashley Cordiero plays a tough defense.



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EHS Roundup

EHS HOCKEY TEAM TO PLAY IN GBL TOURNEY

Although the pandemic-shortened season has presented numerous challenges for the Everett High hockey team, coach Alex Naumann and his Crimson Tide crew have persevered in their Winter II schedule against their Greater Boston League opponents.

The Crimson Tide presently stand at 1-4 on the season. Everett defeated Lynn (which is a combination team from Lynn Classical and Lynn English) and came up on the short end of contests with Medford (twice), Somerville, and Revere/Malden/Matignon.

"Our second games against Somerville and Revere/Malden/Matignon had already been rescheduled from

earlier in the year, but were cancelled due to COVID protocols for those teams," said Naumann.

The Crimson Tide were set to host Lynn last night (Tuesday) for the last game of the regular season in a contest that will be highlighted by Senior Night festivities.

Everett then will open play in the GBL playoffs this evening (Wednesday) with a contest against Lynn, pitting the fourth and fifth-seeded GBL teams. Face-off for that contest is set for 5:00.

If the Crimson Tide are successful this evening, they will advance to the semifinals to take on the GBL's top regular-season squad, Medford, tomorrow (Thursday) evening at LoConte Rink.

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