

State awards \$5.5 million to support LED streetlight conversions, including Everett

Staff Report

As part of its celebration of Earth Week in Massachusetts, the Baker-Polito Administration announced last week the award of \$5.5 million to 77 cities and towns across the Commonwealth through the Rapid LED Streetlight Conversion Program – a grant program that included awards to Everett and Lynn.

The program, jointly administered by the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), supported the installation of 116,139 LED streetlights that are projected to reduce electricity usage by more than 35.1 million kilowatt hours (kWh) and lower costs for municipalities by over \$5.4 million per year, while avoiding over 10,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions annually – equivalent to taking over 2,150 cars off the road.

“As Massachusetts celebrates Earth Day, we are pleased to work closely with our municipal partners to support energy efficient streetlight conversions that will reduce electricity use and lower costs,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Innovative and cost-effective energy efficiency programs like this streetlight conversion program are a key component of our emissions reduction strategy to achieve our climate

and energy goals of the future.”

The awards were announced by DOER Commissioner Patrick Woodcock and state and local officials at an event in Lynn last Thursday, which received a \$263,242 grant and recently completed installation of 6,602 LED streetlights. The retrofit is expected to save the City over \$300,000 annually while cutting Lynn’s electricity usage and carbon emissions by over two million kWh and 603 metric tons, respectively.

Lynn and Everett are two of nine grantee municipalities with more than half of its population residing in an Environmental Justice (EJ) neighborhood. In total, over \$1.7 million in grant funds went to the nine EJ communities – which will result in annual municipal electricity savings of approximately 12.9 million kWh hours and avoid 3,800 metric tons of GHG emissions each year – accounting for 38 percent of total emissions avoided through the streetlight program. Other EJ communities awarded grants over the course of the program include Ayer, Brockton, Malden, Leominster, Lexington, Lowell, and Quincy.

Launching in 2017 through the end of 2020, the \$5.5 million Rapid LED Streetlight Conversion Program was administered by MAPC on behalf of DOER, delivering

energy efficiency benefits to a diverse cross-section of Massachusetts’ rural, suburban, and urban communities, from Quincy to West Springfield to Athol. The program provided grant funding for 30 percent of the cost of materials and installation associated with converting conventional high-pressure sodium (HPS) streetlights to light emitting diode (LED) technology, which is capable of cutting electricity usage by 50 to 70 percent. The longer-lasting fixtures can also reduce routine maintenance costs by at least 50 percent.

In addition to energy efficiency, the benefits of LED streetlights include their ability to provide more uniform lighting to enhance targeted visibility and safety and to reduce glare and light pollution by reflecting less light into the atmosphere, preserving the dark sky for stargazers and for wildlife that rely on it for navigation and other behaviors. Unlike conventional high pressure sodium streetlights, LED lights can be equipped with wireless controls that can be dimmed to provide the level of illumination needed at any given time and generate even greater GHG emissions, energy, and cost savings benefits. Of the 77 grantee communities, 17 opted for LED streetlights with “smart” controls that allow dimming and other advanced functions.

The following local municipalities received Massachusetts Rapid LED Streetlight Conversion Program grants:

- Everett – \$69,247
- Lynn - \$263,242

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and was not surprised that about the recognition.

“It has always been a pleasure to be working in Everett,” said Peña. “The housing boom is unsurprising, given its proximity to Boston, the investments made to improve the sidewalks and streets, and the Encore Boston Harbor casino. I have tenants who live in my building that work at the casino, and they want to live close to where they

work. People want to be in Everett.”

In the article, former Boston resident Blessing Chitanda mentioned that she and her partner, Shawn Roberts, decided to buy a home in Everett because of the close proximity to the City of Boston and the lower rates. They also decided to move their business to the City of Everett and they feel embraced by the community.

“We have a strong sense

of community in the City of Everett,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Whether someone has lived here their whole life or just moved in a few weeks ago, the City of Everett is a warm and welcoming community. There is no divide within, we are one. I look forward to welcoming new residents in our community and allowing them to experience why our City is truly a Top Spot to live. Everett is for everyone.”

Bottle Ban / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

did. If the Council wants to stop nips here now, they can simply pass an ordinance and ban it here in the City of Everett. I’ve been putting up with them on my property for 30 years. I would be supportive of you banning them.”

That led to quick action by Councilor Michael McLaughlin, who said he’s been following the issue in Chelsea. He noted that Chelsea Council President Roy Avellaneda had led the charge to ban nips in Chelsea several years ago to decrease litter and to help public health by decreasing alcohol abuse and public drinking. All such things, McLaughlin said, have improved in Chelsea and could improve in Everett too.

“I think we can speed the process up by voting as a City Council to ban nip bottles in Everett,” he said. “Chelsea did so and the ABCD said it upheld that...All of our neighborhoods have been drastically impacted by these discarded bottles. I think we can have a great summer and we can get this done before summer and ban nip bottles in Everett. The ABCC did not overrule Chelsea and that means we can do it here too.”

He said he would like to see an ordinance drafted as soon as possible with help from Chelsea and the City Solicitor and the Everett License Commission. He also said he would like to see a Committee meeting with that ordinance in front of them within a week, and potentially a vote within two weeks.

Chelsea banned both nip sizes three years ago, and the ban was appealed by a consortium of Chelsea liquor store owners. Last May, the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) ruled that it did not have jurisdiction to overrule the matter and essential-

ly okayed the ban. Any appeal was to be directed to Superior Court, and no appeal has been filed since that ruling in the case.

Meanwhile, last month, AG Maura Healey ruled in favor of a nip bottle ban in Falmouth – which had patterned its ban on Chelsea’s successful ban. AG Healey reasoned that such bans are legal – and no different than banning the use of plastic bags in a City or Town.

“Towns have used their home rule power to prohibit, within their borders, certain commercial activities that state statutes generally recognize as lawful and that are widely accepted in the remainder of the Commonwealth,” the ruling stated. “For example, this Office has approved by-laws banning the sale of plastic water bottles; plastic straws; Styrofoam containers; plastic bags; soft drinks; and balloons.” In the meantime, Chelsea’s Avellaneda has looked at Police statistics and found that public drunkenness and alcohol abuse calls in Chelsea have gone down notably since the ban was put in place – making it not only good for cleanliness, but also for public health.

DiFlorio – hearing the new information – said she would actually support an outright ban, and didn’t believe it would hurt any business. She also reminded members that two years ago she tried to ban nips, but was curtailed by legal questions at the City level. “I’m all for abolishing them,” she said. “I don’t think it hurts the businesses that people don’t buy a nip because they’ll just buy a pint.”

Councilor Capone urged slowness on the matter, though, saying it would be prudent to hear from businesses that sell nip bottles to see what the impact might be on them.

“I think we need to be careful about what kind of economic impact might result on businesses that sell these nips,” he said. “Before the ban them, I’m all for a bottle bill and get them off the street.”

DiDomenico said he wouldn’t be offended if the City were to ban them on their own, and let he and McGonagle work on the long-term bottle bill solution at the same time. He said they had a hearing on his bill to include them in the Bottle Bill last session, and he hoped to have another productive hearing this session and to gain support.

“This is the year everyone seems to be on board,” said DiDomenico.

McGonagle said he would also favor that approach.

“We’ve got a helicopter on Mars right now, so I’m sure we can figure out how to process these little nip bottles and all our plastic bottles at a redemption center,” he said. “Let’s clean up our environment now.”

Councilor Hanlon recommended the City Solicitor get in touch with Chelsea officials about their ban, and figure out what could also be done in Everett.

DiFlorio said she wanted action quick, because things tend to be bogged down at Council lately – with too many Committee meetings and discussions and too little action, she noted.

“I want the job done and the work done without 30 hours of back and forth,” she said. “I’m sorry if I offended anyone, but I want to get this job done.”

The matter was voted to be sent to Legislative Affairs, and for the appropriate City departments to start work on it and to contact those in Chelsea.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 17, 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: 28 Cedar Street
Map/Parcel: B-0-01-000136
Person Requesting: Cleomar Batista
28 Cedar Street
Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, the owner seeks to convert the existing single (1) family dwelling into a two (2) family dwelling. Also on the same lot the owner seeks to voluntarily demolish the existing single family dwelling on this lot. The owner proposes to construct a four (4) unit town house on the same lot.

The permit is respectfully denied in accordance with The City of Everett Zoning Appendix A for the following reasons:

Reason for Denial:

1. Two structures on the same lot, (both for residential purposes).
2. A four (4) family is not an allowed use in this district. Any approvals for a four (4) family dwelling is subject to Zoning Board of Appeals approval.
3. The frontage required to complete the new dwelling would require the lot to have a fifty (50) feet of frontage, the lot at 28 Cedar Street is only 41’- 77”
4. The Floor Area ratio for this Zoning District is 0.5, you have a floor area ratio of .94, this will exceed the allowable ratio by .44.
5. A side yard offset is proposed in one area to be 3’-8” this will require relief in the form of a variance of 4” (four inches).
6. Your rear yard offset is proposed to be 5’-11” (five foot-eleven inches) this will require relief in the form of a variance of 19’-1” (nineteen foot- one inch).
7. The parking plan provided in my opinion indicates that it will be necessary for vehicles to back into the street. A fourteen-foot (14) area behind the vehicles is questionably adequate.
8. The parking plan provided does not indicate an 18’ aisle to allow vehicles to ingress and egress at the same time. The certified plot plan shows 13’-5” (thirteen foot- five



inches), you will need relief in the form of a variance of 4’-7” (four foot- seven inches).

The Applicant needs relief in the form of a Variance from The Board of Appeals for the following:

Appendix A Section 3 (M.): which states the following:

“Any lot, which is to be occupied for residential purpose shall have a frontage of at least twenty (20) feet wide on one or more streets and there shall be not more than one (1) structure of the type permitted for each such lot.” (Ord. of 4-11-88; Ord. of 4-29-91)

Zoning Ordinance:

1. Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) 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.

(b) Dimensional Requirements

Frontage:

- a. 50 (fifty) Feet minimum
- c. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-12-87; Ord. of 4-29-91; Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)

(6) Side Yard:

- a. Four (4) feet minimum with a total of sixteen (16) feet. (Ord. of 6-29-87)

(7) Rear Yard:

- a. Twenty-five (25) feet minimum, except for open decks and porches which may encroach into the rear yard providing in no case shall the rear yard be less than fifteen feet measured to any part of the porch or deck. (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91)

SECTION 17. OFF-STREET PARKING

2. Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 4. “Except for one- and two-family dwellings, parking shall be designed so that it is not necessary to drive over sidewalks or curbs or to back into the street or driveway”

3. Section 17 Off Street Parking (O) 5. “All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to allow ingress and exiting at same time.”

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Percentages of students returning declines as grade levels go up

By Seth Daniel

More students returned to the Everett Public Schools (EPS) on Monday for in-person learning five days per week, though district officials said they are seeing fewer students return in the older grades, and expect even fewer to return to the high school grades when that is allowed.

Students across the district in Pre-K, and then in the 6-8 middle school grades returned to the classroom if they so choose on Monday, joining grades K-5 that returned earlier this month. Supt. Priya Tahiliani said it was an exciting time for the school district to have the energy of students and teachers in the buildings for the first time in a long time – noting about 3,500 students are now learning in person.

“Today was day one and it’s hard to draw any long-term considerations, but it would be correct to say that there were many smiling faces and it was great to see the students back,” she said. “The teachers were happy to see them back. It was like the first day of school, but at the end of April.”

Many students still remain remote in the school district, even though the schools could reasonably accommodate 100 percent of the students in a socially distant fashion. The K-5 students saw a very large amount of the overall student body return earlier this month, with about 65 percent of the students choosing to come to school five-days a week in person, while 35 percent remained at home.

However, Supt. Tahiliani said the middle school grades showed less of an appetite for in-person learning, with about 50 percent returning on Monday to school, and 50 percent opting to stay remote.

“What’s interesting and we’re still compiling the numbers is this time the number of students who showed up and didn’t return their forms,” she said. “We were still waiting on answers from 500 families last week...K-5 as a family you need to plan ahead; you have to have a plan in place for child care and instruction. I think we’ll see the same thing in 9-12 when they are potentially back to school and opt to stay at home and do remote learning. We have heard from families they find that our

remote model to be very sound...”

Despite the lower numbers returning to middle school, Tahiliani said there was a buzz in the buildings, and teachers are finding great success in adjusting to teaching kids in the classroom and at home simultaneously.

“I walked through the classrooms today and in K-8 there were no empty classrooms and that’s very exciting to see students in every single classroom,” she said.

“There is definitely a buzz in the schools,” she said. “Spring has sprung and everyone is happy... It’s a great way to end our year.”

As with all returns to school, there have been COVID-19 cases pop up, and Tahiliani said that is the case in Everett, but they are confident in their procedures and protocols.

For the week April 12-16, prior to School Spring Break, there were 13 positive cases reported in the school system out of about 3,500 students – and the cases include staff and support staff also. In addition, there were 19 close contacts identified.

•GRADUATION WILL BE IN PERSON, WITH LIMITS

As fun as the drive-thru graduation was last year, this year Supt. Priya Tahiliani said they would be hosting a traditional, in-person graduation ceremony at Veterans Memorial Stadium, but with attendance limits.

“I think we’re looking at a traditional graduation this year with limited guests,” she said. “That was the DESE guidance. Right now, we’re thinking four guests per graduate if we’re in the ‘yellow’ risk category, and two guests if we’re in the ‘red’ risk category.”

The graduation would take place outside at the Stadium as it has for so many years, up until last year when the ceremony was cancelled due to COVID and the district staged an elaborate drive-thru ceremony in early June.

Tahiliani said there were many good memories from that ceremony, and they would try to recreate it in some fashion.

“We definitely have good memories of the drive-thru,” she said. “We didn’t know what to expect. We did hear that people liked it. So, we are planning a

community drive-thru for Senior Week. That could be a tradition moving forward. One thing we did hear was the community involvement and people did like that.”

She said families and graduates gave good feedback last year about meeting elected officials, while being greeted by Everett Bank staff and Eliot Community Resource Center staff. She said that’s something they’re going to try to recreate somehow for Senior Week.

•THE FUTURE OF WORK-SCHOOL BALANCE FOR STUDENTS

One of the realities of COVID-19 in working class communities like Everett has been that so many students have had to – or chose to – increase their hours at what might have been a part-time job before COVID.

Many students are now reportedly trying to work to help their families while also trying to attend remote schooling. Other students have realized they have some more freedom to work more hours and save up for college. Already, many students are reporting their peers have forgone sports or after-school activities to work.

Tahiliani said, especially for students helping to support their family, this new world of the working students isn’t likely to change when school fully returns. That has caused them to rethink the school experience for a portion of the student body.

“Our school leaders have seen this and understand the dynamic and are supporting our students through that,” she said. “I definitely know they have been able to support students that work through asynchronous or remote instruction. What we’re thinking about moving forward is how to maintain that flexibility and support our working students in a way that is more flexible than the cookie cutter high school situation.”

She said they are considering that for some students, maybe more of a college campus situation would be a better fit – with open hours and more non-traditional ways of learning. She said many educators in urban districts fear that if they don’t adjust to this new world of the working student, these students will disengage and potentially drop out as a necessity.

FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Meet the team: Jeanne Vitukevich

What do you do in the City? “All administrative work for the Planning Department, recording the minutes for the Planning Board, process the bills and payroll, and also administrative work for the Housing Rehab.”

What is your favorite part about working for the City? “I grew up in Everett and I live in Everett. I like being close to home.”

What is the biggest lesson you’ve learned from your roll? “It was a difficult decision to transfer up to the Planning Department. It was a different experience and I got to learn a lot. It is really exciting to see the new development in the City.”

What do you like to do when your are not working? “Outside of work, I like to spend time with my family and friends!”



Jeanne Vitukevich.

DiDomenico calls for action on wage theft

Staff Report

On April 15, Sen. DiDomenico joined with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and labor leaders from across the Greater Boston Area to take part in Boston Tax Fraud Day of Action. Together, they called for urgent action on legislation to crack down on the rampant epidemic of wage theft here in Massachusetts. Sen. DiDomenico is the lead sponsor of S.1179, An Act to prevent wage theft, promote employer accountability, and enhance public enforcement, which would give the state greater power to go after corrupt employers and provide additional tools for the Attorney General’s Office to hold violators fully accountable.

“Each year that goes by without action on this bill means that more and more workers—many of whom are immigrants—fall victim to wage theft and thousands of dollars are stolen from our economy,” said Sen. DiDomenico, speaking at the rally. “Wage theft takes many different forms, but they all have the common denominator of hurting hard working men

and women and our tax payers. Enough is enough. We must take action by passing S.1179 to crack down on corrupt employers and ensure our workers get the pay they rightfully deserve.”

Wage theft- the illegal practice of not paying employees for all of their work- has become a pervasive problem throughout the Massachusetts economy. One of the most prevalent of these practices is payroll fraud, via misclassifying employees as independent contractors or paying workers “off-the-books” in cash-only arrangements. As a result, some employers avoid paying taxes and into critical safety nets for workers- like unemployment insurance, workers compensation, Social Security and Medicare benefits- putting an unfair burden on Massachusetts tax payers and the Commonwealth when employees have a legitimate right to utilize these programs. Wage theft also hurts legitimate businesses by putting law-abiding companies at a competitive disadvantage when they lose contracts to companies that charge less for their work by cheating their

workers out of their pay.

To increase accountability in labor contracting and subcontracting, the bill holds lead contractors accountable for the wage theft violations of their subcontractors if there is a significant connection to their business activities or operations and enhances the enforcement power of the Attorney General’s Office by allowing it to bring wage theft cases directly to civil court. The Attorney General would also gain the ability to issue a stop work order in response to a wage theft violation.

To protect employees affected by a stop work order, the bill requires that employees be paid for the period that the stop work order is in effect or the first 10 days the employee was scheduled to work had the stop order not been issued.

The Massachusetts Senate has twice passed Sen. DiDomenico’s wage theft bill during previous legislative sessions with nearly unanimous and bipartisan support. Today, the bill is currently pending before the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce development where it awaits a favorable report.

Statewide Census 2020 data shows growth, keeps all members of Congress

By Seth Daniel

The federal government released statewide Census 2020 data on Tuesday, and it showed that Massachusetts had grown in the last 10 years by 473,825 people to a total of more than 7 million residents, and that the state would keep all nine members of Congress – avoiding what was expected to be a messy redistricting process if a seat had to be eliminated as was done in 2010.

The official apportionment population of Massachusetts was 7,033,469 people as of April 1, 2020 – known as Census Day. That was a dramatic increase from the Census 2010 numbers, where Massachusetts had 6,559,644 people, and the state lost its 10th member of Congress. Though there were gains in the state, it wasn’t enough to add back a member of Congress.

That said, Massachusetts was able to keep all nine members of Congress, and avoid what many considered a very possible shrink-

age to eight members. That would have required the elimination of district and the re-drawing of lines to accommodate that loss. Many speculated prior to the release of the statewide data that the district most likely to be reconfigured was District 7 – which is the district that encompasses Everett, Chelsea, Charlestown, Somerville, Cambridge, other parts of Boston and communities south of Boston. That, now, will not be necessary.

Historically, Massachusetts is at an all-time low for representation. In 1910, the state had 16 members of Congress, but that has steadily declined over the decades to nine members.

Nationwide, population growth once again spiked in the west – particularly Texas, which gained two Congressional seats on top of the four that state gained in 2010. Gaining one new seat were Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon.

Seven states lost one seat, including California, Illinois, Michigan, New

York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Those states, minus California and West Virginia, all lost seats in 2010 as well.

Nationwide, the new population count, including Puerto Rico, was 334,735,155 people – which was an increase over 2010, but did show a slowing of population growth from recent years. The total population in 2010 for the United States was 312,471,327.

Apportionment is the process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states. At the conclusion of each Census, the results are used to calculate the number of seats to which each state is entitled. Each of the 50 states is entitled to a minimum of one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The City and Town data for Everett and other communities – as well as neighborhood and Census tract data – is expected to be released in the early summer months, maybe as early as May.

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BIDEN’S CLIMATE CHANGE BILL: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?

President Joe Biden’s ambitious proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 50 percent (from their 2005 levels) by 2030 marks a dramatic moment in the environmental movement.

Those of us old enough to remember the first Earth Day -- 51 years ago this past week -- know how difficult it can be to induce American consumers and businesses to adopt environmentally-friendly habits.

The first Earth Day was inspired by the images a few months before of Cleveland’s Cuyahoga River catching fire when the chemical pollutants which industries poured into the river (which in turn streamed into Lake Erie) were ignited by a spark from the shore.

The shocking river fire and the Earth Day movement in turn led to the creation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the full support of then-President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.

The EPA soon initiated policies that began to improve America’s air and waterways, most notably with the elimination of lead in gasoline.

However, despite the tangible accomplishments of the EPA over the past 50 years, our air and water -- the essentials of life for all living things -- have remained as harmful to our health as ever.

A recent study by the American Lung Association concluded that almost 50 percent of all Americans still breathe polluted air.

The 1967 movie, The Graduate, predicted the rise of plastics (“Benjamin...I have one word for you: ‘Plastics.’ There is a great future in plastics.”) in everyday life. But what the movie did not anticipate was that within a few decades, micro-plastics not only would contaminate the oceans around the world, but also would be found in every major organ in our bodies.

And of course, there is the matter of global warming, which soon is set to reach a point that will make life as we know it unsustainable in many parts of the world, including our own, where rising sea levels will inundate the Massachusetts coastline.

However, what is encouraging about President Biden’s plans is that for the first time, major U.S. companies are supportive of policies that are good for the environment. Although we would like to think that they are doing so for the right reasons, the reality is that these companies realize that climate change will have a catastrophic effect on their business interests.

The U.S. military has warned for the past decade that climate change poses a major threat to our national security and now private industry finally has jumped on the bandwagon. According to an article in the New York Times last week, “Rising temperatures are likely to reduce global wealth significantly by 2050, as crop yields fall, disease spreads, and rising seas consume coastal cities...The effects of climate change can be expected to shave 11 percent to 14 percent off global economic output by 2050 compared with growth levels without climate change, according to a report from Swiss Re, one of the world’s largest providers of insurance to other insurance companies.”

So we applaud President Joe Biden’s dramatic pro-environment policies, which incorporate many aspects of the Green New Deal put forward by our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, in tandem with New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

And we are heartened that American business is fully on-board with the president’s proposals.

Hopefully, the shift in our national policy will not be a case of too little, too late.

On the other hand, for those of us who celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970, we have to say, “Better late than never.”

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

DeMaria weighs in on School Budget

By Mayor Carlo DeMaria

The proposed FY22 budget developed by the School Administration demonstrates a strong plan for the future of the Everett Public Schools. The proposed annual budget demonstrates the aggressive investments needed to meet the 21st Century needs of our educators and students. The 3-year investment plan allows our schools to take a large step toward closing achievement and opportunity gaps. I commend the Everett Public School Administration for their due diligence in creating the budget recommendation.

One of my greatest tasks as Mayor is my fiscal responsibility to every Everett resident and over the past year, the City has been faced with many fiscal challenges. We are currently confronting a serious tax dispute with Exelon where there is potential for the City of Everett to lose millions of dollars in tax revenue. We also do not know if local excise tax and meals tax col-

lections will suffer. With so many residents out of work and the burden the pandemic has placed on numerous businesses, I am concerned that our free cash will not be at the same level as years prior. Additionally, the way that the American Rescue Plan Act was written may forbid municipalities from using the funds as we had originally intended, which could create additional funding issues. Because of these circumstances, the most responsible way for the City of Everett to budget is by utilizing FY19 as a base year when calculating our revenue loss.

Through the three phases of the federal Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant, the Everett Public Schools will receive a total of \$20,993,444 throughout the next few years. This funding is intended to provide districts with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and

continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools that are providing educational services. Additionally, I am under the impression that local municipalities will continue to receive additional aid after 2024. In FY22, the Student Opportunity Act will allocate an additional \$9.3 Million above what was received in FY21 by the Everett Public Schools. Because of the advocacy of Senator DiDomenico and Representative McGonagle, I am optimistic that this funding will continue to increase in the years ahead. This funding is intended to support the proposed FY22 budget, which will allow the City of Everett to adequately fund the Everett Public Schools without the need to increase taxes on our residents.

If decisions about school funding could be made solely on the basis of principles and as a matter of policy, these decisions would be so much easier to make. Unfortunately, that is not

the case. Decisions about municipal finances must be made with the interests of everyone in mind. As it was last year, and at least for FY22, Everett must contend with the continuing impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has left on our community, its residents, and its businesses. As leaders, we must acknowledge that we are in a state of uncertainty regarding the future of our fiscal health. However, we are fortunate that we don’t have to burden our taxpayers with increased taxes in order to supplement the EPS budget. Adequate resources have been provided by Congress to address the gaps we face. . We are able to help advance the educational needs of our students without risking further burdening their families with higher taxes. Therefore, I would suggest that the EPS use the Federal funding intended to aid school districts to ensure all needs are met in FY22.

Carlo DeMaria is the Mayor of Everett.

LETTERS to the Editor

THE JURY HAS SPOKEN

To the Editor,

Statement of the Everett Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Equal Employment Commission on the verdict in the Derek Chauvin murder trial

The jury has spoken in the murder trail of Derek Chauvin. He has been found guilty of second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter in the death of George Floyd. The three counts carry a combined possible sentence of 75 years. It is likely that Derek Chauvin will spend most if not all his remaining years behind bars.

This is some justice. It is justice in the form of accountability for one man for his heinous acts against another. It is not, however, accountability

for a system of justice that has been out of balance throughout the entire history of our country. It is not accountability for a system of justice unfairly biased against people of color, against poor people, against those out of the mainstream of society who do not have the means required to ensure that they have the equal protection under the law that is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States to every citizen in this country. That is where the larger problem lies and what must continue to be addressed, when all the media frenzy has died down and people have moved on.

Complacency is not an option. Complacency will result in more George Floyds, more Daunte Wrights, more Ahmaud Arberys, and Breonna

Taylor, and Travon Martin, and Sandra Blands, and Amadou Diallos, and Emmet Tills, and on and on and on. These injustices eat away at our humanity. When any of our citizens live in fear, it impacts all of us.

The fight for equal justice will go forward. Continue to speak out. Continue to demand accountability. It is our only hope for a truly just society for all.

**Bishop Robert Brown,
Chair
Members of the Everett
Diversity, Inclusion,
Equity and Equal
Employment
Commission**

CONGRATULATIONS, REP. MCGONAGLE

To the Editor

I would like to congratulate State Rep. Joe

McGonagle on his recent promotion in the Massachusetts Legislature. He is now Chairman of the Operations, Facilities and Security Committee, and Everett residents should be proud of his accomplishment.

All state legislators aspire a chairmanship position as they further their careers in the “House”, and Rep. McGonagle has reached this plateau. The next time you see Rep. McGonagle, address him as Mr. Chairman and watch the proud smile come across his face.

Along with Senate Assistant Majority Leader, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, whose accomplishments are too many to list, the City of Everett’s interests are well represented at the Massachusetts State House.

Stat Smith

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CEO Richard Gaveganao said last week this transaction brings together two strong banks with a long and rich history serving and investing in local communities.

“We are excited to join a like-minded organization dedicated to creating exceptional customer experiences, built on trust and quality service, while also providing an attractive return to our stockholders,” said Gavegnano.

Rockland President and CEO Christopher Oddleifson added this merger is consistent with Rockalnd’s strategy of acquiring banks in overlapping and adjacent markets who share his bank’s “relationship-focused style of banking”.

“East Boston Savings Bank has been committed to building meaningful connections with their customers since 1848 and we are excited to work alongside them to deepen those relationships with expanded products, services, and technology,” said Oddle-



EBSB and Rockland Trust officials announced last week that the two banks have signed a merger agreement that will allow for Rockland to acquire EBSB in a \$1.15 billion deal.

ifson. “At the same time, we look forward to increasing our presence in and around the city and reinforcing our position as the Boston area’s premier community-focused commercial bank.”

EBSB currently has 42 full-service locations, one mobile branch and three loan centers in the greater Boston metropolitan area.

As of March 31, 2021 Meridian had \$6.5 billion

in total assets, \$5.3 billion in loans, and \$5.1 billion in deposits.

“Following this merger, Rockland will have approximately \$20 billion in assets,” said Oddleifson.. “In addition to the market leading commercial lending capabilities, this acquisition will further enhance our core deposit franchise value and allow for the expansion of Rockland’s broad financial product set

to an expanded business and consumer customer base.”

The boards of directors of each company have unanimously approved the transaction. The transaction is subject to certain conditions, including the receipt of required regulatory approvals, approval by the stockholders of both EBSB and Rockland and other customary conditions.

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Encore Boston Harbor to become a COVID vaccination site

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor will now not only feature slots, but also shots.

The resort casino on Lower Broadway was confirmed on Monday to be a new mass vaccination site for the state, locating a COVID-19 vaccination program, in collaboration with Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) and the City of Everett, at an empty ballroom to serve employees of Encore and the general public.

As an added convenience for the public, the Encore runner shuttle can be used from most areas of Everett to get free transportation to and from the casino vaccination program, noted Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

The vaccination center is located in Encore Boston Harbor’s Picasso Ballroom near the Resort South elevators with direct access to the self-parking garage, where parking is complimentary for all visitors. The site will offer approximately 300 shots per day, which will ramp up to around 700 per day as the program progresses.

The matter has been discussed quietly for a few weeks now, but was made official during the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) meeting Monday morning.

The casino kicked off the effort Tuesday at the resort.

“I do understand Encore has been designated

a vaccination site starting (Tuesday) where vaccines will be available to the public and to their employees as well,” said Loretta Lillios, of the MGC.

Said MGC Chair Kathy Judd-Stein, “One development we just learned about was the designation of Encore as a vaccination site, which shows the great partnership with not only its host community of Everett, but for the entire Commonwealth...I think it will help employees but it is open to the public. Particularly for the surrounding communities, it will be available and hopefully they can take advantage of that access. That’s good news.”

Encore President Brian Gullbrants said it was a chance to aid in the state’s health and economic recovery.

“We want to help residents of Everett and our surrounding communities receive the vaccine as quickly and conveniently as possible,” said Gullbrants. “We are looking forward to hosting this vaccination center in partnership with the City of Everett and Cambridge Health Alliance. Together we hope to aid in our state’s health and economic recovery.”

In early April, spokesperson Rose Salisbury told the Independent they were happy to be considered and hoped the effort would lead to becoming a designated site.

“We are pleased to be

considered for a potential regional vaccination site and we look forward to helping to serve our communities should this come to fruition,” she said on April 6.

Between then and now, there have been a number of things to come under consideration, protocols to follow and other matters to address. Finally, this week, the casino was cleared to open for vaccinations.

“The City of Everett has been and continues to be one of the hardest hit communities by the COVID19 pandemic,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Through our collaboration with Encore Boston Harbor and Cambridge Health Alliance, the residents of Everett will have an additional location to be vaccinated right here in Everett. Those struggling with transportation to and from vaccine sites will have the option of using the Encore shuttle which is an added convenience to this site. I’m grateful for Encore for opening up their space and to CHA for providing these much needed services.”

Said Assaad Sayah, MD, CEO of Cambridge Health Alliance, “Cambridge Health Alliance serves many of the communities that have been hardest hit during the COVID-19 pandemic. Helping local residents stay healthy is our priority, and we are grateful for the support from the City

of Everett and Encore Boston Harbor to mobilize vaccination efforts in our region.”

Councilor Michael McLaughlin, who has invested a great deal of time helping the City’s vaccination efforts, said he supports the Encore site in his ward of the city.

“I strongly believe it’s time that the Governor increases the occupancy limits and allows Encore to operate in a safe manner as they have for several months now and start to rebuild their business while they also serve a great public good in offering space for a vaccination

site in Everett,” he said.

To make an appointment, individuals should call Cambridge Health Alliance’s COVID-19 vaccination hotline at (617) 665-2100. Appointments are required and walk-ins will not be accepted.

CONGRATULATIONS, IDA REPUCCI



Last weekend, Mayor Carlo DeMaria had the honor and privilege to present Ida Repucci with a key to the City of Everett. Repucci’s dedication and commitment to human services within the community is remarkable, said the mayor.

“Thank you, Ida for your tireless commitment to our City. May you enjoy retirement with your beautiful family,” said the mayor.

Repucci is pictured here with Mayor DeMaria, and also with members of her family and co-workers at the Connolly Center.



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Coach DiLoreto’s debut is a success

Everett football defeats English, 42-12, in opener

By Cary Shuman

The Everett High football team looked impressive in its first game of the season, beating Lynn English, 42-12, Friday night at Everett Memorial Stadium.

The Crimson Tide trailed 6-0 in the first quarter but scored 36 unanswered points to make sure that new head coach

Rob DiLoreto’s first game would be a winning one.

Samy Lamothe, making his first start as Everett’s quarterback, displayed excellent leadership at the helm of the Tide’s offense and had a rushing touchdown. Lamothe, who is heading to Princeton University, also showed his defensive skills with a 26-yard return of an interception for a touchdown,

known as a “Pick Six.”

“Samy just had an overall strong game,” said DiLoreto.

Jayden Clerveaux was impressive out of the backfield, scoring three touchdowns on runs of 2, 4, and 5 yards behind the Tide’s powerful offensive line.

“JC ran the football real hard. As the game progressed, he became more

and more of a force for our ground attack,” credited DiLoreto.

Ish Zamor, a dynamic player who has committed to Boston College, had a 14-yard run for a touchdown in the first game of his junior season. Coastal Carolina University-commit Josaiah Stewart also excelled on both sides of the ball.

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Ismael Zamor tears the ball out of the defender’s hands for a big Tide completion in Bulldogs’ territory.



Placekicker Kevin Ruiz returns to the sidelines after putting the Bulldogs deep in their own territory with a booming kick.



Marcus Scott celebrates in the end zone during Everett’s season-opening 42-12 victory over Lynn English.



EHS football captains, David Matthias, Josaiah Stewart, Brandon Gibbs and Donrae Richardson wait the coin toss for the season opener.



The offensive line was outstanding, providing plenty of running room for QB Samy Lamothe.



Ismael Zamor celebrates in the end zone with his teammates.

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“I thought Ish and Jo-saiah showed tremendous leadership on offense and defense,” said DiLoreto.

Tyrese Baptiste rushed for a pair of 2-point conversions. Placekicker Kevin Ruiz had two PATs.

Everett (1-0) will have a bye this week in advance of what could be a May 7 showdown for the GBL title with Revere (1-0), who defeated Lynn Classical, 18-0, in its season opener. Revere hosts Lynn En-

glish Friday night.

DiLoreto was pleased with his team’s united effort against a tough English team, who is a brand- new member of the Greater Boston League.

“Lynn English came out

fired up, played hard, took the lead quickly and had a very good plan,” said DiLoreto. “I think the key to our success in the game was ‘trust’. The players trusted in themselves and each other and they found

away to overcome some early turnovers and adversity. And as the game progressed, we played better and better.”

The new coach was happy to get a ‘W’ in his first game as the leader of

the state’s premier football program.

“I felt so proud of the players and so happy for the community and also on a personal note, it was a very memorable evening,” said DiLoreto.



Tyler David tries to tear the ball from the ballcarrier’s arms while making a great tackle.



Jayden Clerveaux bores through the line and into the end zone.



Moses Seide battles for a pass.



Ramar Robinson breaks a tackle for a big gain.



The Everett High Crimson Tide cheerleaders were on hand for the home opener.



Everett quarterback Sammy Lamothe gets plenty of time to find his receiver thanks to the excellent pass protection from the Tide’s offensive linemen.

EHS Roundup

LEVEL OPENING WEEK FOR EHS BOYS SOCCER

The Everett High boys soccer team opened its Fall II season with a level week -- a win, a tie, and a loss -- in its encounters against three Greater Boston League rivals.

The victory came this past Saturday against archrival Chelsea, which has rejoined the GBL, by a score of 5-1. The goal-scorers for coach Pedro Blas's squad were the quintet of Ricardo Do-Carmo, Guilherme Meireles, Benjamin Pezo, Luan Cruz (on a PK), and Dan Cadet.

A few days earlier, Everett battled Malden to a 4-4 deadlock. Guilherme Meireles paced the Crimson Tide offense with a pair of goals. Teammates Guilherme Moraes (PK) and Dan Cadet also reached the back of the Golden Tornado net.

The lone setback came via a 6-0 loss to Revere in the season-opener. "Our first game was a little rough," said Blas. "We had a rough time playing together as a team and we were trying a new line-up which didn't work, so I take full responsibility for it.

"We played a lot better against Malden and I think we dominated most of the game," Blas noted. "We missed a lot of opportunities, but most importantly, we showed signs of improvement.

"And we definitely played a lot better against Chelsea," Blas continued. "I think our team has found their groove and realize that when you play your role and do your job, good things can happen. Players have shown a lot of positivity after that big win. Hopefully we can

bring the same energy against our future rivals."

Blas and his crew were scheduled to take on Lynn Classical yesterday (Tuesday) and will trek to Lynn English today (Wednesday). They will entertain Someville next Tuesday.

EHS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS OPEN SEASON VS. GBL FOES

The Everett High boys and girls cross country teams opened their Fall II season this past week.

Last Monday, the teams trekked to Lynn Woods to take on new Greater Boston League rival Lynn Classical. The Crimson Tide girls' squad ran to a victory, led by the duo of Luca Jean Noel, who finished in first place, and Arianna Reed, who came across the line in second.

On the boys' side, the top performer was Samuel Desir-Mafouana, who finished in fourth place. Samuel was followed by teammates Anthony Cooper (fifth place), Sebastian Fong (eighth), Matth Telson (ninth), and Purvansh Aujla (13th).

Three days later the Crimson Tide made the short trek to Admiral's Hill in Chelsea and came away with victories on the Red Devils' home course.

For the boys, Wensley Mompremier finished first and Samual Desir-Mafouana came across in second. Anthony Cooper grabbed fourth spot, Matth Telson took fifth, Fausto Paniagua finished sixth, and Purvansh Aujla completed the EHS scoring with a seventh-place finish.

For the girls, Luca Jean Noel took first place and Arianna Reed finished in second place.

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PATRIOTS WEAR PURPLE FOR A CAUSE



Last week the Revere High School varsity Girls Soccer Team donned purple game jerseys in place of their Patriot Blue. This was in support of a fellow athlete on the Everett Field Hockey Team, Sarai Valez. Valez has been diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma, and the girls wanted to show support for her fight ahead.

News in Brief

MVES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is seeking volunteers for its Social Engagement Program, a program vital to isolated older adults by supporting independence and fostering compassion.

The Social Engagement Program is designed to help improve the health and well-being of isolated older adults in the community by providing meaningful social connection—whether it be through regular visits (when safe to do so), telephone calls, or email.

Many older adults already live with a deep sense of disconnection from their community but the pandemic and related social distancing measures have made their sense of social isolation and loneliness much worse.

There are three different options for program participants. Volunteers may choose one that is best for them, or could be involved

in two, or all three. Options include a Telephone Reassurance Program, where a volunteer calls the isolated individual and provides a social contact and friendly conversation; an Email Correspondence, for online engagement with others via technology; and a Friendly Visitor Program, in which the consumer receives home visits (when safe to do so) that focus on in-person socialization and companionship.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering for the Social Engagement Program, please contact Leah Mulrenan at (781) 388-2375 or lmulrenan@mv.es.org.

CITY OF EVERETT EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett will be hosting an Earth Day Celebration at Rivergreen Park on Saturday, May 15 between 9am-12pm. This event will include a presentation on the waterfront, a ribbon cutting of the Canoe & Kayak Launch, and a cleanup event.

"This is a day about community," said Mayor DeMaria. "Our waterfront has been completely transformed and I look forward to additional improvements such as the wetland restoration and habitat enhancement. I am grateful to our volunteers who will be helping to clean up the waterfront and bike path areas."

Beginning at 9am, there will be a presentation that includes the waterfront's progress as well as the vision for the future. Following the presentation, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Canoe & Kayak Launch. At 10am, volunteers will then work together to clean up the waterfront and the bike path, and conclude with a volunteer appreciation barbeque.

The City of Everett is seeking volunteers to participate in the cleanup. To sign up, please visit <https://bit.ly/3v8YG0W> or email bunny@ci.everett.ma.us with your full name, email address, phone number, and t-shirt size. (Please note, link is case sensitive.)

BHCC RECEIVES SKILLS CAPITAL GRANT AWARD FOR NURSING PROGRAM

Through a Commonwealth Skills Capital Grant, Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) received \$400,000 to create a new nursing simulation lab to support its Registered Nursing students.

Needed updates include the installation of a networked web-based video capture system in all three nursing laboratory classrooms, allowing faculty to view and evaluate student performance.

The new simulation testing area and video capture system will help students build critically-needed obstetric and pediatric skills in a high-demand program. "We are grateful to receive this funding to improve lab space and help more students develop important technical skills in nursing," said Maryanne Atkinson, BHCC Dean of Health Sciences. "This will help students to transition to the nursing field more seamlessly after graduation."

These competitive grants are awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with local employers, as well as align curriculum and credentials with industry demand to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the State.

MAYOR DEMARIA'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the annual Summer Youth Program is accepting applications. Through this program, participants are given the opportunity to gain work experience throughout the City, network, and build new skills to apply in future positions.

"I am excited to host this year's Summer Youth Program," said Mayor DeMaria. "This program not only provides Everett youth an opportunity to gain experience but it allows them to connect with the community and I encourage all who are eligible to apply."

Due to the pandemic, the City of Everett partnered with CommCorp to develop a virtual work experience for last year's program. However, this year's program will be a combination of virtual and in-person experiences, which include webinars, Zoom meetings with City of Everett staff, and working on outdoor projects.

Everett residents between 14 and 21 years of age are encouraged to apply for the program. The deadline for the applications is Friday, May 14th. For more information, please visit <https://youthworksdata.org/aboutyouthworks.aspx?key=key1s&yw=Everett>.

RISK OF SHINGLES INCREASES WITH AGE

Just recently, a Mystic Valley Elder Services consumer's grandmother

was diagnosed with shingles. She always thought that was an old-fashioned disease that no one got anymore. But shingles has never disappeared. In fact, each year, approximately 1 million Americans will develop this painful viral infection. Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox.

The risk for shingles increases with age. Half of all cases of shingles are in people over 60. People with weakened immune systems from illnesses such as cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, or HIV are at a higher risk of developing shingles.

The good news is shingles can be prevented by getting a vaccination. More than 99% of Americans ages 40 and older have had chickenpox, even if they don't remember getting the disease. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that healthy adults 50 years and older get two doses of the shingles vaccine called Shingrix, separated by 2 to 6 months, to prevent shingles and the complications from the disease. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about getting the vaccine.

Once you have chickenpox, the virus can stay dormant in your nerve tissues for years—even decades. In some people, the virus suddenly wakes up, forming blisters or rash on the chest, back, waistline, upper arms, or face.

The shingles rash will begin with tingling, pain, numbness, or itching. Within a few days, a rash will develop and may spread. Fluid-filled blisters that are very similar to chickenpox blisters will grow out of the rash.

The pain from shingles can be mild to intense. Some people will have mostly itching; others will feel pain, even from a gentle touch or breeze. Other symptoms of shingles can include fever, headache, chills, and upset stomach.

Shingles itself is not contagious. You can't spread the condition to another person. However, the varicella-zoster virus is contagious, and if you have shingles, you can spread the virus to another person, which could then cause them to develop chickenpox. If you've never had chicken pox, make sure not to touch open blisters until they scab over, or you'll develop chicken pox yourself.

Shingles can last from two weeks to several weeks. Most people will only have one outbreak in a lifetime, but multiple outbreaks are possible.

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OBITUARIES

Armorel Lucy Butt

She epitomized the old seafarer’s proverb –
“When there is no wind, row.”

Armorel Lucy (Jacobs) Butt, 103, of Everett, passed away on April 23. She was born on March 4, 1918 in Ochre Pit Cove, Newfoundland, the daughter of William Harris Jacobs (a tough, brave, hard-working man who knew where the codfish were and wasn’t afraid to go get them) and Laura Martin Jacobs (a nurturing, loving mother and equally hard-working partner). They had ten children, six of whom survived childhood. Armorel was pre-deceased by all of her beloved siblings who were close-knit and supportive of each other.

Armorel came to this country as a young woman and found true love with Eben Davis Butt, a wonderful, wise and tender man. Eben was also a Newfoundlander and together they shared wonderment and love for their new country. They had two children. Eben’s bad health robbed them of the life they had planned together and his early passing left Armorel with a young family to raise and provide for. She did heroic things for her children, providing not only the material things needed but also love, values, structure, faith and a role model from which they profited. Armorel epitomized the old seafarer’s proverb: “When there is no wind, row.” By example, she taught her kids how to row.

Later in life Armorel was again blessed with finding love with her second husband, Jabez Butt, a loving generous man who was a friend to all. Their marriage brought them happiness until his passing.

Armorel leaves two children: Cheryl Webb of St Louis, MO and



Bradford Eben Butt of Glastonbury, CT. She also leaves three grandchildren whom she dearly loved and adored (and they her): Bradford Webb and his wife, Anne of St. Louis, MO, Haley Rist and her husband, Andrew of Ipswich, MA, and Lauren Redfield of Glastonbury, CT. She also leaves six sparkling great grandchildren who amazed her, whom she also loved dearly, and whose lives sustained her as age and infirmities encroached on her life: William, Jack and Tommy Webb, Lila Redfield and John and Emily Rist.

She was also further blessed with many faithful friends whom she valued throughout all of her long life.

Well done, Ma! We all love you.

Armorel’s Graveside Service will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her name to UNICEF USA, 125 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038 or on-line at www.unicefusa.org, to honor Armorel’s life-long love of children.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea. Family and friends are encouraged to visit www.carafafuneral-home.com to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

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locally by making concerted recruiting efforts to diversify the Department to reflect the community, and to include more Everett residents on active duty.

“My reaction and comments on that trial would be that the justice system did its job in the State of Minnesota and held Chauvin accountable for his actions,” said the Chief. “Every community and its police department has its own identity to include history, leadership, culture, relationships and so on. We have worked hard in Everett over the years to recruit, train and retain the best possible officers who buy into that we are part of the community and realize that a heavy emphasis is placed on Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence. We expect nothing less and we will constantly strive to improve the delivery of our policing services to include protecting the lives of all people we encounter while carrying out our duties.”

Chelsea Chief Brian Kyes, president of the Massachusetts Major City Police Chiefs Association, hasn’t always been totally in step with every police reform that has come down over the last year, but this week Kyes said he believed the jury got it right when it came to the murder convictions against former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin.

“The jury in the murder trial of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin reached its verdict, finding him guilty of all three charges,” said the Chief in a statement. “As members of the Mass Major City Police Chiefs Association we strongly believe that not only was the defendant afforded due process as is required by our constitution and in conformance with our system of justice, but that the honorable and informed jury absolutely got it

right and that justice was served. We hope that the family of George Floyd finds some solace in this historic verdict.”

The verdict was viewed not as justice in most of the community made up by people of color, but a sad reality of American life, and also a chance to change long-standing issues in Everett.

Bishop Robert Brown, chair of the City’s Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Equal Employment Commission, on behalf of the membership, said if change isn’t made locally and nationally, then there will be more George Floyd episodes.

“This is some justice,” said Brown. “It is justice in the form of accountability for one man for his heinous acts against another. It is not, however, accountability for a system of justice that has been out of balance throughout the entire history of our country. It is not accountability for a system of justice unfairly biased against people of color, against poor people, against those out of the mainstream of society who do not have the means required to ensure that they have the equal protection under the law that is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States to every citizen in this country. That is where the larger problem lies and what must continue to be addressed, when all the media frenzy has died down and people have moved on.

“Complacency is not an option,” he continued. “Complacency will result in more George Floyds, more Daunte Wrights, more Ahmaud Arberys, and Breonna Taylors, and Travon Martins, and Sandra Blands, and Amadou Diallos, and Emmet Tills, and on and on and on. These injustices eat away at our humanity. When any of our citizens live in fear, it impacts all of us.”

Councilor Gerly Adrien said the verdict was not a

piece of justice, but only the starting point for major changes in Everett and the nation.

“Last week’s guilty verdict on Derek Chauvin’s murder charge was an important one for our community to begin to heal from the trauma of witnessing George Floyd’s murder happen right before our eyes by those that have sworn to protect and serve,” she said.

Rev. Myrlande Desrosiers, leader of the Everett Haitian Community Center, said – despite not having experienced that kind of abuse or racism personally – she was nervous as the verdict was read. She said she hadn’t watched a trial such as that since she was in law school years ago, but had watched the Chauvin trial front to back.

“When it came down as ‘guilty,’ it was a relief,” she said. “People felt relieved for the first time our community felt relieved that there was accountability. It’s not that a police officer was guilty and that made people happy. It was the atrocity that occurred before everyone’s eyes. Everyone saw it; the atrocity of a police officer so nonchalantly putting his knee on a grown man’s neck and hearing him cry for his mother.

“My heart was beating so fast, and I had to ask myself why,” she continued. “I didn’t know the man. I was in Everett and even at my age have not faced that kind of racism in my life, so I had to ask why my heart was beating so fast at the possibility of a ‘not guilty’ verdict?”

Desrosiers said she understands the reactions on both sides, as some had strong feelings that Chauvin should be not guilty, and some of those folks were her friends and some were elected officials.

She said, in being sympathetic to all viewpoints, she realized there is a huge divide in the nation and in Everett about race and

culture and policing. She said in thinking about the verdict, while the police in Everett may not have committed any atrocity such as Chauvin, now is a rare open door to have hard conversations about the issues that Everett does have – and perhaps doesn’t want to deal with.

“I realized that there is a huge divide,” she said. “There are conversations we don’t want to talk about and things we don’t want to address...It’s the ultimate opportunity now to address these skeletons in the closet we must tackle on both sides of this.”

As an example, she said young people in the EHCC have said for several years they don’t like the Everett Police being in Everett High School. While most haven’t had any negative interactions, they have consistently told her that it intimidates them to have the police in the school and the lunchroom when they eat. The same is true for stationing police at the local pharmacies and businesses when school lets out and kids tend to frequent those stores.

“Young people have told us that for a very long time and we keep dismissing them and saying, ‘We’re good,’” she said. “We need to tackle these kinds of issues and try to find the right solution and people don’t get offended on either side.”

In Everett, though it is 1,178 miles from where the Chauvin verdict was read, the guilty verdict has signaled to the large communities of color in the City a chance to re-think some issues that have gone unaddressed on either side of the coin.

“We have a great opportunity to change things,” said Desrosiers. “We have a great opportunity to reckon things. We have a great opportunity to come together, but it must be done in a real way. We have a great opportunity right now to fix things if we really, really want to.”

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Docket No. 21D0869

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 208 § 1B
Jucemar A. Pereira, Plaintiff
v.
Michael A. Dos Santos, Defendant

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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News and Notes

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The Pirates, coached by Jim Schaeffer, Marc Harr, and Brian Christie.

City mourns sudden loss of Kristin Fulton, former Wellness Center employee and active in youth cheerleading as a coach

By Seth Daniel

Just days after giving birth, former Wellness Center coach Kristin (Ciarlone) Fulton died tragically from complications after the birth, sending a palpable sadness over much of the community this week.

The news came on Friday when it was learned that Fulton had passed away suddenly at what would have been one of the happiest moments in her and her husband, Greg’s, lives.

Now, the community has turned to try to help the family in whatever way they can, with Mayor Carlo DeMaria calling for people to donate to the Go Fund Me campaign and holding a candlelight vigil at Glendale Park on Sunday.

“It is with profound sorrow and disbelief that I am letting you know about the sudden and tragic passing of Kristin Ciarlone Fulton from the Wellness Center,” he wrote in an email last Sunday. “Kristin passed away from complications (after



Wellness Center coach Kristin (Ciarlone) Fulton died suddenly last week due to complications after childbirth. The City and her family will host a candle-light vigil in her memory on May 2 at 7 p.m. in Glendale Park.

the birth of her beautiful baby girl just slightly over a week ago. It is so hard to believe how quickly the happiest time in a family’s life can turn so drastically. For many years, Kristin cared for kids throughout our community with her involvement in cheerlead-ing. As a community, it’s our turn now to care for Kristin’s family-her par-ents, her husband Greg and especially, her daughter Lenna Noel.” Fulton had worked at

the Wellness Center prior to COVID-19 for some time, and was very active in youth cheerleading as a coach also.

As a tribute, on Sunday, May 2, at the request of Fulton’s family, the City of Everett and the family of Kristin Fulton would like to invite all members of the Everett community to join together for a candlelight vigil in her honor at 7 p.m. in Glendale Park.

Those attending are encouraged to wear the color red in honor of Fulton’s pride for the City of Everett and of course, their favorite Walt Disney ears. Masks will be required during the vigil for the safety of all.

“Stacy and I and our entire family extend our deepest sympathy to Kristin’s family, her friends and all those in the community who knew her,” wrote the mayor. “In our sadness, let’s be reminded of the bright, enthusiastic light that Kristin was in the City of Everett. Please keep Kristin and her family in your thoughts and prayers.”

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