

Young members of the DPH field team stationed themselves in the center of Everett to help spread the facts about the COVID-19 vaccine. (Credit: Archipelago Strategies Group).

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Guerline Alcy announces her candidacy for Councilor At-Large

By Seth Daniel

Long-time City Hall worker and community leader Guerline Alcy announced this week she will run for at-large City Council in the coming Municipal Election.

Alcy is well-known to many residents of Everett as one of the first people seen as they walk in the door of City Hall – working in constituent services and other outward facing areas. She is also active in the Haitian American community and Everett non-profits, as well as a well-known advocate of the arts.

As a long-time resident of Everett, Alcy said she has spent years fighting for the wellbeing of homeless teens, the elderly and anyone she comes in contact with that requires help in the city.

She described herself as a tenacious and diligent professional, who is compassionate about people and passionate about service.

“I will continue to fight on homelessness issues, working in collaboration with others to make sure the people that lives here can afford to rent and buy a home here and not be run out of the city by sky rocketed rent,” she said. “I want to make sure that minority women also have an equal opportunity to get leadership positions. Working on providing affordable after school programs for all kids. Making sure that everyone here has a voice and not be afraid to speak up. I love my community. Everett is a fun place to live. Let’s work together to make it a true welcoming place



Guerline Alcy announced this week she intends to run for Council at-Large in this year’s Municipal Election.

for everyone.”

Born in Haiti, Alcy arrived to the U.S. at the age of 11, with the hopes of carrying the importance of serving others. Her work history includes nine years at Everett City Hall, 12 years in the financial services industry, restaurant manager, and campaign manager. She is a well-known and longtime warrior for children, youth, women, the elderly, and the community. For the last seven years, she has been a community organizer, working towards a better, stronger, and healthier environment in the City of Everett, informing families about available programs, assisting residents with housing, and other needs. She said her love for helping to raise funds for several organizations; providing meals during the holiday seasons; and assisting those in need comes from her passion to serve. She is also the Founder of Lyvia’s Foundation, located in Haiti, that provides resources to assist people in need and obtain economic stability, as well as scholarships for disadvantaged kids to continue

their education. She also promotes and help fund sustainable farming projects in rural areas in Haiti.

A proud mother of three sons, she is also an avid real estate investor. Alcy is an Executive Board Member of the Everett Democratic City Committee, Executive Board Member of Integral Arts Everett, Advisory Board Member of the Everett Community Growers, and Executive Board Member of the Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts.

Alcy has received an Associate’s Degree as a Legal Administrative Assistant from North Shore Community College and also attended New England College of Business and Finance. She said in her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, cooking, traveling, collecting art and coordinating art shows.

To connect with Alcy via e-mail, write her at guerlineforeverett@gmail.com, visit her Facebook page or call her cell at 857-326-1128. As of Tuesday, she had not yet pulled Nomination Papers, but said she plans to do so shortly.

CANDIDATE UPDATE

•Ward 4 Council heats up

So it’s obviously been hot outside, but it’s been even hotter in Ward 4 – where the City Council race now has four high-quality candidates that could make for an interesting Preliminary Election in September were they all to qualify for the ballot.

For some time, incumbent Councilor Jimmy Tri Le has had his Papers out for re-election and was certified for the ballot on June 2. He has been facing James Mastrocola in the early rounds, but this week two new candidates have emerged.

Benjamin Murray, husband of School Committee-woman Dana Murray, has pulled his papers, and so has Holly Garcia, chair of the Everett Citizens Foundation and a die-hard volunteer around the City. Both are interesting candidates and will test first-term Councilor Le in his first re-election effort.

•Veterans Agent to Run

In the Ward 3 School Committee race, Chairman Frank Parker now has a three-way race potentially, with Veterans Services Director Jeanne Cristiano pulling Nomination Papers to run against Parker potentially, joining Bob Santacroce – who lost to Parker last election.

City leaders have said a City worker can run for School Committee, so Cristiano is well-within the law, apparently, to serve in public office and lead Veterans Services.

•Odds & Ends

One change to the School Committee at-Large race includes former School Committee Chair Bernie D’Onofrio pulling Nomination Papers for at-large. He has also pulled papers for School Committee Ward 6. Likewise, Santacroce has pulled papers for at-large School Committee as well.

In the mayoral race, as of Tuesday, only Councilor Gerly Adrien has been certified for the ballot. For Council at-Large, only incumbent Michael Marchese has been certified for the ballot as of Tuesday.

Aside from Councilor Le, the only other candidate certified for the ballot as of Tuesday was Al Lattanzi, who is running for the Ward 6 Council seat.

Capone’s campaign is on the move



Councilor and Mayoral candidate Fred Capone said his campaign is on the move this week, with supporters all over the community putting up banners to support him. Pictured here with Capone and his wife, Michele, are Antoinette Broderick and Tony Ciampa, two long term supporters.



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the building – re-pointing all the masonry and getting ready to put a new roof on this week. On the other side of the one-story building he said they hope to put a restaurant, brewery or winery – again facing outward to the bike path. Already, they’ve gotten the permissions from the MBTA to build out a patio on the outdoor

area abutting the Northern Strand so that there is a welcome “front” from the path to the building. With so many tenants in the area, he said there’s a possibility for one of them to expand or move to the Coleman location – or maybe a new business would be interested.

That will come in time, and he said there is long-

term interest in potentially building residential units on top of the commercial building – but for now he said they’re focusing on the project at hand.

And getting it done is something they’re doing quickly, he said.

“I can’t afford to wait,” he said. “I don’t want to miss this opportunity.”



Gregory Berberian announced this week that his family intends to build out a bike/walking trail focused coffee and ice cream shop to open this summer in the former Coleman Manufacturing building on Waters Avenue. It would be the first business in Everett to face the Northern Strand trail and not the street. Phase Two of the plan would hopefully bring in a restaurant, brewery or winery that would also face the trail.

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eral dollars were meant for that purpose. I am happy to be part of the solution to bring in millions of dollars in critical funding that my communities deserve.”

It almost didn’t happen though last week according to some sources, with a bit of State House drama almost erasing all the goodwill that had been sown earlier this year through the compromise. With the money being used for the four communities coming from a federal allotment to the state, some began to question the nature of it and Gov. Baker seemed to indicate last week that the deal might be off. Almost immediately, State Legislative leaders sent out a statement calling for the deal to remain, for which Baker relented on his position and sent out the money last Friday.

The Administration announced a total of \$109 million in discretionary funding from the Rescue Plan to Chelsea, Everett, Methuen and Randolph.

“Our Administration committed additional funds to Chelsea, Everett, Methuen and Randolph to ensure all of the Commonwealth’s communities

received the funding they deserved from the federal relief package,” said Gov. Baker. “These four communities were disproportionately impacted by the virus, and this additional funding will support critical local COVID response and recovery efforts.”

ARPA allocated direct aid to some municipalities based on the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program formula, while assistance to other communities was allocated on a per-capita basis. The use of these two different allocation formulas created disparities in distributions among cities and towns, and Chelsea, Everett, Methuen and Randolph are the four designated hardest hit communities with disproportionately smaller levels of federal funding compared to other hardest hit communities. The Administration worked closely with key state and local stakeholders to determine the extent of the necessary additional resources given federal funding levels and local needs.

These four municipalities will be able to use this funding to support costs

related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including direct response efforts, addressing negative economic impacts, replacing revenue lost during the pandemic, making investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, as well as other eligible expenditures.

“As Mayor, I have never been afraid to fight for financial assistance that is so important for our community and our families,” said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “Our CFO Eric Demas identified the inequity in the federal funding formula contained in the American Rescue Plan Act that failed to recognize the impact that COVID had on Everett. Senator DiDomenico, Representative McGonagle and I have been advocating for months for ways that our federal delegation could rectify this situation. I am grateful to Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito for their continued recognition of the COVID relief that Everett deserves and for their willingness to use federal funding the state received to achieve a more equitable solution for communities like Everett and Chelsea.”

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

484 Broadway
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 20 Mohan Street

Map/Parcel: A0-02-000052

Person Requesting: Richard Little

20 Mohan Street

Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals Applicant seeks to change the use of the existing single-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling in a dwelling district. For a two-family dwelling they do not have the square feet required by City of Everett Zoning.

Several off-street parking issues are in violation of The City of Everett Zoning:

Parking too close to operable windows (carbon monoxide gases displaced from vehicles).

Applicant is proposing stacked parking.

Vehicles will be parked in the front yard off-set.

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

Reason for Denial:

1. Section 4 Dwelling Districts (b) Dimensional Requirements. (17) (b) (2) Requires a minimum lot size of 7000 square feet for a two-family dwelling, the existing lot requiring relief is 3164 square feet, (3836 square feet deficient).
2. Section 17 Off-Street parking (M) requires that no parking be located within 8 feet of any window or habitable room in the basement or first floor. This dwelling will have seven windows on the driveway side that appears to be within eight feet of the parked vehicles.
3. Section 17 Off-Street parking (J) which states: Parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to the parking space provided for it without requiring the moving of any other vehicle. The Board of Appeals, however may by special permit modify this requirement and the dimensional requirements of paragraph (I) of this section, where a parking facility is under full-time attendant supervision.
4. Section 17 Off-Street Parking (K) Parking facilities shall be designed so that no vehicles shall be parked nearer to any street lines than the minimum specified building setback for the Zoning District in which the parking facility is located. Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals

June 2, 2021
June 9, 2021

Everett’s Evelyn Gayhart completes Girl Scout Silver Award with Little Free Library project

By Seth Daniel

Everett Girl Scout Evelyn Gayhart was awarded the rare Silver Award on Sunday as she and City leaders cut the ribbon on her Little Free Library service project – which was a key part of attaining the coveted Silver Award.

Gayhart, an Everett Public Schools student, said she wanted to complete the project in four locations around the city to bring better access to reading for kids and adults. The Little Free Library concept is one that is a nationwide effort, and simply makes small boxes where books are left and taken free of charge – operating on the honor system.

Gayhart told the Independent that by having such small outposts dedicated to accessing books, it could help other kids find the love of reading she found as a child.

“When I was little, I went to the Library all the time, but I know it isn’t

easy to get to for everyone,” she said. “I loved reading at that age and I know there are other kids that might enjoy reading too like I did, but they can’t access the Library. This is a project to help provide a solution to that.”

Gayhart’s Little Free Library boxes are very unique, and have a roof that is shaped like a book. She said when working on the project for her Silver Award, she scanned the internet for good designs – and came up with the one that is shown.

“I thought it would be cool if the top was a book and we found something like it in a magazine and I thought – that’s the top I want,” said Gayhart.

She started the project one year ago, and started unveiling the Little Free Libraries in Everett two weeks ago – with the official ribbon cutting last Sunday, June 6.

This is Gayhart’s 10th year in Girl Scouts, after

she and her mother – Eleanor – were instrumental in reviving scouting in Everett. Now there are a number of Troops in the City and a lot of participation as well.

“It’s a very exciting project to me,” said Gayhart.

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award that can be earned by a Girl Scout Cadette. Successful completion of the Girl Scout Silver Award project means a Girl Scout has shown she is a proven leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to improving her community. Earning this award puts her among the exceptional group of girls who have used their knowledge and leadership skills to make a difference in the world.

The minimum time for earning the Silver Award is 50 hours. Only about 10 percent of Girl Scouts nationwide receive the Silver Award.



Councilor Michael McLaughlin congratulates Evelyn Gayhart on the inception of her Little Free Library.



Evelyn Gayhart with her mother, Eleanor.



Girl Scout Evelyn Gayhart takes a peak at her new Little Free Library unveiled on Proctor Road last Sunday afternoon.



Silver Award Girl Scout Evelyn Gayhart with her parents and State Rep. Joe McGonagle and State Sen. Sal DiDomenico on Sunday.

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ceptance to Harvard a surprise, but also her rise to be the top student in the EHS Class of 2021 was completely unexpected.

“Being valedictorian was 100 percent a surprise,” she said. “I knew for a while I was second for the past two years. At some point, I went to number one but didn’t know about it.”

Portillo, the daughter of Jorge and Ligia Portillo, will be the featured student speaker as the valedictorian at Wednesday’s Commencement ceremonies at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium – the first time in two years that a traditional graduation ceremony will be held due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020.

Portillo, who attended the Allied Health track at EHS and is about to gain her certificate as a licensed EMT through Cataldo Ambulance, said she has found a “fascination” with biology and health at EHS – whether that be in humans or animals.

“I really have a fascination with all things biology and human health, but I really do like animal health as well,” she said. “I have a bunny (named Cinnabon) and cats and my dad sometimes brings home stray cats that we take care of. That’s something I grew up with and am fascinated with too. At the same time, I don’t think I could find a good paying job in that field unless I had my own veterinarian practice. I know I like health and I want to pursue a career in that area.”

Portillo attended the Webster School and the Keverian Middle School, and at EHS, she said she had nothing but good

things to say about the Allied Health program, which she spent three years in. Overall, she said she has had a good experience with teachers at EHS, even though she has been doing remote schooling her entire senior year and part of her junior year due to COVID-19.

“I feel it motivates and inspires me when I have a teacher that loves what they do,” she said. “I feel there are a lot of teachers at EHS like that. When I’m in a class where the teachers loves what they’re doing, I can’t help but like it and be passionate about it too.”

First and foremost for the Class of 2021 is the fact that COVID-19 robbed them of almost all of their senior year, and part of their junior year. Some students were able to come back in person for the last three weeks of school, but most like Portillo chose to stay remote. That said, she said she didn’t feel “cheated,” but would take it as a life experience that no one could control.

“I don’t feel cheated necessarily because it’s not lie anyone could do anything to really change it,” she said. “It’s unfortunate not to have key events that people make memories with. However, we did get a Senior Week. It was so refreshing to see everyone again. It was surprising how refreshing it was to reconnect with everyone at the events. I know there will be things that I wished we had – like Prom – but I don’t feel cheated.”

Portillo said she and her friends stayed the course through remote schooling by staying connected online – texting one another

and helping each other when things got tough. Though it was tempting during many of the long days to go back to bed or take a nap while at home, she said she focused and pushed forward.

“I knew my parents and my family are expecting a lot from me,” she said. “I wanted to maintain it, keep my grades up. Some parts of remote were nice, like turning in assignments at home or being able to catch up with work. But it was very difficult.”

Portillo is part of the Key Club and the Green Monster Team in school, and said she has since middle school enjoyed community service. She said she feels it’s important to get involved in the community and to know other people who live in Everett. That is something she hopes to continue doing on weekends and breaks when she comes home from Harvard.

Headed to the other ‘Crimson’ – not Everett but Harvard – Portillo said she is nervous that other students might be ahead of her.

“It’s exciting and scary because I’m well aware there are people out there in schools that have a more accelerated curriculum in their district,” she said. “Some people pay for that acceleration too...I’m afraid I might be a bit behind them, and it’s scary to think I might be behind.”

But right now, Portillo is focused on one thing at a time, and at the moment that is delivering her Valedictorian speech today, June 9, at the Everett Commencement ceremony.

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efforts are part of DPH’s larger Vaccine Equity Initiative, which works with populations and communities that are disproportionately affected by COVID-19 to reduce barriers to vaccination, increase awareness of vaccine safety and efficacy, and ultimately increase vaccinations. Prioritizing vaccine outreach to these communities is key to ending the pandemic.

DPH’s trained canvassers continued field operations on the ground. The team, comprised of Everett residents, traveled door-to-door to hand out flyers, hang doorknob

knockers, and answered questions such as “When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?” “How will I know it’s my turn to get vaccinated?” and “Is vaccination safe?”

This focused grassroots outreach strategy is the product of a collaboration between DPH and Archipelago Strategies Group (ASG) and Health Care for All (HCFA), and is just one component of DPH’s larger Vaccine Equity Initiative.

The initiative prioritizes 20 cities across the state that were identified as having been disproportionately impacted by

COVID-19. These priority populations were determined using case data and the COVID-19 Community Impact Survey, which DPH conducted in the fall of 2020. To ensure the vaccine is accessible to our most disproportionately impacted populations, the Commonwealth prioritizes vaccine to each of the 20 municipalities every week, subject to program administration guidelines.

For additional information on the initiative, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative-focused-grassroots-outreach>

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HAS AMERICA GONE FROM ON THE BRINK TO OVER THE EDGE?

With Americans emerging cicada-like from the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, one would think that this would be a time of joy as we resume participating in all of the things that make life worth living.

But rather than embracing in a positive way our newly-rediscovered freedom after 15 months of restrictions, it would seem as though we have lost our collective minds.

Fights and other outbreaks of violence, once rare in our airports and on airplanes, have become so commonplace and dangerous that two airlines, American and Southwest, have decided to halt all sales of alcohol until September.

Mass shootings are more prevalent than ever all across the country thanks to the easy access to high-powered weaponry in many states.

Drug overdose deaths soared in 2020 to record heights and show no sign of abating.

Random hate crimes, especially toward the AAPI and Jewish communities, have soared in the past year.

Our political discourse has not been this divisive since 1861, when the Confederates fired on Ft. Sumter to start the Civil War.

We finally can travel, but who wants to venture to our usual getaway destinations (especially cruise ships with unvaccinated passengers) along with the hordes of other travelers who have the same idea? It's one thing for airports and flights to be jammed, but the crowds will be huge wherever we might want to go, which only will exacerbate the new epidemic of short-temperedness that seems to be infecting our present emotional state.

Here's our theory to explain the sudden surge in the general level of unruliness among our nation's population: After 15 months of being told what to do, some people feel as though they now are entitled to do as they please with no regard for the basic rules of civility that allow us to coexist peacefully.

It's as though some Americans, in their eagerness to make up for 15 months of lost time, have forgotten how to be polite and respectful of others.

The Orange County District Attorney, speaking at a press conference about the arrests of the two suspects accused in the tragic shooting death of the six year-old boy in a road rage incident on a California freeway, put it succinctly when he stated, "...how quickly we get out of control today and take actions against others....without assuming any personal responsibility."

We may be getting COVID-19 under control, but we are failing at being in control of ourselves.

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GUEST OP-ED

Do you need Social Security?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

In 2020 over 64 million Americans were collecting Social Security.

The National Institute for Retirement Security (NIRS)has reported that Social Security is the only income source for 40 percent of retirees over the age of 60.” (Forbes.com) The study also claimed that only 6.8 percent of retirees receive income from the three-legged stool of Social Security, a defined benefit pension and a defined contribution plan.

Another study conducted by researchers at the Social Security Administration, found that only 19.6 of Americans 65 and over received at least 90% of their total incomes from Social Security. That’s a big difference from the stat provided by the NIRS.

Nevertheless, the point is that for millions of Americans Social Security is either all they have or

mostly all they have. Also, there are some government employees who have their own pension system and do not pay into Social Security.

Social Security taxes take a bite of our income from every check. Employers and employees each pay 6.2 percent of wages up to the taxable maximum of \$142,800 for 2021. The self-employed pay 12.4 percent. Some self-employed struggle with paying the 12.4 percent and look for creative ways to only report a small salary. This may enable you to have more cash now but your Social Security check will be much smaller when you become retirement age.

Religious objectors can often be exempted from paying the tax. I knew a minister who in his younger days did the paperwork to exempt out of Social Security. It was the one of the biggest mistakes of

his life. When he became 65, he couldn’t quit working. He had also drawn out most of his other pension savings for emergencies.

With meager retirement dollars he was also faced with having to buy Medicare insurance. To make matters worse he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. At a relatively young senior adult age he had nothing with which to fight. He was tired from his long years of work. He had nothing financially saved. He couldn’t stop working. Medical insurance became a dilemma and within two years he was dead.

Social Security is not a perfect world. It won’t make you rich but you’ll be glad you have the check and the medical insurance.

Keep this in mind the average monthly Social Security payment for 2021 is \$1,543, and the maximum you can re-

ceive at full retirement age is \$3,113 a month. If you have waited until you are 70 the amount is \$3,895.00. These figures change all the time depending on cost of living adjustments and how long you work and how much you pay into the system. Keep in mind the longer you work and the more you pay into Social Security, the more you collect at retirement.

So, go to work and be glad for every dollar withheld from your check for Social Security.

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GUEST OP-ED

Why we all need expanded and improved Medicare for all

sworth left his job a few years ago, he walked away with a golden parachute of 11.3 million dollars in compensation and he had only worked there six years. Because these executives are overpaid, the premiums and costs keep increasing. And more and more people can’t afford to get the care they need.

Insurance companies have many complicated regulations and the fine print is often unintelligible and with horrible consequences. In New York City, a woman received an emergency heart transplant at a hospital in her health plan’s network. However, no one bothered to tell her that the transplant surgeons didn’t take her particular insurance. They billed her \$70,000 and sent collection agencies and lawyers after her while she was still home recuperating. She may have recovered but chances are good she has lost her home.

The cost of prescription drugs is soaring as the drug companies persist in making huge profits. Insulin is now so expensive some diabetics can’t afford it. Some ration this most necessary drug, taking a dose every other day. Others have died. I was in Bolivia a few years ago and got bit by a dog and needed rabies shots. They were \$35 each there. I got my final shot in the US and it was \$1300.

Our health care costs have actually increased despite the complex legislation known as the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obama care.) This legislation was written by the insurance companies and with their own best interests in mind. The reality is that the Affordable Care Act is

not going to make health care affordable, only more expensive as premiums, deductibles and out of pocket expenses get higher and higher each year, escalating beyond the current rates of inflation. The costs go higher because of our profit driven system.

We cannot let this system continue. Our health is very important. We cannot be complacent and accept the health care system we have as the way things are. We must do something now about changing our health care system for the better. We need to get corporate profits out of the health care equation.

The solution to our health care crisis is Medicare for All, a system of non-profit single payer health care, publicly funded and privately administered. Expanded and Improved Medicare for All will provide affordable health care for everyone, increased access to prevention and early intervention, providing dental and vision care. Preventive care is critical. I know too many women who have died because of delayed cancer diagnoses. Dental care is critical. A mother could not afford to take her nine-year old son to the dentist when he complained of a severe toothache. Her health insurance did not cover visits to a dentist. That toothache became a brain abscess and the boy died.

Medicare for All is a simple system, just like the current Medicare for those over 65, with a very low overhead. It will reduce administrative waste and bargain for the best prices for drugs and medical services. Hospitals and physicians will no longer need huge billing departments to process

tons of complicated insurance forms. There will be no need for private health insurance.

Improved Medicare for All would be funded by a small tax and all premiums, deductibles, copayments would be eliminated. We would pay a lot less for Medicare for All than the current bloated system.

Canada has single-payer healthcare. In Canada no one dies because they are uninsured or can’t afford health care. Canadians live longer and are healthier than us and spend about half per capita on health care costs than we do in the US. In Canada no one loses their home because they can’t pay medical bills. Diabetics easily get the insulin they need.

We can only get Improved Medicare for All by passing legislation. There are bills in the Massachusetts Statehouse (House 1267 and Senate 766) and also the US Congress (HR 1976) for Expanded and Improved Medicare for All. I urge you to study these bills and insist your legislators support and pass them. It will not be easy but we must work for justice in health care and stop the suffering and dying when people can’t get the care they need. We can make health care at last a truly enjoyed human right by creating Medicare for All, a health care system that put patients before profits, is comprehensive, covers every one, and is affordable.

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EVERETT TEASA YOUTH GROUP END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

COURTESY PHOTOS

While the 2020-2021 school year was an unprecedented one, that didn't stop the Everett youth group TEASA, from slowing down. Like the rest of the world, in March 2020 TEASA shifted to the remote world adapting its projects and staying focused on youth advocacy and leadership in the community.

Throughout the year, youth leaders identified important issues impacting teens, inviting guest speakers and attending workshops to learn about resources in the community, mental health, the COVID vaccine, the impact of the casino on the community, and more.

As the City grappled with decisions and a timeline for in-person and remote learning, School Committee members Marcony Almeida and Samantha Lambert were invited to hear from the group about their experiences living and learning in a remote environment and their concerns about the mental health and wellbeing of not only students, but of their teachers as well.

During the annual Kick Butts Day, a statewide advocacy day, youth leaders met with Senator Sal DiDomenico and Representative Joe McGonagle to discuss the issues most prevalent to teens in Everett.

When the Covid vaccine became more accessible to residents, Dr. Galina Tan from Cambridge Health Alliance held a Q&A session for youth to address concerns and fears, as well as misconceptions about vaccine safety, leading to clearer understanding and improving confidence for families in getting vaccinated.

Using social media the group participated in raising awareness and educa-



TEASA Leader Jaime Lederer.



Diana Fiestas speaks about her experiences in TEASA.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria with members of TEASA, including Dimas Herrera, Jose Martinez, and Shawn Shiek.



The TEASA Youth Group with Leader Jaime Lederer and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

tion on addressing alcohol use through the #NipIt campaign, and mental health through the #AddressTheStress campaign. Both campaigns were regional efforts which primarily used Instagram as a platform to reach teens in Everett. You can find them at @TEASAEverett.

TEASA also engaged in a discussion about identifying its core values and rebranding. After more than 15 years, TEASA unveiled a new logo designed by member Shaynina Ribou, a graduating senior at Everett High School, who said, "I

hope this design continues to shine and be part of the long legacy of the forward vision TEASA brings to Everett."

The group's core values are:

Youth: Empowering youth and a place where youth voices are heard.

Community: We prioritize making not only Everett a safer place, but all of Massachusetts.

Leadership: Our voices need to be heard when important decisions are being made and our leadership has been a cause for change in the community.

Advocacy: It's import-

ant to take action.

Founded in 2005, as Teens in Everett Against Substance Abuse and part of the Everett Community Health Partnership - Substance Abuse Coalition, TEASA continues to be an important venue where youth voices are elevated and heard. Led by staff from the Community Health Improvement Dept at Cambridge Health Alliance, TEASA has been funded through the Everett Citizens Foundation and the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative, a regional grant from the Dept. of Public Health.

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year as well. Over the winter, they survived on take-out beer orders and a few brave souls who donned winter coats and blankets to drink beer in the snow on their patio.

Co-Owner Liz Kiraly said having the restrictions lifted was a surprise, and on Monday they were excited to welcome back bar service too.

"We were very happy to bring back the beer garden this year because before we didn't have a lot of outdoor seating and that was popular last year," she said. "We definitely didn't think they would re-open as quickly as they did. I thought we'd be wearing masks and relying on outdoor seating all summer... People are excited to come back. It's nice to see people's smiles on their faces again. At first it was a bit jarring to see people in here without masks, but without the mandate, we felt safe...We're definitely looking forward to seeing everyone again this summer and we'll see what the fall brings."

Kiraly, who with husband Jared build Bone Up literally by hand, said there isn't a word to describe how difficult the last 15 months were, particularly with the threat of losing everything they had worked so hard to build over the last several years.

"I don't know if there's a word to describe how that felt," she said. "We're obviously very relieved now and proud of our staff for being flexible. I'm inspired with how flexible we ended up being with the business. COVID opened up thing we had to do that we didn't think we would ever do."

One example is they began canning and distributing their beer on the fly - going from a draft-only operation to having a canning operation on site and a network of places to delivery to. That was a challenge that they never thought they would get to, but coming out of COVID, they've done it.

"Now I think that, ok, we've survived COVID-19 and we're on the other side - so what else can we do?" she said.

License Board Chair Phil Antonelli had his Board transformed into a COVID-19 watchdog over the last 15 months, as the Board was in charge of fielding and investigating complaints of establishments violating the state restrictions. Meanwhile, they were also in charge of implementing earlier closing times as a result of COVID-19. It was something they had no experience with beforehand, as they were mostly a quasi-judicial Board that

debated and investigated licenses and complaints.

He said he was happy to see the City's bars, restaurants and establishments re-open fully and try to move again to prosperity - noting that one COVID change that will likely remain is the expanded outdoor dining options that became a fun, but necessary, component of the industry.

"The Mayor is in full support of outdoor dining and wants to make sure the businesses prosper," Antonelli said. "I think in the City of Everett we did a good job during COVID-19 to allow business and establishments to do take-out and I think we had a good handle on everything going on. Moving forward, these bars and establishments are like everything else - COVID-19 is gone away but there will have to be some precautions kept. Now, though, we have allowed bars and establishments to open back up. Personally, I think as much as we can get people to dine outside will be a good thing. It will prevent people from crowding into one place, and that's a positive thing."

At Night Shift, they have also kept their expanded outdoor seating, and have found that many people do enjoy drink-

ing outside. While they always had ample space outside, during COVID they were allowed to expand the outdoor area into their parking lot. Prior to COVID, they could only do that for special events with a license, but now they plan to keep it.

"What can you say? People like to drink outside in the summer," she said. "We've always had the outdoor area and we were permitted to use all of it so people could spread out and relax...We were able to re-open that space. We figured we might as well use that space... Our patio would just get so crowded at times with parties of five around one table and nowhere to put a drink. That's when you bump into each other and break glasses. Expanding out just gave everyone more space with their friends or pets."

Night Shift, once known for a robust schedule of live events and music, said they are slowly bringing those things back, but they aren't rushing it. Right now, they plan to do a Father's Day event, and if it goes well, there could be more to come.

"More than anything else right now, people are excited about celebrating people and being around each other again and being free of COVID," she said.

EPS expand summer programming to four schools

By Seth Daniel

The Everett Public Schools (EPS) has opened up registration for a robust program of summer offerings this week, expanding the programs to four schools for those in grades K-8.

Supt. Priya Tahiliani informed the School Committee on Monday that the district's long-awaited summer learning and programming has been set and staffed by teachers within the district. Registration for the programming began on Tuesday, she said.

The K-8 in-person Summer Program will be staffed by EPS teachers and coaches from July 6 to Aug. 6 and will have 1,200 slots available free of charge. There is no pre-registration and this year the summer programming will be at four schools instead of one.

"The Summer of 2021 programming will be at the Parlin, Lafayette, Keverian and Whittier Schools," she said. "That a departure from what the district did previously with the summer program at one site. Our mission is to have students re-integrate, have fun and re-connect. It will be a program where they can socialize and learn."

The summer programming for schools all over the state - particularly for urban districts like Everett where students were remote for most of the year - has been highly anticipated and is seen by educators as a time when perhaps students might be able to recover the learning they lost with the limitations of the remote model.

The five-week program will have an academic component from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with "meaningful" math, reading, and science classes taught by EPS teachers. The afternoons will have a blend of fun programming such as sports, Arts & Crafts, painting, clubs, yoga and other things. The fun programming will be different at each school, so parents and student are encouraged to look at the fun offerings before choosing their summer location.

Everett High School will have a Summer Enrichment Academy from July 6 to Aug. 7 and the intent is to maintain or reverse the learning lost during COVID-19. The ELL program will also have a remote credit recovery program and Project Read from Jun 29 to July 29 with synchronous and asynchronous learning.

Zumix, an East Boston based organization, will also be offering programming at the high school in arts, African drumming, radio and drama from June 28 to July 29 - Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Rising ninth graders can participate in the Accelerator program offered by Livius from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday to Thursday. Tahiliani said there would be a 5:1 student-teacher ratio in that program to ensure plenty of teacher attention for students.

Already, classroom teachers and Parent Liaisons have begun reaching out to parents and multi-lingual Zoom meetings on all the programming will be taking place very soon.

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EVERETT HOSTS PRIDE MONTH FLAG-RAISING EVENT

The City of Everett hosted a Pride Month flag raising on Tuesday, June 1, to celebrate a month of awareness and celebration of the LGBTQ community in Everett. It was the second annual

event for Everett, and it was followed up by a ribbon cutting for the new LGBTQ+ Youth Space and Resource Center within the former Pope John High School.



City staff at the ready to raise the Pride flag over City Hall on the ceremonial flag pole.



Youth relax in the new LGBTQ+ Youth Space and Resource Center after the ribbon cutting on June 1.



Everett's Kayla Mangan speaks at the Pride Month flag raising.



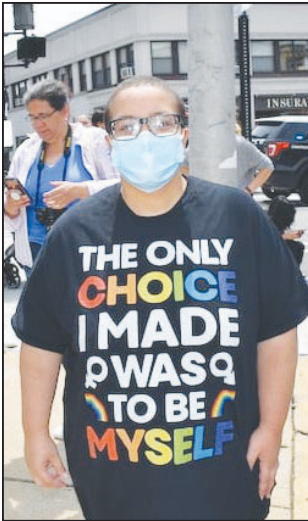
Mayor Carlo DeMaria welcomes everyone to the Pride Month flag raising.



School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle at the flag raising.



One of the participants at the Pride Month flag raising showed a message about inclusiveness.



Kayla Mangan, who brought the idea for the LGBTQ+ Youth Space and Resource Center to Mayor Carlo DeMaria, listened to him speak about the operations after the ribbon cutting. (L-R) Mike Mangan, Kayla Mangan, Mayor DeMaria and Stacy DeMaria.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Stacy DeMaria with young people who are interested in using the new resource center.



Kayla Mangan (3rd from right), Dom Washington (second from left) and the Mangan family with State Sen. Sal DiDomenico at the safe space celebration.

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Blue Cross Blue Shield unveils 100 rainbow Bluebikes to celebrate Pride Month

Staff Report

In celebration of Pride Month and in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Boston Pride this June, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (“Blue Cross”) has unveiled 100 Bluebikes wrapped in a rainbow pride-themed design. The “Blue Cross Proud” bikes will be integrated through the month of June across the Bluebikes system’s 10 municipalities: Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Newton, Revere, Somerville, and Watertown. Blue Cross is the title sponsor of Bluebikes, Metro Boston’s public bike share system. Bluebikes is owned by the municipalities and operated by Lyft.

As part of the month-long initiative and to reflect its continued support of LGBTQ+ pride, Blue Cross will donate \$1 for every ride taken on pride-themed Bluebikes through the month of June to Fenway Health in Boston. Blue Cross is a corporate sponsor of Fenway Health, which works to enhance the wellbeing of the individuals in its neighborhood, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, people living with HIV/AIDS

Bluebikes are wrapped in a rainbow pride-themed design in celebration of Pride Month.

and the broader population through access to the highest quality health care, education, research and advocacy. Fenway was founded in 1971 by area residents, politicians and volunteer medical students who believed that “healthcare is a right, not a privilege.” “Blue Cross is committed to supporting the LGBTQ+ community and to creating a more equitable health care system,” said Stephanie Browne, vice president, talent acquisition, and chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer at Blue Cross. “We are excited to see the pride-themed bikes in the Bluebikes fleet this month. Although Pride festivities look different this year, we’re proud to use our Bluebikes sponsorship

to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ equality and to continue our support of Fenway Health.” The Blue Cross Proud bikes will be deployed within the more than 300 Bluebikes stations across the system through the end of June. This is the second time Blue Cross has utilized pride-themed bikes to support Fenway Health. In 2019, the company donated \$1 for every ride on a pride-themed Bluebike, in collaboration with Lyft, to Fenway Health. Blue Cross is also a founding sponsor of the Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce and earlier this year received a perfect score on the 2021 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), a national benchmarking survey and report on corporate policies- and practices-related LGBTQ workplace equality, administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. Blue Cross is in the fourth year of a six-year Bluebikes title sponsorship, which launched in May 2018. Through its partnership with the municipal owners of Bluebikes, Blue Cross continues to support system growth and accessibility, including station expansions, upgrades, and additional bikes.

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EHS OPENS NEW TENNIS COURTS



On Wednesday, May 26, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Councilor Fred Capone were on hand with the Everett High Tennis Team to cut the ribbon on their brand-new home court playing surface. The team had their first match afterward on the brand new courts.



EHS Roundup

TWIN WINS FOR EHS SOFTBALL TEAM

The Everett High softball team earned a pair of runaway victories this past week, defeating Malden, 16-0, and Chelsea, 15-0.

Celeste Fuccillo pitched all five innings in the Malden contest, which was halted after five frames because of the mercy rule. Celeste allowed just three hits, while striking out seven opponents and walking none.

The Lady Crimson Tide moved out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Haley Oteri reached third on an error in the outfield and came home on a base hit by Maddy Smith. After Maddy advanced to second on a ground-out, she scooted home on an over-throw to first base.

Everett erupted for four runs in the third frame. Kristi Skane doubled and scored on a hit into the outfield by Emma Longmore.

After Kayley Rossi singled, moving Longmore to third, Oteri reached first on an error, loading the bases. A grounder back to the pitcher erased Longmore at home, but a Malden error on a grounder by Macayla Bessler allowed two runs to score. Alyssa Bessler brought across the fourth run with a sacrifice fly.

Everett put the game away in the fifth with a 10-run outburst that was aided by a series of Malden fielding miscues and walks. Key hits amidst the rally came from the bats of Rossi, who hit a double, and Smith and Macayla Bessler.

Fuccillo finished the game with a flourish, fanning all three Malden batters in the bottom of the fifth.

In last Thursday's win over Chelsea, Fuccillo and Skane combined for a no-hitter. Fuccillo tossed the first inning, striking out three opponents and walking one, before yielding to sophomore Skane, who went the rest of the way, striking out 10 Lady Red Devils.

Everett moved out to a 4-0 lead in the opening inning. Rossi led off with a base hit up the middle and Oteri reached first on a slap hit. After both moved

up a base on a passed ball, Rossi scored on another passed ball. Oteri was thrown out on a ground-er by Smith, but Macayla Bessler delivered Smith across the plate with a base hit.

After Alyssa Bessler reached first on a fielder's choice, both base runners advanced on Ashley Fitzgerald's single and then scored on passed balls.

Everett scored 10 runs in the second, with key hits coming from Kayleigh Snook, Emma Longmore, Alyssa Bessler, Haley Oteri, Ashley Fitzgerald and Bryanna Mason.

This past Monday's Senior Day game was postponed because of the heat. Coach Stacy Schiavo and her crew will travel to Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday) and then will compete in the Greater Boston League tournament this weekend at Revere starting Saturday morning in which all eight GBL teams will compete in the quarterfinals. at 10 and noon. The semifinals will be held Sunday and the championship game on Monday.

EHS BASEBALL TEAM EARNS FIRST VICTORY

The Everett High baseball team broke into the win column with an 11-0 victory over Chelsea last week.

Sophomores Matthew Turilli and Omar Marshall combined to toss a no-hitter. Senior captain Brandon Gibbs, along with fellow seniors Brenden Currie and Adrian Figueroa, led the Tide offensively.

Earlier in the week, the Crimson Tide mounted a strong comeback against Malden, only to fall short by a score of 7-4.

After trailing by three runs early, Everett put together a four-run rally in the fourth inning. That lead was given up the very next inning on an unfortunate bad hop over second baseman Frankie Velasquez's head that scored two runs.

Malden would tack on two more markers for a final of 7-4.

In an 8-5 loss to Somerville, the Crimson Tide similarly overcame an

early three-run deficit. Everett came storming back in the top half of the fifth with three runs, tying the game at 4-4 on Emilio Guzman's two-run double.

The Highlanders regained the lead, 8-4, in the bottom of the fifth, but coach Joel Levine's Tide crew refused to quit and put some pressure on the Highlanders, pushing a run across in the seventh, and had runners on second and third with no outs.

However, the Crimson Tide's comeback effort ended at that point for the 8-5 finale.

EHS GIRLS TENNIS HOLDS SENIOR DAY

The Everett High girls tennis team held its Senior Day last Wednesday at which the three members of the Class of 2021, Rose Pierre, Regine Georges, and Danara Roseme, were recognized for their contributions to the girls tennis program.

Coach Courtney Meninger's squad squared up against Somerville and fell short by a score of 4-1 after a hard-fought match.

Rose Pierre, playing at first singles, came away with a victory over her Somerville counterpart, winning her match in three sets, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Second-singles Alanna O'Brien played well before falling by a score of 2-6, 1-6.

At third singles, junior Hannadie Laabadla did a great job, but came up short, 0-6, 4-6.

The dynamic duo of Luisa DaSilva and Yasmine Laabdla at first doubles played a nail-biter of a match with their Somerville foes. After dropping the first set, 2-6, Luisa and Yasmine

fought back to tie the second set at 6-6 to force their first-ever tiebreaker.

Somerville prevailed in the extra session, 7-2, to claim the match.

In the match at second doubles, the Everett tandem of Danara Roseme and Rebecca Hickey-Schultz gave it their all, but fell short, 0-6, 3-6.

Meninger and her crew are scheduled to take on Lynn English today (Thursday).

Everett resident to participate in the 2021 Pan-Mass Challenge

On Aug. 7 and 8, more than 6,000 riders, including Adam Belanger from Everett, will take part in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), a two-day 211-mile bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, with the goal of raising \$52 million for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (Dana-Farber).

The PMC is the nation's single most successful athletic fundraiser, donating 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar to Dana-Farber as its largest single contributor, accounting for 64 percent of its Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. For the first time since 2019, more than 6,000 riders from 47 states and 11 countries will once again hit the road together during the first weekend of August with the common goal of making an impact in the fight against cancer. In 2020, the PMC raised an impressive \$50 million through its summer-long Reimagined campaign, bringing its 41-year contribution to \$767 million.

"We couldn't be more excited to bring our passionate PMC riders, volunteers, donors and sponsors back together in person for PMC Ride Weekend this year," said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. "With fully supported routes and Reimagined options, everyone can customize their PMC experience to join us in the fight against cancer. Cancer doesn't stop for anything, even a global pandemic, and funding for research, treatment and care is as critical as ever."



Adam Belanger will be participating in the Pan-Mass Challenge.

PMC 2021 will include 16 routes – from 25 to 211 miles – designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fundraising ability, including Reimagined options for those who prefer to complete their PMC ride on their own. Most participate in honor of a family member or friend fighting cancer and more than 950 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients, considered Living Proof® of the PMC mission. More than 150 Dana-Farber employees are committed to the cause as riders and volunteers as well, in some

cases to fund their own cancer research.

Registration for PMC 2021 is open through June 30. Join in the fight against cancer by registering for one of the following featured routes still available:

- 25 and 50-Mile Routes (1-Day 25 or 50 Miles; Sunday, August 8):
- Starting and finishing in either Wellesley or Foxboro, these Sunday routes are perfect single day options for those passionate about giving back.
- Wellesley Century Ride (1-Day, 100 Miles;

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News in Brief

MAYOR DEMARIA’S SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Mayor DeMaria’s Summer Basketball League will begin on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 and will run through Saturday, August, 7, 2021. The games will occur at Rivergreen Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4pm-8pm and on Saturdays between 9am-12pm.

“The Summer Basketball League is an exciting way to start the summer,” said Mayor DeMaria. “This program will not only provide normalcy to the children’s lives, but it will also promote health and fitness. I encourage all the eligible youth in the community to participate.”

Registration is required to participate in the league, and both boys and girls are welcome to participate. There is a \$20 registration fee per child in the form of cash or money order. Teams will be broken down into 4th/5th/6th grade, 7th/8th grade, and high school students.

Beginning on Saturday, July 10th, there will also be an instructional class on Saturday mornings between 9am-10am for boys and girls in the 1st/2nd/3rd grade. This class will be held for four weeks with no fee.

Registration will be available in the lobby of the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center between 4pm-8pm on the following days:

- Friday, June 4

- Tuesday, June 8
- Thursday, June 10
- Tuesday, June 15
- Thursday, June 17
- Tuesday, June 22

For any questions or concerns, please email summerbball@ci.everett.ma.us.

CITY OF EVERETT CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett in collaboration with the North Shore Juneteenth Association, Inc. will be raising the Juneteenth Flag on Thursday, June 17 at 11AM outside of City Hall, on the corner of Broadway and Church Street.

“Juneteenth is an important day for members of our community,” said Mayor DeMaria. “The Juneteenth Flag represents the ending of slavery in America and I am proud to raise this flag. The City of Everett is committed to being inclusive and embracing traditions from all cultures in our community.”

Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom and achievement, and the City of Everett is honored to host this year’s ceremony with the North Shore Juneteenth Association, Inc. Speakers include Mayor DeMaria, President of the North Shore Juneteenth Association, Inc. Nicole McClain, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Representative Joe McGonagle, Bishop Robert Brown, and more. The Phunk Phenomenon dance group will also be per-

forming at the ceremony. All members of the community are welcomed to attend. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event.

PFIZER VACCINE CLINIC AT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett in partnership with Curative will be distributing Pfizer vaccines to the community at three local parks on Thursdays during the month of June between 4pm-7pm.

“The City of Everett has been committed to vaccinating the entire community,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Our partnership with Curative will allow for additional residents to get vaccinated and be protected from this virus. We are proudly furthering our efforts by bringing the vaccine into the neighborhoods.”

Each vaccine clinic will be a walk-up site and no appointment is needed. The schedule for the vaccine sites is as follows:

- June 10 – Swan Street Park, 4pm-7pm
- June 17 – Glendale Park, 4pm-7pm
- June 24 – Meadows Park, 4pm-7pm

Residents ages 12 and over are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Please be advised that the Pfizer vaccine is a two-dose vaccine. Once the first dose is administered, Curative will provide more information regarding the second dose.

FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Meet the team: Mike O’Brien

What do you do in the City?

“I am a Fire Captain. I am assigned to the engine at the Hancock Street Fire Station. As a team, we provide fire suppression and emergency medical service care within our community.”

What is your favorite part about working for the City?

“As a 4th generation firefighter, I am honored to be a firefighter and serve the City of Everett. I am very fortunate to have a great crew of guys. Our



team is the reason we can provide great service to the community.”

What is the biggest lesson you’ve learned from your role?

“The job truly humbles you. Just when you

think you’ve seen it all, the unexpected happens. We train for the unexpected and to overcome any scenario, but still, there’s something new every day. We always have to be ready.”

What do you like to do when you are not working?

“I like spending time with my wife and my kids. My wife is a nurse, so we value our time together with our crazy schedules. I also love going to Bruins games and playing hockey.”

Meet the team: Kerry Hutchinson

What do you do in the City?

“Parking Enforcement Officer. I am also the Shop Steward and I volunteer at the Food Pantry. My job is to write tickets for parking violations. I also get dispatched for calls that include blocked driveways, corner violations, and street cleaning.”

What is your favorite part about working for the City?

“I like being out there with the people in the



community. There’s really nothing better than that.”

What is the biggest lesson you’ve learned from your role?

“There have been many

lessons over the years, but I would have to say be kind to people out there and treat them with respect. You never know what is going on in their lives.”

What do you like to do when you are not working?

“I spend a lot of time with my family. I also assist with coaching my twins’ softball team and I am active with the Boy Scouts with my son.”

Endicott retires from Malden Catholic

Malden Catholic’s Administrative Assistant for Athletics, Sherry Endicott, announced her retirement after 20 years of service and MC Director of Athletics, William Raycraft, names Matthew Blair as MC’s new Assistant Athletic Director.

For the past 20 years, Sherry Endicott P’99, 01, 04 and 06, has served Malden Catholic in many roles throughout the school. She began working at the front desk and eventually joined the Athletics Office as the Administrative Assistant supporting the programs by managing transportation, correspondence and uniform/equipment distribution. As a result of her dedication to the school, over the years Endicott has earned the MC Adult Athletic Service Award, the Theodore James Ryken Award and received special recognition at MC’s 2021 Baccalaureate Mass.

“It has been a privilege to be part of such historic institution with an emphasis on excellence and the Xaverian values,” Endicott commented. “I want to express my appreciation and love for the MC community. I have greatly enjoyed the support and friendship of the students, faculty and staff over the past 20 years.”

In addition, Malden Catholic’s Athletic Director, William Raycraft, has named Matthew Blair as the Assistant Athletic Director. Matthew Blair has spent the past twelve years in the field education. Throughout his career in education, he has coached both boys and girls in various levels of

athletics including basketball, lacrosse, football and wrestling. In addition to being involved with several championship programs during his coaching career he has also coached in the CHaD NH East-West All-Star Football Game and the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl All-Star games.

According to Blair, “I could not be more excited about joining the Malden Catholic Athletics Department. I have been very impressed with the prestigious programs the school has built and the caliber of athletes that are at the school.”

During his time at Windham High School, Matthew also established the Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) which consisted of leaders from all sports who set positive examples for students through meaningful school and community service projects and developed and integrated educational programs to assist student development.

Following his undergraduate and graduate years at Rivier University, Matthew obtained his bachelor’s degree in Human Development and earned his master’s degree in School Counseling. Matthew is also certified as a registered athletic administrator with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and is pursuing his Certified Athletic Administrator level. In addition to being an educator and coach, Matthew has worked with student athletes academically and as a learning specialist. He has both college and

high school athletic experience working with several programs and assisted in hosting state tournament events. He has also led several extra-curricular clubs and intramural sports at multiple levels.

Malden Catholic, a member of the competitive MIAA’s Catholic Conference.

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation’s most renowned universities including Harvard, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Georgia Technical Institute, Boston College and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic’s codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org/>

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LOCHIRCO GRADUATES BRYANT UNIVERSITY

At Bryant University’s 158th Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 22, 840 graduates of the Class of 2021 and their families and guests gathered on campus to celebrate earning a Bryant degree. James LoChirco of Everett, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Accounting. “There has probably never been a graduating class more deserving of a Commencement and celebration than the Class of 2021,” said Bryant President Ross Gittell, Ph.D. “You have earned your degree under extraordinary circumstances. You successfully responded to unprecedented challenges.”

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Bloomberg Business-week, Forbes, and Barron’s. Visit www.Bryant.edu.

SIMELUS GRADUATES FROM BOWDOIN COLLEGE

During Bowdoin College’s 216th Commencement ceremony, held May 29, 2021, bachelor of arts degrees were awarded to the Class of 2021, comprising approximately 467 students from 41 states and 21 other countries and territories.

Lyndbergh George Simelus of Everett, Massachusetts, graduated with a major in computer science and a minor in biology.

Bowdoin College has been educating leaders on the coast of Maine since the dawn of the American republic. Founded in 1794, Bowdoin is a highly selective college of approximately 1,800 students of distinction from across America and around the world. Bowdoin offers Bachelor of Arts degrees in more than 40 majors, including interdisciplinary programs. A Bowdoin liberal arts education and residential life experience instill principled leadership, lifelong learning, and service to the common good. Visit Bowdoin College online at Bowdoin.edu and follow the college on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

MACEDO NAMED TO SNHU DEAN’S LIST

Ninette Macedo of Everett has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Winter 2021 Dean’s List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the “Most Innovative” regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

Partial solar eclipse to be visible in Greater Boston on Thursday morning

Staff Report

The Earth, moon and sun will align again for the second time in as many weeks to create a solar eclipse that will be visible for part of Canada and the United States — but only if Mother Nature cooperates and provides clear skies, according to AccuWeather service.

On May 26, the moon passed through Earth’s shadow during a lunar eclipse, and on June 10, the roles will be reversed as the moon casts a shadow on the Earth during the first of two solar eclipses in 2021.

This event will be a far

cry from the Great American Eclipse of 2017 when day turned to night from Oregon to South Carolina, but it will still be an impressive show for those in its path.

The upcoming celestial alignment will create an annular solar eclipse, otherwise known as a “ring of fire” eclipse as the moon will be slightly farther away from the Earth than normal, meaning it will not quite be large enough to block out the sun entirely.

The result will be a halo of sunlight around the moon during the height of the eclipse, but this

spectacle will only be visible to the remote areas of northern Ontario, far northwestern Greenland, around the North Pole and eastern Russia.

However, millions of people will still be able to see a partial solar eclipse.

Right at sunrise on Thursday morning, people across the northeastern U.S. and eastern Canada will be able to see, if skies are clear enough, more than half of the sun blocked out by the moon.

This includes metropolitan areas like New York City, Boston, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec City.

Understanding elder abuse, financial exploitation

June marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to this critical issue affecting one in six elders worldwide. Elder abuse can include physical, emotional, sexual, caregiver neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation. It impacts seniors from all walks of life.

According to Shelly Sevinor, protective services quality improvement specialist and community liaison for Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES), “Elder abuse is a very complex issue. It’s important because it’s common. And it can happen to anyone.”

Sevinor points out that the financial exploitation of elders is at an all-time high. Many scammers think of elders as prime targets because they may live alone and have retirement savings or own a home. They may assume their crimes against seniors will go unreported. Many schemes against elders are conducted by phone or over email, or sometimes even through door-to-door solicitation. They may come in the form of credit card offers, charitable donation requests, investment opportunities, sweepstakes, home improvement offers, wire and banking transfers, health and wellness products, Amazon scams, computer pop-ups, and insurance offers.

All too often, scammers access seniors’ personal information online and leverage it to exploit them financially. For example, an older adult posts to her Facebook page that her grandson has been accepted to a specific college or university. A scammer accesses her phone number online and calls to seek a donation to the school’s alumni association. Once the senior gives her personal information includ-

ing credit card number and billing address, the scammer can then make other fraudulent charges.

According to AARP, sweetheart scams (also referred to as romance scams) cause a heavy financial toll on men and women age 60 and older. These cons are similar to other scams except that these scammers are providing their purported affection in an attempt to get the victim’s money. In today’s world of online dating and social media, these scams have increased as perpetrators leverage the anonymity of the Internet to target victims. Once the perpetrator gets a senior’s money, he or she often disappears, leaving the senior feeling taken advantage of and ashamed.

While seniors may be targeted over the phone or online by scammers, Sevinor points out that MVES regularly sees cases of family members financially exploiting their loved ones. In other words, it’s not always a stranger taking advantage of a senior. “An adult child may be managing Mom’s finances and begin drawing on her mother’s money when she loses her job,” Sevinor shares. Oftentimes elders are less likely to report cases of financial exploitation when it involves a child, grandchild or other relative.

MVES plays a proactive role in addressing elder abuse by not only investigating cases but by proactively offering education and trainings in the 11 communities served. “We have developed a strong rapport with mandated reporters of elder abuse such as police officers and hospitals,” says Sevinor. “We also educate seniors themselves by offering seminars and resources. Our goal is

to build awareness while enabling seniors to remain safe and independent living in the community.”

If you suspect elder abuse of a loved one or are being abused yourself, please call the state’s Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-922-2275 or file online at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/report-elder-abuse>

What You Can Do to Avoid a Scam?

Block unwanted calls and text messages. Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.

Don’t give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn’t expect. Legitimate organizations won’t call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your social security number, bank account, or credit card numbers.

If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it’s real, it’s still best not to click on any links. Don’t call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.

Resist the pressure to act immediately. Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.

Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.

Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it’s a scam.

Staff Report

Mystic Valley Regional Charter School held its annual Senior Awards and Scholarship Ceremony on the turf field on its Eastern Avenue campus recently. During the event, students and faculty members were feted for their accomplishments in heartfelt presentations. All members of the Class of 2021 along with their families were in attendance along with school administrators and high school faculty and staff. In addition to the awards presentations, a number of scholarships were also presented to graduating seniors.

Award and Scholarship Recipients Awards

- Faculty Awards for Leadership-Erin Hayn
- Faculty Award for Service-Natalie Watson
- Lower School Teacher

Award-Mauryn Perkins

- Student Award for Leadership-Tejaswi Yarram (Stoneham)

- Thomas E. Brennan Award for Service-Rachel Silva (Everett)

Scholarship Recipients

- Bianca Augeri Memorial Scholarship: Vanessa Cenat (Malden), Frances Chataigne (Everett).

- Adelaide Breed Bayrd Scholarship: Sidra Alani (Malden), Angelina Casucci (Malden), Jeffrey Chan (Malden), Jennifer Cheung (Malden), Jaime Cochran (Malden), Ryan Habda (Malden), Kara Hollis (Malden), John Le (Malden), Jessica Li (Malden), Christie Mondesir (Malden), Amine Rih (Malden), Daniel Tran (Malden), Ashley Verrill (Malden), Rebecca Verrill (Malden), Alaa Zeabi (Malden).

- Denis Ambrose Memorial Scholarship: Si-

mantha Chan (Malden), Taylor Rong (Malden).

Domingos and Associates: Shannon Brady (Malden), Abigail Daly (Malden), Briana Lucey (Medford), Conor McKinnon (Everett), Brian Saint-Vil (Malden).

- Emily Kearney Memorial Scholarship: Grace Sacco (Melrose), Kate Story (Melrose).

- MVRCS PTO Scholarship: Kara Hollis (Malden), Bryant Nguyen (Everett), Grace Sacco (Melrose), Nick Wierzbowski (Stoneham).

- Piccolo Family Charitable Foundation: Isabelle Aengenheyster (Melrose), Aiden Casey (Everett), Rylee Cronin (Melrose), Deirdre Flanagan (Melrose), Alexa Gibson (Wakefield), Rachel Silva (Everett), Jonathan Tu (Melrose), Joseph Tu (Melrose), Tejaswi Yarram (Stoneham).

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour

and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

**Mystic Side
Congregational Church**
422 Main Street
Everett, MA

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

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

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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

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

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

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

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can't physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed via their face-

book page, "Zion Church Ministries."

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

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

NA Meetings - Mon.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett that will begin meeting in 2021. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at [\[everett.church\]\(http://everett.church\) to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at \[www.everettcan.com\]\(http://www.everettcan.com\) to request any additional help.](http://www.for-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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

Come all and let us walk together in this season of

hope, renewal and new beginnings.

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ST. ANTHONY’S SCHOOL, OFFICIALS HONOR PRINCIPAL MARIA GIGGIE

COURTESY PHOTOS

On Monday, the St. Anthony’s School community and local elected officials were on hand to honor Principal Maria Giggie for her 26 years of service to the community and the school.

Several City officials were in attendance, as were many of Giggie’s family and school colleagues and students.

“We truly recognize all of Mrs. Giggie’s dedication, service and guidance to so many at St. Anthony’s School,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria in presenting Giggie with a resolution from the City. “You have made a huge difference to our community. Thank you for all your hard work, Mrs. Giggie. Kick up your heels and enjoy your retirement. You deserve it.”



The plaque given to Principal Giggie from St. Anthony’s School in Everett.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria reads the citation as Principal Giggie looks on this past Monday.



On Monday, St. Anthony’s School Principal Maria Giggie was honored for her retirement after 26 years of service to the school. Numerous officials attended the ceremony, as did many in the school community. Principal Giggie was able to keep St. Anthony’s open and running in-person for most of this year’s school term with very careful COVID-19 restrictions in place – that while most other schools in Everett remained remote for the better part of the year.



Principal Giggie with family members and Mayor Carlo DeMaria on Monday.



St. Anthony’s School students presented Principal Giggie with a quilt that read, “We’ve Bloomed in Mrs. Giggie’s Garden.”



Principal Giggie and members of the St. Anthony’s School community.

Fundraising
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Rob Rocco’s Softball/Fundraiser

Long story short I’m planning a Softball/Fundraiser for a friend who recently passed away leaving behind a wife and twins (age 4 boy and girl) I am looking for some support from local businesses around the area. If you’d like to support even more by helping me plan and prepare this event, please get in touch with my by sending me an email, Chalas116@gmail.com. I’m writing to invite you to this event!!!!

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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address: 25 Locust Street
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Person Requesting: Ms. Priscila Elias
Mr. Weber Coelho DePaula
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Everett, MA 02149

To the said Board of Appeals, Applicant seeks a permit for to convert the existing building from a two (2) family into a three (3) family.

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

Reason for Denial:

The proposed FAR will be 0.59.

Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Zoning:
Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional Requirements:
Line 2 Lot Area C:

Applicant must seek relief in the form of a variance from the zoning Board of Appeals

June 2, 2021
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